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Newsletter of the

## Southeast Library System

May 2012

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### SOWINGS

By Brenda Ealey, Administrator

I had the opportunity to attend the Spring Meeting for Nebraska Library Association Public Library & Trustee Section (PLTS). One segment of the PLTS Spring Meeting gave us the opportunity to hear Pat Wagner share ideas for **quick and easy strategic planning**. Pat Wagner of Pattern Research is not a stranger to Nebraska and has been providing training for librarians for 30+ years. I won't be able to share with the same flair and humor that she possesses but I'll list below just a few of the ideas she provided for consideration:

- A plan is a written contract between staff, the director, the board and the community that gets everyone on the same train and encourages you to set priorities.
- A library can't be everything to everyone, so think of three target audiences the library needs to serve better in the future.
- The director is the point person who is responsible for researching, writing, and executing, with input from the board, staff and community. The board should be involved in the vision; the staff should be involved in the projects and tactics.
- The better future (for the community and users outside the library) guides the choices you make (inside the library): Where are you going, and why? Pick three problems facing your community or institution and consider how solving these problems can become part of your library's new destination. What are three goals that the library could accomplish that would improve the lives of your customers?
- Five Steps to Success: 1) Research: Input before, during & after; 2) Vision: Where are you going, & why; 3) Projects: What will you accomplish; 4) Tactics: How will you do it; 5) Evaluations: Feedback during & after.

Another item on the agenda addressed **weeding library collections**. This is a great topic for anytime of the year but I think is especially relevant with thoughts percolating on spring cleaning and getting ready for summer reading. The panel included presentations from three individuals (Tammy Teasley/Lincoln City Libraries; Becky Baker/Seward Memorial Library; Sara Churchill/Blair Schools) utilizing three different automation systems – Pioneer/Koha; Apollo/Bibliostat, and Destiny/Follett.



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# SELS Training Extravaganza

May 17th at Union College in Lincoln

	Track 1	Track 2	Lab:
8:30 - 9:30	Tour of Union College Library and welcome		
9:30 - 10:30	Public Speaking & Making a Good Impression with Pat Leach, Lincoln City Libraries	eReaders 2012 with Heather St. Clair, Ashland Public Library	Prezi – Cloud based Virtual Canvas for Presentations with Jen Barnason & Brenda Ealey, SELS.
10:45 - 11:45	Making A Booktalk with Vicki Wood, Lincoln City Libraries	Free vs. Go to Meeting Options Online with Scott Childers, Kilgore Memorial Library	Google: What's New with Megan Boggs, Seward Memorial Library
11:45 - 1:00	Lunch in the President's Dining Room		
1:00-2:00	KFOR Book Chats – Favorite 2012 Titles	Head in the Fog About Cloud Computing with Scott Childers, Kilgore Memorial Library	Pinterest with Amy Mather, Omaha Public Library
2:15 - 3:15	Sales Tax & Raffles with Laz Flores, Nebraska Department of Revenue	Customer Service with Julie Pinnell, Doane College	Free Tools for Surveys & Polls with Megan Boggs, Seward Memorial Library

Mark the sessions you'd like to attend:

	1	2	Lab
9:30-10:30			
10:45-11:45			
1:00-2:00			
2:15-3:15			

Enclose \$20 registration fee (includes lunch) for each person attending. Attendees will earn 4 hours of CE.

Registration deadline is **May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## TRACK 1

*Public Speaking & Making a Good Impression* – Pat Leach, Lincoln City Libraries. Pat will share tips on the art of public speaking for expected and unexpected situations. Learn some ways to sharpen your oral presentations and gain confidence in a crowd from someone who's always trying to learn more.

*Making A Booktalk* – Vicki Wood, Lincoln City Libraries. Vicki will demonstrate the how-to part of book talks including: getting to the heart of a book's appeal, pairing books for added interest and the role of personal quirks and passion in talking about books.

*KFOR Book Chats – Favorite 2012 Titles*. Join Lincoln City Libraries book reviewers, Marcy Graybill, Erin Stutzman and Lisa Voss, from the popular KFOR Radio program Book Chat on the Problems & Solutions Show with Cathy Blythe. The program started in April of 2002 with library staff providing information about books and upcoming library programs.

*Sales Tax & Raffles* - Laz Flores, Nebraska Department of Revenue. It's good to have a refresher on what library services require sales tax and the rules governing raffles since they've become such a popular and easy way to do fundraising. You can send specific questions you'd like answered prior to the session, or simply plan to listen and learn.

## TRACK 2

*eReaders 2012* – Heather St. Clair, Ashland Public Library. Heather will guide you in the use of eReaders so that you can assist customers in navigating OverDrive and eBooks. Learn how to successfully interact with Adobe, Amazon and the OverDrive App.

*Free vs. Go to Meeting Options Online* – Scott Childers, Kilgore Memorial Library. All of us have probably experienced or are aware of online options for meetings through subscriptions such as Go ToMeeting web conferencing. Scott will share similar programs available at no cost for virtual meetings.

*Head in the Fog About Cloud Computing* – Scott Childers, Kilgore Memorial Library. Into the cloud is where many computer products seem to be heading. This session will explain what that means, show some examples, and talk about why people are excited about it.

*Customer Service* – Julie Pinnell, Doane College. Come learn and be reminded of great customer service tips from Julie. Customer service is a key to library support and indicates responsiveness to our library patrons and their needs.

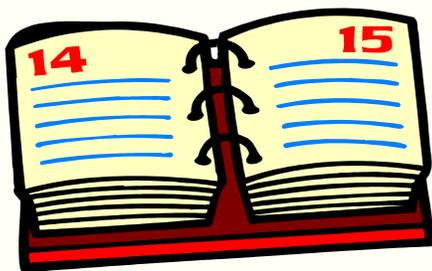
## LAB

*Prezi – Cloud based Virtual Canvas for Presentations* – Jen Barnason & Brenda Ealey, SELS. Jen and Brenda will share information on Prezi, a free alternative to PowerPoint, that is a mix of whiteboards and slides with a zoomable canvas. You will have time in the lab for hands-on practice.

*Google: What's New* – Megan Boggs, Seward Memorial Library. Google is probably used by most of us daily, but keeping up with what's new sometimes is a challenge. Learn what's new on Google and explore with us.

*Pinterest* – Amy Mather, Omaha Public Library. Pinterest is an online pinboard where you can organize and share the things you love. It has social networking features with a mission to connect Pinterest users with things they find interesting. You will have time to try it out and discover why it's become so popular.

*Free Tools for Surveys & Polls* – Megan Boggs, Seward Memorial Library. One way of gaining feedback on library services, customer needs, and future plans is through surveys and polls. Megan will share a few options available online for gathering that information and provide time for you to experiment with using them.



# CALENDAR

May 2012

**May 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>** – Choose Privacy Week – [www.privacyrevolution.org](http://www.privacyrevolution.org)

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** – NLC Commissioners Meeting at the Nebraska Library Commission. Meeting is open to the public and runs from 9:30 to 12:00. For more information contact Sue Biltoft, (402)471-4007 or [sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov](mailto:sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov).

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Friends Dark Shadows private movie showing. See page 7 for details.

**May 14<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>** – Basic Skills – Reference. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp)). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html).

**May 17<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Training Extravaganza at Union College. See page 2-3 for details.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** – C&U/S&I Spring Meeting at Grace University in Omaha

**June 1<sup>st</sup>** – CASTL Meeting in Seward – Golden Sower. See page 8 for details.

**June 4<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>** – Basic Skills – Management and Supervision. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp)). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html).

**June 5<sup>th</sup>** – Introduction to eBooks and eReaders from 9:00 to 4:00 at Beatrice Public Library. To register go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgId=11296>.

**June 6<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Friends Bookfair at Barnes and Noble. See page 17 for details.

**June 14<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Annual Meeting at Prairie Creek Inn

**June 15<sup>th</sup>** – NLA Board Meeting

**June 21<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>** ALA in Anaheim

**July 13<sup>th</sup>** – NLLI Reunion at UNL – stay tuned for details!

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Basic Skills – Intellectual Freedom and the Core Values of Librarianship. You can register online at the Nebraska Commission Training Calendar ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp)) starting May 28<sup>th</sup>. For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules calendar go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBScalendar.aspx>.

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Basic Skills – Library Governance. You can register online at the Nebraska Commission Training Calendar ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp)) starting June 18<sup>th</sup>. For a complete list of the Basic Skills

## Library Director News

**Beatrice Public Library** will be celebrating **Lauren Riedesel's** 35 years with the library on May 19<sup>th</sup>. **Stan Schulz** retired from **Kilgore Memorial Library in York** with his last day of work on April 6<sup>th</sup>. **Scott Childers** took over the library director position at Kilgore leaving his position at UNL Libraries. Scott's first day at Kilgore was April 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Ruth Ann Hlavac** retired after 40 years as director of the **Louisville Public Library**. **Darla McDonald** was hired as the new director and started the first Monday of April. **Beth Ranney-Thomas** resigned her position as the librarian at the **Palmyra Memorial Library**. **Glenda Willnerd** who retired from Lincoln Public Schools District Office last year accepted the position as librarian in Palmyra and started April 1<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations and best wishes to all these dedicated library professionals!

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Their encouragement to weed included the following:

- Take advantage of tools like the CREW Manual – which provide guidelines to help in considering what to weed. You can find CREW online through the Texas State Library at: <https://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ld/pubs/crew/index.html>.
- Outdated or inaccurate content on any library shelf can make all libraries look bad.
- Why Weed? - Poor condition, duplicate copies, dated information (sometimes nothing is better than something dated), space (items need to deliver for a spot on a library's shelf space that is often limited) and lack of use.
- Make sure your weeding policy is up-to-date, and have a procedure in place that covers weeding from start to finish.
- Don't procrastinate and reward yourself for progress.

Follett has a product called – Titlewave – [www.titlewave.com](http://www.titlewave.com) – which anyone can use even if you are not a Follett Library. It's a tool intended to help you view your statistics, analyze and understand the make-up of your library collection.

Possibly for motivation, or to keep a sense of humor on the topic visit [Awfullibrarybooks.net](http://awfullibrarybooks.net). <http://awfullibrarybooks.net>. It's a collection of library holdings that the two librarians managing the site find interesting, amusing, questionable, odd, outdated or perhaps past due for reconsideration. They also invite submissions.

Last up, I was pleased as a member of the committee reviewing the **Public Library Accreditation Guidelines** to offer attendees a glimpse of where we are at with that process. I'll just share a few of the highlights and proposals that will be suggested by the committee to the NLC Commissioners who will approve revisions with plans to have them in place by 2013:

- There will still be levels of accomplishment; however the guidelines will all be in one list rather than three separate lists. Guidelines met will earn an assigned number of points.
- Guidelines will link with library plans with the intended result of allowing communities to focus on unique accomplishments and goals.
- As much as possible, guidelines requiring statistical information will be pre-populated using sources like the annual public library survey.
- Creation of a final document that is flexible and as simple as possible.
- There will be a list of core requirements that a public library will need to meet, prior to seeking accreditation. Many of those basic elements are outlined in state statute and define the principal/foundational? characteristics of a public library.
- Nebraska Public Library Accreditation Guidelines Revision Group included: Joan Birnie, Co-Chair (Broken Bow); Kathy Bretschneider (Battle Creek); Francine Canfield (Ralston); Kendra Caskey (Ogallala); Robin Clark (Papillion); Amy Greenland (Hastings); Pat Leach (Lincoln); Stan Schulz, Co-Chair (York); Brenda Ealey (Southeast Library System); John Felton, Laura Johnson & Richard Miller (Nebraska Library Commission)

Kudos to PLTS for providing a continuing education program and taking it on the road in an effort to serve NLA members and non-members across the state. You can find handouts from PLTS Spring Meeting programs on their website at: <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/PLTS/meetings.html>.



# 38th Annual National Library Legislative Day

Washington, D.C.

More than 350 librarians and library supporters from across the country converged in Washington, D.C. from April 23–24, 2012, to meet with members of Congress to discuss key library issues during the American Library Association's 38th annual National Library Legislative Day. The event focused on supporting federal funding for the national libraries.

This year, the American Library Association included a virtual advocacy component for library supporters who could not attend the Washington meetings—advocates worked remotely to connect with legislators via phone calls, emails and social media platforms. Additionally, the Legislative Day event included the joint announcement on the partnership between public libraries and the Head Start program. The partnership encourages more collaboration between early childhood Head Start programs and

libraries. Below are some of the key issues addressed at this year's event:

## Appropriations

- *Federal Funding for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA):* ALA asks the Congress and the President for level funding of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) at \$184.7 million for FY 2013.
- *Federal Funding for School Libraries:* ALA asks the U.S. President and the U.S. Congress for level funding of the *Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL)* program at \$28.6 million for FY 2013.

## School Library Programs

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Reauthorization:

ALA urges that when Congress reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) that it includes school libraries by incorporating the following provisions:

- Maintain dedicated federal funding for school libraries;
- Include provisions under Title I state and local plans and the *Race to the Top Fund* to establish a state goal of having a school library staffed by a state-licensed school librarian in each public school; and,
- Allow state and local professional development funds to be used for recruiting and training school librarians.

For more information on key issues and to learn more about National Library Legislative Day, go to [www.ala.org/nlld](http://www.ala.org/nlld).



## AMONG TREASURED FRIENDS

### Dark Shadows Private Showing

The private movie showing for *Dark Shadows* will be held on May 12 at the Edgewood Theatre in Lincoln (56<sup>th</sup> and Highway 2, right next to Target). Doors will open at 9:30 and the movie begins at 10:00. Come and enjoy Tim Burton's latest spoof of the fads of the 70's as he brings *Dark Shadows* back to life in this comedic fantasy. For details and a poster that you can distribute to help promote this event, see the page 7 or [http://www.selsfriends.org/dark\\_shadows\\_poster.pdf](http://www.selsfriends.org/dark_shadows_poster.pdf). Though the original Barnabas Collins just passed away April 14, he does have a small cameo appearance in the new movie, and Johnny Depp will undoubtedly keep the

spirit of Barnabas alive, that is, as alive as vampires can be!

### Aged to Perfection

The 2012 Aged to Perfection is tomorrow and it promises to be a great time for all who attend. A full report of the festivities will be coming next month.

### SELS Friends Book Fair

The June book fair at the South Pointe Barnes & Noble store has **changed** dates – it will be held on Wednesday, June 6 to coincide with the kickoff of the national book tour by Tosca Lee and Ted Dekker for their new book, *Mortals*. What a great chance to meet nationally recognized authors at 7:00 p.m. that day AND

to help the SELS by purchasing items (including at the coffee bar) any time that day or online through June 11 using book fair number 10757441. Remember, for EVERY purchase you must tell the clerk it is to benefit the book fair! It costs you absolutely nothing and it helps SELS out a lot!

### SELS Friends Cookbooks

Don't forget – if you sell ten SELS cookbooks, you can receive a FREE lifetime membership in SELS Friends for yourself OR for a person you designate! Let us know at [info@selsfriends.org](mailto:info@selsfriends.org) if you are interested in participating, and we'll get the cookbooks to you as soon as we can. They make perfect Mother's Day gifts!

# Private Movie Showing



**Saturday, May 12**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**(doors open at 9:30)**

**Edgewood Theater**  
**5220 South 56th Street**  
**Lincoln, NE**

*Reserve your seat by May 10 and SAVE!*

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

Price after May 10: \$12.00 for everyone

All admissions will be paid for at the door.  
To reserve a seat in advance, email [info@selsfriends.org](mailto:info@selsfriends.org)  
Visit [www.selsfriends.org](http://www.selsfriends.org) for information about the SELS Friends.

*A Fundraiser for the Southeast Library System Friends*



# Librarians Pick the Best Books...

## Come to Golden Sower Reading Day!

Join the CASTL Meeting on June 1st and vote for your favorite Golden Sower Nominees. This is a perfect time for public and school librarians to see the eighty-odd titles on the Golden Sower Big List for Kindergarten through 3rd grades. Vote for your favorite top-ten, and consider purchasing these titles for your collection. There will also be book talks of books on the Intermediate and Young Adult lists during the afternoon.

**Seward Memorial Library**  
**June 1st, 2012**  
**9:00 a.m.**

You will need to provide your own lunch. Five continuing education hours will be awarded. Please RSVP so we have an accurate count of attendees. Email Jen at [jlarnason@windstream.net](mailto:jlarnason@windstream.net) or call 402.467.6188.

Regular CASTL attendees, please note that the Golden Sower Reading Day begins an hour earlier than our normal meetings!

**Seward Memorial Library is located at:**  
**233 S 5th Street**  
**Seward, NE 68434**  
**(402) 643-3318**



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# News Around the System

## Palmyra Celebrates National Library Week

From Glenda Willnerd, Palmyra Memorial Library

Congratulations to the Wilen family! They were the first to visit the Palmyra Memorial Library during National Library Week. They are pictured here after having received a free dictionary for their family. Another nine dictionaries were given away to families in the Palmyra community courtesy of the Lincoln Southeast Kiwanis.



The Wilen family

## Easter Egg Coloring at Morton-James Public Library

From Lisa Guthals, Morton-James Public Library in Nebraska City

make a small basket or decorate a plastic egg with stickers. The event was only an hour long to accommodate other events and egg hunts in town, but it looks like it was still a big success.



Thirty-two patrons gathered at Morton-James Public Library to dye Easter eggs in April. The library provided dye but patrons had to bring their own eggs. For those who preferred not to dye eggs, another table was set up to



# News Around the System

## YALSA names La Vista Public Library winner of a 2012 YALSA/Dollar General Summer Reading Program Grant

From La Vista, NE

The La Vista Public Library has been named a recipient of one of the Young Adult Library Services Association's (YALSA) 20 Summer Reading Program Grants for the second year in a row! The grants give each winning library \$1,000 to offer inventive summer reading programs to the teens in their community. The grants are funded by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

"The teen program is consistently growing. When I started in the middle of the 2009 SRP there were only 79 participants. After reinventing the whole program in 2010, to include READ Bingo Cards to track reading and offering Book Bucks for participating in various programs, we saw participation jump nearly 600% to 474 total teens. Winning the grant in 2011 made our 'You Are Here' SRP hugely successful as we more than doubled 2010's numbers with a total of 1,071 teens. We look forward to even bigger success this summer," said Lindsey Tomsu, Teen Coordinator.

After being disappointed with the images of the Collaborative Summer Reading Program's "Own the Night" theme, the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) decided to make their own and voted on "A Supernaturally Spooky Summer." "We liked the alliteration of the title and the many programming prospects we could have fun with in a three-month Halloween-inspired SRP," said Haley Christensen, TAB member. Not only will this grant help fund the core summer programs teens have come to love, such as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Water Fight Finale and two 10-hour movie-a-thons, it will also help fund many programs that Tomsu would have had to pass over without the additional funds, such as a ghost hunt from Omaha Paranormal Research, a visit from Project Wildlife, a visit with YA author John Kalkowski, and the many supplies needed to accommodate estimates of 50+ teens for the various spooky crafts planned.

Tomsu also said, "I hope I can provide my teens with a summer that makes the awesomeness of 2010 and 2011 pale in comparison. I hope the activities planned will show more and

more teens that the library is the place to be. All programs are free of charge and are a great way to hang out with friends while doing fun stuff and getting rewarded for it in the end with Book Bucks that allow teens to pick their own prizes. "

The La Vista Public Library will use the grant to fund the 2012 Teen Summer Reading Program, which runs from June 5<sup>th</sup> to August 10<sup>th</sup>. The Teen Kick-Off Party will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Teens can come to the library to pick up calendars, register, hear about the various activities, and play games and have refreshments. Later that night teens can enjoy the final tournament of the TAB-created Pool Noodle Kendo Club at 6 p.m. Teen activities will be held throughout the summer every Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30 and 6:00 p.m. The program is open to all teens that just completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up, which is new this year. "In the past, the teen program has been open to those in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up. After talking with my TAB and the children's librarian, Jodi Linhart, we decided to let those who just finished 5<sup>th</sup> grade join the teen SRP. "We looked at it from a logical point of view," said Keyahna Wood, TAB member. "In August when they start school again as 6<sup>th</sup> graders they are going to be considered teens so why not let them join the program three months early?" Another TAB member, Jodie Tolliver, also said, "We hope that by including the 5<sup>th</sup> graders this summer they will see just how awesome the teen program is, have loads of fun, and stick around for the 2012-2013 school-year programming as well."

Teens can begin registering during the Kick-Off Party and thereafter at the library's front desk. Contact Lindsey Tomsu at 402-537-3900 in regards to any questions about the program.

### About the Dollar General Literacy Foundation

Since its founding, Dollar General has been committed to supporting literacy and education. The company founded the Dollar General Literacy Foundation in 1993 to improve the functional literacy of adults, families and youth by providing grants to nonprofit organizations dedicated to the advancement of literacy.



# News Around the System

## Outdoor Reading at Plymouth Library

From Jenny Washburn, Plymouth Library

Exciting happenings for Plymouth Library began with the idea: "I wish we had a place outdoors for patrons to come and read!" The library board loved the idea and for the past six months we have been making a dream into a reality. A Gazebo that is 12' x 16', with a tin roof to match the library's and a location where patrons will be able to use it during library hours or come through at all times of day or night. With the help of community businesses, friends of the library, a Trivent Financial grant and a few fundraisers, we have raised ample funds. With the help of the local school and Tri-County's 2012 industrial tech students our structure is built. With the help of a local carpenter we are going to add benches and picnic tables. We want everyone to know and help us celebrate! So, on June

4th, Plymouth Library is having an Open House/ Summer Reading Kickoff celebration which will include a 'red ribbon' cutting ceremony. We would love to have you join in on all the fun!



## Seward Memorial Library Celebrates National Library Week

From Megan Boggs, Seward Memorial Library



The staff at Seward Memorial Library celebrated 2012's National Library Week in many ways. Celebrations included the recognition of the annual Friends of

Seward Library bookmark contest winners, a Fancy Nancy and Bob the Builder Story Time Party for preschoolers with Fancy Nancy (Hilary Sire) visiting the event, and thanks to a chair loan from Davisson Furniture Center, staff took turns curling up with a book during Friday's Read-In. York College Traveling Children's Theatre entertained the children with their performance of "The Wizard of Oz" on Saturday

Fancy Nancy and Bob the Builder Storytime



afternoon. Staff hosted a unique literary event on Sunday as the public played Book Review BINGO. The celebration concluded on Monday with "An Evening of Poetry" featuring two Nebraska poets who read from their recently published books. It was a fabulous (as Fancy Nancy would say) week!

Bookmark Contest Winners



# News Around the System

## Fairmont Public Library Front Porch Award Celebration

From Fairmont Public Library



Fairmont Public Library has had a very busy month. On April 14<sup>th</sup>, we were awarded the SELS Front Porch Award for ingenuity in creating an atmosphere that welcomes library customers to the library. We combined celebration of that with our open House for the

BTOP Computers. The event went super and the storms held out until later in the afternoon. We had 30 individuals sign the guest book including representatives from Nebraska Library Commission and Southeast Library System. It was a great way to conclude National Library Week.



No celebration is complete without cake!

## Syracuse Public Library Grand Opening

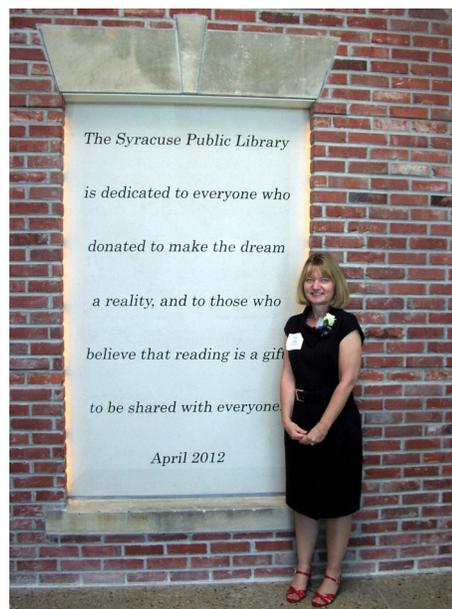
From Syracuse Public Library



An enthusiastic crowd waits for the doors to open.

Syracuse celebrated the grand opening of their new library on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Almost 700 people were on hand to tour the new \$1.5 million building – that’s been nearly 15 years in the making. The

to downtown, and features a reading room with a fireplace, a computer area and a meeting room that seats 75. Groundbreaking of the new building took place in June 2011 and 10 months later, the foundation is ready to turn over ownership to the city. (Source: *Lincoln Journal Star*, 4-16-12)



Library Director, Sue Antes

Library Foundation was established in 1997 to raise money for the project with fundraising slow until Otto Wellensiek, a local attorney and banker, donated \$1 million before his death in 2009. The 8,000 square-foot library sits at the east entrance

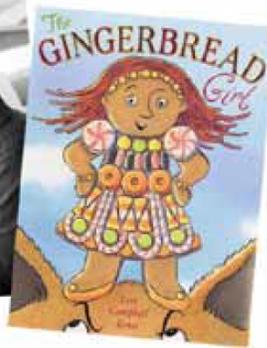


# RUN, RUN TO READING ALOUD!

Wednesday, October 17 – La Vista, Nebraska Conference Center

Featuring children's book authors

Jim Aylesworth & Lisa Campbell Ernst



And Nebraska children's book authors

Julia Cook

Ted Kooser

Preston McDaniels

& James Solheim

## AGENDA

**9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

Registration, Coffee and Book Sales

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

One Book, One School

**11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

*The Teacher Who Became An Author*  
Jim Aylesworth

**12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.**

Lunch on your own

**1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.**

Nebraska Children's Book Author Panel  
with Julia Cook, Ted Kooser,  
Preston McDaniels and James Solheim

**3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

*Gifts of the Universe:  
Inspiration, Hard Work, and Grace*  
Lisa Campbell Ernst

**4:00 p.m.**

Book Signing

## REGISTRATION

\$40 if received by July 1

\$45 if received between July 1 and Sept. 20

\$50 after Sept. 20

(15% discount for MPLA members)

You can register online at  
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For more program details or to reserve books  
by the authors please visit  
[www.readaloudnebraska.org](http://www.readaloudnebraska.org)

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Email [info@readaloudnebraska.org](mailto:info@readaloudnebraska.org)  
if you have any questions

Apple Valley Reading Council  
Summer Reading Grant Application

Apple Valley Reading Council will again be awarding \$100 grants to persons, schools, or organizations promoting reading literacy during the summer months. The number of grants awarded will be determined by the funds available. If we are not able to fund all applicants the committee will award the grants based on numbers of people impacted by the program as well as how the \$100 will actually be spent. Please fill out the following form to apply for this grant.

Your Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Project Director (Person who will handle the details of the program)  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Summer Reading Program \_\_\_\_\_

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Please attach a summary explaining your summer program and the audience you intend to reach and approximate number of people participating. Include how the \$100 will be spent. If materials are being purchased we do not need the exact information but a description and estimation of their cost. We would also like to know how you intend to advertise your program.

Dates of the program \_\_\_\_\_  
Times of program \_\_\_\_\_  
Location of program \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to notify Apple Valley Reading Council immediately if the summer program is cancelled. **I will also submit a final report within 2 weeks of the completion of the program.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Project Director's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Return this form by May 15th**

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Falls City, NE 68355  
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# Awards & Grants



## Meritorious Service Award and Mari Sandoz Award

The NLA Scholarship and Awards Committee invites nominations for the 2012 Meritorious Service Award and the Mari Sandoz Award. 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. It may be given to an individual or a group.

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, e-mail address, accomplishments, and any relevant supporting documentation. The letter should include the name, title, address, telephone number, and e-mail address 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. More information and lists of previous recipients may be found on the NLA web page.
4. Nominations not selected are carried over to the following year, and additional letters of support are welcome for those nominations.
5. Nominations and letters of support must be received by May 31, 2012.
6. Nominations may be submitted by e-mail to [ce.dow@lincolnlibraries.org](mailto:ce.dow@lincolnlibraries.org) or

mailed to Carolyn Dow, Lincoln City Libraries, 136 S. 14 St., Lincoln, NE 68508.

## PLTS Advocacy Award

The Public Library and Trustee Section of the Nebraska Library Association is accepting nominations for the PLTS Advocacy Award. This award recognizes a trustee, user, friend, foundation, or library board that has provided exceptional support for their local library. Areas that warrant nomination include, but are not limited to:

- Advocacy in supporting the library in the community or state
- Significant contribution to a specific program or support of the library
- Contribution to the work of the Nebraska Library Association

It is preferred that the nominee(s) are residents of Nebraska. The original letter of nomination should include the nominee's name, street address, email address, telephone number, the nominee's accomplishments, and any relevant supporting documentation. The letter should also include the name, title, street address, email address, and telephone number of the person or group making the nomination. Also required are at least three additional letters which support and endorse the nomination. The award is presented at the PLTS business meeting at the NLA annual convention. Deadline for nominations is August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please send nominations and accompanying materials to the PLTS Awards Committee at:

PLTS Awards Committee  
Attn: Mike Caldararo  
308 West Prospect Avenue  
Norfolk, NE 68701

## Excalibur Award for Outstanding Public Librarian

The Public Library and Trustee Section of the Nebraska Library Association is accepting nominations for the Excalibur Award for Outstanding Public Librarian. This award honors the career accomplishments of a public librarian who has demonstrated an outstanding record of service to his/her local library and to the library profession. The following categories suggest areas in which the nominee may have rendered significant service. Preference will be given to those nominees who have achieved excellence in more than one of these areas:

- Development of outstanding service in field(s) of expertise. For example: reference, children's, technical services, administrative, etc.
- Involvement in statewide library service.
- Record of library leadership in local community, regional area or in the Nebraska Library Association.
- Encouragement of community/institutional support for the library.

The nominee must be a member of the Public Library and Trustee Section of the Nebraska Library Association. The original letter of nomination should include the nominee's name, street address, email address, telephone number, the nominees' accomplishments, and any relevant supporting documentation. The letter should also include the name, title street address, email address and telephone number of the person or group making the nomination. Also

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## MPLA Beginning Professional Award

Do you have a colleague who has made a positive impact on the quality and role of library service? If you know someone that has made significant contributions, please nominate him/her for the MPLA Beginning Professional Award!

To qualify, the nominated librarian/media specialist must have received their library/media masters degree within the last five years and be a member of MPLA. You do not have to be a member to nominate someone for this award.

The MPLA Beginning Professional Award will be given at the 2012 MPLA Joint Conference with the Nebraska Library Association in LaVista, Nebraska, 17-19 October 2012.

Submit nominations at:

<http://mpla.us/forms/awardsnom.html>

For more information, contact Michael Straatmann, Executive Director, Nebraska Library Association.

## Mad Hatter Award

The Mad Hatter Committee is once again seeking nominations for the Mad Hatter Award, presented each fall at the NEMA/NLA Conference, to a children's librarian in the state of Nebraska who has made an outstanding contribution to children and librarianship. The nominee must be a member of the SCYP section of NLA and exhibit the following qualities:

- Imaginative interpretation of library services
- Development of innovative and creative programming for children and young adults
- Demonstration of professional contributions to regional, state, and national library organizations, publications, and/or presentations

For a copy of the nomination form, email Judy Henning at [judy.henning@kearneypublic.org](mailto:judy.henning@kearneypublic.org).

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## Libri Foundation Books for Children Grants

The Libri Foundation is currently accepting applications for its 2012 Books for Children grants.

The Libri Foundation is a nation-wide nonprofit organization that donates new, quality hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries throughout the United States. (Public libraries that received a Books for Children grant in 2009 or earlier are eligible to apply again.)

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 application deadline is May 15.** Grants will be awarded May 31. Application guidelines and forms may be downloaded from the Foundation's website at [www.librifoundation.org](http://www.librifoundation.org).

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## Free Audiobook Downloads

SYNC Summer 2012 provides two free audiobook downloads each week this summer from June 14<sup>th</sup> – August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012. It provides teens and other readers of Young Adult Literature with the opportunity to listen to bestselling titles and required reading classics during the summer by pairing a contemporary title with a classic piece of literature. For example – *The Eleventh Plague* (Hirsch) is paired with *The Grapes of Wrath* (Steinbeck) June 14<sup>th</sup> – June 20<sup>th</sup>. You can find a schedule of titles and more information at: <http://www.audiobooksync.com/free-sync-downloads/schedule-of-free-downloads/>.

SAVE  
THE DATE

SELS Friends  
**Barnes & Noble  
Bookfair**



**Wednesday, June 6, 2012  
2910 Pine Lake Road  
SouthPointe Pavilions  
Lincoln, NE**

At 7:00 p.m. on June 6, best-selling authors

**Tosca Lee and Ted Dekker**

will kick off their national book tour for

***Mortal***

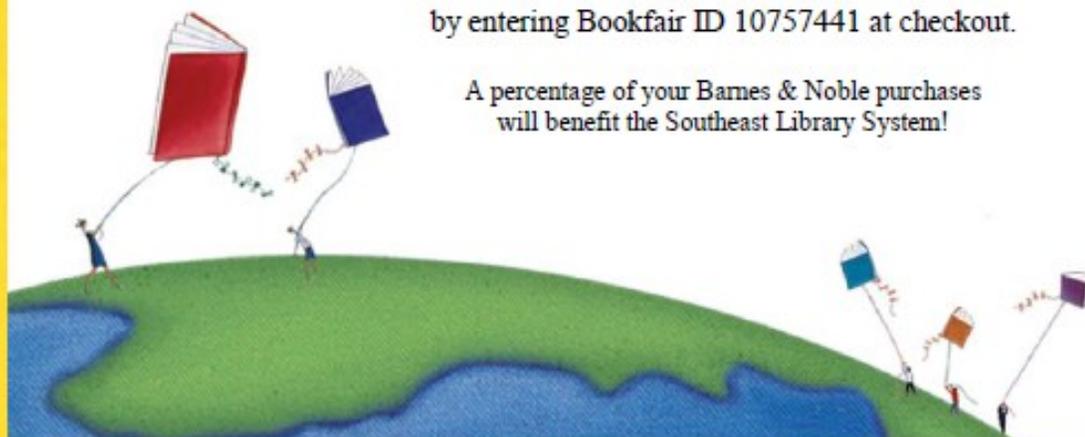
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SELS Board of Directors Meeting  
February 17, 2012  
Pawnee City Public Library  
10:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Ruth Carlock (York College – Levitt Library); Scott Childers (UNL Libraries); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Barbara Hegr (Morton-James Public Library – Nebraska City); Kent Munster (Clark Enersen Partners); Hilary Sire (Barnes & Noble); Glenda Willnerd (Lincoln Public Schools District Office – retired).

**Also Present:** Jen Barnason (SELS Administrative Assistant); Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Laura Johnson (Nebraska Library Commission); Lola Seitz (Pawnee City Library Director); Dorothy Willis (Pawnee City Library volunteer & President Library Foundation); Mary (MLS Student with internship at Morton-James)

**Board Members Absent:** Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library); Carol Oltman (Beatrice High School); Robin Sugden (Freeman Public Schools); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library – Aurora); Carolyn Bennett (Beatrice Public Library)

**News around the system:** Members shared what is happening in their worlds.

Highlights include: video of plans for lower level development at Seward Memorial Library; Beatrice Public Library in the midst of conversion to Koha with Pioneer Project; Clark Enersen is working with Crete Public Library on feasibility study for new library; York College is considering Koha for automation system; UNL is doing an internal search for two department chairs; Morton-James is providing 1:1 assistance for customers in using OverDrive and has rewritten Code of Conduct policy; Book clubs at Pawnee City Public Library are averaging 10-12 people; Greenwood is automating with Apollo (Biblionix).

#### **Consent Agenda**

##### **December 16 2011 Minutes**

Barbara asked for any correction to minutes? None

##### **Financial Report**

Jen mentioned some corrections in expense categorization, and offered explanations of some other items.

Barbara asked for any corrections to financial report? None

Ruth Carlock moved to pass consent items. Glenda Willnerd seconded. Motion passed.

#### **SELS plan 2011-2012**

- **Administrator's Report**

Highlights from the Administrator's report include:

- **Training & Consulting**

- Jan 13 CASTL meeting had a good discussion on a statute about notarizing annual reports. Adam Prochaska was asked for advice, and suggested taking notarization seriously and maybe look at revising the statute. Apparently no one knew about it before. Discussion took place about finding a way to get the statute revised, like partnering with NLA to suggest a bill.
- Jan 16th - had meeting with Pawnee City board and mayor and city council member in the same room to talk about the rules, laws and responsibilities of the library board.

- Met with a couple of new directors to talk about all the reports that they need to submit. This is a tricky time to come on as a new director as deadlines are close by for these things.
  - Picture this workshop Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Feb 9 - CASTL meeting in Auburn about NebrasKard. Maybe System should be more involved in promoting it.
  - Various consultation topics: consolidation of library director/city clerk position, accreditation requirements and revisions in the works, and e-rate. Brenda also mentioned she brings in others for consultations on things like legal issues and technology to credit a network of support.
- Break for lunch at 11:16 AM
- Resumed 1:18 PM
  - Promotion/Advocacy
    - Involved with ALA Councilors meetings and activities.
    - Jan 26 - Ignite Lincoln - Brenda presented on intellectual freedom and Julie Beno talked about the secret lives of librarians.
    - Jan 31 – attended NLC deficiency request hearing at the Capitol.
    - Push for attendance at NLA Advocacy day on February 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - Management of SELS Resources
    - Ordered some business cards from Moo.com.
    - Looking forward to new carpet to be installed.
    - Will have an open house sometime when painting, carpeting, sorting & tossing are all done.
    - Coordinating a group to participate in the Big Talk for Small Libraries February 28<sup>th</sup>
    - Got a list from John Felton on library directors who didn't submit public library survey from SELS area. Consider targeting these libraries to communicate with and touch base.
  - Committee Reports tabled until after committee meetings
- **SELS Friends' Report**
  - Awarded one scholarship
  - Scholarships available again in July
  - Hunger Games will be the next private movie showing
  - April 26 - Aged to Perfection. Asking for help in creating baskets for event.
  - Written report submitted.
- **Computer/Laptop**
  - Waiting to hear from Rod to see if there is equipment money. Laptop is failing, using iPad for presentations and is working well. Got a new PC for administrator.

### Nebraska Library Commission Report

- 21st Century stipends are coming up.
- Nebraska Learns 2.0's website has moved to the NLC website proper.
- Julie Pinnell has left NLC to be Director at Doane College library.
- Public Library Surveys are coming due.
- NCompass Live is still going on weekly with good CE opportunities.
- Basic Skills schedule is available.

- *I Am A Man* One book one Nebraska information is online.
- Nebraska Book festival from Center for the Book is coming up.
- Big Talk for Small Libraries is something new, hoping it flies. 400 enrolled. 8 speakers going on all day. It will be archived. Ebooks are a subject and one of the speakers was recognized in Library Journal.
- E-rate enrollment is now.
- Have a couple of trials going on now. Encourage people to give them a try, even if it is just to see what is out there. HW Wilson databases are now on Ebsco platform.
- Academic Freedom video contest.
- Panhandle position is being advertised.

Committee Meetings (at 2:09 pm)

Reconvened at 2:40pm

### Committee Reports

- CE committee
  - May 17 at Union College is Training Extravaganza. Slots are set, confirmed some presenters working on others.
  - Suggested dinosaur museum for SELS annual meeting.
  - Thinking about SELS cooperating with another group (Read Aloud Nebraska) for author (picture book) type of pre-session at NLA/NEMA/MPLA conference
- Marketing/Promotion Committee
  - Not giving up on the Front Porch award. Urging board members to send in nominations. SELS will notify people they won ahead of time to allow for preparation and marketing.

\* March 9 - Commissioners meeting, board members encouraged to attend.

\* Wednesday is quarterly meeting. The board asked Brenda to ask about a couple of issues, i.e. Panhandle coordinator position, grants.

Adjourned 3:09 pm

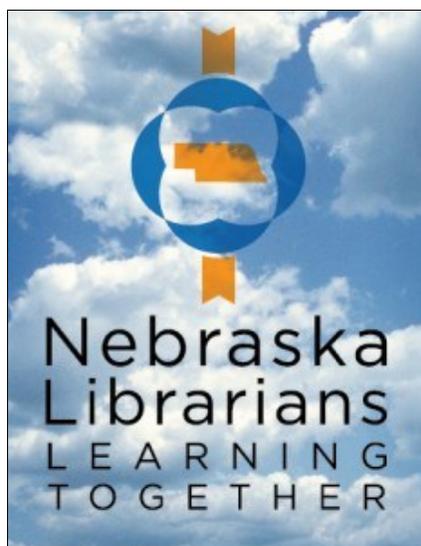
# 21st Century Librarian Scholarships

The Nebraska Library Commission announces the fifth cycle of its 21st Century Librarian Scholarship program (<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/NowHiring/Scholarships.asp>). Legal residents of the state of Nebraska are eligible to apply. In this fifth cycle, online applications are due June 1, 2012; transcripts (as required) are due May 22, 2012; and letters of recommendation, if mailed, are due May 22, 2012. The amount of the scholarship award varies by the degree or certificate the applicant is pursuing and the applicant's course plan.

Scholarships may be used for tuition (for coursework contributing toward a certificate or degree), course-required materials, and school-assessed fees at the following levels:

- Library and Information Science (LIS) Professional Certificate
- Associate of Arts or Science Degree in Library and Information Science (LIS)
- Bachelor of Arts or Science Degree with a major in Library and Information Science or Library Media
- Master of Arts or Science Degree in Library and Information Science (MLS/MLIS)
- Master of Arts or Science degree in Education (MEd) with a School Library Media endorsement
- Graduate-level School Library Media Endorsement

Scholarship recipients will be eligible to apply for stipends for such things as laptop computers, professional association dues, and regional or national conference attendance.



This dynamic program includes enhanced learning opportunities such as this summer's 21st Century Skills Seminar, webinars, face-to-face training, and online social networking, such as the Nebraska Librarians Learning Together Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/NebraskaLibrarians>.

To date, fifty-four scholarships have been awarded to fifty-one students. Current scholarship recipients are participating and reporting on trainings that range from a hands-on introduction to eBooks and eReaders to live and recorded webinars about the latest Internet tools. Participants are networking with Nebraska librarians on the **Nebraska Librarians Learning Together** Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/NebraskaLibrarians>. And, through the associated stipends program, students have purchased laptop computers to use with their online classes, joined professional library associations, and attended regional and national conferences such as the 2012 Public Library Association conference in Philadelphia and the

2011 American Association of School Librarians conference in Minneapolis.

The scholarships, stipends, and value-added training are offered through the [Nebraska Library Commission's](#) Cultivating Rural Librarians' 21st Century Skills program, which is funded through a grant from the **Institute of Museum and Library Services** (IMLS) [Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program](#). For more information, contact Kathryn Brockmeier, Grant Program Manager, by [e-mail](#), or by phone 402-471-4002 or 800-307-2665.



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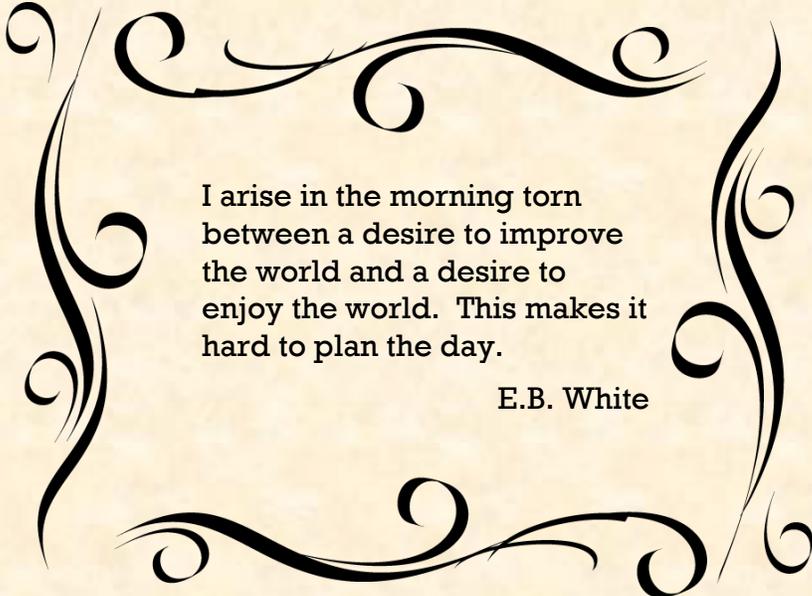
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I arise in the morning torn  
between a desire to improve  
the world and a desire to  
enjoy the world. This makes it  
hard to plan the day.

E.B. White

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](http://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.