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Newsletter of the

Southeast Library System

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SOWINGS

What's a Good Book to Read?

I was able to attend *Reader's Advisory with Duncan Smith* at Omaha Public Library's Benson Branch on April 26th. Smith shared some great information, as well as demonstrating all the swell features of NoveList. He started off by telling us the most important question we get as librarians is: "What's a good book to read?" I suspect for many of us it's a question that delights because of the expressed interest in reading; on the other hand, it's a question we don't want to screw up—the burden of recommending a book seems somewhat daunting. So, here's some insight from Duncan Smith that should help with those readers' advisory questions:

✦ Readers go around with 5-6 authors in their brains. Their three great hopes when they come into a library are: 1) One of the authors has written a book. 2) The Library has bought it. 3) The book is on the shelf. How to Build Trust in 30 seconds: 1) Tell me about a book you read. 2) Repeat back to the customer what they expressed – paraphrase. 3) When you make your suggestions, use the reader's language to connect with what they like. Don't talk about your personal experience with your suggestion – talk about their interests. Then, hand the book to the reader – and, step away from the book. That way you're not pushing it – the book can sell itself.

If you do just the first two steps, listening and reflecting back you'll get higher marks in customer service, PLUS you'll expand your book knowledge. In a way, you become a colleague rather than a person behind the desk. It's a staff development tool- you gain knowledge from the interaction.

- ✦ Acknowledge that for many readers part of the service is allowing readers to talk about a book – not just suggesting a title.
- ✦ Let go of the idea that there's "an" answer to a reader's advisory question, and rather think –

there are books, there are possibilities.

- ✦ Suggest older titles – there's a chance the reader has heard about them and maybe didn't have a chance to read – and there may also be a better chance they're on the shelf.
- ✦ The majority of fiction readers are browsers – not a clear idea of what they're looking for. Don't analyze what they've read, typically don't even reflect on it.

Suggest titles that map as closely to what the reader is talking about as possible. Trying to elevate a reader's taste works against us. It shows we're not willing to hear them and acknowledge them.

I also had the privilege of hearing Nancy Pearl at ALA Chicago this summer, and came home with a copy of her book: *More Book Lust* – a companion to her first book, *Book Lust*. They are wonderful resources for "reading recommendations for every mood, moment and reason." Pearl refers to herself as an addicted reader, as well as a promiscuous reader: "I basically read anything, as long as it's well written and has interesting characters. And there's no subject in which you won't find books that meet those criteria." Which brings us to Pearl's rule of 50 that I think we all need to keep in mind as readers and librarians, which advises: "... if you're 50 or younger give every book 50 pages to decide to commit to reading it or give it up – which is based on the reality of the shortness of time and the immensity of the world of books. If you're over fifty, which is when time gets even shorter, subtract your age from 100 – the result the number of pages you should read before deciding whether or not to quit. If you're 100 or over, you get to judge the book by its cover...."

Another good resource that we have available at the SELS office is *The Readers' Advisory Guide to Genre Fiction* by Joyce G. Saricks, which has more great tips in providing readers' advisory services, including booklists by genre.

-Brenda Ealey, SELS Administrator

Intellectual Freedom- What Does It Have To Do With Me... and My Library?

"Intellectual Freedom is the right of every individual to both seek and receive information from all points of view without restriction."
(ALA Intellectual Freedom Office.)

Doesn't that sound central to every library and every librarian?

Are you ready for requests to withdraw material from your collection, or requests for information about what your users have read?

Nebraska Library Association's (NLA) Intellectual Freedom Committee is working to make more people aware of the issues, and to help them be prepared if and when questions arise. Two ways we are doing this are a newly revised Intellectual Freedom Manual and a panel discussion on intellectual freedom at the NLA Conference this fall.

A public librarian, a school librarian, and an academic librarian will talk about being prepared on intellectual freedom issues when NLA meets in Lincoln in September, and we hope you'll find it of value.

The new edition of the Intellectual Freedom Manual was revised by NLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee last year and is available online at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/freedom/intellectfree.html.

Before the concerned citizens appear at your door, telling you they want you to withdraw something from your collection, or the FBI asks for your check-out records, you should read this Manual and follow its suggestions. It includes the following sections: a checklist of questions on how prepared you are to handle censorship issues; a list of records which may be withheld from the public (but may be subpoenaed by the authorities); creating a mission statement and a materials selection policy; how to handle reconsideration requests (with a sample form from ALA and a procedure to follow); links to various statements (The Library Bill of Rights, ALA's Freedom to Read, View, and Access Electronic Information statements, and a Guide to the USA PATRIOT Act); and finally a list of contacts—addresses and phone numbers of the Nebraska Regional Library Systems, the Nebraska Library Commission, and NLA—which may be able to offer advice or help.



I hope we'll see you at the panel discussion on Friday September 30th!

Bob Boyce, Lincoln City Libraries, for the NLA Intellectual Freedom Committee.



Another group of Leadership graduates gets ready to inspire their peers.

2005 Nebraska Library Leadership Institute Vision Statement

Nebraska Libraries...

- ◆ Uphold freedom of access to all information for all persons.
- ◆ Provide, in a positive timely manner, services that meet the changing needs of all members of our diverse communities, creating a dynamic hub for enhancing lifelong learning and optimal connections to the global community.
- ◆ Tirelessly advocate for persons of all ages, backgrounds, and ethnicities by providing an environment conducive to learning, research, collaboration, study and recreation.
- ◆ Provide awe-inspiring spaces, sanctuaries for the written and spoken word.
- ◆ Bridge the digital divide by providing innovative user-friendly technology, allowing for seamless, equitable access.
- ◆ Secure funding from all possible sources to ensure optimal access and delivery of information.
- ◆ Serve as the driving force that collaborates with entities at all levels to provide quality services and information to all.
- ◆ Create and support opportunities for professional growth.
- ◆ Speak with a collective voice that tirelessly advocates for our profession in all political arenas.
- ◆ Pursue the library of the future now.



While the former graduates reunited to reflect on their efforts.



September

- ✪ **September 1st: Planning Workshop** at Eiseley Branch Library – Lincoln. Details on page 8.
- ✪ **September 9th:** the Library Commission will provide a videoconference entitled, **Writing Grants for Youth**, for children and young adult librarians. To register go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/ce/libdevtrainingreg.html called in to Jacque Crocker, 800-307-2665, 1-402-471-4037 or email: jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us. Be sure to indicate your site preference.
- September 22-24: Plum Creek Children's Festival**, see page 9 for details.
- September 24th – October 1st:** **ALA Banned Books Week (BBW)**, *“It’s Your Freedom We’re Talking About”*. Go to: www.ala.org/bbooks/ for more information, including BBW posters, bookmarks, and a quick and easy guide for librarians.
- September 24th:** Nebraska StoryArts is bringing a group of culturally diverse storytellers to Omaha for the **Moonshell Festival** on . These tellers will be available for performance and instruction the week September 18. If you would like to take advantage of these great multi-cultural stories for your school (or public library) please call Andrea Travillian at (402) 505-7680 or check our web page: www.nebraskastoryarts.org/bookateller.html.
- ✪ **September 28th – 30th:** **NLA/NEMA Conference** at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln. See pages 11-15 or www.nla-nema2005.info/ for details.

October

- ✪ **October 6th: CASTL meeting** at Virgil Biegert Public Library in Shickley. The morning session will be on creative problem-solving. Please let us know if you plan to attend.
- October 6th –8th: Lincoln City Libraries book sale** at the State Fair Park, second level of the Grand Stand. Sale is open to the public with no admission fee. Hours are: Thursday, October 6 – 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, October 7th – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, October 8th – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- October 12th – 15th: Mountain Plains Library Association Conference** at Jackson Hole, Wyoming. For more information on the conference see: www.usd.edu/mpla/conference.html. For information on a library road trip via bus, see page 16.
- October 16th – 22nd: Teen Read Week – Get Real! @ your library** ®. For booklists, program ideas, contests and display ideas go to: www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teenreading/teenreading.htm.
- ✪ **October 19th: Jim Trelease** at Concordia University, Seward from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cattle Conference Center in the Janzow Campus Center. Come and hear one of America’s most popular education speakers, Jim Trelease, talk about raising readers in a video and computer age. Based on research and his New York Times bestseller, *The Read-Aloud Handbook*, Jim’s witty and dynamic message focuses on which kids “read best” and “why,” TV vs. reading, sports-minded dads, and great read-aloud books to share – from picture books to novels. Jim Trelease will also be giving a presentation at the Seward High School Auditorium Monday, **October 17th**, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. For more information go to: www.sewardlibrary.org/trelease.htm.

☀ **October 27th & 28th:** ELS & SELS Youth Services Retreat at Camp Carol Joy Holling. See pages 17 and 18 for details.

November

☀ **November 7th, 14th, and 21st:** **Basic Skills-Collection Development.** Seward Memorial Library, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Pam Scott, 402-471-2694, 800-307-2665, pscott@nlc.state.ne.us for information or to register or visit: www.nlc.state.ne.us/news/content/1761.html for more information.

November 14th –20th: **Children's Book Week.** The theme for the 86th annual observance is *Imagine*. For information and materials on decorating your walls, promoting your events, and encouraging kids to read go to: www.cbcbooks.org/cbw/.

December

☀ **December 1st:** **Patrick Jones, *You are, but IM: Best Practices and New Directions to Serving Young Adults in Schools and Public Libraries***, at Seward Memorial Library, \$15 registration fee. More details to follow, or contact the SELS Office for more information.

The US Census Bureau has a neat press page with facts for the observance of Labor Day (www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/facts_for_features_special_editions/005289.html) that includes the following:

- ✦ The first observance of Labor Day is believed to have been a parade on Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City, probably organized by Peter J. McGuire, a Carpenters and Joiners Union secretary. By 1893, more than half the states were observing a "Labor Day" on one day or another, and a bill to establish a federal holiday was passed by Congress in 1894. President Grover Cleveland signed the bill soon afterward, designating the first Monday in September as Labor Day.
- ✦ 149.1 million people age 16 or older in the nation's labor force in May 2005. Among the nation's workers are 80 million men and 69.1 million women, representing 66% of the civilian noninstitutionalized adult population.
- ✦ The annual median earnings, respectively, for male and female full-time, year-round workers in 2003 - \$40,668 and \$30,724.
- ✦ 7.3 million workers hold down more than one job, and comprise 5% of the working population.
- ✦ 10.3 million self-employed workers.
- ✦ 4.5 million people work at home.
- ✦ 24.3 minutes is the average time it takes to commute to work.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau – Public Information Office

"We are not afraid to entrust the American people with unpleasant facts, foreign ideas, alien philosophies, and competitive values. For a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people."

-- John F. Kennedy

Banned Books Week:

It's your freedom we're talking about

September is Library Card Sign-up Month – a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. This year, Library Card Sign-up Month is being celebrated with Public Library Association's advocacy campaign:

"The Smartest Card. Get it. Use It. @ your library ®"

NEWS FROM THE SHORES



Weeping Water Public Library initially received an Arboretum Grant, written by their library assistant, for landscaping around the library, including the removal of a large tree. The grant then switched to one from the Nebraska Roads Dept. We had to do a 20% match. So far the plants have survived the intense heat. We have been so busy-some days we have 42 computer uses for the day.



Submitted by Jan Aronson, Director, Weeping Water Public Library

News from Kristen Wilton, Director of **Gresham Public Library**: We have had 41 kids participate in our summer reading program. Kids from at least 5 different schools, so that's pretty good. We had just under 40 people attend the Fun Run/Walk last month. The community seems to have accepted our move to a new building. I think we have had close to 1000 books (good books) donated since we moved in April. Also, the bank is going to match funds we raise this summer up to \$1000. We are setting up a Library Foundation to handle money like that. Learned the hard way when a bequest for just under \$10000 came in at Christmas time and the village gets to decide how to spend it! It has to go to the library, but they get final say. :(

Note: Kristen's update is a great reminder that library donations are best funneled through your Friends Group, if officially set up as a 501c3 nonprofit, or a foundation – in order to ensure it's used as the benefactor intended and in the best possible manner for the library, and not controlled by the village/city. Multiple library communities have learned this lesson the hard way.

Thanks for sharing, Kristen.

The new bookdrop at **Fairbury Public Library** was purchased with donations from the Estaline Carpenter Estate. Estaline Carpenter was a local historian with strong ties to the library.



Also new to Fairbury Public Library are some nice solid wood computer workstations. These sturdy and attractive new workstations were handmade by local carpenter, Larry Whitehead, at a very affordable cost to our budget. The patrons have made many positive comments and they seem to really like them.

Submitted by Ellen Vorderstrasse, Director, Fairbury Public Library



We set a couple of records this year at **Auburn Memorial Library** with our summer reading program. We had a record attendance day of 85 children, which broke our overall attendance record and we read a record number of books-in 5 weeks they read 3,290 books!!! We also had a visit from race car drivers and magician, Jeff Quinn.

Submitted by Heather Koeneke,
Auburn Memorial Library

Last week we ended a medieval summer at the **Seward Memorial Library**. One of the most popular spots in our library was the new "knighting wall" where children who had read 25 books were knighted as Super Incredible Readers (SIR). The ceremony included a plush cushion and a royal purple robe for the kneeling reader. A staff person wearing a crown and holding a scroll announced to the library the knight's accomplishments. The honored reader could choose from a variety of wands, but often elected to be dubbed with a huge blow-up sword. An invitation to the Reading Club renaissance party was presented after the ceremony. Parents often brought cameras to capture this special moment.



This summer we also had a girl who read over 500 books, and is still reading. She and her mother visit the library several times a week. She will be entering 1st grade as a more confident reader. Our summer program reading log has been a positive influence on her life. She's proud of her accomplishment and so are we.

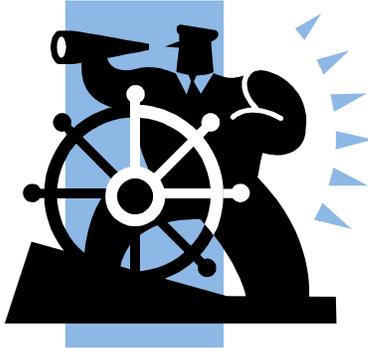
Submitted by Charlotte Baldinger, Seward Memorial Library

Greenwood Public Library has been in the local news quite a lot. The Summer Reading Program kids had a chance to learn chess from George Cameron and the opportunity to go on their own quest with the reward of baseball tickets to Library Game Day. The library had Dean Jacobs, world traveler, speak as the final program for their Summer Reading. The library has also announced the availability of HeritageQuest online at the library as provided by the Nebraska Library Commission.

Submitted by Karen Frank, Greenwood Public Library



NEWS FROM THE BOTTOM



Sailing into the future: Library Planning for Results

We'll get you started, whether it's a new endeavor or updating an existing plan. At the end of the workshop, attendees will be asked what follow-up can be provided to make certain your library has a plan in place.

Latitudes & Attitudes: Overview and why plan? Every library has a different journey into the future.

Charting the Course: The Planning Committee's responsibilities, staff and board relationships in the planning process, planning timeline, identifying stakeholders and budget.

Avoiding Rough Waters: Community Data Collection, Identifying community needs, SWOT Analysis, Selecting service responses, Writing Goals and Objectives.

Staying Afloat: Identifying activities, developing an activity/program budget.

Smooth Sailing Ahead: Communicating the library's vision, teaching staff how to reallocate resources to implement selected activities, monitoring progress towards your goal.

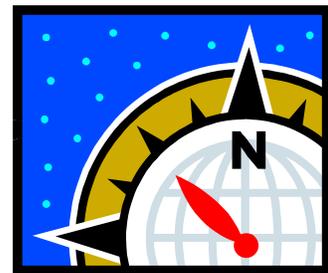
Presenters: Kit Keller, Nebraska Library Commission and Brenda Ealey, Southeast Library System Administrator

Time: September 1st, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: Eiseley Branch, Lincoln City Libraries, 1530 Superior St.

C.E. hours: 5 hours

Cost:FREE! A meal will be provided.



Please mail your registration by **August 29** to:
Southeast Library System, 5730 R St., Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505

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“Good plans shape good decisions. That’s why good planning helps to make elusive dreams come true.”
-Lester R. Bittel, *The Nine Master Keys of Management*

Workshop sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission and the Southeast Library System.



News and Notes

"Censorship, like charity, should begin at home; but unlike charity, it should end there."
-- Clare Booth Luce

Banned Books Week: It's your freedom we're talking about

10th Annual Plum Creek Literacy Festival

Early Childhood, Elementary, Secondary & Adult Offerings

Friday, September 23, Children's Day for Surrounding Area Schools

Saturday, September 24, Adult Professional Conference

Featuring:

Janet Stevens-*Epossumondus*, *Coyote Steals the Blanket*, *The Dog Who Had Kittens*, *Anansi and the Talking Melon*, and *Anansi Goes Fishing*

Susan Stevens Crummel-*Jackalope*, *Plaidypus Lost*, *All in One Hour*, *Big Dog*, and *The Dish Ran Away With the Spoon*

Pam Muñoz Ryan-*Esperanza Rising*, *Riding Freedom and Becoming Naomi León*. *Mice and Beans* and *Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride*

Elisa Carbone-*Storm Warriors*, *Last Dance on Holladay Street*, *The Pack*, *Stealing Freedom*

W. Nikola-Lisa-*Night is Coming*, *Bein' With You This Way*, *Shake Dem Halloween Bones*, and *Summer Sun Risin'*

Stephen Swinburne-*What Color is Nature*, *Safe, Warm and Snug*, *Guess Whose Shadow?* and his new book, *Turtle Tide*

Bob & Phyllis Dunne-present the unique sounds of the Appalachian Mountain dulcimer and the Australian Aboriginal didgeridoo. Together they present an interesting, audience participating program describing the representative cultures.

Go to: www.cune.edu/show.asp?durki=944 for more information and to register.



Friends of Wymore Library (F.O.W.L.) welcomes author Stephanie Grace Whitson

Books with Heart, Words of Hope

Please join us for an afternoon of relaxation with Author/Speaker Stephanie Grace Whitson as she entertains us with her presentation of "Time Travel the Calico Trail." Ms. Whitson will illustrate inspirational anecdotes from pioneer women's lives gleaned from her research. What really happened is better than fiction! Also includes readings from her books.

August 27, 2005-Southern High School, 115 S. 11th, Wymore NE

Time: 2:00 P.M.

Tickets: \$5.00 per person, available at the Library

Refreshments will be served following the presentation. Ms. Whitson will have books available for sale and signing.



News and Notes

PLA provides funding for “Grow Your Own @ Your Library[®]” institutional scholarships for public libraries, 2005-08

The Public Library Association (PLA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), will award five public libraries with grants of \$8,000 each to be distributed to staff for work toward obtaining a master's degree in library and information studies. The application deadline for this pilot program is December 1, 2005.

The scholarship terms require that \$6,500 be used directly for payment of tuition at the undergraduate level, or at an ALA-accredited library school graduate level, for as many staff as the recipient library chooses, and \$1,500 is to be used to support attendance for one or more of the selected scholarship recipients to attend PLA-sponsored continuing education.

“PLA recognizes that the institution is strategically positioned to best identify those employees with a commitment to librarianship, public libraries and the community,” said Clara Bohrer, PLA past-president and chair of the PLA Institutional Scholarship Task Force. “And, we know there is tremendous need for staff with the MLS. We are very pleased to provide libraries with resources to help them increase the number of public librarians by growing their own.”

Scholarships will be made on a competitive basis. Applications will be reviewed by the PLA Institutional Scholarship Jury. Applicants will be notified of their status by February 1, 2006. Bachelor or master level courses taken between February 2006 and March 2008 are eligible for tuition reimbursement under this program. For criteria and application information, please visit PLA's website at: www.pla.org/ala/pla/scholarshipapp.pdf.

At the SELS Training Extravaganza we had George Hansen from the Nebraska Department of Agriculture on hand to answer questions and outline what library staff need to be aware of in serving or preparing foods for programs, meetings, etc. I would encourage you to send him an e-mail if there's further questions you might have – he does not respond in a punitive manner – or in other words no one's going to jail. In the meantime, below is Susan Church's (Crete Public Library) and Jenni outline of some of the information he shared. Thanks, Susan

No Food Felonies

Foods prepared for public service must be prepared in an inspected facility.

LB131 (which becomes law in September 2005) allows potentially hazardous foods (foods that breed bacteria quickly; meats, dairy, egg, cream pies, etc.) to be prepared at home for fundraisers, IF a placard is displayed informing consumers that food was not prepared in an inspected facility. This law is to make the laws fit the way the NE Dept of Agriculture was/is “policing” fundraisers. The library is allowed to pay people for the supplies for the food served, but they are required to donate their services. For example, Grandma Betty's famous chili: you'd pay for the meat, tomatoes, beans, and spices, but no labor.

Pre-packaged food presents less liability for libraries for story times, teen nights, Summer Reading programs. Non-potential hazardous snacks (cookies, cakes, Kool-aid, etc.) pose little problem.

People using the library for meetings/gatherings are allowed freedom within the library's policy on food or meeting rooms.

Contact George Hansen, ghansen@agr.ne.gov, if you have questions-remember non-punitive!



10 REASONS NOT TO MISS THE NLA/NEMA CONFERENCE SEPT 29-30---

1. It really starts on Sept.28 with your choice of 3 preconferences:
 - a. Bridges out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities
 - b. Caring for the Mind @your library ® (mental health issues)
 - c. AASL: Leading Through Collaboration (schools)
2. Another chocolate basket will be raffled off.
3. There's a banquet, with a program by Mark Twain, and a dance Thursday.
4. Trustees can learn about sales tax, raffles, ethics, & meet the leader of FOLUSA.
5. Awards will be presented, including Golden Sowers.
6. Vendors will have all the latest products – and free stuff.
7. Lincoln is a great place to visit.
8. You can get together with hundreds of other Nebraska librarians.
9. There are over 60 session choices.
10. It's fun and you'll learn a ton.

Early bird discount registration is August 1-31. Regular registration is Sept. 1-24.

Get all the information at the conference web site:

<http://www.nla-nema2005.info/>

“If we don't believe in freedom of expression for people we despise, then we don't believe in it at all.”

- Noam Chomsky

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BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY: STRATEGIES FOR PROFESSIONALS AND COMMUNITIES

2005 Nebraska Regional Library Systems Preconference
September 28, 2005 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cornhusker Hotel

“It was just bad luck; the cop was on the same road I was on that night!” Have you heard this phrase or something similar to it? If so, do you know the hidden rules that guide such thinking?



Jodi Pfarr

Much of society is based on middle class rules, and those who wish to succeed must learn the hidden rules of this middle class culture. These invisible rules, characteristics, and language structures shape the behavior and vocabulary of each culture in your community.

Libraries *are* the heart and soul of their communities; your patrons are the most diversified of any community entity. Knowing the best ways to interact with *all* of your patrons allows you to provide access and information in the ways best suited to those diverse populations.

The workshop will increase participants’ awareness of the differences in cultures and how those differences impact opportunities for success. In addition, participants will leave with the skills needed to develop action plans to improve their services to their clients. This workshop would be valuable for those working with people through libraries, social service agencies or churches. Presenter Jodi Pfarr is a Transitional Housing Manager for Catholic Charities. She is also a chaplain, a certified critical debriefer for the St. Paul, MN Police Department, and is on the board of the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association Board. This workshop is based on the book, *Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities*, by Ruby K. Payne, Philip DeVol and Terie Dreussi-Smith.

“What attendees will learn from the "Bridges out of Poverty" pre-conference will apply to their own situations, no matter how they define their community. Jodi Pfarr's presentation style is lively, informative, and insightful.”

-Becky Baker, Seward Memorial Library

“I actually wished that she'd talk longer than six hours! I've often wondered why there aren't more low income families at the library--Jodi's presentation helped me make sense of that, and move toward having better relationships. This was new information for me.”

-Pat Leach, Lincoln City Libraries

“She is the best presenter I've ever seen. Jodi cares so much about what she is sharing with you that she takes you on the journey whether you want to go or not. She's incredible. Every person will get something valuable out of this session, no matter how big or small your community is.”

-Rose Schinker, LaVista Public Library

\$25 MEMBER OF NLA/NEMA OR LIBRARY STUDENT
\$35 NON-MEMBER NLA/NEMA

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Please mail registrations and fee (which includes lunch) by **September 19, 2005** to:
Nancy Meyer, Eastern Library System, 11929 Elm Street, Suite 12, Omaha, NE 68144.

CARING FOR THE MIND @ your library*



2005 Preconference

Sponsored by
Lincoln Health Sciences Library Group
National Network of Libraries of Medicine
NLA Paraprofessional Section
NLA Public Library Section
NLA Special & Institutional Section

September 28, 2005
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln

“Because of stigma with mental illness, many persons with mental illness may be unwilling to pursue formal treatment (medication, therapy) for their illness, but more likely to pursue informal treatments (support groups, bibliotherapy). This is where the librarian can be helpful. By having a well rounded mental health collection which provides persons with mental illness with knowledge based information to enhance management of their illness which are often chronic, being sensitive to the stigma that comes with mental illness during the reference interview, the librarian can enhance the quality of life of persons with mental illness even if just for a few moments.”

—Caring for the Mind: Providing Reference Services for
Mental Health Information, 1/26/05 Class Script

- 9 a.m.—**Health and Human Services (HHS)** will discuss Nebraska’s behavioral health reform plan, the goal of which is to return patients to their communities, and the role libraries can fulfill providing local resources.
- 9:30 a.m.—**Tim Vorm** Special Needs Coordinator from Community Mental Health Center will review behavior management issues that can arise in public settings with patrons.
- 10:30 a.m.—**Panel Discussion on Behavior Management** — library staff along with mental health professionals: **Gayle Resh**, recreational therapist, Lincoln Regional Center; **Rayma Shrader**, librarian, Lincoln City Libraries; **Dr. Will Spaulding**, psychologist, Lincoln Regional Center; **Pat Talbot**, consumer advocate, Community Mental Health Center. **Joe Wright**- officer, Lincoln Police Department.
- 1 p.m.—**Collection Development** — **Roxanne Cox**, Consumer Health Information Resource Services (CHIRS) program coordinator, helps you complete your collection and **Reference Interview**-what questions should you ask and what to do with the answers.
- 2:15 p.m.—**Internet Mental Health Resources** — National Network of Libraries of Medicine’s **Marty Magee** will show you the best sources on the web.

\$20- half day with lunch
\$25- member of NLA/NEMA or library student full day
\$35- non-member NLA/NEMA full day

Name _____
Library _____
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Email _____

Please mail registrations and fee , which includes lunch, by **September 19, 2005** to:
Jenni Puchalla, Southeast Library System, 5730 R St., Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505.
Please make checks out to Paraprofessional Section.

****Please include questions for the panel on mental health issues in your library:**

They will be submitted anonymously to the panel.

Please select your lunch choice below:

Cornhusker Quiche, served with a blueberry muffin and Chef's fresh vegetables

- Lorraine (bacon/ham and cheese)
- Spinach & Three Cheese
- Seafood

NLA/NEMA Award Banquet & Post-Banquet Dance

Thursday September 29th, 2005
6:30 p.m.—Until you can't dance anymore

"I cannot call to mind a single instance where I have ever been irreverent, except toward the things which were sacred to other people." — Mark Twain

With two books on ALA's list of Most Frequently Challenged Books, Mark Twain seems an obvious choice to speak at a library banquet during Banned Books Week. The great American Humorist mostly enjoyed the public-

ity that banning one of his books provided him, saying that more novels would be sold as people "read it, out of curiosity, instead of merely intending to do so." He turned to lecturing as a method of making money and in 1867 the New York Times reported that "Mr. Twain's style is a quaint one, both in manner and method, and throughout his discourse he managed to keep on the right side of his audience and frequently convulsed it with hearty laughter." Listen to **Wally Seiler**, as Twain, present some of Twain's best-loved writings as they might have been heard on the lecture circuit.



The Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC) provides major funding for this program. The NHC receives support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Nebraska State Legislature, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, and private donations.

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Immediately following the banquet . . .

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**Break out your Nehru jackets
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**And prepare yourselves to dance the night away to
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Whether you have a duck tail, a flat top or long hair you'll be jazzed to hear Jimi, Aretha, Peter, Paul, and Mary, the Beach Boys, the Beatles, and the Grateful Dead.

The library band, the BookEnds, not yet a banned band, will be making an appearance as well.

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WLA/MPLA 2005 Joint Conference
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October 12 - 15, 2005

<http://wyla.org/2005conference/>

ROAD TRIP 2005

**Okay, this time you will have to sing
"We'll be coming around the mountain!"**

Join your colleagues for the second annual bus trip to Mountain Plains Library Association's 2005 Conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The Conference is October 12-15, the bus would leave from Nebraska on October 11th and arrive back on the 16th. Like last year, the bus will start in Omaha and go along I-80 picking up riders. We had 16

riders last time. Use the bus trip to network with your peers, catch up on your sleep, finish that book, or watch a movie. But most of all, use the bus to get to one of the favorite regional conferences for **FREE!** That's right, thanks to a grant* from the Nebraska Library Commission, there will be no cost for the bus ride. There will be an overnight stay in Cheyenne on the return trip (Jackson Hole *is* a ways away), the cost of which, approximately \$65, the rider is responsible for, along with the conference lodging and registration expenses.

Positive comments about the 2004 bus trip:

"It gives you such an opportunity to process information from the conference on the way home. I would love to do another trip like this."

"I arrived at the conference rested and refreshed, instead of tired of traveling. It was great. I highly recommend it to all my colleagues."

"The bus trip was a valuable part of the conference experience. Networking with peers is always valuable, and there were people on the bus that I wouldn't normally run into otherwise."



And comments about the MPLA Conference:

"Because of our similarities of land, population (or lack thereof), funding and distances many of our issues are the same. There is a certain camaraderie among the librarians in the MPLA region — they are always willing to share, commiserate or add to a fantastic idea that is just simmering."

"It always is beneficial knowing we are not an island, and connecting with resources in other states so that we don't have to start from scratch on common issues of concern."

So sign up today to join Road Trip 2005!

Please let us know your serious interest as early as possible, so that if we need to reserve a larger bus we can!

Sign up deadline: September 30th.

Contact Jenni Puchalla, 5730 R St., Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505
jennip@alltel.net or 800-288-6063/467-6188

*This project was supported in part by the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services and granted by the Nebraska Library Commission.

**If space permits, each rider may bring a non-library affiliated guest, who, according to grant stipulations, would be required to pay \$100.

Let your imagination run wild . . .

October 27-28, 2005
Camp Carol Joy Holling
Ashland

10 a.m. Thursday until after
lunch on Friday
Registration & Check-in begin at 9 a.m.

CE Credits 9 hours
\$70 which includes
overnight and meals



The 11th Annual Youth
Services
Retreat

October 27th

Book Talks, including good candidates for SR 2006-Sally Snyder

Breakout session for sharing SR 2006 ideas, plans, books, programs, crafts, etc.

Scholastic Resources

Internet Youth Resources-Julie Pinnell

Urban Prairie Puppeteers-Brian Henning

Free time

Evening Stress Reducer Activities

October 28th

Display & Marketing with Jodene Glaesemann & Julie Simpson

Weeding with Pat Leach, Kathy Tooker, & Brenda Ealey

Every Child Ready to Read-Wendy Anderson

Name _____

Library _____

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Please mail registrations and payment (made out to ELS) by **October 17** to:
Nancy Meyer, Eastern Library System, 11929 Elm St., Ste. 12, Omaha, NE 68144.

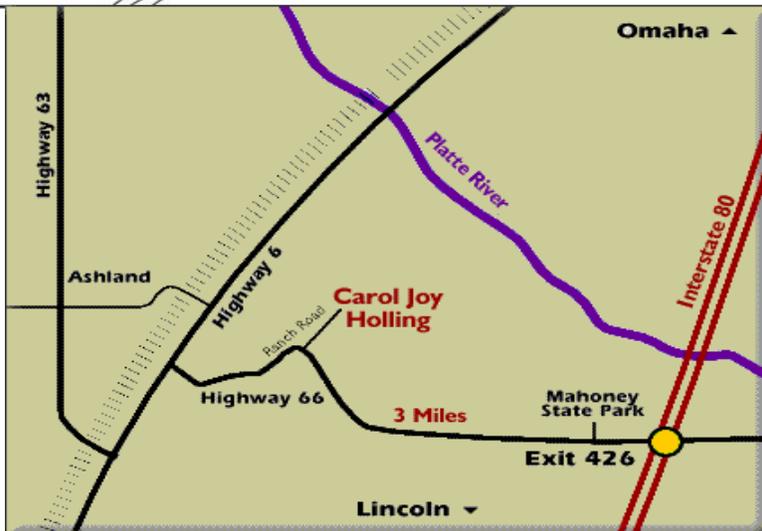
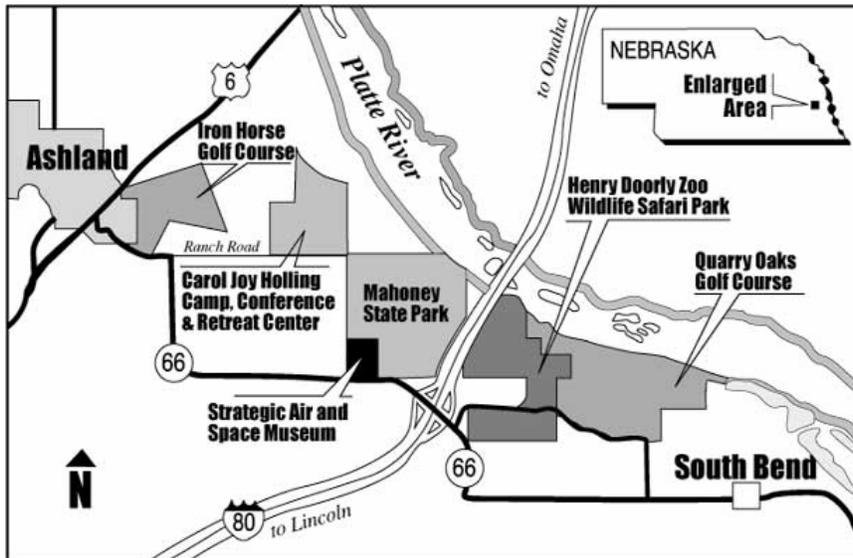
There will be two people per room with two queen-sized beds at the new Swanson Center.
Please bring paper for die cuts and bring your craft and other SR 2006 ideas to share with the group.
Folkmanis catalogs and order forms will be available.

Evening Stress Relief . . .

Thursday night from 6:30 p.m. until you turn out the lights, you have the opportunity to play cards, games, or attend one of our special presenters:

- ✦ Dorothy Willis will provide a Mary Kay demonstration.
- ✦ Michael Fitzsimmons, Dancing Man Music, will be performing for us. You will have the opportunity to make your own drum for a \$5 fee and take part in a drum circle around the bonfire (weather permitting).

MAPS & DIRECTIONS TO CAROL JOY HOLLING



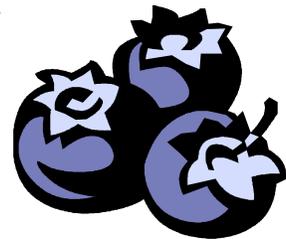
Carol Joy Holling is located on Ranch Road off Highway 66 between Interstate 80 and Ashland

- If you are coming on I-80, take Exit 426. Turn toward Ashland and go 3 miles past Mahoney State Park to Ranch Road
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- Ranch Road is on the east side of the highway just off a sharp curve.

At this year's Southeast Library System & Nebraska Educational Media Association Workshop, Susan Steider (Lincoln City Libraries) and Karla Wendelin (Elliott Elementary School) provided book talks in a session called: *From "Aardvarks and Alphabets" to "Angst and Attitude": Book talks for elementary to young adult*. Listed below are their book lists – which should provide some great ideas for library/ media center collections:

What's New? - Karla Wendelin

- ◆ Appelt, Kathy. *Miss Lady Bird's Wildflowers*. Illus. By Joy Fisher Hein. Harper Collins, 2005. (Subject: Lady Bird Johnson)
- ◆ Bridges, Margaret Park. *I Love the Rain*. Illus. By Christine Davenier. Chronicle, 2005.
- ◆ Edens, Cooper (Comp.). *The Glorious American Songbook*. Chronicle, 2005. (Illustrated with American Art)
- ◆ Edwards, Wallace. *Monkey Business*. Kids Can Press 2004. (Full of idioms)
- ◆ George, Kristine O'Connell. *Fold Me a Poem*. Illus. By Lauren Stringer. Harcourt, 2005. (Ties origami with poetry)
- ◆ Giff, Patricia Reilly. *Don't Tell the Girls: A Family Memoir*. Holiday House, 2005.
- ◆ Hannigan, Katherine. *Ida B... and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World*. Greenwillow, 2004.
- ◆ Hopkins, Lee Bennett. *Days to Celebrate: A Full Year of Poetry, People, Holidays, History, Fascinating Facts, and More*. Illus. By Stephen Alcorn. Greenwillow, 2005.
- ◆ Janeczko, Paul (Comp.). *A Kick in the Head: An Everyday Guide to Poetic Forms*. Illus. By Chris Raschka. Candlewick, 2005.
- ◆ Johnson, Angela. *A Sweet Smell of Roses*. Illus. By Eric Velasquez. Simon & Schuster, 2005.
- ◆ Jones, Charlotte Foltz. *Westward Ho!: Eleven Explorers of the West*. Holiday House, 2005.
- ◆ Joose, Barbara M. *Papa, Do You Love Me?* Illus. By Barbara Lavallee. Chronicle, 2005.
- ◆ Lewis, E.B. (Illus.). *This Little Light of Mine*. Simon & Schuster, 2005.
- ◆ Lewis, J. Patrick. *Please Bury Me in the Library*. Illus. By Kyle M. Stone. Harcourt, 2005. (Collection of poems about books, reading, words)
- ◆ Noble, Trinka Hakes. *The Scarlet Stockings Spy*. Illus. By Robert Papp. Sleeping Bear Press, 2004.
- ◆ Prelutsky, Jack. *If Not for the Cat*. Illus. By Ted Rand. Greenwillow, 2004. (Collection of haiku)
- ◆ Rubin, Susan Goldman. *The Flag with Fifty-Six Stars: A Gift from the Survivors of Mauthausen*. Illus. By Bill Farnsworth. Holiday House, 2005.
- ◆ Shannon, George. *White is for the Blueberry*. Illus. By Laura Dronzek. Greenwillow, 2005.
- ◆ St. George, Judith. *So You Want to Be an Explorer?* Illus. By David Small. Philomel, 2005.
- ◆ St. George, Judith. *Take the Lead, George Washington*. Illus. By Daniel Powers. Philomel, 2005.
- ◆ Stroud, Bettye. *The Patchwork Path: A Quilt Map to Freedom*. Illus by Erin Susanne Bennett. Candlewick, 2005.
- ◆ Walter, Mildred Pitts. *Alec's Primer*. Illus. By Larry Johnson. Vermont Folklife Center, 2004.
- ◆ Weatherford, Carole Boston. *Freedom on the Menu: The Greensboro Sit-ins*. Illus. By Jerome LaGarrigue. Dial, 2004
- ◆ Wiles, Deborah. *Each Little Bird That Sings*. Harcourt, 2005.



Susan Steider's YA List Summer – 2005

Trolls are Huge! Goblins are Good!

Fantasy

- The Hollow Kingdom* – Clare B. Dunkle
- Close Kin* – Clare B. Dunkle
- Snow-Walker* – Catherine Fisher
- The Green Man: Tales from the Mythic Forest* – Ellen Datlow & Terry Windling
- The Sea of Trolls* – Nancy Farmer

Suspense

- Jude* – Kate Morgenroth
- Nothing to Lose* – Alex Flinn

Romance

- One Hot Second: Stories About Desire* – Cathy Young (Editor)

Historical

- Private Peaceful* – Michael Morpurgo

Music

- Rock Star Superstar* – Blake Nelson

Humorous

- The Schwa Was Here* – Neal Shusterman
- Running with the Reservoir Pups* – Colin Bateman

Sports

- Shakespeare Bats Cleanup* – Ron Koertge

Chic lit

- So Super Starry* – Rose Wilkins
- My Cup Runneth Over: the Life of Angelica Cookson Potts* – Cherry Whytock

Realistic

- Godless* – Pete Hautman

Non-Fiction

- The Radioactive Boy Scout: the Frightening True Story of a Whiz Kid and His Home made Nuclear Reactor* – Ken Silverstein
- The Burn Journals* – Brent Runyon



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.

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To register or read more about the classes visit: www.nlc.state.ne.us/netserv/cataloging.html

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: None

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

Three Sessions: November 30, December 7, December 14

Class Size Limit: 20 participants

"If there is a bedrock principle of the First Amendment, it is that the government may not prohibit the expression of an idea simply because society finds the idea itself offensive or disagreeable."

-- Justice William J. Brennan

Banned Books Week: It's your freedom we're talking about

We made the paper in Pawnee City!

Librarians don't spend all their time in the stacks. The 13 librarians who make up the Southeast Library System (SELS) board of directors spend a lot of time providing information and educational opportunities and promoting Southeast Nebraska's libraries.

On June 17, the SELS board of directors held their annual meeting in Pawnee City and took the opportunity to tour the Historical Site and see what a great resource it is.

SELS "envisions a world where libraries and individuals have direct and equal access to the diverse resources needed for education, work and leisure."

One of the requirements to meet this vision is to keep up with technological advances. One of the services SELS provides to libraries in the 16 counties that make up the southeast district is training and consulting.

The mission of SELS is to work proactively with library personnel and with other agencies to help them meet and serve the diverse information, educational, cultural and recreational needs of the citizens of the region through their libraries.

Toward this goal, SELS looks for ways to be more effective and efficient in providing services. Local libraries are encouraged to share resources, communicate with each other, and learn where to access resources beyond their own collections.

"It's a way for the state to be more hands-on," said Pawnee City librarian Mary Friedly. "They have seminars and workshops and they route the professional journals to us that we can't afford. . . The Nebraska Library Commission divides Nebraska into six districts; each system sponsors different events."

At the SELS annual meeting tour on June 17, outgoing president Becky Baker of the Seward Memorial Library said, "All through the year, we try to have our meetings in different places so we can learn about places we don't know."

Pawnee City was happy to host the annual meeting and is looking forward to November when a CASTL (Conversations Among Small Town Librarians) meeting will be held in town. This meeting brings librarians from small towns together to get training and to have discussions on issues that they all face.

Carol Sisco
News Editor
Pawnee Republican



52 Ways to Use Your Library Card (one for each week of the year)

1. Get to know your librarian, the ultimate search engine @ your library.
2. Browse your favorite Web site(s).
3. Plan your next vacation.
4. Find a list of childcare centers in your area.
5. Learn about local candidates for office.
6. Pick up voter registration information.
7. Reserve the latest mystery.
8. Pick up a video.
9. Listen to a classical CD.
10. Participate in a community forum.
11. Find out how to navigate the Internet.
12. Prepare your resume.
13. Get new ideas for redecorating your house.
14. Get a list of community organizations.
15. Attend a lecture or workshop.
16. Hear a local author reading his/her latest novel.
17. Join a book discussion group.
18. Attend preschool story hour with your child.
19. Get homework help.
20. Look up all kinds of health information.
21. Research the purchase of a new car.
22. Trek to another planet in a Sci-Fi novel.
23. Call the reference desk if you have a question.
24. Research your term paper.
25. Learn about the history of your city or town.
26. Decide which computer to buy using a consumer guide.
27. Check your stock portfolio.
28. Read a newspaper from another country.
29. Borrow an audiobook for your next road trip.
30. Use the library's resources to start a small business.
31. See a new art exhibit.
32. Volunteer as a literacy tutor.
33. Find a new recipe.
34. Ask for a recommended reading list for your kids.
35. Make photocopies.
36. Get a book from interlibrary loan.
37. Enroll your child in a summer reading program.
38. Take a computer class.
39. Hear a poetry reading.
40. Take out the latest fashion magazine.
41. Enjoy a concert.
42. Trace your family tree.
43. Check out a special collection of rare books.
44. Check out a legal question or issue.
45. Find out how to file a consumer complaint.
46. Get nostalgic by looking at old magazines.
47. Borrow some sheet music.
48. Learn how to use a database or computerized catalog.
49. Find the latest romance paperback.
50. Pick up tax forms.
51. Get some Internet training.
52. Find a quiet spot, curl up with a book and enjoy.



Library Card Sign-up Month 2005 Proclamation

Whereas, the smartest card is a library card;
 Whereas, a library card opens up a world of opportunity for people of all ages;
 Whereas, a library card provides access to a goldmine of books, magazines, CDs, videos, computers, the Internet and more;
 Whereas, library cards are the ticket to a variety of free programs and services for the whole family to enjoy;
 Whereas, children who have library cards and use the library perform better in school;
 Whereas, be it resolved that I (name, title of official) proclaim September, Library Card Sign-Up Month in (name of city, state) and encourage everyone to sign up for the smartest card. Get It. Use It. @ your library@.

**Southeast Library System Board Meeting
June 17, 2005
Pawnee City Historical Society and Museum
Pawnee City, Nebraska**

Board Members present: Becky Baker (Seward Public Library); Rebecca Bernthal (University of NE Libraries); Sandy Elton (Lincoln Correctional Center); Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Ken Gunselman (York College Library); Steve Hunt (Plattsmouth Public Library); Lisa Olivigni (Crete Public Library); Hope Schawang (Lydia Brun Woods Memorial Library); Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library).

Also present: Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Jenni Puchalla (SELS Administrative Assistant); Maggie Harding (NLA Executive Director and Vice Chair of Trustees, Users and Friends Section).

Board Members absent:

Robin Brooks (Kilgore Memorial Library); Judy Butler (Waverly Senior High School); Deb Goossen (Lewiston Public Schools).

Agenda

I. What's New Around the System: President Baker called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Board members then discussed current activities taking place at their libraries. We were briefly joined by the Director of the Pawnee City Carnegie Public Library, Mary Friedly. She discussed a recent purchase of land for future library expansion. Lola Seitz (library assistant) and a library trustee from the Pawnee City Carnegie Public Library were also present for *News Around the System*.

II. Announcement of Board Members: Brenda Ealey announced the results of the recent Board election. Judy Butler, Sandy Elton, Karen Frank, Ken Gunselman, and Lisa Olivigni were re-elected. Brenda noted that there had been a 29 percent return rate for the ballots.

III. Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Sandy Elton, second by Steve Hunt, the minutes from the April 1, 2005 meeting were approved. Motion passed.

IV. Financial Report: Jenni discussed the current financial report, noting that the current fiscal year is the end of the biennium. Therefore, any money to be carried into the next fiscal year must be designated for specific purposes. SELS will have no excess funds for this biennium. The transaction report was also discussed. On a motion by Karen Frank, second by Jan Thomsen, the transaction report was approved. Motion passed.

V. SELS 2005/2006 Proposed Budget & Contracts: Brenda noted that the Executive Committee met on June 9, 2005 to discuss the budget for fiscal year 2005-2006. The total for the proposed budget is \$112,959.00. Jenni noted that Brenda's health insurance costs for the upcoming year has already had an increase of 11 percent. (Health insurance is an independent policy procured by SELS Staff.) The Nebraska Library Commission has tentatively informed SELS that its budget will be increased by 3 percent, however that's not received final approval from the State. The Executive Committee recommended the budget as proposed, which includes a 5 percent increase for salaries. Potential cuts to the proposed budget were discussed, in the event they may need to be taken. These included: cutting the WATS line, cutting or discontinuing the rotating professional collection, and discontinuing the newsletter. The Board was not comfortable with any of these options, but all felt items should be discussed as potential future considerations. Both Brenda and Jenni noted how important the toll-free access is to area library staff. Brenda also stated that the professional collection had been whittled down to a bare minimum, and felt any more cuts in that area seem unconscionable for a regional library system office. Brenda also reminded the Board that it cannot be automatically assumed that E-rate discounts will be secured by SELS for this next fiscal year. The budget line for phone/WATS reflects this. Jenni noted that since Brenda would not have duties as NLA President much longer, the Admin travel/gas budget line should be adequate as it is. We should also start seeing less expense for the WATS and phone lines as Brenda completes her NLA President duties. The budget for fiscal year 2005-2006 passed, with a second not required.

The Board then discussed the contracts for both the System Administrator and the Administrative Assistant. On a motion by Rebecca Bernthal, second by Sandy Elton, the staff contracts were approved. Motion passed.

VI. Administrator's Report: Brenda's report was discussed. Among SELS many responsibilities and accomplishments, SELS has continued to be active in providing continuing education opportunities for area library staff. This included the annual Training Extravaganza held in May at Hamilton College. Brenda has also been consulting various library staff and board members at their request. Topics have included Board responsibilities, personnel issues, and staff training. Brenda will be attending the American Library Association's meeting in Chicago the last week of June.

VII. Annual Report: The annual report was discussed, and it highlighted the many service roles that Brenda and Jenni strive to fulfill. Board members expressed their thanks for the professional service SELS provides. Some Board members also passed along positive and appreciative comments they had heard from fellow staff or other library staff they knew regarding SELS activities.

VIII. Election of Board Officers: The slate of officers was approved on a motion by Karen Frank, second by Tom Schmitz. Motion passed. Officers for the 2005-2006 year will be:

President – Lisa Olivigni; Vice President – Jan Thomsen; Treasurer – Becky Baker; Secretary – Rebecca Bernthal.

There was a tie between Becky Baker and Sandy Elton for the position of Treasurer. Sandy Elton graciously withdrew, leaving Becky Baker as Treasurer.

IX. August Board Meeting/ Planning Retreat: The planning meeting will be held in Seward on August 12, 2005.

XI. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. Board members then toured the Pawnee City Carnegie Public Library.

August/September 2005

"It's not my town anymore. But if it were, and if the decision was mine, I'd let the snow pile up in the streets and the potholes go unfilled. I'd shut every tavern and church in town and bar their doors before I'd allow my library to close."

-Author Richard Russo on the possible close of Gloversville (N.Y.) Free Library in his hometown.
Quoted in *American Libraries*, August 2005.

"Our prosperity as a nation is directly correlated to our literacy."

-Barack Obama, Illinois Senator,
American Libraries, August 2005, page 51

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