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SOWINGS

Before you settle in for your light summer reading . . .

I had the opportunity to attend Law for Librarians, as a representative of Nebraska Library Association, April 4-6 in Chicago. There were representatives from all 50 states, and we were immersed in legal issues such as: the First Amendment, religious issues, Internet, CIPA, USA Patriot Act, sexual harassment, labeling, meeting rooms, exhibit spaces and literature distribution, challenges to library resources, privacy & confidentiality, youth access, advocacy and media relations. Needless to say, I've got information that would fill several pages on all those topics! Here are a few highlights:

1. **Policy is key.** It's the foundation you stand on regarding library services. It should be enforced consistently and be viewpoint neutral. When you write a policy you write in a means of appeal and apply it equally. Ideally, policy should be introduced in one board meeting and then adopted at the next, reinforcing an open practice and opportunity for comment. Ask, "What about intellectual freedom?" with every library policy.
2. **Library actions and decisions made in order to avoid controversy often get you into trouble,** particularly when you're talking about a public forum or space: bulletin boards, meeting rooms, exhibits, or literature distribution. Once you've opened up to the public you can't discriminate based on the content of their speech.
3. **In the library hiring process, policy should be shared and situational questions asked to gauge understanding.** This is also a good practice with library boards and

administration. Review your library mission, the Bill of Rights (State and US), the Freedom to Read Statement, and an overall philosophy of your collection development based on mission and community served. From the beginning, it's important employees understand access issues and First Amendment rights.

4. **Libraries are about access in every way; reading, listening and viewing are individual private matters.** While anyone is free to select or reject materials for themselves or their own minor children, the freedom of others to read or inquire will not be restricted. Library materials are not restricted, sequestered, altered or labeled by the library because of controversy about the author or the subject matter.
5. **Don't use forms as a substitution for conversations with your library customers.** Make sure to follow procedures even if customer complaints seem frivolous.
6. The 1st & 4th Amendments speak to the right to privacy: **right to read and receive ideas without government intrusion and right to be secure against unreasonable searches and seizures by the government.** Additionally, all 50 states and the District of Columbia protect the privacy of library records through statutes, or in 2 states through Attorney Generals' opinions. Library records should not be released without legal documents, such as a subpoena or search warrant. Evidence unlawfully seized can not be used in an investigation.
7. **Young people have First Amendment rights.** Required parental permission forms create a stigma and are a barrier to access.

NONFICTION

Here's a great list of titles from Vicki Wood (Lincoln City Libraries) of Notable Youth Non-Fiction that she shared at the SELS Training Extravaganza:

- *10,000 Days of Thunder: A History of the Vietnam War* by Philip Caputo, Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2005
- *The Race to Save the Lord God Bird* by Phillip Hoose, Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 2004
- *Our Eleanor: A Scrapbook Look at Eleanor Roosevelt's Remarkable Life* by Candace Fleming, Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2005
- *John Lennon: All I Want Is the Truth: A Photographic Biography* by Elizabeth Partridge, Viking, 2005
- *John's Secret Dreams* by Doreen Rappaport, illus. by Brian Collier, Hyperion Books for Children, 2004
- *The Journey That Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margret and H.A. Rey* by Louise Borden, illus. by Allan Drummond, Houghton Mifflin Company, 2005
- *Hitler Youth: Growing Up in Hitler's Shadow* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti, Scholastic, Inc 2005
- *Mighty Jackie: The Strike-Out Queen* by Marissa Moss illus. by C.F. Payne, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2004
- *Let Me Play: The Story of Title IV: The Law That Changed the Future of Girls in America* by Karen Blumenthal, Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2005
- *Elephants Can Paint Too!* By Katya Arnold, Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2005
- *Rosa* by Nikki Giovanni, illus. by Bryan Collier, Henry Holt and Company, 2005

Young Adult

The Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, Inc. (SFWA) annually present the Nebula Awards, and have now established a new young adult book award for science fiction or fantasy, named in honor of Andre Norton. The first recipient and winner of the 2006 Andre Norton Award is Holly Black for *Valiant: A Modern Tale of Faerie*. Visit the SFWA website at: <http://sfwa.org/>

YALSA announces Teen Tech Week

Logo contest to kick off the new initiative

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), the fastest growing division of the American Library Association (ALA), is pleased to announce Teen Tech Week, a new YALSA celebration aimed at getting teens to use their libraries for the different technologies that are offered there, such as DVDs, databases, audiobooks, video games and more. Teen Tech Week will be celebrated for the first time in March 2007.

To kick off Teen Tech Week, YALSA members are encouraged to have their teens submit a logo for the Teen Tech Week logo contest. "Teens today have grown up with technology and are adept at using it on a daily basis," said YALSA President Pam Spencer Holley. "This makes teens the best group to design a logo for YALSA's newest initiative. I'm looking forward to seeing their entries!"

The winning logo will be used by YALSA in all marketing and promotional materials related to Teen Tech Week. The logo must be original artwork, include the words Teen Tech Week, and incorporate a technology theme. Five finalists and one winner will be selected. The logos selected as finalists will appear on YALSA's website, www.ala.org/yalsa. The winner(s) will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Borders and will be interviewed for a YALSA article and press release. The librarian who turns in the winning logo on behalf of his/her teen(s) will receive \$100 worth of books. Full contest details, including the official entry form, can be found online at www.ala.org/teentechweek.

Dewey Decimal Classification

Does this book on houseplants go in gardening (635.9), botany (581.6), or interior decorating (747)? If you have a nodding acquaintance with Abridged Dewey Decimal Classification and Relative Index but would like to feel more comfortable with using this important tool, join us for a series of three one-and-a-half-hour Web sessions. All you need is a computer with Internet access and a telephone.

Sessions will include discussion on assigning classification numbers when a topic might fall under more than one discipline, choosing the right number based on Notes and Manual entries, building numbers using the tables, and a look at OCLC's Abridged WebDewey.

Prerequisite: Basic Skills "Organization of Library Materials" or some library experience.

CE Credits: 4.5 hours for the series of three sessions

Instructor: Devra Dragos, Cataloging Librarian, Nebraska Library Commission

Fees: There is no cost to attend this online session, but registration is required.

Time: 10:00-11:30 am (Central Time)

Three Sessions:

July 26

August 2

August 9

Class Size Limit: 20 participants

To register: Go to <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/dewey.html>

Registration Deadline: July 19

The Golden Sower Award Committee is pleased to announce the 2006 winners!

K-3:

Substitute Teacher Plans by Doug Johnson, illustrated by Tammy Smith

Honor:

Diary of a Worm

Souperchicken

4-6:

Escaping the Giant Wave by Peg Kehret

Honor:

The City of Ember

Runt

YA:

High Heat by Carl Deuker

Honor:

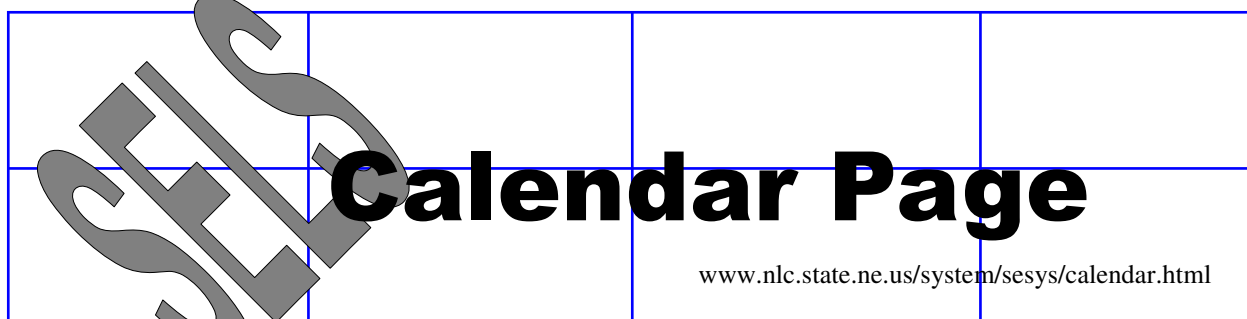
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Hawksong

East

(Due to a tie in the voting, there are 3 honor books instead of 2 in the YA division. The tie was NOT for 1st place.)

At this point it looks like all the winners will be attending the NLA/NEMA conference in Omaha on October 27, 2006, to receive their awards!



June

- ☀ **June 16th: CASTL Meeting** at Tecumseh Public Library. Round table discussion plus review of K-3 Golden Sower nominees. See page 12 for details.
- June 17th: Bess Streeter Aldrich House Cookout and Concert** on the lawn in Elmwood. A brass band plays old favorites while guests enjoy the Sloppy Joe supper and ice cream sandwiches. For more information on the event call: (402)994-3855.
- June 27th – 23rd: Nebraska Summer Writers’ Conference.** Courses include Novel, Short Story, Poetry, Memoir, and Creative Nonfiction. For more information visit: www.unl.edu/nsw/.
- ☀ **June 20th: SELS Annual Meeting.** Tour of the zoo and gardens starts the day, with the business meeting beginning at 1:00.

July

- July 10th: Leadership Reunion** at Seward Memorial Library.
- ☀ **July 13th: Joint CASTL Meeting with Trustees** in Lincoln. Nancy Busch, Associate Dean & Professor of Libraries at UNL we’ll lead the morning with training and information on personnel evaluations. This is a great topic for library directors and library board – so hope you’ll be able to join us. Following lunch we’ll have the round robin discussion.
- July 25th: Database Roadshow** at Auburn, or **August 17th** at Elkhorn Metro Community College, or **August 25th** at Nebraska Library Commission. For information go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp and use keyword: database roadshow
- ☀ **July 27th: Personnel Best** with Pat Wagner – see page 9 for more information and to register.
- July 29th: Norfolk Literature Festival**, see page 11. If you’d like to carpool, contact the system office.

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PROGRAM IDEAS:

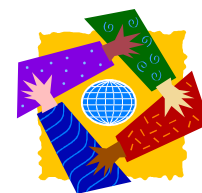
- ◆ Jackson, WY has live musical lunches. Each Friday from 12-1, a different regional music group performs on the library lawn, while the locals bring their picnics, blankets, and books. Love library lunches!
- ◆ In May, the Ogallala High School Spanish students came to Goodall Library for preschool story time to read bilingual stories to the children.
- ◆ Greg Vest, graphic artist, writer, and teacher, was an editor for Dark Horse Comics, which would make him especially interesting for teens. Plus he lives in southeast Nebraska. Find out more at www.bigmoodybooks.com

Thanks to Panhandle Library System for these ideas!

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June 20, 2006 at 2:00p.m., Mary Ann Bede will be portraying "Mary Todd Lincoln" at the Syracuse Senior Center. This event is a fundraiser for the new **Syracuse Public Library**. There is a free will offering and refreshments served. Sponsored by Syracuse Community Program.

Submitted by Sue Antes, Director, Syracuse Public Library



The **Lincoln Correctional Center Library** received a grant from the American Library Association's (ALA) Great Stories Club. The Great Stories Club is a reading and discussion grant program organized by the ALA Public Programs Office and Young Adult Library Services Association. It is funded by the Oprah's Angel Network Book Club Award to provide at-risk young adults with the opportunity to discuss books relevant to the challenges in their lives. The discussion books are *Born Blue*, *First Part Last*, and *Stuck In Neutral*. We are excited and will probably start in August or September with the programming. The ALA has set up a nation-wide site that will allow participating librarians to chat on-line. It was cool to hear from Alaska and different parts of the States!

Also, the Correctional Library will go on-line with West Law, an online legal research service for legal and law related materials and services!

Submitted by Sandy Elton, Lincoln Correctional Center



The **Weeping Water Public Library** had a dedication on May 27 of their new microfilm reader/scanner equipment that was purchased using local funds and a \$6,848 LSTA grant. Jan had a beautiful cake, punch, etc. for the dedication which took place the same day as Alumni Day in Weeping Water, the

day all old alums of the local school come back to celebrate. Cat Cover, assistant librarian there, showed me the numerous features of the system which allows the reading, scanning, pasting and manipulating of specific articles from the newspaper using computer software. The one example that really impressed me was how it can read microfilm even when it is wound incorrectly on the spool -- by reversing the image on the screen -- instead of having to rewind the film on the roll. While I was there one of the board members asked Cat if she could find articles from the time the local rescue squad was formed; she did that, finding a photo of the board member dressed up in a western outfit, along with about a dozen other people, at an annual celebration they used to hold. Apparently staged gunfights in town were part of that effort.

Submitted by Richard Miller, Nebraska Library Commission

NEBRASKA
FOR
CHILDREN

NEWS FROM THE STATION



The first Mario Kart Tournament went off without a hitch at **Lincoln City Library-Eiseley Branch** on April 8th. Twenty five racers turned up at 10:30 a.m. to register and then evaluate the competition. The racers saw two giant projection screens linked via a hub to allow eight contestants to compete simultaneously on Nintendo GameCubes. The lights were dimmed and the first heat’s racers were named. With the volume up and hands poised to hit the accelerator button on their controllers, the first race of the qualifying round was started. In between rounds door prizes were given out to lucky contestants. What appeared to be spontaneous cheering and chanting began as the favorites became clear. After four qualifying rounds the elimination bracket was set and the real racing began. Defying explanation, those who were not even parts of the tournament round stayed to cheer and watch each race as it unfolded. The top three finishers were decided in the final moments of the final lap of the final race. A precise toss of a turtle shell on the home stretch gave the challenger in second place just enough time to squeak in for a first place finish. Each of the top three finishers was given a gift card to Best Buy depending on their placement.

We observed the kids really having a good time and socializing with their fellow racers. Some of the kids even had family members there cheering them on while they raced. The library was able to showcase their holdings with special displays set up inside the gaming area and at least seven kids were able to sign up for a library card (the others all had cards). Gere library will be the next stop for the Mario Kart Tournament later this month.

Submitted by Sean Story, Eiseley, LCL

I’m back at work and am enjoying getting caught back up with System going-ons. Please let me know if I’ve dropped the ball on anything in the time I’ve been gone!

Levi is now a hefty 15 lbs and already has two teeth, so I’m expecting him to graduate high school early too. Ezra likes his little brother, but likes “driving” my car more-never know how loud the stereo will be when I get in!

Enjoy your summer! Jenni



Latest Book Prices

In the first half of 2006:

Children’s and YA titles: average Hardcover -\$21.60 (\$20.52 2004)
Paperbacks-\$8.95

Adult:Hardcover, Fiction-\$24.95 (\$24.81 in 2004)

Non-fiction-\$36.86 (\$41.07 in 2004)

Paperback fiction-\$18.63 (\$14.95 in 2004)



News and Notes

New Nebraska Library Commission Training Search

The new Commission Training search allows users to find training opportunities via keyword search; a calendar view; browsing alphabetically or browsing by location. The database includes standard as well as online training.

The training search encompasses all training sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission such as Database Roadshows, NEBASE/OCLC training, Basic Skills, Gates workshops, online archives and more.

Visit the Nebraska Library Commission web site www.nlc.state.ne.us and click on the "*Commission Training*" link on the left-hand side of the page to try it out.

Attachments To Avoid

[*Smart Computing*, February, 2006]

When you receive an email attachment, look carefully at the three-character extension on the end of the file's name. Items such as JPEG pictures (which use the JPG extension) generally are safe, but there are a number of extensions that indicate the attachment is actually a program that executes when opened, potentially delivering spy-ware or viruses to your computer. Here is a list of file extensions to avoid clicking at all costs if they arrive via email:

.ADE, .ADP, .BAS, .BAT, .CHM, .CMD, .COM, .CPL, .CRT, .EXE, .HLP, .HTA, .INF, .INS, .ISP, .JES, .LNK, .MDA, .MDB, .MDE, .MDZ, .MSC, .MSI, .MSP, .MST, .PCD, .PIF, .REG, .SCR, .SCT, .SHS, .URL, .VBE, .VBS, .WSC, .WSF, and .WSH.

Thanks to Eastern Library System

Summer Reading Challenge

Reading is Fundamental (RIF) and Target® are offering a Summer Reading Challenge. Go to www.rif.org/summer to get more information. By tracking reading hours online you can win a Target® Gift Card. Plus, there are lots of activities and games on this website. Different age groups have different goals to attain and all online users must have parental consent. This in no way should substitute for the library's summer reading program, however, for those avid readers who want to take on another challenge this might be a good addition.

Thanks to Eastern Library System

Nebraska Library Commission Interlibrary Loan Frequently Asked Questions

In 2001 the Nebraska Library Commission began working with many of you to provide interlibrary loan services to your customers. As we near the end of our fifth year, Lisa Kelly has collected a number of questions asked with some regularity that might be good to share. If you have any concerns about our Interlibrary Loan Services, please don't hesitate to ask us – we're happy to help. You can reach us by:

Voice: 800/307-2665
Email: ready@nlc.state.ne.us
Fax: 402/471-6244
ILL request form: www.nlc.state.ne.us/ref/ill/

1. Is it possible to request VHS, DVD, and Books on Tape through ILL?

Yes. There are many libraries that generously lend these materials. On occasion, there are very few possible lenders with policies that prohibit lending.

2. May we request multiple copies of a book for a book club?

Yes. However, we will not be able to place requests for bestsellers, books that have been out for less than one year, or other popular titles i.e. the Oprah book club. It's best to ask for the number of books you might think you'll need from the start so that all your books will arrive at about the same time. Generally book club libraries request 3-7 copies of a title.

3. How long does an ILL take to arrive to my library?

One-two weeks generally. If the book is provided from a library in-state, it will arrive more quickly and if it comes from out of state, it may take a little more time. Try to encourage your patrons to ask for items two weeks before they'll need them.

4. Is there such a thing as an ASAP ILL?

No. Once a request is in the OCLC system, it's up to the five lending libraries to respond to your request. There isn't anything we are able to do that speeds things along.

5. Why do we have to let you know when we receive and return items?

ILL has its own circulation system to track where items are. Libraries who lend their items need to know when materials have reached their destination and when they have been returned. The process of updating all of these records is part of our daily ILL circulation. Keeping up with ILL records helps make everything run more smoothly for all the libraries involved in getting materials to you.

6. What books are too new to request?

Any book, fiction or non-fiction that's less than 12 months from its release date. If you're uncertain about a book's publication date, you can check amazon.com or Books in Print. Many libraries restrict lending their newer materials through Interlibrary Loan.

7. Why won't you accept my request to borrow the Da Vinci Code?

Because it's still on the bestseller list and the movie release in May 2006 will increase the popularity of this title and keep it amongst those hard-to-borrow titles. Any book that has recently been a movie is generally on our do not place list as are all bestsellers (fiction and non-fiction), Oprah books, and other popular titles such as the One Book/One Lincoln selection. Locate Publisher's Weekly Bestseller list here: www.publishersweekly.com/ and click on Bestsellers.

8. Can I ask for renewals on ILL items?

Yes, from most lending libraries. Libraries prefer to be asked for renewals before the due date. If an item has been recalled by the lending library, we will not be able to request more time. When asking for a renewal, please contact the Nebraska Library Commission.

9. Why must I use the ready@nlc.state.ne.us email address for ILL email?

If you send ILL email to an individual email address and that person is sick or on vacation that day, your email will not be tended to in a timely manner. Several staff members take turns answering and responding to the 'ready' email account assuring a quick response to your question.

10. How many people work with Interlibrary Loan at the Nebraska Library Commission?

There are seven of us -- Belinda Fanning, Beth Goble, Bonnie Henzel, Evelyn Kubert, Julie Pinnell, Lisa Kelly, and Susan Knisely.

Striving
toward
your

Personnel Best

with **PAT WAGNER**

July 27th, 2006

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Walt Branch

6701 S. 14th St., Lincoln

\$15

5 Hours CE

What are the best ways to handle customers, co-workers, and yourself at work? Pat Wagner, Pattern Research, Inc., has some great ideas that will allow you to be *your* personnel best. Join us for two sessions:

Stop Me Before I Am Nice Again: Working Through the Hard Stuff

When relationships with co-workers or library users become problems, are your only choices being either a doormat or a meanie? It is possible to be polite and kind, while enforcing limits. Learn what to do when being nice is not enough: when you need to ask for what you want, negotiate agreements and set consequences. Particularly useful for front line staff and people who work for libraries where change in the norm

Supervisory Skills for New (and Old) Managers and Leaders

How do you elicit the best from other people without micromanaging them? What works when you are trying to change an employee's behavior? Why should evaluations be more than a once-a-year ordeal? Supervision is more than chastising employees for mistakes. Discover how to talk about expectations, reinforce productivity and set standards for new learning. For anyone whose job description includes evaluating and supervising other people.

Name _____	\$15 registration fee 1 hour break for lunch on your own 5 hours CE
Library _____	
Email _____	
Please send registrations by July 21st to: Southeast Library System, 5730 R St., Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505.	

If you've been curious about all the talk about gaming, and didn't get a chance to attend the Public Library Section Spring meetings program on the topic – here's some sites that **Russ Harper (OPL)** listed as free game sites:

- <http://games.yahoo.com/games/front>
- www.addictinggames.com
- www.miniclip.com
- www.neopets.com
- www.runescape.com

My favorite websites:

Summer might provide just the right opportunity and motivation for a bit of exploring that is guaranteed to be enlightening and even fun. By the way, Russ gave us a history of gaming that began in some form with Tic Tac Toe in 1952 – and told us the average gamer is 29 with a salary of \$69,000. You might also find of interest the website for the Gaming, Learning, and Libraries Symposium in Chicago that Russ and several other library colleagues from Nebraska attended: www.gaminginlibraries.org.

Here are some interactive Internet sites **Judy Butler (Waverly Schools)** shared at the SELS Training Extravaganza for kids (and parents) that can be educational and fun:

- Modern Art – www.haringkids.com (We explored Hangman and Colors.)
- Zip 4 Tweens – www.zip4tweens.com/ (We tried all the games and explored recipes.)
- Poetry Showcase – <http://home.freeuk.net/elloughton13/scramble.htm> (We clicked on a maroon man to unscramble and write a poem.)
- Tracking Earthquakes - www.geo.edu.ac.uk/quakes/ (You can find a current quake report, faults, volcanoes and much more.)
- Volcano Eruption – <http://volcano.und.nodak.edu/> (Movie clips of volcanoes, as well as additional information on volcanoes.)
- Animals and More – www.seaworld.org/index.asp (We entered the fun zone and clicked on a safari memory game, as well as sound bytes of animals and information.)
- Kid's Castle – http://kotn.ntu.ac.uk/castle/castl_fm.html (Great vocabulary builder with castle information.)
- Interactive Civil War – www.civilwarinteractive.com/ (Battles of the civil war with puzzles, games and information.)

The **Children's Librarians Informational Coffee Klatch in Eastern Library System** recommends these:

allmovie.com (find a movie)
stepbystepcc.com (preschool site)
lil.org (Librarian's Internet Index)
overduemedia.com (formerly Unshelved)
story-lovers.com (find a story and other stuff)
eyedr.org/ (click on the bears)
angelfire.com/comics/gnlib (graphic novels)
multcolib.org/talk/guides (discussion guides)
coloring.ws (coloring pages and activities)
enchantedlearning.com (crafts)
rinkworks.com/bookamminute (hilarious)

Recommend for kids to use:

ajkids.com (ask Jeeves for kids)
kidsclick.org (links to topics)
school.discovery.com (homework help)
homeworkspot.com (more homework help)
scholastic.com (good Harry Potter site)
timeforkids.com (current events)
congressforkids.net (basics of government)

Want to have a party? Go to this site and find everything you need (children 3 and up).
www.houghtonmifflinbooks.com/authors/waber/funwithlyle.shtml.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 12TH ANNUAL
LITERATURE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2006 / 9:00 A. M. - 4:00 P. M.
NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE / LIFELONG LEARNING CENTER
801 East Benjamin Avenue, Norfolk, NE

This year's Festival has been funded by the Norfolk Library Foundation, the City of Norfolk, & the SCYP division of the Nebraska Library Association—Free admission for current members of the SCYP division of NLA.

FEATURING AWARD-WINNING AUTHORS:



KEIKO KASZA

2007 Golden Sower Award nominee for *MY LUCKY DAY*
Also author of *THE PIG'S PICNIC—DON'T LAUGH, JOE!—THE WOLF'S CHICKEN STEW—*
A MOTHER FOR CHOCO—WHEN THE ELEPHANT WALKS—THE MIGHTIEST and more...



MARTY CRISP

2007 Golden Sower Award nominee for *WHITE STAR: A DOG ON THE TITANIC*
Also author of *TOTALLY POLAR—PRIVATE CAPTAIN—MY DOG, CAT—BLACK AND WHITE—RATZO—*
BUZZARD BREATH and more...



MICHAEL O. TUNNELL

2007 Golden Sower Award nominee for *WISHING MOON*
Also author of *MAILING MAY—CHINOOK!—THE PRYDAIN COMPANION—BROTHERS IN VALOR—*
THE CHILDREN OF TOPAZ—HALLOWEEN PIE—SCHOOL SPIRITS and more...

ALSO: 2006-2007 Golden Sower Previews by Karen Drevo & Marci Retzlaff; Book Display & Discount Sales by Norfolk Public Library Foundation of titles by Kasza, Crisp, & Tunnell; Sales of Golden Sower Items; Autograph Session/Book Signing with Keiko Kasza, Marty Crisp & Mike Tunnell; Door Prizes; 5 Continuing Education Hours (for all day attendance) from the Nebraska Library Commission for School & Public Librarians; 5 Professional Growth Points (for all day attendance) for Teachers/Staff employed by Norfolk Public Schools

TICKETS: Youth (18 & under): \$5.00/advance & \$7.00/door Adults: \$15.00/advance & \$20.00/door
Advance tickets are available at Norfolk Public Library OR by mail order. To order tickets by mail, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope with full payment (make checks payable to "Norfolk Library Foundation--Literature Festival") to:
Literature Festival, Norfolk Public Library, 308 Prospect Avenue, Norfolk, NE 68701

For more information, contact Karen Drevo at NPL by phone (402/844-2108) or e-mail: kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us

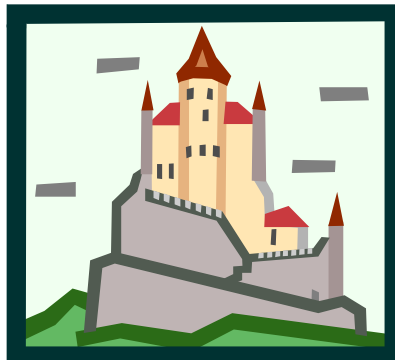
A WONDERFUL WAY TO SPEND A SUMMER DAY!



Virginia (Ginger) Hoyt recently retired as director of the Elmwood Public Library. She had worked there for ten years and is looking forward to enjoying her grandkids and traveling. Not wasting any time, she has already gone to Orlando with her daughter.

Ginger is still helping out with this year's Summer Reading program at the library. I think she's excited about the opportunity to have snakes at the library! She will miss the learning opportunities involved and seeing people, both customers and peers. Asked for words of wisdom for those who aren't yet retiring from library land, Ginger instantly replied, "Enjoy it. It's a wonderful job!"

Renee Thomassen is the new director at the Elmwood Public Library.



**Upcoming
CASTL (Conversation Among Small Town Librarians)
Meetings**

JUNE 16TH: TECUMSEH PUBLIC LIBRARY

Read *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen before you come. We will be discussing the K-3 Golden Sower nominees as well as our award-winning round robin in the afternoon.

JULY 13TH: LINCOLN, WALT BRANCH, LCL

Joint Meeting with Trustees. Nancy Busch, University of Nebraska Associate Dean, will share personnel evaluations that work.

AUGUST 4TH: LEWISTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

Joint meeting with Media Specialists. Join us to learn more about the readers' advisory database, Fiction Connection, along with Google Book Search and Google Scholar with Shannon Behrhorst, Nebraska Library Commission.

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Don't have any illusion that you can sanitize a youth collection or section. Youth have the same information needs as adults, except perhaps on a smaller scale.

8. **Librarians need to build a relationship with local media**, which means making yourself easy to find. If you're not available someone else will speak for you. Letters to the editor and call-ins to radio are ways of making the library visible. Read, listen and watch media which will give you an insight to their style, type of stories, and how they work. Be prepared by identifying potential allies and adversaries, and have a crisis communication plan ahead of a crisis. Keep policies and key messages together for easy access – and practice using them.
9. **The only speech not protected is obscene speech. Just because something is sexually explicit does not mean it's obscene.**
10. Finally, **advocacy is having a clear message and delivering it**; turning passive support to active support or educated action. There should be no ask at the beginning – first go out and make friends. Tell your story – make it personal or humanize. Be brief, appreciative, specific, and informative – be happy or at least courteous. “If you think you're too small to be effective, you obviously haven't been in bed with a mosquito.” (attributed to Anita Roddick, activist and entrepreneur)

I also came back with some things to follow-up on, questions to answer, and goals to achieve:

- ◆ Nebraska needs to recruit participants in the **Lawyers for Libraries program**, an ongoing project of the ALA office for Intellectual Freedom designed to build a national network of attorneys committed to the defense of the First Amendment, Freedom to Read and the application of constitutional law to library policies, principles, and problems. We could start by sending our NLA lobbyist. (www.ala.org/ala/oif/oifprograms/lawforlib/lawyerslibraries.htm)
- ◆ More of us need to consider being **members of the Freedom to Read Foundation**, and certainly NLA should be a member. This foundation was established to promote and defend the 1st Amendment and to support libraries in their efforts to foster individual 1st Amendment freedoms. (www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/othergroups/ftrf/freedomreadfoundation.htm)
- ◆ Find out what the **Nebraska state law is on child abandonment**. Does Nebraska have a **harmful to minors law**? What does state law say about **holding parents responsible for children's debts**? (<http://srvwww.unicam.state.ne.us/Statutes2005.html>)
- ◆ **Each state is being encouraged to develop training over the next two years in the area of Intellectual Freedom**. That will be a collaborative effort that includes the NLA Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Nebraska Library Commission. First on the slate will be Candace Morgan, who will be speaking at the NLA/NEMA Conference in Omaha this fall. Morgan chairs the steering committee of the Lawyers for Libraries program and is vice president of the Freedom to Read Foundation, as well as a 40-year veteran in the library profession.
- ◆ In brainstorming with other states in our region, **we identified multiple intellectual freedom modules for training needs**, all of which could be addressed independently, and each of which would include a library policy segment. Included were: meeting rooms and bulletin boards; challenges; labeling; USA Patriot Act; media/advocacy; confidentiality; harassment; and youth access.

Finally, SELS now has some great resources and information on a variety of issues from writing collection, Internet use, privacy and library user/usage policies; to responding to complaints; dealing with the media; advocacy; conducting privacy audits; and sample federal forms (warrants & subpoenas) that we'd be delighted to share. I also have quite a collection of statutes and case laws that pertain to access, confidentiality, and other related intellectual freedom issues in case you have the desire to do some legal reading- instead of light, fluffy beach books.

-Brenda Ealey, Administrator

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**Southeast Library System Board Meeting
April 7, 2006 Plattsmouth, Nebraska**

Board Members Present: Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Rebecca Bernthal (University of NE – Lincoln, Libraries); Sandy Elton (Lincoln Correctional Center); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Ken Gunselman (York College Library); 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)

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

Agenda

What's New Around the System: Meeting called to order at 10:40 a.m. Baker: upcoming National Library Week activities including "getting carded" and giving away \$5.00 for showing your library card, involving the Seward police office as part of the One False Move book, and in May a Platte River State Park retreat for writers. Schmitz: still no firm decisions on what will be done with the Norfolk Regional Center. Hunt: a storybook marathon in partnership with Head Start, the Young Adult Book Club, the Summer Reading Program which will include three concerts and three theatre productions, and the RFID technology the Plattsmouth Public Library will be getting through various funds. Elton: the Women's Facility library, a writer's workshop at the Tecumseh State Correctional Institution, the Lincoln Correctional Center having a one book program, the Read to Me Program, and the anticipated access to West Law on CD for all correctional facilities by July. Gunselman: Ruth Carlock's husband was killed, the library is asking for funding to expand its access to electronic databases, and the college is trying to increase enrollment. Bernthal: Clifford Lynch, CNI Executive Director, will be speaking at UNL on April 17. Thomsen: National Library Week activities including giving away a canvas bag or a water bottle and the Summer Reading Program. Frank: 30th Anniversary of the Greenwood Public Library which now has over 13,000 books and a "Book Adoption Month" project for a \$40.00 donation. Rogge: Nebraska League of Municipalities discussions regarding local library boards and how they fit into local governments. Kris noted that Auburn Public Library has stopped charging its out of town patrons. Olivigni: program with Michael Fitzsimmons, Dancing Man Music, percussionist & drummer with 150 in attendance, a One Book One Nebraska program promotion and an author fair with Shirley Maly who wrote Love Affair with the Americas.

Approval of Minutes: Becky Baker noted the name of the movie the Friends are sponsoring is The Da Vinci Code. A motion to approve the corrected minutes for February 17, 2006 was made by Becky Baker and seconded by Tom Schmitz. Motion carried.

Transaction Report: In Jenni's absence, Brenda reviewed the transaction report dated 2/15/06 through 4/5/06. A motion to approve the transactions was made by Ken Gunselman and seconded by Kris Rogge. Motion carried. Becky Baker, treasurer, asked the board to consider dropping the requirement for two signatures on each check. The board will consider this proposal and the role of the treasurer at a future meeting.

Administrator's Report: Brenda highlighted several of her activities from February 17- April 6, 2006 as outlined in her written report. Two CASTL meetings were held, in Syracuse and Crete, each included a book discussion, something new to the CASTL meetings. The Summer Reading Workshop was held in Seward in March with 55 in attendance. Brenda attended: the Read to Lead meeting at Mahoney with other mentors from the Library Leadership Institute; the Gates Rural Library Sustainability workshop; and the ALA sponsored "Law for Librarians" conference in Chicago from April 4 – 6. She reviewed 6 LSTA grants as part of the review team for 2006 grants from NLC. She met with: Karla Wendelin, Debbie Goossen and Judy Butler to plan a NEMA/SELS June workshop and Lisa Olivigni and Shari Bills (Hamilton College) to plan the annual May SELS Training Extravaganza. Brenda also submitted a NLA/NEMA pre-conference program, "One Book Many Librarians" with Alex Kava. Brenda also helped plan for the Joe Janes Colloquium. She provided information and assistance to libraries about e-rate, health benefits, software purchases, youth services and material designation. She attended: the NLA/SCYP meeting to participate in a discussion about representation of young adult services and librarians within NLA; the NLA Board Meeting in Kearney; and the SELS Friends meeting about the upcoming fundraiser at James Arthur Vineyards. She, along with Karen Frank, Lisa Olivigni, and Becky Baker, met with Alex Kava and her publicist/fundraiser as part of the 2006 One Book One Nebraska project and she also met with Rod Wagner on funding for the project. The SELS retired equipment was distributed. Jenni went on maternity leave beginning March 22, so Brenda is also running the SELS office alone for several weeks.

NLC Report: No report.

Board Nominations: The term of office for five board members expires this year: Rebecca Bernthal, Deb Goossen, Stephen Hunt, Hope Schawang, and Jan Thomsen. All but Deb Goossen may run for another term if they so desire. Nominations for the board should be sent to Lisa Olivigni by May 30.

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

CE Committee: The committee is working on the Training Extravaganza to be held May 19 at Hamilton College and the NEMA/SELS workshop to be held June 7.

CP Committee: The committee discussed ideas for getting additional SELS area libraries involved and promoting the services of the SELS office.

CNN Committee: The committee is working on the two upcoming fundraisers: "Aged to Perfection" at James Arthur Vineyards on April 27 and the "Road to the Code" event of sponsoring a showing of The Da Vinci Code on May 20. The committee is also working on a SELS Friends brochure.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm

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-Lily Tomlin

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