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Newsletter of the

Southeast Library System

April/May 2006

SOWINGS

This and That . . .

I've already gotten some questions on what the March 9th signing by President Bush of the **reauthorization of the USA Patriot Act** means for the library world. In the March 2006 issue of the *Freedom To Read Foundation News* they list the following modifications of Section 215:

- ◆ Recipients of a Section 215 order have an explicit right to consult an attorney, as well as the right to challenge the gag order a year after its receipt.
- ◆ The law requires the Director of FBI, or (if delegated) the Deputy Director or Executive Assistant Director for National Security, to approve personally any request for records from a library or bookstore.
- ◆ The Inspector General of the Justice Department will conduct a review of the use of Section 215 since 2001 and report publicly whether any abuses have occurred; in addition, the Justice Department must report annually the number of bookstore and library searches that have occurred under Section 215.

There is also this quote from Michael Gorman, ALA president concerning the reforms that were not included that remain of concern:

"We will continue to argue for a more stringent standard for Section 215 orders - one that requires the FBI to limit its search of library records to individuals who are connected to a terrorist or suspected of a crime. We will also seek the addition of a provision allowing recipients of Section 215 or 505 orders to pose a meaningful challenge to the "gag" order that prevents them from disclosing the fact that they have received such an order."

On another front . . .

A committee of our colleagues, has put together a revision of the **Nebraska Trustee Manual**, the first for the entire document since the revision in 1997, although there

were some sections updated online in 2001. This draft document is currently on the Nebraska Library Commission website at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/trusteemanual/trusteemanualdraft.html. The committee is looking for feedback on the draft up until May 15th - and trustees that provide input can earn one continuing education hour for their trouble. The committee is hoping to have a final product to reveal at the NLA/NEMA conference in October.

This project followed on the heels of Lynn Bradman's Trustee Survey in 2004, to whom we offer our sincere thanks, as well as the following trustee handbook committee revision members: Kathy Ellerton, Northeast Library System; Cherie Longmuir, Panhandle Library System; Pam Scott, Nebraska Library Commission; Richard Miller, Nebraska Library Commission; Maggie Harding, TUFS Chair & Executive Director NLA; Charles Gardner, TUFS; Felicia Cogley, TUFS; and Pam Bohmfalk, Hastings Public Library.

Reminder ...

The Nebraska Library Commission has made available the following WebJunction online training courses to public library staff and trustees at no cost: **Introduction to PC's; Front Page 2000; Excel 2002.; Word 2002.; Networking Essentials; Developing Digital Projects; PowerPoint 2002; HTML/Web page ; Access 2002; and PowerPoint 2003.** To register you first have to sign up as a member of WebJunction at: www.webjunction.org - which is no cost and provides great information for everyone. Then register for any of the above courses at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/libdevtrainingreg.html. (At this time each person can only register for one course.)

From the office ...

We welcome **Levi Spencer Puchalla** to the world, who was born on March 18th. Jenni and baby are both doing great. Our congratulations to the Puchalla family: Russ, Jenni and big brother, Ezra.

-Brenda Ealey, Administrator

Millennials: The New Generation of Students

Nebraska Library Association
College and University Section
Spring Meeting
May 12, 2006

University of Nebraska – Lincoln
East Campus Student Union

Preliminary Program



8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome from Dr. Joan Giesecke, Dean of Libraries, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, announcements, and introductions
9:15 – 10:15	Keynote: “Today and Tomorrow: Changing Experiences, Changing Expectations, Changing Brains” presented by Dr. Neal Topp and Dr. Neal Grandgenett, of the Teacher Education Department, College of Education, University of Nebraska at Omaha
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-11:10	Keynote: Roxann Sattler and Jane Holt, High School Media Specialists, Lincoln East High School
11:15 - -12:00	1st CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSION (Select one): Technology. Facilitated by Duane Abbott Learning Styles A: Facilitated by Tracy Bicknell-Holmes & Nancy Busch Learning Styles B: Nora Hillyer Diversity. Facilitated by David Oertli
12:00 – 1:15	LUNCH AND BUSINESS MEETING
1:30 – 2:15	2nd CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSION (Select one): Technology. Facilitated by Jolie Ogg Graybill Learning Styles. Facilitated by Janet Stoeger Wilke Diversity. Facilitated by Joyce Keber
2:15-2:30	Break
2:30 – 3:15	Reporting session
3:15 – 4:00	Tour of the UNL Library Depository Retrieval Facility (optional)

Registration Form

Name: _____ Library: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Registration by April 21, 2006 _____ \$30.00 (includes lunch)

Registration after April 21, 2006 _____ \$40.00 (includes lunch)

Non NLA-member registration _____ \$50.00 (includes lunch)

A map of the UNL-East Campus is available at: www.unl.edu/unlpub/tour/unlmaps/standard/html/east/index.shtml

Make check payable to **NLA C&U Section** and send to:

Sally Gibson, Reinert/Alumni Library, Creighton University, 2500 California Plaza, Omaha, NE 68178

Voice: 402-280-2228 Fax: 402-280-2435



Call for Board Nominations

The Southeast Library System is seeking nominations of persons representing member libraries to serve on the System Board of Directors. Board members will be elected to serve three-year terms beginning July 1, 2006. Nominees may be librarians, trustee, or library users. Please nominate yourself or someone else you think would be a valuable addition to the board.

Who Can Be On the Board, and What is Involved in Board Membership?

Nominations are received from 15 counties in the Southeast Library System geographic area: Hamilton, York, Seward, Lancaster, Cass, Otoe, Saline, Nemaha, Fillmore, Thayer, Jefferson, Gage, Johnson, Pawnee and Richardson. Board members should be representative of a) public libraries, b) school libraries and media centers, c) academic libraries, d) special and institutional libraries, or e) users and trustees of such libraries.

The Board governs the Southeast Library System. It is similar to a public library board of trustees or the board of any non-profit organization. Member responsibilities include approval of policies, plans and budget, and selection and evaluation of the System Administrator.

Members serve three-year terms and are eligible for two consecutive terms. The Board usually meets six times a year, at times and places chosen by the members. Meetings last about three hours. Members do not receive a salary, wage or fee for their services. However, they are reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in carrying out their duties. Mileage to and from meetings is reimbursed at the federal rate. Board members must have access to e-mail.

Who Currently Serves on the Board?

Lisa Olivigni, Crete, President; Jan Thomsen, Aurora, Vice-President; Becky Baker, Seward, Treasurer; Rebecca Bernthal, Lincoln, Secretary; Judy Butler, Waverly; Sandy Elton, Lincoln; Karen Frank, Greenwood; Debbie Goossen, Lewiston; Ken Gunselman, York; Stephen Hunt, Plattsmouth; Kris Rogge, Johnson; Hope Schawang, Falls City; and Tom Schmitz, Lincoln.

Mail your nomination by May 19, 2006 to: SELS, 5730 R St., Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505

Name: _____ Phone (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Address: _____ Email _____

Circle one: Librarian/Media Specialist Trustee User

What special characteristics qualify this person for Board membership?

I have contacted this person and s/he has agreed to accept nomination to the Board (*circle one*) yes no

Nomination submitted by: _____



April

- ✦ **April 7th: SELS Board Meeting** at Plattsmouth Public Library.
- ✦ **April 7th – *Serving Immigrant Populations: A Library Prototype for Diversity*, College of DuPage teleconference** from 11 to 1. This teleconference begins with a look at the history of immigrants and libraries, and examines how to assess the needs of your community's immigrant population, including English as a Second Language materials, legal issues, work issues, and bi-lingual library resources. You can view the teleconference at the Beatrice Public Library, or can borrow a videotape following the program.
- ✦ **April 8th – Colloquium with Joe Janes.**
- ✦ **April 8th - Turning the Pages of Romance 2006 conference.** This year's featured guest will be award-winning and USA Today Bestselling author Rachel Gibson, the author of 8 contemporary romance novels and novellas! Come join us for a day of Panel Discussions, Conversations and Book Signings with some of your Favorite Romance Authors. \$40 registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. For more information visit www.lcl.lib.ne.us/info/romance/front.htm.
- ✦ **April 11th, 18th & 25th: Basic Skills Organization of Library Materials at Nebraska Library Commission** in the Crane Room from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ✦ **April 13th – Mental Health Workshop** at Walt Branch, Lincoln City Libraries.
- ✦ **April 14th – NMRT Spring Meeting** at Little Priest Tribal College in collaboration with the Diversity Committee.
- ✦ **April 20th – CASTL meeting** in Fairmont – joint meeting with Friends and Foundation members. See page 19.
- ✦ **April 27th – Aged to Perfection SELS Friends fundraiser**, see page 11.
- ✦ **April 27th & 28th – NETA (Nebraska Educational Technology Association) Conference – Discovering Digital Treasure**, at the Omaha Holiday Inn Central (3321 S. 72nd St). There are 140+ breakout sessions for every aspect of using technology in education, poster displays on successful projects, and a special strand of sessions to address the needs of those making technical support or purchasing decisions. For conference information go to: neta.lps.org/Conf.html.
- ✦ **April 28th – Google Print: Its Impact on Scholarship & Libraries, College of DuPage teleconference** from 11 to 1. This program will explicate Google's vision of the future. We will discuss how a successful project will impact the world of information from the perspectives of librarians, academic administrators, scholars and publishers. You can view the teleconference at the Beatrice Public Library, or can borrow a videotape following the program.

May

- ✦ **May 1st & 2nd – Disaster Preparedness Workshop** in Lincoln. Register by April 24th, at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/distasterreg.html.
- ✦ **May 12th: C&U Spring Meeting**, see page 2.
- ✦ **May 19th: SELS Annual Training Extravaganza** at Hamilton College, Lincoln. See pages 9-10.
- ✦ **May 20th: Special showing of the DaVinci Code** at East Park Theater in Lincoln. Doors open at 9 a.m. See page 11.
- ✦ **May 25th: Public Library/Trustees Users Friends Sections Spring Meeting** in LaVista. Topics include: Gaming @ your library, Spring Colloquium Discussion, Mentoring, and Trustee information.
- ✦ **May 25th – 28th: 7th Annual Mystery Convention, Mayhem in the Midlands**, featuring Laura Lippman, at the Omaha Sheraton in the Old Market. For more information and registration go to: www.omahapubliclibrary.org/mayhem/

June

- ✦ **June 16th: CASTL Meeting** at Tecumseh Public Library. Round table discussion plus review of K-3 Golden Sower nominees.

This is the list of books that **Patrick Jones**, young adult services guru, talked about when he was here in November sharing his insights. Thanks to Nancy Larimer at Northeast High in Lincoln for sharing the list. These are books that have great first lines to hook kids. All you need to do is read that to the class when they are in for booktalks...and they'll probably want to read them!

- ANDERSON, LAURIE HALSE: *Speak*
- AVI: *Wolf Rider*
- BLOCK, FRANCESCA LIA: *Weetzie Bat*
- CAMUS, ALBERT: *The Stranger*
- COONEY, CAROLINE B.: *Fatality*
- CORMIER, ROBERT: *We All Fall Down* and *The Chocolate War*
- DICKENS, CHARLES: *A Tale of Two Cities*
- FLAKE, SHARON G.: *Bang* and *Begging for Change*
- GILES, GAIL: *Dead Girls Don't Write Letters* and *Playing in Traffic*
- HINTON, S.E.: *The Outsiders*
- SEBESTYEN, QUIDA: *The Girl In The Box*
- THOMAS, ROB: *Rats Saw God*
- WALKER, ALICE: *The Color Purple*
- WITTLINGER, ELLEN: *Hard Love*

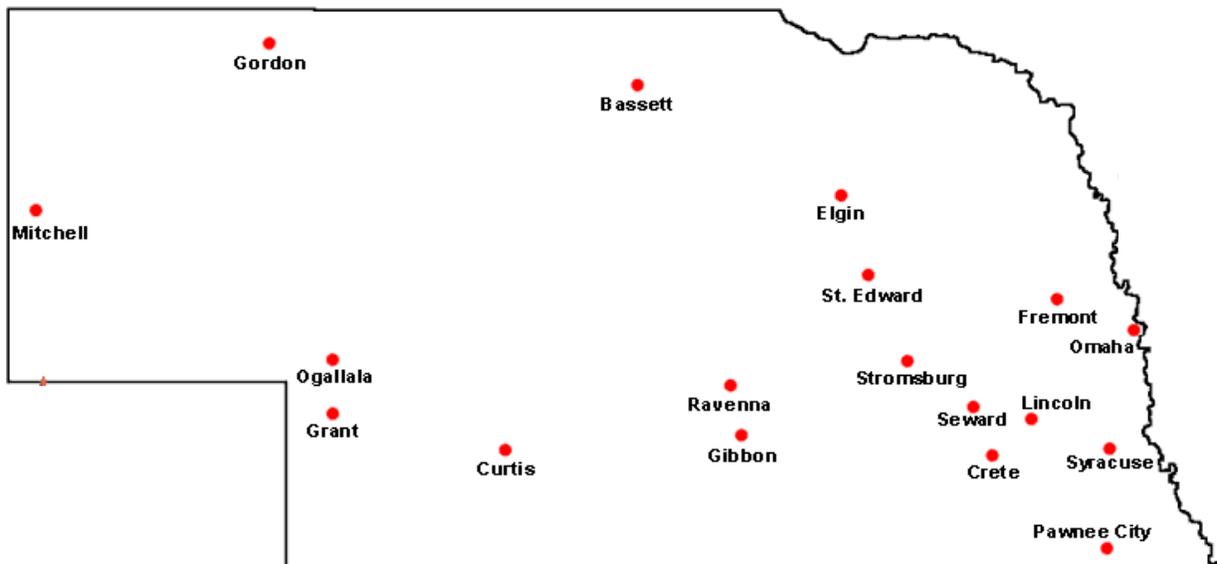


ONE BOOK

ONE NEBRASKA

What is your community doing to promote One Book One Nebraska 2006, One False Move?

Below are the communities that borrowed the book discussion bags or the roaming gnomes. Go to www.onebookonenebraska.org to get some ideas, some promotional materials or to follow the gnomes. Get a free poster from your system office and sign up for the book discussion bags.



NEBRASKA
FOR
AUTHORS
OF
NOVELS



The **Weeping Water Public Library** received funds from the Day Foundation to purchase a new copier and a beautiful new desk, made by Cornhusker State Industries.

Submitted by Jan Aronson,
Director



Congratulations to the 2006 LSTA Grant winners in the Southeast Library System area:

- **Beatrice Public Library** – Lifelong Learning Technology Project (\$16,905)
- **Gilbert Public Library (Friend)** – Library Automation Project (\$9,000)
- **Jane Pope Geske Heritage Room of Authors** (Lincoln City Libraries) – Remembering the Nebraska Federal Writers’ Project (\$2,506)
- **Lincoln City Libraries** – Web Page Redesign (\$6,450)
- **Lincoln City Libraries** – Self-Checkout devices for Gere Branch (\$27,210)
- **Lydia Bruun Woods Memorial Library (Falls City)** – Technology 2006 @ the New Library (\$52,100)
- **Plattsmouth Public Library** – RFID @ my library (\$51,000)
- **Polley Music Library** (Lincoln City Libraries) – Music of Old Nebraska (\$18,525)
- **Weeping Water Public Library** – Microfilm Scanner (\$6,848)

There were a total of 15 grants awarded. For more information on the 2006 projects check the Nebraska Library Commission website at: www.nlc.state.ne.us.

From March 3 to April 20, **University of Nebraska Love Library** will be hosting a national traveling exhibit chronicling the life, reign and legacy of one of the more fascinating British monarchs in 400 years. Elizabeth I: Ruler and Legend is a free exhibit located on the 2nd Floor of Love Library North, 13th and R St., Lincoln. For information about this event visit: <http://iris.unl.edu/elizabethi/>

Submitted by Rebecca Bernthal, Love Library

The **Tecumseh Public Library** will have a quilt display beginning the end of June and lasting through July. Come by and see us. Susie Kerner

Mocha Mondays at **Crete Public Library** beginning in April. Customers are welcome to stop by the library and join us for a cup of coffee on Monday mornings from 10 to 11:30. Susan Church



News and Notes

Nomination Time!

The NLA Citation Committee invites nominations for the Meritorious Service Award and the Mari Sandoz Award for the year 2006.

The **Meritorious Service Award** is given annually to a person, corporation, or organization which has contributed to the improvement of library service in a local community, region, state agency, or in library legislation.

The **Mari Sandoz Award** recognizes significant, enduring contribution to the Nebraska book world through writing, film production, or related activity.

Nomination procedures:

1. The original letter of nomination should include the nominee's name, address, telephone number, accomplishments, and any relevant supporting documentation. The letter should include the name, title, address, and telephone number of the person or group making the nomination.
2. At least four additional letters that support and endorse the nomination are required. Such letters may provide further information about the nomination.
3. The NLA Meritorious Service Award may be given to an individual or group.

More information and lists of past recipients may be found in the NLA Handbook at www.nebraskalibraries.org/handbook/handbook8.htm Nominations and letters of support must be **received by May 30, 2006**. Mail to: Sally Payne, 222 N Jefferson St., Papillion, NE 68046 Nominations may also be submitted via e-mail to spayne@monarch.papillion.ne.us



Trustee Nominations

It is time to think about nominating your outstanding trustee(s) for the Trustee Citation Award. Selection will be made on the basis of the following criteria:

- Contribution toward the implementation of sound, efficient library policies resulting in the advancement of library service within the community.
- Contribution toward the strengthening of library services outside the area of the local community (regional, statewide or national).
- Effectiveness in serving jointly as the library's spokesperson to the community, and the communities' spokesperson to the library.



The recipient must be a member of the Trustees, Users and Friends Section of the Nebraska Library Association. Send three letters of support for your nominee with your letter of nomination by **July 10th** to the TUFs Chair, Maggie Harding, PO Box 98, Crete NE 68333.

Libri Foundation

2006 Books for Children Grants

The Libri Foundation is currently accepting applications for its 2006 BOOKS FOR CHILDREN grants.

The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization which donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries throughout the United States. Since October 1990, the Foundation has donated over \$2,800,000 worth of new children's books to more than 2,200 libraries in 48 states, including Alaska and Hawaii.

In order to encourage and reward local support of libraries, The Libri Foundation will match any amount of money raised by your local sponsors from \$50 to \$350 on a 2-to-1 ratio. Thus, a library can receive up to \$1,050 worth of new children's books. After a library receives a grant, local sponsors (such as formal or informal Friends groups, civic or social organizations, local businesses, etc.) have four months or longer if necessary, to raise their matching funds.

The librarian of each participating library selects the books her library will receive from a booklist provided by the Foundation. The 700-plus fiction and nonfiction titles on the booklist reflect the very best of children's literature published primarily in the last three years. These titles, which are for children ages 12 and under, are award-winners or have received starred reviews in library, literary, or education journals. The booklist also includes a selection of classic children's titles.

Libraries are qualified on an individual basis. In general, county libraries should serve a population under 16,000 and town libraries should serve a population under 10,000 (usually under 5,000). Libraries should be in a rural area, have a limited operating budget, and an active children's department.

Please note: Rural is usually considered to be at least 30 miles from a city with a population over 40,000. Town libraries with total operating budgets over \$150,000 and county libraries with total operating budgets over \$350,000 are rarely given grants.

A school library may apply only if it also serves as the public library (i.e. it is open to the everyone in the community, has some summer hours, and there is no public library in town).

Previous BOOKS FOR CHILDREN grant recipients are eligible to apply for another grant three years after the receipt of their last grant.

Libraries that do not fulfill all grant requirements, including the final report, may not apply for another grant.

Application deadlines for 2006 are: (postmarked by) April 15th, July 15th, and December 15th.

Grants are awarded April 30th, August 31st, and January 31st.

Application guidelines and forms may be downloaded from the Foundation's website at:
www.librifoundation.org.

For more information about The Libri Foundation or its Books for Children program, please contact Ms. Barbara J. McKillip, President, The Libri Foundation, PO Box 10246, Eugene, OR 97440. 541-747-9696 (phone); 541-747-4348 (fax); libri@librifoundation.org (email).

eSchool News pick of the month website is—<http://video.google.com/nara.html>. Free online access to more than 100 historic films, including old World War II newsreels and NASA documentaries through an agreement between Google Inc. and the National Archives. Check it out! Source: eSchool News, April 2006.



The 7th Annual

Southeast Library System Training Extravaganza!

May 19, 2006
9 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
Hamilton College
1821 K Street, Lincoln
Cost: \$10 (lunch on your own)
5 hours of CE credit available

A whole day devoted to library training for every member of your staff! We will have sessions on readers advisory for youth and adults, new technology, library reports, the Internet, NLC resources and much more! Three workshops will run simultaneously, allowing you to pick and choose what you will attend. See the next page for a full listing of courses. Seating for some courses is limited, so register early!

Registration — Training Extravaganza

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Library/Institution: _____

Email address: _____

To register, please fill out this form and circle which sessions you plan to attend on the next page. Send that page, this form, and your \$10 registration fee, by **May 12, 2006** to: Southeast Library System, 5730 R Street, Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505. Thanks! Sign in will begin at 9 a.m. the day of the workshop, and the first session will begin at 9:30. See you there!

Please circle the sessions you plan to attend:

9:30 — 10:30 a.m.

Keynote with Mary Ellen Ducey, Special Collections & Archives Librarian @ UNL

What's so special about Nebraska? Find out when University of Nebraska Librarian Mary Ellen Ducey presents some of the special treasures housed in Love Library's Special Collections and Archives Department. You might think you know just about everything there is to know about this great state of ours, but you'll be pleasantly surprised by this presentation. The bonus is that Mary Ellen has taken her show on the road before, and if you enjoy it you just might want to invite her to your library!

10:45—11:45 a.m.

New and Notable: Juvenile Non-Fiction - Vicki Wood, Lincoln City Libraries
Gain some great ideas from one of our favorite book talkers. You'll be glad you did!

Google News for Librarians—Shannon Behrhorst, Nebraska Library Commission
What are Google Book Search and Google Scholar and how can they help librarians?

Data Driven Decision-Making
Kit Keller, Nebraska Library Commission
You'll come away from this session with a Bibliostat library chart or graph that can make an impression in a library report and/or presentation.

LUNCH!! 11:45 a.m. —1 p.m.

1 — 2 p.m.

Help! What Should I Read Next—Lisa Voss, Lincoln City Libraries
Gain some great adult readers advisory information from one of the Book Chat librarians on KFOR Radio.

What Kids Know That You Don't—Debbie Krahmer & Scott Childers, UNL Libraries
Feel out of touch with the latest technology gizmos and gadgets. Then this is for you!

Can You Really Navigate the Web? - Judy Butler, Waverly High School
Gain some information on Judy's favorite interactive web sites and how to best utilize them.

2:15—3:15 p.m.

As The World Turns: The Evolution of the High School Media Center—Roxie Sattler, Lincoln East High School
Gain insight and information on how we can best provide service in meeting needs of today's teens in the library?

Encouraging Through Mentoring @ your library—Cindi Hickey
Gain information on recruiting and mentoring the next generation of Nebraska librarians, and the resources available to you due to an IMLS grant received by NLC.

NLC Website Search Enhancements—Vern Buis, Nebraska Library Commission
Take some time to hear about the new search capabilities on the NLC web page and an opportunity to try it out

What happens at James Arthur Vineyards . . .
stays at James Arthur Vineyards.

Aged to Perfection 2006

April 27, 2006

No matter if it's the now priceless antique that was "junk" before the appraisal or the dance you did in the vineyard after the wine sampling, you can be sure that SELS Friends carry no tales - or cameras.

Join us for a fun evening of antique evaluation by Tom Bassett, a professional appraiser, and wine tasting at James Arthur Vineyards north of Lincoln. Antique check-in and wine tasting will be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., followed by an informational/appraisal program from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

For a \$25 admission fee:

Non-SELS Friends members will receive 4 wine samples, hors d'oeuvres, and the appraisal of 1 antique

SELS Friends members will receive 4 wine samples, hors d'oeuvres, and the appraisal of 2 antiques

Please go to www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/sesys/selfindex.html for registration forms for Aged to Perfection and information on how to become a Friends member.



Price of admission: \$10*

Price of refreshments: \$4

Experiencing the most talked about movie of 2006 with library friends: Priceless



The Road to the Code
May 20, 2006 9:30 a.m.

No standing in line for tickets, no fighting Friday night crowds, no searching for parking – just a chance to see a blockbuster movie with library friends and support the Southeast Library System at the same time. The SELS Friends are pleased to announce that on the morning of Saturday, May 20, a special showing of **"The Da Vinci Code"** will be held at the East Park Theater in Lincoln. The movie, directed by Ron Howard and starring Tom Hanks, premieres at the Cannes film festival on May 17 and will be released in the United States on May 19. Attending the May 20 show guarantees you will be in the know when the movie buzz hits your library!

See www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/sesys/selfindex.html for registration form and for current information on show time.

The cost of admission also qualifies you for great door prizes!

*\$7.50 for SELS Friends

Summer Reading 2006

It is a zoo out there!



Sandy Wallick, Lincoln; Donna Shearer, Geneva; and Bobbi Schwisow, Western with their well behaved animals.

Sue Antes, Syracuse; Jorene Herr, Humboldt; and Susie Kerner, Tecumseh beg for crackers for their friends.



S-s-s-simply splendid snakes- Peggy Loos, Lincoln; Sue Block, Lincoln; and Heather Koeneke, Auburn.

A Menagerie of Interesting Presenters



Amy Hladek, Nebraska Game and Park-Project Wild



Rachel Wright, University of Nebraska Extension Office and friend



Andrea Cade, Ak-Sar-Ben Aquarium



Betsy Finch, Raptor Recovery Nebraska and Moonbeam, a screech owl.



Amazing Arthur, Magician



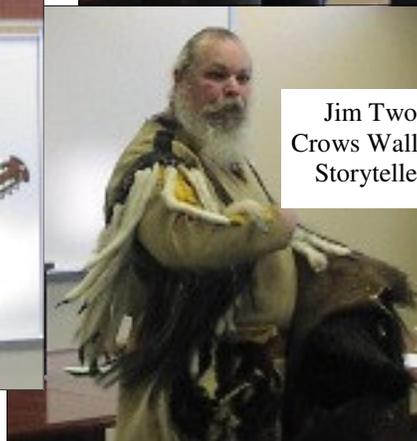
Jeff Quinn, Magician



Mike Horner, Puppeteer and Ukulele Player



Having a great time with The String Beans minus one band member.



Jim Two Crows Wallen, Storyteller

Summer Reading 2006



Southeast Library System

Annual Meeting

June 20th, 2006

Lincoln Children's Zoo

1222 S. 27th

Business meeting begins at 10 a.m. We'll adjourn for lunch at 1:00. Following lunch you'll get a chance to tour the zoo and gardens. The \$15 registration fee includes lunch and entrance to the zoo.

Annual Meeting Registration

Name _____ Phone _____

Library Institution _____

Please send this form, with your \$15 fee, by June 12th to: Southeast Library System, 5730 R Street, Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505.

We are pleased to announce the addition of **TWELVE NEW LESSON PLANS** to the NebraskAccess Librarian's Toolbox. These lesson plans have been designed to enhance the research and information seeking skills of K12 students in Nebraska. Lesson plans address a variety of national, state, and local standards. Assessment tools are provided for each lesson plan.

Here are the titles of the recent-added lesson plans:

- Ancient Greek Influences in Science and Math
- Author Trading Cards
- Bears, Bears, Bears!
- Beginning of the Year Biographies
- Composer Scavenger Hunt
- Database Orientation: WilsonWeb
- Explorers of the 20th-Century for 5th Graders
- Famous Scientists
- Going to the Promised Land: Dust Bowl Migration (Photograph Database Research)
- Literature Database Scavenger Hunt for 5th Graders
- States Research
- Using NebraskAccess to Determine Individual for Biography Report

We hope these lesson plans will meet the need expressed by various media specialists for examples of how NebraskAccess resources can be integrated into the K12 curriculum. Many thanks to Dr. Becky Pasco's Fall 2005 Reference class for creating these lesson plans and generously agreeing to share them with colleagues across the state!

Lesson plans are located in NebraskAccess in the Librarian's Toolbox
www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess/toolbox/lessonplans.html.

Be a Winner! Link to NebraskAccess Today!



Why? Because...

It's Free

It's Easy

It's the Right Thing to Do

We bet most of your patrons have at least heard of Yahoo and Google - references abound in the popular media - but what about NebraskAccess? Have they heard of it? If not, why not?

If you have a library web site that you use to promote library programs and services don't leave off NebraskAccess, the very service people can access via the web 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! If you're going to offer online services, by all means offer them online!

To learn more about linking to NebraskAccess from your web site, see the following:

Logos You Can Use - Find NebraskAccess image files you can download and use to link to NebraskAccess from your web site. Sample HTML code is provided. <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess/toolbox/logos.html>

Add NebraskAccess Links to your Web Site - Find the instructions and raw HTML code you need to link to NebraskAccess or to individual databases. <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nebraskaccess/toolbox/addlinks.html>

You may also contact any member of the NebraskAccess team for more information:

Email: nebraskaccess@nlc.state.ne.us

Phone: 402-471-2045 or 800-307-2665

Allana Novotny, Jeannette Powell, Shannon Behrhorst, Susan Knisely



THE FORBIDDEN 4TH FLOOR

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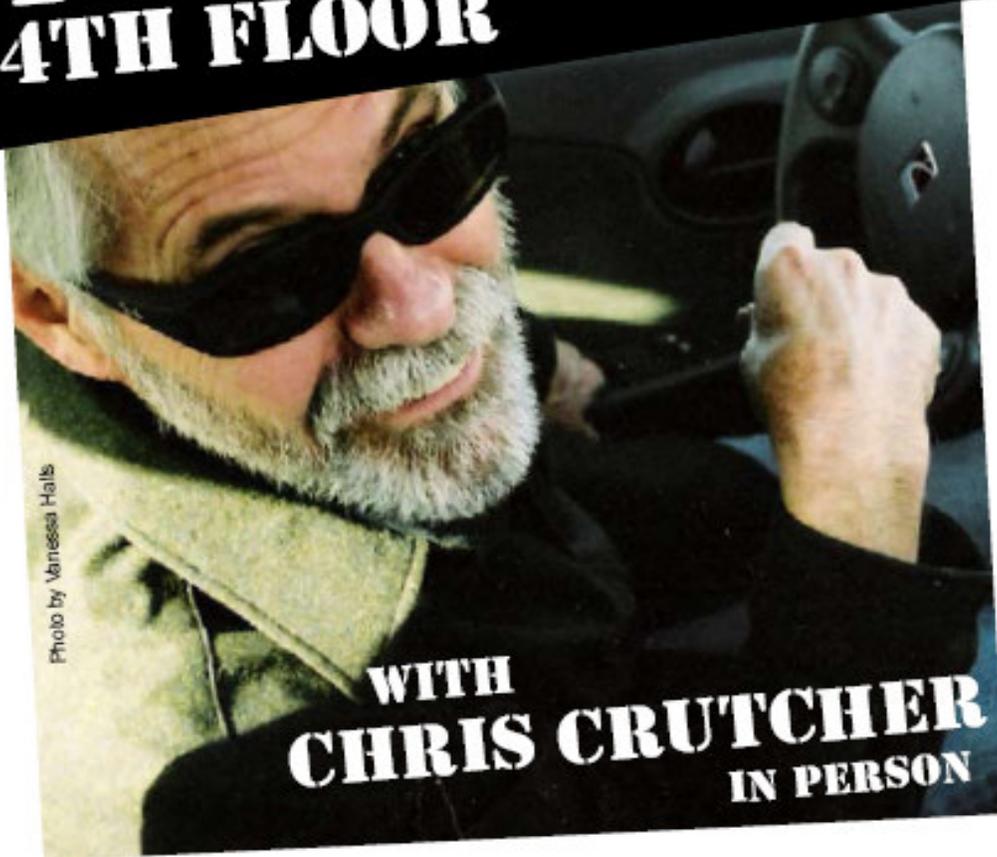


Photo by Vanessa Halls

WITH **CHRIS CRUTCHER**
IN PERSON

6:30 PM
THURSDAY,
APRIL 27, 2006

Omaha Public Library
W. Dale Clark - 4th floor
215 S. 15th St
Call Nancy at 444-4846 for details

The 4th floor,
no longer open to the public, will
be open just for you to meet "The
King of the Mild Frontier,"
author of *Chinese Handcuffs*,
Whale Talk, *Staying Fat for Sarah
Byrnes*, and *Sledding Hill*

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Omaha Public Library Foundation,
The Bookworm,
Sump Memorial Library,
and LaVista Public Library



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Quality of community matters.



Southeast Library System



Invite you to the 2006 Joint Training Institute . . .

June 7th, 2006
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
(9-9:30 registration & coffee)
Waverly Senior High School
13401 Amberly Rd.



- Library Media Websites, with Sandy Blankenship, ESU 6, and Judy Butler, Waverly Schools—Learn ways to set up or enhance your own library website, plus tour other media websites to see what others are doing. Feel free to bring a flash drive, or disk, as you'll have time in the lab to do some work that you can save or e-mail to your home address.
- The Library Media Specialist as Reading Teacher...of Nonfiction, with Karla Wendelin, Lincoln Public Schools—This session will focus on helping students more efficiently utilize nonfiction text in their research by examining different types of nonfiction; discussing access features, organizational structures, and visual information, and teaching students to determine accuracy.
- Library Media Specialist Round Table—Take this opportunity to share ideas, or ask questions of your colleagues, and brainstorm issues and solutions. Bring an idea or activity to share, and/or an issue for the group to address.

One hour independent study is available this summer from UNO for attending NEMA Training Institutes and completing some accompanying activities—contact Dr. Becky Pasco at 402-554-2119 or rpasco@mail.unomaha.edu for information. Participants also earn 5 hours CE from Nebraska Library Commission.

The \$10 Registration Fee includes lunch..

Registration deadline is **Friday, June 2, 2006.** *Make checks payable to Southeast Library System.*

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Southeast Library System Board Meeting**February 17, 2006
York, Nebraska**

Board Members Present: Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Rebecca Bernthal (University of NE – Lincoln, Libraries); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Ken Gunselman (Levitt Library, York College); Stephen Hunt (Plattsmouth Public Library); Lisa Olivigni (Crete Public Library); Kris Rogge (Johnson); Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora)

Also Present: Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); John Dale (NLC Commissioner); Richard Miller (Nebraska Library Commission)

Board Members Absent: Judy Butler (Waverly Senior High School Library); Sandy Elton (Lincoln Correctional Center); Deb Goossen (Lewiston Consolidated Schools Library); Hope Schawang (Lydia Brunn Woods Memorial Library, Falls City)

Agenda

What's New Around the System: President Olivigni called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m., following a tour of the Levitt Library. Board members provided updates on their libraries and other library-related activities. Kris Rogge talked about the Center for Rural Affairs "Women's Project for Rural America". Ken Gunselman talked about York College and the library staff pursuing professional library degrees. John Dale talked about the NLC budget and the request for \$325,000 in funding for an online encyclopedia with statewide access. Tom Schmitz indicated that the regional centers are reorganizing but the library's budget had been restored. On April 13, SELS will be sponsoring a program entitled, "What's Your Mental Health IQ?". Lisa Olivigni talked about a partnership with the county extension agent for a reading literacy grant. Becky Baker indicated the library teen group is going great and they had an "Anti-Valentine Day" recently. Seward's "One Book, One Grade" for 4th graders is reading "Hoot" this year. All students are given their own copy of the book. Karen Frank indicated no progress has been made on the library's structural problems but there are ongoing discussions. Jan Thomsen indicated they have had computer problems and the server crashed. They are also gearing up for the summer reading program partnering with the fair board giving rewards for those involved. Rebecca Bernthal talked about the upcoming Elizabeth I exhibit at the University Libraries and the programs planned in conjunction with the exhibit. Stephen Hunt talked about the Youth Book Club which is grant funded and supported also by local restaurants supplying food. Planning for the summer reading program is also underway with support from the local HyVee and other community businesses giving donations.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes for December 16, 2005 was made by Karen Frank and seconded by Stephen Hunt. Motion carried.

Transaction Report: In Jenni's absence, Brenda reviewed the transaction report dated 12/15/05 through 2/15/06. She noted that the insurance has increased. SELS will get some reimbursement for the expenses with the One Book One Nebraska project. A motion to approve the transactions was made by Becky Baker and seconded by Tom Schmitz. Motion carried.

State Health Benefit Costs & Legislation for Systems: Brenda indicated that if the proposed legislation would pass in the future, the cost increase for systems would be significant and board members need to be aware of this. She shared the current rates for State of Nebraska employee health care costs.

Administrator's Report: Brenda highlighted several of her activities from December 16, 2005 through February 16, 2006 as outlined in her written report. A CASTL meeting was January 12 with planning training and Bibliostat Connect the main program. She attended the Department of Correctional Services Librarians' meeting at the Tecumseh. She participated as an online guest for a course on Public Services in Library & Information Science through Southeast Community College. She attended a

meeting about the Health Information Partnership to discuss partnering with the Lincoln Public Schools Community Learning Centers. Brenda attended the Systems Administrator's Meeting in Omaha which included discussions for pre-conference for 2006 NLA/NEMA, the Leadership Reunion in July, and the Nancy Bolt workshops for in the fall. She attended the quarterly meeting of NLC and the Regional Library Systems. The One Book One Nebraska committee met, the gnome is now roaming the state, a meeting with the author, Alex Kava, is scheduled, and she attended the Governor's Proclamation ceremony. She attended Rivkah Sass's celebration in Omaha for being named Librarian of the Year by "Library Journal". She participated in NLA Legislative Day and helped distribute Library Legislative cards to senators. She also filed e-rate forms for discounts on telecommunications and Internet.

NLC Report: Richard Miller highlighted several items in his written report. NLC and the Nebraska Regional Library Systems had a booth at the League of Municipalities meeting. Richard Miller and Pam Scott plan to present information on library boards and cities working collaboratively at the upcoming Clerk Institute in North Platte. Richard talked about the Talking Book & Braille Service (TBBS) and distributed posters and brochures. TBBS is looking for representatives to fill three vacancies on its Advisory Committee. Richard talked about the new search capability on the NLC website. He also informed the board about the "While You're Up, Get Me a Scholarship" initiative funded by an IMLS grant. Scholarship applications are received quarterly for students working on an MLS degree or an associate or bachelor's degree in library science or school library media. There will be 8 locations for the Gates Rural Library Sustainability Workshops. These workshops are for any Nebraska public library staff in a community of less than 25,000. Fifteen LSTA grant applications were received and are being reviewed. Richard provided information on additional NLC training opportunities, including The LE@D and WebJunction online courses.

Committee Meetings: The board recessed for lunch. Committee meetings convened after the recess and then reported.

CE Committee: The Summer Reading Program workshop is March 9 in Seward. The Training Extravaganza is May 19 at Hamilton College in Lincoln.

CP Committee: Committee members plan to distribute the SELS promotional packets this spring. Stephen Hunt is designing the envelopes. Materials to be included in the envelopes are ready to go.

CNN Committee: Fund raising has gone well – the Baker's Chocolates continue to sell very well and the gel bracelets with the slogan "Libraries Matter" are also selling. Plans for the "Aged to Perfection" event at the James Arthur Vineyard on April 27 continue to move forward. The Friends will sponsor a showing of the "Rode to the Code" at a Lincoln movie theater on May 20. Other ideas for fundraising and promotion of the SELS Friends group are still being finalized.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm



CASTL
Conversations Among Small
Town Librarians

April 20th: Fairmont Public Library

This is the joint meeting of CASTL with library friends and foundation members – so bring some guests, or board members are always welcome and can earn c.e. Bring your favorite fundraising story to share. Additionally, if you have a favorite magazine that your teen customers enjoy – please bring a copy.

This month's book discussion selection is: *Stuck in Neutral* by Terry Trueman. It's another award winning title, a Printz Honor Book, as well as an ALA Best Book for Young Adults and Reluctant Young Adult Readers. It won't take you long to read, so if you're so inclined check out your copy or borrow a copy and join us in the discussion for the CASTL meeting in Fairmont.

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Every society honors its live conformists and its dead troublemakers.

- Mignon McLaughlin

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