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SOWINGS

THE KEY TO LIBRARY PROGRESS: Librarian & City Clerk Cooperation

A good library is one of the best assets that any town can have. No matter what size the community, the availability of first class library service can benefit everything from civic pride to economic development.

Libraries are constantly working to meet the needs of their communities. Books in all formats, periodicals, DVDs, online databases & ever changing technology & social media have allowed libraries to provide a wide variety of services such as job search skills, adult education courses, literacy classes, technology training, & ever increasing programming for adults as well as young people.

The operation of the vast majority of public libraries is completely dependent on property taxes provided by their funding bodies, usually cities, towns & villages. State funds & donations amount to only a small percentage when compared with what is actually necessary to operate today's library.

This is why it is so important for the City Clerk & the Library Director to work together throughout the year to provide each other with timely information on expenses & income. Input from the City Clerk is needed early in the library's budget process which begins with an initial planning meeting involving the Director & trustees.

No matter what the amount, state aid, grants to the library & other anticipated income should be included as part of the library's budget. Discuss with the City Clerk how to plan ahead for receipt of this income. In terms of the budget, no one, including the City Clerk, likes surprises.

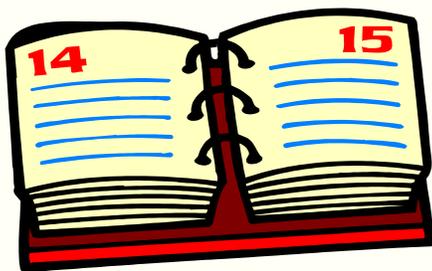
Good library/City Clerk cooperation goes hand in hand with the library board approving & submitting bills to the city in a timely manner every month. Funds budgeted by the city for the library must be expended through the city.



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CALENDAR

June 2013

June 17– 28—Basic Skills: Intellectual Freedom and the Core Values of Librarianship. Registration Deadline: June 7.

June 20th— SELS Board Meeting at Clark Enersen Partners in Lincoln beginning at 10am.

June 25th — Day of the Seafarer. An important day for all Nebraskans

July 15– 26—Basic Skills: Library Technology. Registration June 7– July 3.

June 27– July 2 — ALA Annual Conference: <http://ala13.ala.org/>, Chicago, Bus Trip from Nebraska <http://nebraskalibraries.org/archives/948>

August 2nd and 3rd—Heartland School Library Conference - 9:30 am at UNO www.heartland2013.com

August 5– 9 — Nebraska Library Leadership Institute, Saint Benedict Retreat Center, north of Schuyler. Librarians from all types of libraries are encouraged to apply. Application Deadline: June 25.

August 16th— CASTL Meeting at Alice M. Farr Library in Aurora.

September 12th and 13th—Youth Services Retreat

September 25- 28—Association of Rural & Small Libraries Conference. <http://arsl.info/> Annual Conference will be at the Doubletree in Downtown Omaha. Lee Rainie, Director of the Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project, will serve as opening keynote speaker Thursday morning. Nebraska's own Sally Gardner Reed, Executive Director of ALA's United for Libraries, will be the closing keynote on Saturday.

October 9- 11—NLA/NSLA Annual Conference—Kearney. <http://nebraskalibraries.org/conf2013/>

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Librarians can provide City Clerks with valuable information such as the availability of the Telecommunications E-rate funds, the need for library staff continuing education, library accreditation requirements, & State Statutes specific to libraries such as the responsibilities of library boards.

Well informed City Clerks & Library staff working together toward ever better library service benefits the entire community. If you have questions or comments, don't hesitate to give me a call at #800-288-6063 or send me an email at: speicher.sels@gmail.com

Carol Speicher
Interim Director



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.

- July 12th — Plattsmouth Public Library
- August 16th — Alice M. Farr Public Library (Aurora)
- September 13th — Auburn Memorial Library
- November 14th — Kilgore Memorial Library (York)

Muslim Journeys



By Sabrina Riley, Union College

"American Stories," a panel presentation by Muslim Americans living in Lincoln and moderated by Chris Blake, Associate Professor of English and Communication, will be presented on June 20, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the Center for People in Need as part of the Muslim Journeys series sponsored by the Union College Library. In January 2013 Union College Library was awarded the National Endowment for the Humanities' Muslim Journeys Bookshelf. The Bookshelf is a collection of scholarly and literary books, films, and online resources designed to generate community discussion and understanding of Islamic history, art, literature, religion, contemporary points of view, and the immigrant experience in America. During the 2013-2014 academic year, in partnership with the Good Neighbor Community Center and Union College's Center for Interfaith Studies and Culture, the library is sponsoring a series of events encouraging members of the community to read and participate in discussions about the themes represented in the Bookshelf. A complete list of resources included in the Bookshelf is available at <http://www.ucollege.edu/library/muslim-journeys-bookshelf> and on Pinterest at <http://pinterest.com/unioncollegelib/bridging-cultures-muslim-journeys-bookshelf/>. Union College Library offers community borrower cards to residents of Lincoln who provide two forms of ID verifying the patron's current address (one ID should include a photograph).

Grant Opportunity

Below is some information on the Libri Foundation Books for Children Grant. The Foundation will match any amount of money raised by your local sponsors from \$50 to \$350 on a 2-to-1 ratio. Thus, your library could receive up to \$1,050 worth of new children's books (about 70 books). Local sponsors have five months (or longer, if

necessary) after their library has been selected as a participant in the BOOKS FOR CHILDREN program to raise the matching funds.

The coming deadline is the 15th of August

For more information checkout the website <http://www.librifoundation.org/apps.html>

The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization which donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries in the United States through its BOOKS FOR CHILDREN program. Only libraries within the 50 states are eligible to apply. The Libri Foundation does not offer grants to libraries outside of the United States.

Libraries are qualified on an individual basis. In general, county libraries should serve a population under

16,000 and town libraries should serve a population under 10,000 (usually under 5,000). Libraries should be in a rural area, have a limited operating budget, and an active children's department. Please note: Rural is usually considered to be at least 30 miles from a city with a population over 40,000.

Applications are accepted from school libraries only if they also serve as the public library (i.e. it is open to everyone in the community, has some

summer hours, and there is no public library in town).

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN grant recipients that have fulfilled all grant requirements, including the final report, may apply for another grant three years after the receipt of their previous grant. Grant recipients that do not fulfill all the grant requirements, including the final report, are not eligible for another grant.

PERSUING EXCELLENCE: Developing a Library Foundation

Do your giving while you're living so you're knowing where it's going.

Libraries are increasingly turning to private sources to supplement publicly funded budgets. Private funding often helps the Library achieve a level of excellence not otherwise possible.

Most libraries already have in place nonprofit organizations that can accept and distribute private donations for the public good specifically through Library programming and projects. Potential donors are usually more apt to give to an organization such as a Library foundation—which is totally separate and distinct from local government.

When seeking contributions to the Library foundation, it is important to point out that these donations supplement public funds, and allow the Library to carry out special

projects or to make special purchases.

Library foundations should be incorporated as nonprofit 501(c)3 corporations and declared as charitable organizations by the IRS.

This enables donors to make *tax deductible* contributions to the organization. Completion of the application form is not difficult, but it can be time consuming. It is useful to have an attorney experienced in this to complete the paperwork and speed the process.

The Library foundation's board of directors is a working board, and should include broad community representation in addition to Library trustees. Potential board members need to have an appreciation of the value of the Library, an

understanding of the need for some private support for Library programs or projects, and the ability to influence others in the community. Representatives from the legal and financial fields can be of great help.

An active Library foundation is responsible to the local community, and helps to support a thriving Library working to provide excellent services in the years to come.

Please call your System Director if you have questions about the establishment or operation of a local Library foundation: #1-800-288-6063.

Carol Speicher, Interim Director

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SummerTeen in York and Online

By Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission

School Library Journal is once again offering SummerTeen, this time at no charge! It will be held in York on July 24, 10 am – 4 pm CST and live streamed online. Last year, the first SummerTeen was informative, interesting, and fun. This year looks to be the same.

If you wish, you are welcome to join other librarians for this event at the Kilgore Memorial Library in York. There is no charge for the SummerTeen event but it is fun to experience it with fellow librarians. Please let Judy Andrews know if you plan to attend this event at York. Email her at: kilgorekids.york@hotmail.com

Those of us attending can help decide how lunch should be arranged, such as \$5 for sub sandwiches for example. Hope to see you there!

If you prefer, or travel to York would be too far, you can register yourself for free and watch the presentations in the comfort of your office or library. Information can be found here: <http://www.slj.com/summerteen/>.

Meet the Library Commission Reference and Interlibrary Loan Staff!

In the past year and half, we've experienced several changes in personnel on our reference and interlibrary loan team. Here are the updates as to the whereabouts of our former staff in addition to our new arrivals:

Departures:

January 2012:

Julie Pinnell – leaves the Library Commission after nearly 17 years of service to become the director of the Doane College Library.

Summer 2012:

Beth Goble – becomes part time and is now our Historical Services Librarian. She still spends time at the reference desk answering email questions and will celebrate 20 years with the state this July. Beth and her husband Ron travel regularly to Michigan to visit their two granddaughters and also spend time at their other home in Alberta, Canada. Not to be left out are the family pets, Arwen, a Sheltie and Allie, a rescue cat.

December 2012:

Dave Eckmann leaves the reference team to return to working with the Talking Book and Braille Service.

April 2013:

Evelyn Kubert retires after 13 years of doing ILL for the Library Commission and just received happy news of grandchild number 6.

Arrivals:

January 2013:

Mary Sauers comes to us by way of Lincoln City Libraries where she worked at the Anderson and Bethany Branches in public services. Prior to moving to Nebraska in 2009 she worked at BCR, the former OCLC regional network located in Denver. It was there that she met her husband, Michael Sauers, who you may recognize as another employee of the Library Commission. Mary has two daughters (Diana and Sara), three dogs, and spends many hours in her greenhouse.

Mary Geibel is already recognizable to many of you since she's been answering and routing incoming calls to the Nebraska Library Commission for many years as a member of the Administrative Services team. Since the reference desk recently took over "switchboard" duties it's a particularly fitting time for Mary to transition to our team, where she will be one of several team members answering the phones. Mary will also now be your first contact for book group reservations and questions. Mary and her husband John have two sons (Sean and Nikolas) and two dogs. Mary cares for her mother in her home and

also enjoys regular meetings with her scrapbook friends.

April 2013:

Lynda Clause is our most recent team member and also comes to us by way of Lincoln City Libraries. Lynda will be working primarily with Interlibrary Loan and helping and guiding us in our change to WorldShare. Lynda will also be at the reference desk and will be corresponding with you all by email. Lynda is planning to return to school this fall to study Digital Humanities, but she will still be here at NLC full time. Lynda and her partner Eric enjoy hiking and live music, and are planning to adopt a dog from the Humane Society this summer and we are all eager to see who will join their home.

Still here:

Bonnie Henzel continues helping the team on Friday mornings. Bonnie works with Nebraska State Publications and is the proud mom of a son Alex and twin high school graduates (Alaina and Kayla) who will matriculate at Peru State College this fall. Bonnie is married to Vince and together they are active in coaching basketball and volleyball. Last but not least in their home is Bonnie's Golden Retriever Chloe.

Susan Knisely is a part of the Technology and Access Services Team but also spend time at the reference desk on Mondays. Susan is the person you speak to for overdrive and database subscription questions in addition to many other topics. Susan and her husband Will share their home with their son Ian and 4 rabbits.

Lisa Kelly remains at the reference desk after 20 years and has learned many new tasks as people have come and gone. Lisa lives with her rescue cat named Moon in the historical Stuart Building where she organized a book group that has been meeting for 12 years. Susan and Lisa are a month apart in age and have planned their joint retirement party for the year 2035.



Front row left to right: Mary Geibel, Mary Sauers, and Lynda Clause
Back row - left to right: Lisa Kelly, Beth Goble, Bonnie Henzel and Susan Knisely



Select Photos from the 2013 SELS Training Extravaganza

Keep an eye on our website selsne.org for some Extravaganza things you may have missed. Coming Soon!

News Around the System

Summer Reading Program at the Plattsmouth Public Library

Wildlife Encounters of Gretna visits the library with amazing animals.



Clockwise from left:
1. Brody McClatchey feeds the Patagonia Cavy, the third largest rodent in the world.
2. Kirsten Wood children's librarian with a tarantula on her shoulder.
3. Sage Wehrbein was so excited to touch the Kangaroo.

Balloon Ride!

Wanda Marget, Fairmont Public Library

I celebrated my 60th birthday with a surprise Hot air Balloon Ride. My husband Bill, daughters Julie, husband Chris, grandsons Nicholas and Andrew and Janet and husband Kevin surprised me on my Birthday May 5th with a balloon ride which started in Fairmont and flew one hour landing 5 miles from Shickley. It was a great Birthday present and the best of all was my daughters and Nicholas rode with me!



News Around the System

Boating, camping, picnicking and, oh yes, Reading @ the Library

By Lola Seitz, Pawnee City Public Library



The final StoryTime at the Pawnee City Public Library for the 2012-2013 session was May 21st with four preschoolers in attendance. The students took a boat ride, camped out and had a wiener roast all without ever leaving the library. The activities were inspired by the book selection of the day, *One Dog Canoe* by Mary Casanova.



After listening to “*One Dog Canoe*”, the students each made a pair of binoculars using cardboard tubes. Everyone received sunglasses, as it was a bright day for a hike to the campground set up in the basement of the library. The campground

had a tent, an inflatable boat, and a faux campfire. Students played the game “Hungry, Hungry Bear”. How the game is played: 3 students go to sleep in the tent; 1 student, the bear, takes food from the picnic; the 3 sleeping students wake up and try to determine what food the bear took.

The students followed safety procedures, putting on their life vests before getting in their boat and paddling downstream. As in the book, they collected animals along the way but one animal too many and the boat was swamped. They all made it to shore in time to roast hot dogs over the fire.

Care providers for the students were invited to join them for a picnic around the campfire. Lunch was served in aluminum pie plates and consisted of hot dogs, potato chips, apple slices and crispy bars. Those in attendance were StoryTime students Luke Hunzeker, Maddelyn Osborne, Sage Fischer, and Clayton Brown. The adult guests were Mark and Lisa Hunzeker, Marilyn Karas, Jane Osborne, Tina Moore, and library staff Lola Seitz, and Colleen Morehead. A big thank you to Tina Moore who photographed the activities for the day.



21st Century Scholarships

By Kathryn Brockmeier, Nebraska Library Commission

The scholarships are administered by the Nebraska Library Commission and funded through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program.

▲ April 2013 Scholarship Recipients

Nancy Black, Uehling
Justine Goeden, West Point

Kimberly Green-Hailey, South Sioux City
Angela Krejci, Louisville
Maureen McCombs, Gretna
Margaret McGurk-Kramer, Lincoln
Julianne Moulton, Omaha
Libby Munsell, York
Mary Jo Pittman, Omaha
Dorothy Schultz, Wood River
Samantha Stock, Omaha
Jordan Stough, Bellevue
Monica Tidyman, Stromsburg



News Around the System

Anniversary for Reading Group

By Glenda Willnerd, Palmyra Memorial Library

The Palmyra Memorial Library Book Club celebrated their first anniversary. The book club meets the second Monday of each month from 2 – 3:00 P.M. at the library. Anyone is invited to join the group. Pictured are: left to right - Janet Twohig, Betty Royal, Wilma Halverson, Mary Powers, Sharon Smith, Jan Jones. Terri Edwards, Winnie Dowding, Gera Stilwell, Glenda Ostrander and Jan McMahon. Not pictured – Gloria Hall, Nancy Lincoln, Marsha Reiss, and Merilea Kyster.



Summer Reading in Seward



Clockwise from left:

1 - We've already had several kids who have reached the 100 point goal and got to choose a prize from the Treasure Chest!

2 - Children enjoyed some digging time during the May Pre-3 Story Time.

3 - The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission showed off some reptiles and other interesting animals who enjoy digging or living underground during a program for K-4th grad-





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**Heartland School Library Conference
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SELS Board Minutes
March 6, 2013

Saint Gregory the Great Seminary
Seward, NE

Board members present: Barbara Hegr, Becky Baker, Carolyn Bennett, Ruth Carlock, Karen Frank, Kent Munster, Sabrina Riley, Hilary Sire, Robin Sudgen, Jan Thomsen, Dorothy Willis.
Also present: Brenda Ealey, William Bragg.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Barbara Hegr. Board members shared what is happening in their libraries. Dr. Terrence Nollen came and welcomed the group to Saint Gregory's and offered a tour after lunch.

A motion to pass the consent agenda was made by Karen Frank, seconded by Robin Sudgen, motion carried. The minutes of December 14, 2012 and the transaction report were accepted as submitted.

The financial report included a more detailed explanation of reimbursements/refunds report which helps to clarify what is happening regarding projects the Southeast Library System is involved in.

The Administrator position at Southeast Library System will become vacant as of March 15, 2013. The SELS Board wishes Brenda well in her new position as Gere Library Branch Manager with Lincoln City Libraries. A hiring committee of four board members will begin working on the hiring process. It was mentioned that Eastern Library system has changed terminology from System Administrator to System Executive Director and System Assistant to System Executive Assistant, SELS might want to also change that terminology. Suggested salary ranges were mentioned, a start might be \$45,000 - \$52,000. The committee will be working on these figures. Rebecca Bernthal will be able to sign checks during the time there is no Administrator. Brenda has 320 vacation hours left, the board feels she should be paid for those hours. During the vacancy time period, William's hours will increase from 25 to 30 hours per week. It was noted that according to the system contract with NLC a representative from the commission may be part of the hiring process for a new administrator.

Laura Johnson gave the Nebraska Library Commission Report. Big Talk From Small Libraries 2013 was recorded and will be available on the commission's website. A new application form is available from Talking Book and Braille Service. As always, numerous training opportunities are available online through the NLC. It was noted that the University of Nebraska at Kearney's School Librarian Endorsement Program has been nationally recognized by the American Library Association/American Association of

School Librarians and by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education. This makes UNK's program one of just 45 graduate-level programs recognized nationally.

The SELS Board has 4 members coming to the end of current terms. Nominations will be accepted from all 15 counties in the system. The Board has requested that Barbara Hegr's term be extended until a new administrator is hired, since she is serving as SELS Board President and is a member of the hiring committee.

Brenda presented the Administrator's report. Highlights included CASTL meetings in Wilber and Tecumseh and weeding projects at Gilbert Public Library in Friend and Heartland Community School high school library in Henderson. Planning for the SELS Training Extravaganza on May 23 is nearly complete. The League of Municipalities conference in Lincoln and the Nebraska Regional Library Systems/Nebraska Library Commission Quarterly Meeting were two of many activities SELS had representation in attendance.

The SELS Friends report included a reminder about the movie private showing of "Oz: the Great and Powerful" on March 9 to be followed by lunch at Stauffer's Café and Pie Shoppe, and Friday, April 19 is this year's Aged to Perfection at James Arthur Vineyards.

Committee Reports:

CE Committee – The Extravaganza will be held May 23 at Union College. Working on a schedule to record sessions at the Extravaganza. At the April Board meeting the committee needs to work on the CASTL schedule. A possible program for the NLA Conference in Kearney is the author of "On the Rocks" a Willa Cather mystery.

Marketing/Promotion – Updates to the SELS website are being worked on; the Front Porch Award – may be a presentation on April 20.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m

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A library is the only place I know
where I can always find passion,
mystery, suspense, true love, and a
no-fail recipe for turkey gravy."

– Jennifer Cruise

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.