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Newsletter of the

Southeast Library System

SOWINGS

March 2014

What Not to Weed (reprinted from February 2014 issue of Valleytalk)

By Denise Harders, Republican Valley Library System

I spend a lot of time talking about what should be weeded from library collections. I thought an article about what should be kept might be a refreshing change. These weeding tips came from a series of articles by Rebecca Vnuk, published by Booklist. To see the complete articles, go to <http://booklistonline.com> and search for Weeding Tips.

000 Generalities

General encyclopedias less than 5 years old may be retained. Keep titles such as the *Guinness Book of World Records* and *Farmers' Almanac* for 2 years (the current edition and one previous edition).

100 Philosophy & Psychology

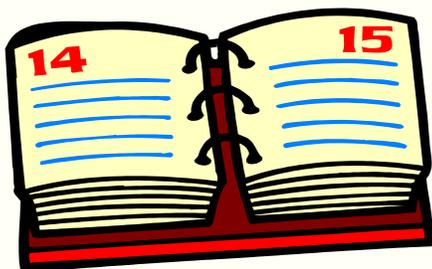
Keep a selection of titles that cover Western and Asian philosophies. Age is not critical as most philosophy books will not become outdated.

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Photo of the Month



Plattsmouth Public Library hosted their third annual Everything Chocolate event. Second place winner was Jan Baker with her Chocolate Tiramisu Cake. See page [15](#) for more!



CALENDAR

March 2014

March— National Women’s History Month

March 9– 15— Teen Tech Week: <http://teentechweek.ning.com>

March 10– 14—Spring Break for York College and Concordia University

March 11– 15— Public Library Association 2014 Conference in Indianapolis

March 13th— CASTL Meeting at Exeter Public Library. Topic: Dealing with Medical Emergencies. Book Talk Theme Books turned into movies, or movies turned into books (March 13th is National Popcorn Day). All are welcome. Let us know if you plan to attend.

March 14th— National π Day <http://www.nctm.org/resources/content.aspx?id=2147483830>

March 14– 17—Spring Break for Doane College

March 15th— Ides of March (*The Tragedy of Julius Caesar*)

March 15th, T.A. 3019— Battle of Pelennor Fields (*Return of the King*)

March 16th— Freedom of Information Day <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/advleg/federallegislation/govinfo/opengov/freedomofinfo>

March 17th— St. Patrick’s Day

March 20th— March Equinox. Spring Begins!

March 20th— Extraterrestrial Abduction Day. Better keep an eye on the sky!

March 21st— World Poetry Day <http://www.un.org/en/events/poetryday/>

March 22nd— National Goof-Off Day

March 22nd—Wonder Woman’s Birthday

March 24– 28— Spring Break for UNL, Nebraska Wesleyan University and Union College.

March 25th— Waffle Day. Day 1 of 2. Mark down August 24th for National Waffle Day. The March day has Swedish origins.

March 26th— International Create Your Own Holiday Day. Need an idea for one? We’ve got a ton of great ideas like National Regional Library System Day.

March 29th— Festival of Smoke and Mirrors

March 31st— Bunsen Burner Day

April— National Poetry Month

April 1st— Edible Books Day <http://www.books2eat.com/>

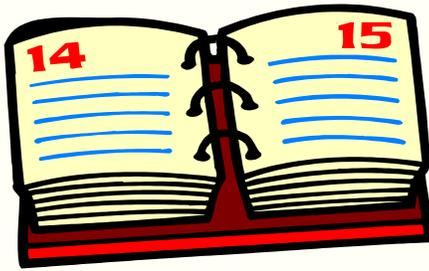
April 2nd, 742— Charlemagne’s Birthday (sources differ on exact year)

April 3rd— CASTL Meeting at Syracuse Public Library

April 3rd, 1934— Jane Goodall is born

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CALENDAR

March 2014

April 3rd, 1895— Oscar Wilde’s libel trial against Marquess Queensbury opens.

April 3rd, 1955— ACLU announces it will defend Allen Ginsberg’s *Howl* against obscenity charges.

April 4th— Read Aloud Nebraska Rob Reid Workshop www.readaloudnebraska.org

April 4th, 1984— Day that the book *1984*, by George Orwell, begins.

April 5th, 2063— Scientists invent first Warp Drive (*Star Trek: First Contact*).

April 8th— Buddha’s Birthday

April 8th— Draw A Bird Day

April 10th— Sibling Day

April 10th, 1925— *The Great Gatsby* is published.

April 11th— Barbershop Quartet Day

April 13th— Scrabble Day

April 14th— Passover Begins

April 14th, 1939— *Grapes of Wrath* is published.

April 15th, 1947— Jackie Robinson debuts for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Annually known as “Jackie Robinson Day.”

April 15th— Titanic Remembrance Day/ Sinking of the Titanic

April 15th, 1452— Leonardo DiVinci is born.

April 18th, 1924— Simon and Shuster publish first crossword puzzle book.

April 20th— Easter Sunday

April 21st, 753 B.C.E.— Romulus founds Rome.

April 22nd— Earth Day

April 23rd— Administrative Professionals’ Day

April 24th— SELS Friends Aged to Perfection at James Arthur Vineyards

April 24th— Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day <http://www.takeourdaughterstowork.org/wmspage7d10.html?parm1=936>

April 24th, 1990— Hubble Telescope is launched.

April 25– 26— Nebraska Books Festival. For more info: <http://bookfestival.nebraska.gov/2014/index.aspx>

April 25th— Arbor Day

April 25th— DNA Day

April 30th, 1803— Louisiana Purchase

April 30th— National Honesty Day

Aged to Perfection 2014

A fundraiser for the SELS Friends



Join the
Southeast Library System Friends

on Thursday, April 24, 2014
at the James Arthur Vineyards

Social Hour
5:00 - 6:00

Antique Check-in at 5:45

Dinner
6:00 - 6:30

Informational/Appraisal Program by Tom Bassett
6:30 - 7:30

A mini-auction of donated "treasures" and other events
will follow the program.

**Please consider donating items for this auction even if you
are unable to attend. There will be a prize awarded for the
highest selling donated item. You need not be present to win.**

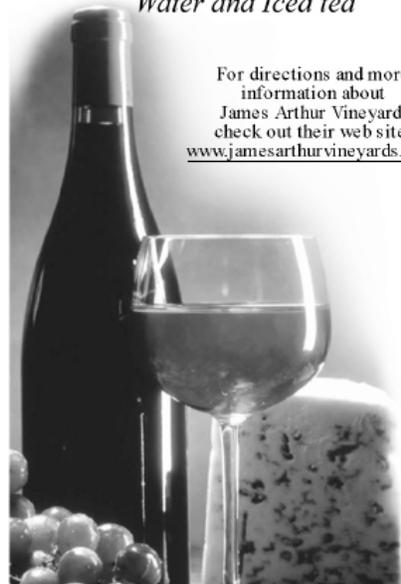


Your \$20 registration fee includes dinner and the appraisal of two antiques if you are a current SELS Friends member. If you are not currently a member, the fee includes dinner and one antique appraisal. Wine tasting and purchasing either by the glass or the bottle is an option during the event. Other beverages are also for sale.

If you have never been a member of SELS Friends, join now and your membership will extend through June 2015 and your wine tasting at Aged to Perfection 2014 will be free. For more information on joining the SELS Friends, please visit www.selsfriends.org

Dinner Menu

- Chicken Salad Croissant*
- Red Potato Salad*
- Mexican Bean Dip with Chips*
- Pecan Bars*
- Killer Brownies*
- Fruit Tray*
- Cheese and Crackers*
- Water and Iced tea*



For directions and more information about James Arthur Vineyard, check out their web site: www.jamesarthurvineyards.com



To register, please fill out and return this form by April 18, 2014:

Name _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

I would like a vegetarian meal

Please include \$20 for each person registering and mail to:

Southeast Library System Friends
233 South 5th Street
Seward, NE 68434

Admission will be \$15 at the door and no dinner will be included.

What's your library's plan for National Library Week? Kicking back with a good book and a nice cup of tea? You *wish* you had that kind of time at work? This year, find a little time for yourselves on April 18th and celebrate Southeast Library System's third annual...

READ IN



Contact SELS for more information and ideas on how to celebrate the Read In at your library.

**CHALLENGING LIBRARY STEREOTYPES
ONE PAGE TURN AT A TIME**

Save the Date!

Thursday, May 15th will be Southeast Library Systems' Spring Training Extravaganza at Seward Memorial Library.

SELS' Spring Training Extravaganza is a few months away, and in an effort to continue providing the most relevant selection of topics, we have prepared a brief survey. All that the survey requires is ranking your interest level for possible programming topics, so it shouldn't take more than a couple minutes. Simply follow the link below to access the survey!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RC5R5KD>

This survey deadline is 21st of March. We really would appreciate the input and thank you for your time!



Read Aloud Nebraska Rob Reid Workshop

Friday, April 4, 2014

Seward Memorial Library
233 South 5th Street, Seward, NE



9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. **Registration, Coffee & Book Sales**

9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. **Welcome**

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Reid's Read-Alouds**

Learn about good picture books, chapter books, biographies, and even graphic novels to read aloud to children (preschool through middle school grades). Read-aloud tips will be shared! Rob will also share his story about how he got hooked on the cause of reading aloud to young people.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Lunch** (catered in)

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Making Lit Come Alive**

Making literature come alive through storytelling, poetry, and music! This will be a highly participative exploration of how storytelling, poetry, and music are extensions and connections to specific children's books.

3:00 p.m. **Book Signing**

Rob Reid is a senior lecturer for the Foundations of Education Department at the University of Wisconsin — Eau Claire. His specialties are children's literature, literature for adolescents, and storytelling. Among Rob's nine books are his latest, *Silly Stories to Read Aloud* and *What's Black and White and Reid All Over?*. He is a regular columnist for several magazines, including *Book Links* and *LibrarySparks*. Rob served on the 2006 Newbery Award Committee and was named as the Wisconsin Library Association's Librarian of the Year. Rob travels the country visiting schools and libraries as a children's humorist and speaks to library school professionals about children's programming.

Learn more about Rob Reid at www.rapnrob.com

Rob Reid Workshop Registration

- \$35 Before March 1
 - \$40 After March 1
 - \$25 Student Rate
- (prices include lunch)*

Name

Phone

Email

You can register and pay online at
www.readaloudnebraska.org
or you can mail this registration
with your check to:

Read Aloud Nebraska
233 S. 5th St.
Seward, NE 68434

Purchase orders not accepted.

Sowings Continued

200 Religion & Mythology

If you have something current on each of the major international religions—Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Taoism—you're set. Students often need information on mythology, so keep several titles on hand.

300 Social Sciences

In the 320s, only retain items relevant to current political topics. Classic titles in the field of economics can be kept. When looking at the 390s, remember that fairy tales and folklore do not go out of date. Be sure to check the stories for ethnic or racial concerns. If yes, replace classic collections with new and attractive editions.

400 Language

Weeding in the 400s can almost exclusively depend on condition. You must have an English dictionary and a book on grammar. It is also a good idea to keep dictionaries of languages spoken or studied in your community.

500 Natural Sciences & Mathematics

This is an area where new discoveries can make an outdated collection useless. In the Mathematics section (510s), keep a collection of the basics—algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and calculus. You should also retain basic historical scientific works such as Darwin's *On the Origin of Species*. Otherwise, pull everything older than 5 years to be examined.

600 Technology (Applied sciences)

I've always wondered how everything (including the kitchen sink) ended up in the 600s. That makes this section, hands down, the most difficult to weed. Medical books should be weeded ruthlessly; even if that means that you have nothing in the 610s. Keep classic cookbooks such as *The Betty Crocker Cookbook* or any from the America's Test Kitchen series. Parenting books are also in the 600s. Keep *The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding* and *Dr. Spock's Baby and Child Care*.

700 The Arts

Keep general histories on art, music, and architecture, as well as basic technique books on drawing, painting, and sculpture.

800 Literature

Even in this most sacred of sections, weed based on your standard criteria for the rest of the collection, including usage and condition. Know your patrons' needs (what the school is teaching) and do keep one edition of the *Complete Works of William Shakespeare*.

900 Geography & History

Biographies of important figures in American History can be kept up to 10-15 years.

Fiction

Find a list you like (Great Books, the Modern Library 100 Best list, Fiction Catalog) and use it as a guide for retaining items that might not be circulating but should be kept. If there is a series that people are still reading, retain the complete set, if you have space.

Happy Weeding!

Our February CASTL meeting was held at the Wymore Public Library and hosted by Director Janet Roberts. We covered a lot of areas in the round robin time in a very energetic and lively meeting.

One of the discussion topics was around keeping cassette tapes, and a couple of libraries still stock them. The farmers of their communities still use them heavily since much of their farm equipment still has cassette decks.

An interesting discussion about using due date cards or pockets for patrons to keep track of what books they check out took place. Many patrons number, initial, or put some sort of mark so they know which books they've already read. Some libraries do this automatically and they really shouldn't as borrower privacy could be an issue. If the borrower asks you to, that's a different case, but the library should not automatically place any type of identifier in the book as a permanent record that someone checked that book out.

CASTL Wrap Up

The topic of service animals was brought up, specifically what you can and can't ask to determine if the animal in question is a qualified service animal. First, only dogs or miniature horses can be classified as a service animal. If it isn't clear that the animal in question is a service animal, staff may ask two questions: 1) is the dog a service animal required because of a disability, and 2) what work or task has the dog been trained to perform. Staff cannot ask about the person's disability, require medical documentation, require a special identification card or training documentation for the dog, or ask that the dog demonstrate its ability to perform the work or task. We also clarified that there are 3 reasons a person with a disability can be asked to remove his/her service animal from the premises: 1) The animal is out of control and the handler does not take effective

action. 2) The animal is not housebroken. 3) The handler refuses to answer inquiry.

There were questions and discussions about a wide variety of other topics as well; handling of funds, checkout limits on new accounts, background checks on volunteers and more.

Our themed discussion in the afternoon focused on National Library Week (April 13-19) and sharing ideas about programming. The Honorary Chairman of the week is Judy Blume, so some using her literature for some programming was suggested. Three days of note during the week are National Library Workers Day on Tuesday, National Bookmobile Day on Wednesday, and Celebrate Teen Literature Day on Thursday.

Some programming ideas for the week that were presented included extended due dates or grace periods during the week, doing crafts using books as the main material, a "blind date" with a book promotion, story walks, and starting a "what's your favorite book ever" from the community. Also popular will be various types of contests involving writing, photography and even children creating bookmarks or coloring themed pages. Trivia and guessing games such as guess the amount of candies in the jar were also suggested.

The Books discussed at the meeting can be found here: https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/71827.CASTL_February_2014

Our next CASTL is March 13 at the Exeter Public Library. We will start the day with York Fire Chief Kevin Stuhr talking about emergencies in the library, then follow up the day with our usual round robin & book talks. The book talk theme is books turned into movies, or movies turned into books, in honor of National Popcorn Day!

CASTL meetings are open to librarians of all types, library trustees, and library friends or supporters. The meetings typically start at 10:00 a.m., and wrap up by 3:00 or 3:30. Each meeting has a dedicated topic of focus, as well as a round robin for discussion and sharing of current issues, topics and library happenings. Attendees earn continuing education hours and you are welcome to join us for all or even part of the day.

- March 13th—Exeter Public Library
- April 3rd—Syracuse Public Library



Palmyra Memorial Library Receives 2014 Front Porch Award

Palmyra Public Library has been selected for Southeast Library System's third annual Front Porch Award. The Front Porch Award is intended to recognize a library that displays ingenuity in creating a welcoming atmosphere for customers. Palmyra Public Library was nominated by library colleague Karen Frank, Director of Greenwood Public Library. Karen shared the following about Glenda Willnerd, Palmyra Library Director:

"Glenda does a good job of making the Palmyra Library a welcoming & inviting place to be. She is always willing to try new things to make her library shine." She "has done a fantastic job of increasing patronage since she became Director. The Library sponsors Winter story time, Youth Advisory Group, Book Clubs, and workshops such as jewelry making or rubber band weaving."

Portions of the other letters of support are listed below:

- "From all accounts, the library has changed dramatically since Glenda began work there... Palmyra is lucky to have someone who enjoys her job so much and strives to make this small town's library welcoming to all."- Becky Baker, Director of Seward Memorial Library
- "She chooses a variety of types to broaden our perspectives. Glenda includes and encourages each of us... We are thankful to have her enrich the community."- Gera Stilwell, member of the Palmyra book club
- "She is more than just our Librarian. She is also a welcoming face, a good listener, a teacher, a computer wizard, web designer, media correspondent and library resource expert... Her responsibilities as the new librarian have grown with the activity level of our growing and now web-present library, and the addition of 100 new card holders... Adult programming was nonexistent until Glenda took over and now she has weekly and monthly events for all ages. She and I work together to improve how our library is run and received by the public. She has spent several summers working on building our summer reading program from 14 children up to now 40-50 children per event."- Lucinda Faunce, Library Board President of Palmyra Public Library
- "She is very dedicated... It is obvious that Glenda did not take the job for pay or benefits *but* because she loves the work and serving people... She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the job... She makes every project fun." -Lois Ikenberry, Village of Palmyra Clerk/ Treasurer

Plans are underway for the presentation of the award during National Library Week in April.



Southeast Library System is a multi-type library network with 248 members offering a wide range of service in public, school, academic, institutional and private libraries. They provide services to 15 counties of southeast Nebraska: Cass, Fillmore, Gage, Hamilton, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, Seward, Thayer and York.
(www.selsne.org)

Private Movie Showing

DIVERGENT

VERONICA ROTH

Where: Edgewood Theater, Lincoln, NE

When: Saturday, March 22, 9:00 a.m.
(doors open at 8:30)

Who: SELS Friends & guests

Reserve your seat by Friday, March 21 and SAVE!

Reservations: \$8.00 for SELS Friends members
\$10.00 for Non-members

Price after March 21: \$12.00 for everyone

All admissions will be paid for at the door.

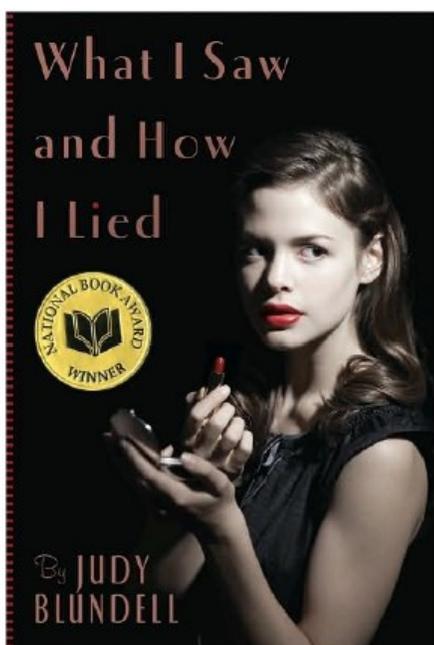
To reserve a seat in advance, email info@selsfriends.org

Visit www.selsfriends.org for information about the SELS Friends.



SELS Book Kits

Murder and intrigue surround a girl in this mystery set in American in the aftermath of WWII



When Evie's father returned home from World War II, the family fell back into its normal life pretty quickly. But Joe Spooner brought more back with him than just good war stories. When movie-star handsome Peter Coleridge, a young ex-GI who served in Joe's company in postwar Austria, shows up, Evie is suddenly caught in a complicated web of lies that she only slowly recognizes. She finds herself falling for Peter, ignoring the secrets that surround him . . . until a tragedy occurs that shatters her family and breaks her life in two.

-Goodreads.com

What I Saw and How I Lied by Judy Blundell

(10 copies in kit– Hardcover)

Check out <http://www.selsne.org/services.html> for the list of Book Club Kits

Sponsored by Eastern Library System, Nebraska School Librarians Association, University of Nebraska at Omaha

School Librarians' Day: Inquiring Minds Want to Know
March 29, 2014
University of Nebraska @ Omaha, Roskens Hall, UNO Campus



8:30-8:55 am *Registration, Coffee and Refreshments*

Session I (9:00-9:50)

Inquiry: the Key to Learning in the School Library
 Chris Haeffner, Lincoln Public Schools

Session II (10:00—10:50)

Managing E-Resources: Challenges and Rewards
 Chris Gross-Rhode, North Bend Public Schools, David Privett, Wahoo Public Schools,
 & Kim Gangwish, Bellevue Public Schools

10:50—11:05 Break

Session III (11:05-11:55 am)

Being Indispensable: Leadership Through Professional Development
 Laura Pietsch & Courtney Pentland, Omaha Public Schools



11:55-12:45 *Lunch and book sharing time*
Please bring two books you would like to share.

Session IV (12:50-1:40 pm)

Chrome is the New Black: A Browser for Every Occasion (Bring your own device with Chrome browser downloaded)
 Angela Daigle & Sheila Bolmeier, Millard Public Schools

Session V (1:50-2:45 pm)

Round Robin Book Reviews - K-8
 Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission
 Bridget Kratt, UNO

Round Robin Book Reviews - 7-12
 Paul Christopherson, Omaha Public Library
 Cathy McMahon, Sump Memorial Library

Cost—\$20.00 (includes lunch). Please register by **March 26.**

Make checks to ELS and mail to: Name _____
 Eastern Library System School _____
 11929 Elm Street, Suite 18 Email address _____
 Omaha NE 68144 Phone _____
 402 330-7884
 bmaass@windstream.net

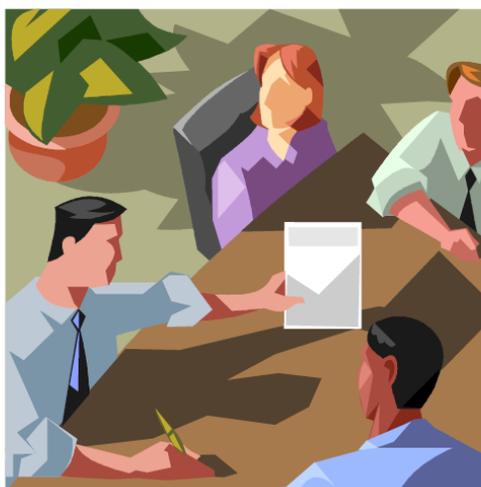
Parking is free on Saturdays. Park on either the north or south sides of Roskens Hall and enter through the south doors of the building. We will be there to greet you.

Home phone (in case of weather) _____
 Special dietary needs (gluten free, vegetarian, etc.) _____

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Policies for Results Workshop

Presented by:
Bonnie McKewon, Iowa State Library
4 hours of Continuing Education



Date: March 27, 2014

Time: 9:30—2:30

Location: Agnes Robinson Public

Library in Waterloo 23704 Cedar Drive

Based upon the PLA publication of the same name, Policies for Results is the encouragement to look at writing policies in four parts: Philosophy, Regulations, Procedures, Guidelines. Participants will learn how to develop a policy and practice writing a policy in a small group.

Send registration and \$20 by March 21 to:

Eastern Library System

11929 Elm Street, Suite 18

Omaha NE 68144

or contact Brian Maass at bmaass@windstream.net or 402 330-7884.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Organization: _____

Dietary restrictions, i. e. gluten free?

Eastern Library System presents...
Colloquium 2014

***Managing the Talent:
 How to spot 'em, grow 'em, and move 'em along***

featuring Jamie LaRue

5:30—6:30 Social hour with cash bar

6:30—7:30 Dinner

7:30—8:30 Presentation by Jamie LaRue

8:30—9:30 Time for Questions and Discussion

Menu Selections:

Asiago Chicken

Pan roasted chicken breast with a mushroom-thyme cream sauce served with a salad, olive oil and garlic fingerling potatoes, green bean almondine, and dessert.

Tilapia

Seasoned and grilled tilapia filet served with salad, olive oil and garlic fingerling potatoes, green bean almondine, and dessert.

Vegetarian Mushroom Penne Pasta

Mushroom penne tossed with julienne vegetables and roasted red pepper cream sauce served with salad, green bean almondine, and dessert.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Organization: _____

Menu selection: Chicken Fish Vegetarian

Other dietary restrictions, i.e. gluten free, etc.?

Monday, April 28, 2014

Embassy Suites, La Vista



From 1990 to 2014, Jamie LaRue was director of the Douglas County (Colorado) Libraries, widely known as one of the most successful and innovative public libraries in the nation. He was the Colorado Librarian of the Year in 1998 and in 2013 won the Colorado Association of Libraries' Career Achievement Award. In 2014, he embarked on a career of writing, speaking, teaching, and consulting.

Staff are the key library asset, defining both the performance and the reputation of your organization. Learn some of the key things to watch for in recruiting and hiring, orienting and encouraging, and even (gulp) how to have the 20 second conversation you've been avoiding for 20 years.

Send registration and \$45.00 by April 21 to:

Eastern Library System
 11929 Elm Street, Suite 18
 Omaha NE 68144

Questions: Call 402 330-7884 or email
bmaass@windstream.net

Letter from Wahoo

Greetings to the Southeast Libraries:

On behalf of the Library Board of Trustees & Library staff, the Wahoo Public Library sincerely thanks all of the libraries for the generous donations you sent to our library after our water disaster.

We were amazed at the generosity of libraries in towns smaller than Wahoo and that you would take time to send us notes of concern and caring. Actually we shouldn't be amazed at all because who better to help out in a disaster involving books than other librarians, Friends of Libraries & library lovers!

Our library is still sitting empty waiting for our return—hopefully sometime in May but you never know with construction & delays. Carpet will probably hold us up the longest but I know it will be worth the wait to have our beautiful library back up & running.

Our temporary space is nice but it's not home. Please let us know when any of your libraries are having fundraising events as we would love to be able to reciprocate in some way to repay your kindness & generosity.

We will let you know when we reopen so you can come to Wahoo to check out the improved & restored library!

Thank you again for your donations & blessings to all of you!

Denise Lawver

Library Director, Wahoo Public Library

Winter Story Time



By Joyce Schmidt

It was winter break on Monday, Feb. 3, 2014 and children were invited to come to Deshler Public Library. Sixteen children gathered and made very creative valentines for tenants of Parkview Haven

Nursing Home and Meadowlark Heights Assisted Living. After valentines were cut, pasted & colored, children gathered around for stories read by Library Board Members and then checked out books to take home to read.

{News Around the System}

Everything is Chocolate in Plattsmouth

By Evis Zamora

Plattsmouth Public Library celebrated its third annual Everything Chocolate event on Saturday, February 22. Ten desserts were entered in the chocolate competition. Local judges evaluated the entries based on taste, presentation, and originality.

While the judges were evaluating the entries, nearly 60 guests enjoyed games like the Right/Left Game, a Pictogram game featuring book and movie titles, and a game involving candies and a lot of tape. Local businesses supported the event by donating fabulous door prizes. And, of course, the highlight is sampling the entries after the judges have made their decisions.

This is one of the library's most popular programs, and we always have a full house.



Book Owls



Demi Dugan, the winner

Third place winner Sandra Allgeier with her prize.



Greenwood Giftcard

By Karen Frank

The Greenwood Public Library received an anonymous gift card . It came in the mail without a return address and inside was a gift card to Barnes & Noble for \$100. I was stunned and pleased that someone was thinking of us. Since the gift card came in a Beatrix Potter folder, I am assuming the intention is for children's books.

{News Around the System}

Palmyra Memorial Library Hosts Rubber Band Day

By Glenda Willnerd

26 area youngsters attended Rubber Band Day at the Palmyra Memorial Library on Monday, February 10th. Lucinda Faunce led the workshop

and showed everyone how to make scented rubber band bracelets and how to create other styles of rubber band bracelets.



Beatrice Opens Seed Library



Planning for this seed library began in April 2013. Volunteers and library staff have been meeting monthly to make this possible. Other partners in the project are Nebraska UNL Extension Master Gardeners, Southeast Nebraska Farmers' Market Coalition, Main Street Beatrice, Homestead National Monument of America and the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum.

By Joanne Neemann

The opening of the Beatrice Public Library Seed Collection was Wednesday, March 5 at 2:00 pm. This officially introduced the various free seeds available to the public in anticipation of Spring planting gardens. It includes seeds for flowers, vegetables, and herbs from a variety of companies as well as local growers. Heirloom seeds are also included in the offerings.



Seward Patrons Travel Cheap

By Charlotte Baldinger

Everyone is looking for cheap airfare. Seward Memorial Library offers tickets to other countries and continents for free ... the best travel deal of all. For the past several years patrons have "visited" fascinating locations with the guidance of local travelers. The monthly Sunday afternoon travelogues allow patrons to escape from the wintry Nebraska weather and enjoy an hour-long trip often to a warmer climate and accompanied by

friends. In January Sewardites were sightseers in Germany and the Netherlands. Tropical Belize was the destination for about 60 tourists in February. On March 30 the library is hosting Tea Time in Great Britain. In addition to watching slides, sharing souvenirs and artifacts and hearing personal stories, the library serves refreshments to the travelers. National Geographic cannot compete with this arrangement. Everyone is welcome to join the tour at 2 p.m. No reservations are required.

Hometown Teams



March 1 - April 5, 2014
Kimmel Gallery
Morton-James Public Library



By Louan Beard

The Morton-James Public Library is the first of only seven communities in Nebraska to host the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Hometown Teams. The exhibition will explore the origins of popular community sports in America and their evolution to today.

For well over one hundred years, sports have reflected the trials and triumphs of the American

experience and helped shape our national character. Whether it is professional sports, or those played on the collegiate or scholastic level, amateur sports or sports played by kids on the local playground, the plain fact is sports are everywhere. We win and we lose, and we dream of playing another day. If we are not playing, we're watching from the stands with our sons and daughters or in our living rooms with friends in front of a television.

Hometown sports shape our lives, unite us, and celebrate who we are as Americans. In

conjunction with the exhibit, a temporary community exhibit will be on display throughout the building. The memory wall features sports stories, pictures, uniforms, trophies, and other sports memorabilia.

Hometown Teams is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration of the Smithsonian Institution and Humanities Nebraska, brought to Nebraska with funding support from the Nebraska Cultural Endowment.

<http://www.museumonmainstreet.org/hometownTeams/index.html>

Host a Declaration Signing Event in Your Library!



The Declaration for the Right to Libraries is the cornerstone of ALA President Barbara Stripling's presidential initiative, *Libraries Change Lives*, designed for library patrons across the country to show their support for America's right to libraries of all types – academic, special, school, and public.

Libraries all across the nation are hosting Declaration signing events, reminding their users of the importance that libraries play in our communities and daily lives. Hosting a signing ceremony is a great way to engage your library patrons, and ask them to declare their continued support of quality libraries.

Online Resources to Simplify Your Signing Event:

- Visit the Declaration for the Right to Libraries page at www.ala.org/declaration for an overview, artwork, downloads, and webinars.
- View the Declaration Toolkit and see step by step instructions for hosting a Declaration ceremony for any type of library: www.ala.org/advocacy/declaration-right-libraries-toolkit
-  Join the Declaration Facebook page and showcase your library's event: <https://www.facebook.com/DeclarationforLibraries>
-  TWEET #right2libs
- Can't wait to sign the Declaration? Sign the online version! www.ilovelibraries.org/declaration/sign

Questions about the Declaration for the Right to Libraries?

Contact the ALA Office for Library Advocacy at advocacy@ala.org

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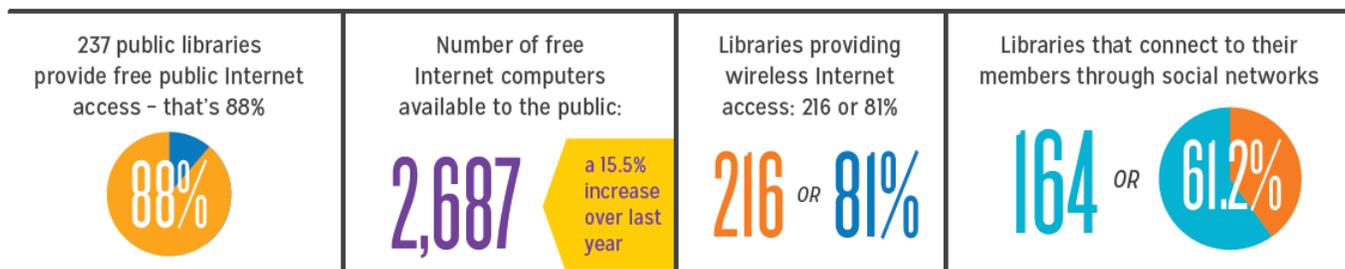
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Sources:
2011-2012 Nebraska Public Libraries Survey (222 or 82% responding).

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"Every time I get to encounter or work with librarians, I'm always impressed by their sheer awesomeness."

-Neil Gaiman

Southeast Library System is a multi-type library network with 248 members offering a wide range of service in public, school, academic, institutional and private libraries (Membership list with populations from 2000 Census are on the SELS web page: www.selsne.org.) Membership includes 12 academic institutions, including the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, four private colleges, three community college campuses, a state college and a technical school. Fifty-four public libraries are system members. The majority of these libraries (34) serve populations fewer than 1,000. The system counts 146 school media centers among its members, 54 that are Lincoln Public Schools, with most of those belonging to Class 3 schools (population areas between 1,000 and 100,000). Fourteen of the school media centers are parochial. The system has 28 special and institutional members, most of which are located in Lancaster County.