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By Brenda Ealey, Administrator

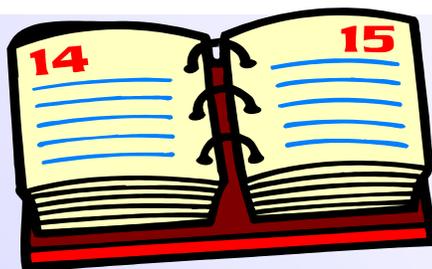
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An Oxford study that recently reported reading books as the only out-of-school activity for 16-year-olds that is linked to getting a managerial or professional job in later life is a perfect lead for Teen Summer Reading programs. Researcher, Mark Taylor, found that girls who read books at 16 had a 39% probability of a professional or managerial post at 33, but only 25% chance if they had not. For boys who read regularly, the figure went up from 48% to 58%. None of the other activities, such as taking part in sports or activities, socializing, going to museums or galleries or to movies or concerts, or practical activities like cooking or sewing, were found to have significant effect on their careers. The study also found that reading books could be linked with a higher chance of students going to college. Taylor said: "According to our results **there is something special about reading for pleasure**. The positive associations of reading for pleasure aren't replicated in any other extra-curricular activity, regardless of our expectations." Source: Published April 8, 2011 on the University of Oxford website: www.ox.ac.uk/media/news_stories/2011/110804.html.

Now, if you want some ideas of books that might intrigue this age group check out the awards and book lists on the YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association) website: www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/booklistsawards/booklistsbook.cfm. There are six literary awards that honor the best books for teens each year (Alex, Edwards, Morris, Nonfiction, Odyssey & Printz), as well as annual booklists with recommended titles for both the avid and reluctant teen reader. YALSA also does a list of **100 great summer reads for teens** on their wiki – which are intended to offer some lighter leisure reading. Find the list at: http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Summer_Reading. You could also have available a list of the **2011 Teens' Top Ten nominations** – which includes 25 titles for teens to read this summer then vote for their favorites between August 22nd and September 16th - www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/teenreading/teenstopten/teenstopten.cfm. You can also find previous year's winners from 2003 to 2010. And, one final resource before I move on can be found at teenreads.com – with their **Ultimate Reading List**: www.teenreads.com/features/ultimate-reading-list.asp. It includes close to 400 titles that they hope will inspire reading and discussion –it's annotated – and even includes some classics.

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CALENDAR

June 2011

June 6th to July 1st - Basic Skills: Organization of Materials class. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (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.

June 11th – SELS Book fair at Barnes & Noble South Pointe. See page 5.

June 17th – NLA Board Meeting.

June 17th – CASTL Meeting at Seward Memorial Library – starting at **9:00 a.m.** This is our annual CASTL meeting where you have the opportunity to review all the books in the primary big list for the Golden Sower 2012-2013. We'll also have book reviews by a panel of readers from the Intermediate Golden Sower big list for 2012-2013. There will also be time to network with your colleagues from schools and public – so hope you'll plan to join us. See page 3.

June 23rd-28th – ALA in New Orleans – www.alaannual.org.

June 30th – SELS Annual Meeting at Morrill Hall and Love Library (UNL). See page 8.

July 8th - NLC Commissioners Meeting from 9:30 to 12:00 at Nebraska Library Commission in the Meadowlark Room. The meeting is open to the public. For more information contact Sue Biltoft, 402-471-2045 or 800-307-2665, or at: sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov.

July 10th-14th - Nebraska Library Leadership Institute.

July 11th – 22nd – Basic Skills: Library Governance class. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (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.

July 16th – SELS Friends Harry Potter Movie at Edgewood Theater. See page 4.

July 22nd – CASTL meeting at Kilgore Memorial Library in York – starting at 10:00 a.m. We'll talk about disaster planning and we'll also bring the SELS iPad for attendees to try out. We also encourage you to read *Catching Fire* by Suzanne Collins – chosen by teens as their favorite book in the YALSA poll for 2010. Or read one of the other titles in the top 10 list, which include *City of Glass* by Cassandra Clare; *Heist Society* by Ally Carter, *Shiver* by Maggie Stiefvater; *Hush, Hush* by Becca Fitzpatrick; *Beautiful Creatures* by Kami Garcia & Margaret Stohl; *Along for the Ride* by Sarah Dessen; *If I Stay* by Gayle Forman; *Fire* by Kristin Cashore; and *Wintergirls* by Laurie Halse Anderson. You can find more information on the list at: www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/teenreading/teenstopten/ttt10.cfm.

July 30th – Norfolk Public Library's 17th Annual Literature Festival – For more info go to: www.nlc.nebraska.gov/reserve/2011litfestflyer.pdf and www.nlc.nebraska.gov/reserve/2011litfestprogram.pdf.

August 1st – 12th – Basic Skills: Leadership class. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (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.

August 11th – CASTL meeting in Humboldt at Bruun Memorial Library.

Librarians Pick the Best Books...

Come to Golden Sower Reading Day!

Join the CASTL Meeting on June 17th 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 List during the afternoon.

Seward Memorial Library
June 17th, 2011
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 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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AMONG TREASURED FRIENDS

Let's get Cooking!

Cookbook sales are going gangbusters! The next "official" event they will be offered at is the SELS Annual Meeting on June 30. However, they will be on sale at the SELS Office and at Seward Memorial Library until they are gone. Be sure to get yours soon!

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SELS Friends Board Election



The election of members for the SELS Friends Board of Directors is currently underway. If you received an email ballot and your membership in SELS

Friends is up to date, be sure to vote by the deadline of June 6.

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Get a Book, Support Your Friends

The June 11 book fair at Barnes and Noble/South Pointe coincides with a free Color Nook class at 9:30. Free gift wrapping will take place from 10:00 a.m. until noon that day – a perfect time to get your Father's Day shopping done. Don't forget to tell the cashiers that your purchase should count for the book fair – even at the coffee shop! If you can't be present on June 11, you may shop online from June 11 to June 15 using the Bookfair ID 10487841 and your purchase will still help SELS!

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Important Dates At A Glance:

June 6: SELS Friends Board Ballots Due

June 11: Barnes and Noble Book Fair at South Pointe (see page 5)

June 30: SELS Annual Meeting (see page 8)

July 16: Showing of the last Harry Potter movie at Edgewood Cinema, Lincoln, 9:00.

October 6-7: NLA/NEMA Conference, Lincoln. Be sure to stop by the SELS Friends table!

November 25: Barnes and Noble Book Fair at South Pointe

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**SAVE
THE DATE**

Southeast Library System **Barnes & Noble Bookfair**



**Saturday June 11th
Barnes & Noble SouthPointe
2910 Pine Lake Road
Lincoln NE 68516**

JOIN US FOR THESE BOOKFAIR EVENTS:

- **NOOK Color Class @ 9:30AM**

Come and learn about the future of reading at the Barnes & Noble NOOK Color class! Plus learn how you can utilize these devices in your library.

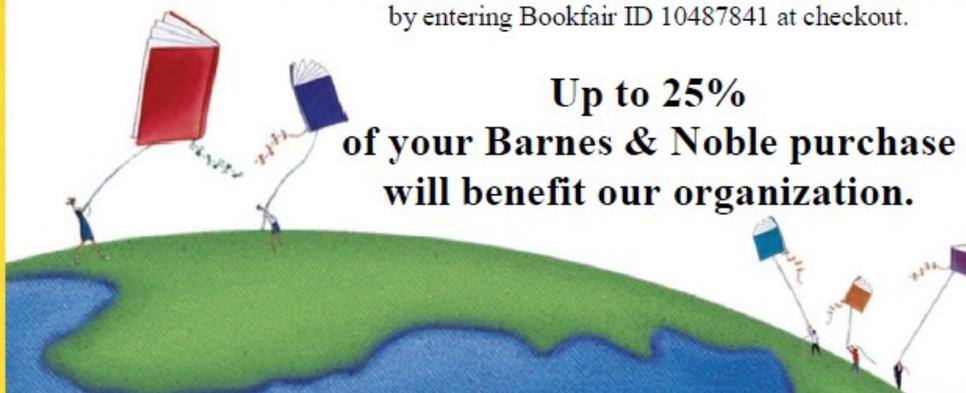
Purchase of NOOKS and NOOK accessories (not ebooks) will help our bookfair!

- **Meet Award Winning Children’s Author Julia Cook from 1pm to 3pm**
Julia’s newest book “The Worst Day of My Life Ever” was just awarded the National Parenting Center Seal of Approval .

Can't attend our bookfair at Barnes & Noble?

Visit bn.com/bookfairs to support us online from 06/11/11 to 06/15/11 by entering Bookfair ID 10487841 at checkout.

**Up to 25%
of your Barnes & Noble purchase
will benefit our organization.**



News Around the System

Show Off Your Hard Work

Nebraska Regional Library Systems (NRLS) have a long history of involvement in the Public Library Accreditation process for Nebraska, from assisting with the review of the specific guidelines to helping with instruction and support of libraries in achieving accreditation. In recognition of the efforts library staff and boards undertake in earning accreditation, NRLS will be providing public libraries with a window decal to indicate that status. These will be arriving to you via mail shortly.

We sincerely hope that the designation as an accredited library is a symbol recognized by communities, elected officials, funders and colleagues of quality library service. The Nebraska Library Commission administers the public library accreditation program and outlines the purpose this way: "The anticipated

Accredited Public Library



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outcome is that Nebraska residents will have access to accurate, quality library and information services from public libraries that meet statewide independent guidelines."

Congratulations on your accreditation! We hope the window decal will be a way of publicly displaying your achievement and efforts in providing quality public library service.

Writer Shares His Skills This Summer

By Charlotte Baldinger

Seward Memorial Library will host evening meetings with writer and editor David Blomenberg, who is currently nominated for the Pushcart Prize and Best of Web in 2011.

Beginning on Thursday, June 2, Mr. Blomenberg will facilitate four consecutive evenings of writing discussions from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Each evening will be a different topic with poetry being emphasized in June. During July fiction writing, memoirs, autobiography and publishing will be discussed.

Registration for this free program started on May 18 and is suggested but not mandatory. Stop in the library, call 402-643-3318, or visit the library website at

www.sewardlibrary.org to sign up.

Blomenberg requests that those joining the group be 16 years or older with no maximum age. Participants may choose to attend all or some of

the evenings. Descriptions of each June program are as follows:

- Thursday, June 2
The Frankenstein Poem: Unusual and interesting ways to generate ideas for writing.
- Thursday, June 9
Moving the Furniture: Strategies to revise your poetry (or fiction)
- Thursday, June 16
Poetic Form in Writing: Sonnets, Pantoums, and other Animals: Poems take many forms, but do you know the story behind them?
- Thursday, June 23
Experimental Forms: Blurring the Line between Poetry and Fiction: Drawing on the previous session, we will look at ways that exciting modern writing is coming up with new hybrids that straddle the borders between poem and fiction, between novel and sonnet.



LPS District Office Destroyed By Blaze

A fire destroyed the Lincoln Public Schools District Office (LPSDO) building on May 31st. We are certainly thinking of our colleagues as they work to rebuild and strategize in continuing their history of excellence in serving students, parents and the community of Lincoln. SELS was fortunate to use LPSDO on several occasions for our annual Training Extravaganza, and made use of the annual MOSAIC lists of multicultural titles compiled by Library Media Services and their Committee – just a couple examples of the benefits we've received firsthand.



Photo by Christopher Vogt

ALA National Library Legislative Day

By Betty Meyer



L to R: NEMA President Betty Meyer, Dr. Sherry Crow, Rod Wagner, John Dale, & Robin Clark

The American Library Association National Library Legislative Days were held May 8-11, 2011 in Washington, D.C. There were 361 people advocating

for support for school and public libraries. Among those supporting libraries was the Nebraska library contingency which consisted of Rod Wagner, Robin Clark, John Dale, Dr. Sherry Crow and myself. I attended meetings for first time attendees and information sessions held by the American Library Association's Advocacy Committee and ALA consultants Vic Klatt and Danica Petroschius.

Dr. Sherry Crow and I also attended a meeting at the National Education Association (NEA) office stressing the importance of the inclusion of school librarians and school library programs in their efforts toward the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) currently known as NCLB.

The next day we met with the various aides of Senator Mike Johanns, Senator Ben Nelson, Representative Jeff Fortenberry, Representative Adrian Smith and Representative Lee Terry. We stressed the importance of increasing and continued monetary funding for all libraries through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Act and the inclusion of school libraries in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Reauthorization Act which currently is known as the "No Child Left Behind" (NCLB) Act. In the evening we attended a reception at The Center For The Book and the American Library Association for National Library Legislative Day (NLLD) participants, plus the senators, representatives and their aides.

As our trip concluded we attended the Nebraska Constituency Breakfast and met with Senator Mike Johanns, Senator Ben Nelson and House Representatives Jeff Fortenberry, Adrian Smith, and Lee Terry.



News Around the System

SELS ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

Morrill Hall in Lincoln, NE

June 30th, 2011



9:30-12:00 “Extreme Planets” in the Mueller Planetarium followed by a self-guided museum tour.

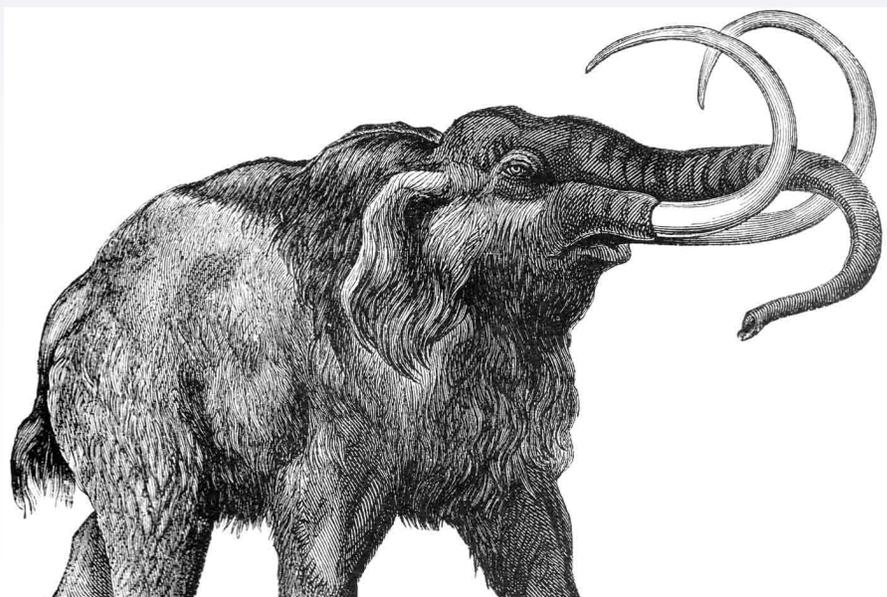
12:15 Lunch from Doozy’s in Library Instruction Room (LIR) 110.

1:30-3:30 Board Meeting

\$15 covers all activities and lunch. Everyone is welcome!

RSVP to Jen at jlbarnason@windstream.com or 402.467.6188. For more info on Morrill Hall go to:

<http://www-museum.unl.edu/>



You'll have a great time, from dawn 'til tusk!

News and Notes



PLTS Excalibur Award Nominations

It is time to start the effort to nominate outstanding public librarians for the PLTS Excalibur Award, and starting this year, outstanding trustee, user, friend, foundation, or library board for the PLTS Advocacy Award. Both awards will be presented at the PLTS Business Meeting/Luncheon at the NLA Convention in Lincoln in October 2011. **The committee needs to have the nominations by August 1, 2011** so they can select the winners and prepare the award elements.

For nomination instructions outlining what is required see <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/PLTS/awards.html>. Please send your nominations and supporting letters to:

John W. Seyfarth
4612 Sutley Circle
Papillion, NE 68133-2746

If there are any questions, please direct them to John either by E-mail, jseyfarth@gmail.com, or by phone, 402-292-7448.



AASL Minneapolis Bus Ride

It's not a barrel of monkeys, but it will be a bus full of school librarians!

Have you ever attended an AASL National Conference? If not, now's your chance! The conference this year is a mere hop, jump and a skip away!

AASL is in Minneapolis October 27-29. You don't want to miss this opportunity to glean ideas for your program from school librarians representing states

across the country!

To help with expenses, NEMA, UNO & UNK are chartering a bus! Here are the details:

Depending on the number of people hopping on, the bus will start in Kearney or Lincoln with a stop in Omaha, before driving us in padded comfort to a fabulous conference! It will leave Lincoln around noon Wednesday, October 26 and return late October 29. This will give everyone an opportunity to recover before heading back to school on Monday.

If we have a minimum of five passengers who would like to board the bus in Kearney, our trip will begin there, keeping passenger pick-up points in Lincoln and Omaha.

Space is limited for this once in a lifetime opportunity! In order to hobnob with fellow school librarians all the way to Minneapolis, **we will need to reserve the bus by June 15**. Please send your checks for \$95 to:

Karen Buckley, Pius X High School, 6000 A Street, Lincoln NE 68510.

Your \$95 saves a spot for your tushy on this cushy bus. Don't wait or you could miss out!

For more information on the conference itself, please visit the website:

<http://www.aas11.org/>.

Paraprofessional Section Accepting Nominations for Para of the Year

The Paraprofessional Section of the Nebraska Library Association (NLA) accepts nominations for the Paraprofessional of the Year Award each year. This award is given annually to a paraprofessional who must be a member of the Paraprofessional Section of NLA and who has demonstrated outstanding service in a library setting.

The recipient will be selected on the

basis of all of the following criteria:

1. Innovative programs that the nominee has worked with which have resulted in new or improved library services.
2. Exceptional volunteer work in library service or related field.
3. Exceptional use of library resources, local or otherwise.
4. Significant involvement or leadership in NLA Paraprofessional Section (i.e., holding office, member of a committee, or workshop or conference presentation).

The Paraprofessional of the Year receives a one year paid membership to NLA in the Paraprofessional Section and \$50.

Nomination forms can be found at <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/PARA/paranomform.html>.

Nominations are due on July 31, 2011.

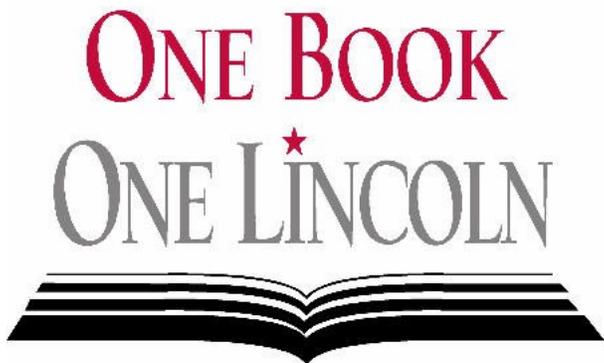
Mad Hatter Award Nominations

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

Please consider nominating one of your great library colleagues for the Mad Hatter Award!

Nominations are due by August 1, 2011. If you would like a form please contact the Mad Hatter Chair, Shawna Lindner, at slindner@kearneygov.org.

One Book One Lincoln Finalists Announced



Lincoln City Libraries announced the three finalists for the 2011 One Book One Lincoln community reading program on May 31st.

The finalists are: *Zeitoun* by Dave Eggers, *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese and *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss. The public now has the opportunity to read the titles and vote for their favorite with the winning book announced on September 6th.

Previous selections for One Book One Lincoln have been: *Plainsong*, *Bel Canto*, *Peace Like a River*, *Kite Runner*, *Devil in the White City*, *The Worst Hard Time*, *The Thirteenth Tale*, *People of the Book*, and *I Am a Man*.

(Sowings, continued from front page)

You might have teens that would enjoy exploring eBooks so if you're a library that subscribes to OverDrive be sure and point that out. Southeast Library System has purchased an iPad 2 as part of an eReader grant from Nebraska Library Commission for the Regional Library Systems. Each system office purchased an eReader(s) for librarians to borrow and experiment with using for electronic books. Granted, the iPad, is certainly more than just an eReader, which you'll notice if you borrow. (At the Extravaganza it was referred to by one attendee as similar to a laptop – just smaller with perhaps not as much versatility.) We have put Nook, Nook Kids, Kindle, Kobo, and OverDrive on the iPad – all of which provide you with the ability to read eBooks. OverDrive is the software subscription libraries are using to checkout eBooks to customers which is fabulous once you get it set up on your mobile device or computer. It does require some time getting set-up, or as I've been referencing: "some assembly required". Think of putting together wagons, bicycles, etc. for birthday presents or Christmas. It can be frustrating getting set up but the joy that follows makes that temporary agony and frustration worthwhile. I finished reading an eBook on the iPad this weekend and enjoyed my foray into this realm even though I'm a print book fanatic. There is great convenience with an eReader, plus the ability to read at night without a light, and to carry multiple titles in one small device that weighs less than most books. Plus, thanks to Lincoln City Libraries subscription to OverDrive I can check out eBooks at no cost – and I found plenty of choices available to download.

In the meantime, enjoy the start of summer and give yourselves a pat on the back for encouraging youth of all ages to read, including us old fogies, no matter the format.



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

- **June 17th – Seward Memorial Library (Golden Sower Book Review)**
- July 22nd – Kilgore Memorial Library – York
- August 11th – Bruun Memorial Library – Humboldt
- September 16th – Morton-James Public Library – Nebraska City
- November 3rd – Lincoln
- December 8th – Pawnee City Public Library

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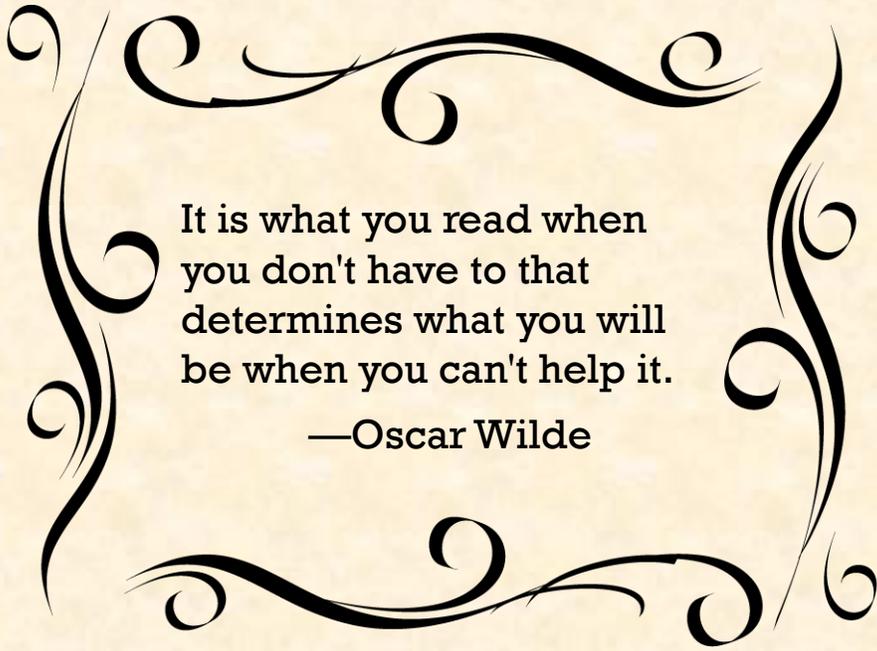
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It is what you read when
you don't have to that
determines what you will
be when you can't help it.

—Oscar Wilde

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