



# SoLiS

Newsletter of the

## Southeast Library System

August 2011

### SOWINGS

By Brenda Ealey, Administrator

#### This and That...

Nancy Everhart, American Association of School Librarians (AASL) President, visited 35 states as part of the Vision Tour to advocate for school library programs during the school year of 2010/2011. Featured in the video tour is Lincoln High, recognized as one of the most outstanding school libraries in the United States. For immediate inspiration and as a reminder of the value of school libraries for our youth, watch the eleven minute video and get glimpses of exceptional library programs in 35 states at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-4xghy-TmQ>. I think it's a great motivator for heading into the 2011/2012 school year. You can find more pictures and info on the Vision Tour, including a list of *100 Things Kids will Miss If they don't have a School Librarian in their School* at: <http://outstandinschoollibraries.org>.

Then, I loved the story of the New York Public Library granting amnesty to kids who were barred from checking out library materials due to outstanding fines. The condition for waiving the fees of 143,000 children 17 or under was that they do one thing: **read**. Youth enrolled in the summer reading program could knock \$1 from their bills for every 15 minutes of reading. You can find the details on the New York Public Library website: [www.nypl.org/](http://www.nypl.org/) - just click on *Read Down Your Fines*. Bravo!

Next up, readers of all ages from anywhere in the world will be able to participate in a Virtual Read-Out for Banned Books Week, September 24-October 1<sup>st</sup>, by posting a 2 minute or less video of themselves reading to a dedicated YouTube channel from a banned or challenged book – which is almost an endless selection list including fabulous and award winning literature (<http://tinyurl.com/kwxwdz>). This sounds like great fun and I plan to participate and challenge other librarians, board members, library staff and friends to join in. Videos can be posted beginning in early September with details available in August on the Banned Books Week Website: <http://bannedbooksweek.org>. Celebrate the freedom to read and join in the fun.

The Opening Session at ALA in New Orleans featured Dan Savage, who initiated the *It Gets Better* video campaign on YouTube in response to a rash of gay teen suicides linked to bullying. He's also author of a book by that same title. *It Gets Better* has now evolved into a nonprofit organization and a national movement, with more than 23,000 videos – [www.itgetsbetter.org](http://www.itgetsbetter.org). The website describes the project this way: "Many LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,

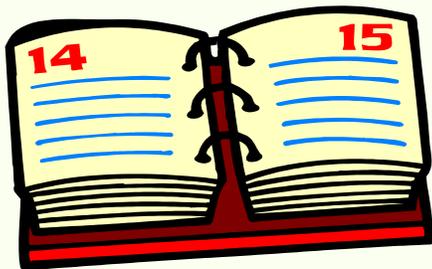
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# CALENDAR

August 2011

**August 11<sup>th</sup>** – CASTL meeting at Bruun Memorial Library in Humboldt starting at 10:00 a.m. We'll view a program from the PLA 2011 Virtual Spring Symposium “The Sustainable Library” with Joan Frye Williams and George Needham and their set of questions for testing the sustainability of both existing and proposed library programs and services. For this month's book discussion, we invite you to read *This Book is Overdue: How Librarians Save Us All* by Marilyn Johnson. There will also be a round robin to share questions, ideas and happenings. Please let us know at the SELS office if you plan on attending.

**August 12<sup>th</sup>** - SELS Friends online scholarship applications due. For more info and an application see: <http://selsfriends.org/scholarship.html>

**August 13<sup>th</sup>** - Iron Librarian Competition in Lincoln. Go online for more info: <http://selsfriends.org/ironlibrarian.html>

**August 13<sup>th</sup>** - SELS Friends Annual Meeting immediately following the Iron Librarian competition.

**August 19<sup>th</sup>** – Pawnee City Public Library Grand Opening, 1:00 P.M.

**August 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Technology Planning Summer Camp at Embassy Suites in Lincoln. For details go to: <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/tpsc> or see pages 12-13.

**September – Library Card Sign-up Month** – a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that the most important school supply of all is @ your library ® — it's your library card! You can find free promotional materials on the ALA website: <http://www.ala.org/ala/conferenceevents/celebrationweeks/card/index.cfm>.

**September 6<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>** – Basic Skills – Library Services to Children & Youth. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp)). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules, go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html).

**September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>** – Youth Services Retreat at Carol Joy Holling Camp. Mark your calendars! See page 4 for details.

**September 9<sup>th</sup>** – 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](mailto:sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov).

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**September 10<sup>th</sup>**— Meet Christian Fiction Author Beverly Lewis at Barnes & Noble South Pointe in Lincoln, 10:00-11:00 AM

**September 16<sup>th</sup>** – CASTL Meeting at Morton-James Public Library in Nebraska City – meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. We'll have instruction on CPR, use of a defibrillator and basic first aid. Training will be provided by an EMT with hands on practice and time for questions. For this month's book discussion please book talk a favorite summer read of your choice, or read *The Cookbook Collector* by Allegra Goodman – this year's One Book Many Librarians selection for NLA/NEMA conference. There will also be a round robin to share questions, ideas and happenings. Please let us know at the SELS office if you plan on attending.

**September 19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>** – Basic Skills – Communication. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp)). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules, go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html).

**September 20<sup>th</sup>** – NAIL (Nebraska Association of Institutional Libraries) Meeting

**September 24<sup>th</sup>** - Plum Creek Children's Literacy Festival, see page 5 for details.

**September 24<sup>th</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup>** – Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. For ideas, resources, press kits and more go to: <http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/bannedbooksweek/index.cfm>.

**September 29<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>** Annual LITA National Forum: Rivers of Data, Currents of Change in St. Louis, Missouri. The LITA National Forum is a 3-day educational event featuring preconferences, keynote, concurrent and poster sessions that explore leading-edge technologies and their applications in all types of libraries. Early-bird rates through August 15<sup>th</sup> – and more details can be found at: [www.lita.org](http://www.lita.org).

**October 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>** – NLA/NEMA Annual Conference in Lincoln. To find more information and the conference program go to: <http://nebraskalibraries.org/conference2011/home>

**November 9<sup>th</sup>**—ELS/SELS Fall Colloquium with Jo Budler, Kansas State Librarian at Embassy Suites in La Vista

**November 17<sup>th</sup>—SELS Summer Reading Workshop at Beatrice Public Library. Mark your calendars! See page 16 for more info.**

*The 17th Annual*

# ELS/SELS Youth Services Retreat

Carol Joy Holling Camp and Retreat Center, Ashland

September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

Registrations **MUST** be  
received by September 1st!

- Nebraska Humanities Program—*Maria Rodaway: Prairie Pioneer* By Karen Wyatt Drevo
- Book Reviews with Sally Snyder (NLC)
- Mobile Devices with Melody Kenney (LPSDO)
- Youth Services: Part of the Library's Strategic Plan with Francine Canfield & Pat Leach
- Controversial Literature and YAs with Paula McClung (LPS)
- Share ideas and programs
- Dies and die cut machines
- Folkmanis Puppets
- Wonderful food
- Relaxing Atmosphere
- Great Conversation!



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

Library: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

(or we can match you up)

Please check all that apply:

Thursday only, includes lunch \$50

Friday only, includes lunch \$45

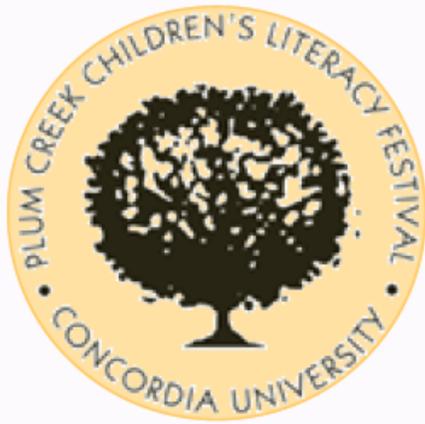
Both days with overnight, double occupancy \$125  
(includes all meals)

Both days with overnight, single occupancy \$155  
(includes all meals)

Hayrack ride on Thursday night \$2 (can pay at  
retreat, weather pending)

Send check, payable to ELS, to:

Eastern Library System, 11929 Elm Street, Suite 18, Omaha, NE 68144



# ADULT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, SEWARD

SEPTEMBER 24, 2011

Registration & autographing opens at 7:30 a.m.

Sectionals begin at 9:00 a.m.

Book Sales all day

**Luncheon Speaker: Kylene Beers "Sailing Over the Edge: Teaching in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" at 12:45 p.m.**

Speakers, Dr. Kylene Beers and Dr. Robert E. Probst, are respected authorities on reading instruction. Beers—focusing more on reading strategies—and Probst—focusing more on engagement and literary analysis—present together to show teachers and administrators how coordinated attention to strategies and engagement help readers, especially those who struggle, improve. There will also be several other presentations by Dr. David A. Jolliffe, Julia Cook, Dr. Elizabeth Patterson, Angela Wassenmiller, Katie Wright, Vicki Wood, and Donna Knoell.



Beers, a former middle school teacher, has taught at the university level. Now a senior reading advisor to secondary schools at Teachers College Reading and Writing Project, Beers was the 2008-2009 president of the National Council of Teachers of English. She is the author of *When Kids Can't Read/What Teachers Can Do* (Heinemann, 2002).



Probst is a former high school teacher and now is professor emeritus of English education at Georgia State University. He is the author of *Response and Analysis*, 3rd edition (Heinemann, 2004).

\$50 for conference and lunch

\$40 for conference alone

\$25 for Kylene Beers luncheon alone

\$115 Full conference and Endowment Dinner Saturday evening!

REGISTER ONLINE AT: [WWW.CUNE.EDU/PLUMCREEK](http://WWW.CUNE.EDU/PLUMCREEK) . REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 16TH.



# AMONG TREASURED FRIENDS



## Are You Ready?

The 2011 Iron Librarian event has been scheduled! Plan now to attend the August 13 event, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Platte Valley Antique Mall.

Details can be found at [www.selsfriends.org](http://www.selsfriends.org) – attendees from previous years will attest to how much fun you can have! Following the event, the annual meeting of the SELS Friends will be held – around noon. Everyone is welcome, whether or not you are a current SELS Friends member.

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## Farewell to Harry

July's private showing of the last Harry Potter movie earned \$80 for the SELS Friends, but more importantly it was a great way to end the series of private showings we have sponsored. Suggestions for other movies to consider private showings for are always welcome!

## Scholarship Deadline

Scholarship applications will be accepted until August 12. To date we have received two applications. \$150 is available for this round of scholarships. You still have a few more days to submit your online application.

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The SELS Friends voted to fund the SELS request for up to \$3,000 for office renovation and the journal routing program. If you are called upon to wield a paint brush in the near future, please say yes!

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Cookbooks will remain for sale until the first (and only) printing is gone – get yours now – still only \$10! Copies will be available at the annual meeting on August 13.

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A table for SELS Friends at the 2011 NLA/NEMA conference has been purchased and plans are underway for what will happen there. Suggestions are always welcome.

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## Important Dates At A Glance:

**August 12:** SELS Friends online scholarship applications due.

**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



# Southeast Library System Survey

Please take a moment to fill out our survey so we can learn how to serve you better. It should take about five minutes and we would really appreciate your feedback.

If you would prefer to take the survey online, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/3lryf4e>



1. What type of library do you work in?

- ◇ Academic
- ◇ Public
- ◇ School Media Center
- ◇ Special/Institutional
- ◇ Other

7. If you don't read it, please tell us why:

2. Do you know what SELS is?

- ◇ Yes
- ◇ No
- ◇ Not sure

3. Have you ever visited the SELS website?

(The SELS website is located at <http://www.selsne.org/> )

- ◇ Yes
- ◇ No

4. If you answered yes, please tell us how often you visit.

- ◇ Daily or more often
- ◇ At least weekly
- ◇ At least monthly
- ◇ Less than once a month

5. Do you read the electronic SoLiS newsletter?

(This is the newsletter published by SELS.)

- ◇ Yes
- ◇ No

6. If you answered 'Yes,' what do you like most about it?

8. Do you share the SoLiS newsletter with your staff?

- ◇ Always
- ◇ Sometimes
- ◇ Never
- ◇ Not applicable

9. Do you share the SoLiS newsletter with your board or trustees?

- ◇ Always
- ◇ Sometimes
- ◇ Never
- ◇ Not applicable

10. Which of these SELS services, if any, have you used? (Choose all that apply.)

- ◇ Consulting
- ◇ Continuing education events
- ◇ Email discussion lists
- ◇ Journal routing
- ◇ Online catalog
- ◇ Professional library
- ◇ Car-pooling to library events
- ◇ Other:

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11. Which SELS equipment, available for checkout, have you used? (Choose all that apply.)

- ◇ Book discussion bags
- ◇ Diecut machine (Ellison)
- ◇ Diecuts (Ellison and Accucut)
- ◇ Laptop Computer
- ◇ Portable PA System
- ◇ Projectors
- ◇ Wii console
- ◇ Wii games
- ◇ Other:

12. Which of the following SELS events have you attended? (Choose all that apply.)

- ◇ CASTL
- ◇ Colloquiums
- ◇ Extravaganza
- ◇ NEMA/SELS Workshop
- ◇ Summer Reading Workshop
- ◇ Youth Services Retreat
- ◇ I have not attended any of these events.
- ◇ Other:

13. What services would you like SELS to provide in the future?

14. Would you like someone from SELS to contact you regarding this survey?

- ◇ Yes, please contact me. I'll provide my contact information below.
- ◇ No, thank you.

15. How can we contact you?

If you answered "Yes" to the question above, enter your name, phone number or email below.

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

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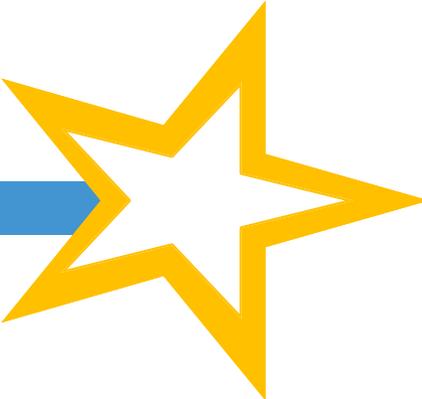
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Additional Comments:

Either mail this form to:

Southeast Library System  
5730 R St  
Lincoln, NE 68505

Or email your answers to [jlarnason@windstream.net](mailto:jlarnason@windstream.net).



**Thank You!**

# News Around the System

## Plattsmouth Public Library Holds Harry Potter Party



Waiting for the party to begin

Submitted by Plattsmouth Public Library

Thirty nine children and adults attended the Harry Potter Party held at the Plattsmouth Public Library.

Cookies in the shape of a wizard's hat were served along with popcorn and butter beer. There were three crafts to make: a pair of Harry Potter glasses, a wand made from pencils,

and the most popular craft — a duct tape tie made with a variety of colors to choose from. Everybody participated in a game of Harry Potter Jeopardy. The winning team received a small cash prize, a six pack of Cream Soda, and a bottle of butterscotch syrup.

Gary and Malachi at the cookie table



## Migrant Education Summer Reading in Crete

By Lisa Olivigni, Crete Public Library

Crete Public Library's Migrant Education Summer Reading Program was held July 5 through July 28. This program, a joint effort of CPL and Crete Public Schools Special Programs, first began in the summer of 2002. Over the past nine years, children and community volunteers have shared weekly reading time at the library. Three years ago, a weekly story time session with crafts and snacks was incorporated into the program, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Crete Public Library. CPS Special Programs identifies children for this program who could benefit from reading individually with a mentor. The program also provides many of the participating families with an introduction to the library and its services. Both the community volunteers and children

enjoy their time together. Thanks to the Friends, we celebrated the end of the program with a pool party for children, their families and volunteers.



# Nebraska Library Leadership Institute

The sixth Nebraska Library Leadership institute was held July 10th-14th at the St. Benedict Center in Schuyler.

There were 38 participants, including mentors Nancy Busch, Francine Canfield, Sherry Crow, Brenda Ealey, Steve Fosselman, Wally Seiler, Kathy Tooker, and Rod Wagner— plus Becky Schreiber and John Shannon. Eleven of the participants were from the Southeast Library System region.

Photo: Kathryn Kelley (LCL), Pete Brink (UNL), Carol Swanson (LCL), Nancy Busch (UNL), Scott Ideen (UNL),



Bethany Grabow (LCL), Brenda Ealey (SELS), Paula McClung (LPS – partially hidden), Deborah Aden (UNL), Holli Beckmann (UNL), and Rod Wagner (NLC).

## One World, Many Stories at Fairbury Public Library



By Jean Naiman, Children's Librarian

This year's summer reading program was filled with some very special programs, games, prizes and crafts.

Our first program was sponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Council and featured David Marsh who played over a dozen instruments to show the children the cultures and songs of people around the world. He kept the children clapping and moving to the music along with the adults who attended.

Next was the Magical Paradise Exotic Farm, who brought reptiles, birds and mammals from Australia, New Zealand, Africa and Central America. They told the children what they ate, their habitats and behaviors. The children asked many questions and were allowed to pet the

animals.

The third program was veterinarian Nora Ditmars who had a very interesting presentation of some of the places she has traveled to and worked in Africa, South America and Asia. She brought items from her travels for the children to touch and native clothes to try on. The children made rain sticks as a special craft to take home.

Our final program was Adam White's comedy magic show, performing tricks from around the world which delighted the children. He kept them all laughing throughout the program.



Making Rainsticks

This year 126 children worked hard and completed the reading requirements, reading an awesome 2,098 books. Pizza, reading certificates, prizes, crafts and reading passports were given out.



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## Hopping in the Heat and Humidity

By Charlotte Baldinger, Seward Memorial Library

Although the audience numbers were lower, the enthusiasm was not diminished by the heat and humidity when Mike Mennard came to Seward for the 2011 Reading Club Finale on July 28. Mike's poetry set to lively music had the children moving and interacting. Dressed as a pirate with two rowdy companions he had the

children echoing "arghhhhh" throughout the show. The concert included an encouraging message to read and use the library. This was the first time the library hosted Mike and it was a positive experience. The Friends of Seward Library served ice cream so it was a sweet night of entertainment as well as recognition of outstanding readers.

## News from the Nebraska Library

### Commissioners' Meeting

By Rod Wagner, NLC Director

At their July 8 meeting, Library Commission members received staff reports and discussed agency programs and projects. Commission director Rod Wagner reported on an event that he had attended for state librarians hosted by the Ohio State Library and Online Computer Library Center (OCLC). The program theme was "Game Changers" – discussion of the trends and technologies affecting libraries and library services. Wagner also reported on the American Library Association's annual conference held in June. Commission members received a report on the One Book for Nebraska Teens Author Tour (with author Neal Shusterman) – an October event made possible through a grant to the Commission from

the Nebraska Arts Council. Commission members received an update on the Public Library Accreditation Guidelines revision project. Commission members also received and discussed a report on Nebraska's possible loss of federal Library Services and Technology Act funds due to Nebraska state budget cuts and the LSTA state maintenance of effort requirement. Commissioners re-elected John Dale to serve as chair of the Library Commission and elected Steve Batty as the Commission vice-chair. Commissioners also appointed Denise Harders, Republican Valley Library System director, to fill a vacancy on the Nebraska State Advisory Council on Libraries. The next Library Commission meeting will be held on Friday, September 9.

## Lawns Boast Reading Message

By Charlotte Baldinger, Seward Memorial Library

Seward Memorial Library added a new incentive for children that earned 500 points in the 2011 Summer Reading Club. Club members get one point for each picture book read or for every 25 pages read in a chapter book. Five hundred points is quite a feat, but over 30 children accomplished this! In addition to getting a certificate, medallion, photograph in the local paper, and new paperback at a local bookstore, these reading heroes received a yard sign. The message posted on the corrugated plastic sign reads: "A Champion Reader Lives Here!" Scattered around the neighborhoods are proud families with signs announcing the

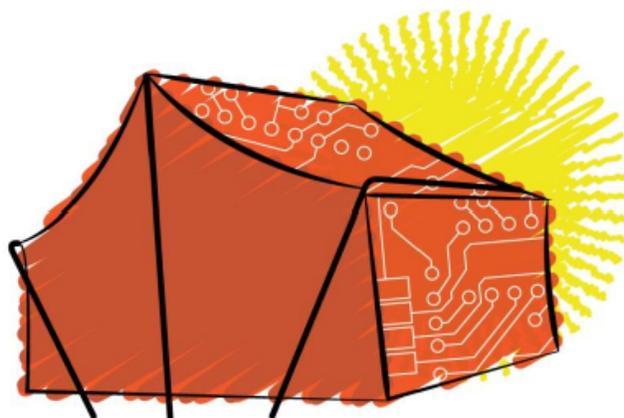
achievements of winning readers. The library plans to continue offering this popular reward in future summers.



Champion Reader Aaron Ford displays his yard sign



# TECHNOLOGY PLANNING SUMMER CAMP



## The Nebraska Library Commission is pleased to announce Technology Planning Summer Camp!

This two-day workshop will be held on August 22-23, 2011, in four locations across the state – Lincoln, Norfolk, North Platte and Scottsbluff. Speakers will be based in Lincoln, and their presentations will be broadcast to the three other locations.

Join your colleagues as we learn about the importance of Technology Planning for your library. Topics will include:

- Sustainability
- Advocacy
- Using TechAtlas to create your Technology Plan
- Filtering – What is it? Should I do it? How to do it?
- Myths about CIPA
- Basic introduction to E-rate
- Demonstration of ADA software

We have a great event planned – see the full details at <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/tpsc/>

Technology Planning Summer Camp is open to all public libraries in the state. Up to three people from each library can attend – library administration, staff and board members are invited. Participants who attend all sessions will receive 9.5 C.E. Credits.

Funding for this event is being provided by a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in conjunction with the BTOP grant, Library Broadband Builds Nebraska Communities. The Gates Foundation funds will be covering all travel costs (hotel and mileage) for libraries in the BTOP grant.

Register today for this exciting learning opportunity! **Registration Deadline is August 10.**

# Technology Planning Summer Camp

## AGENDA

### Monday, August 22

10 - 11 am CT / 9 - 10 am MT - Registration

11 - 11:15 am CT / 10 - 10:15 am MT - Welcome to Summer Camp!

11:15 - 12:15 pm CT / 10:15 - 11:15 pm MT - **E-rate 101: The Basics** - Christa Burns - NLC

12:15 - 1:15 pm CT / 11:15 - 12:15 pm MT - Lunch

1:15 - 3:15 pm CT / 12:15 - 2:15 pm MT - **Why Technology Planning?** - Laura Johnson & Michael Sauers - NLC

3:15 - 3:30 pm CT / 2:15 - 2:30 pm MT - Break

3:30 - 4:30 pm CT / 2:30 - 3:30 pm MT - **TechAtlas for Libraries** - Kendra Morgan - WebJunction

5:30 pm - ? CT / 4:30 pm - ? MT - Dinner

### Tuesday, August 23

9 - 9:05 am CT / 8 - 8:05 am MT - Welcome to Day 2

9:05 - 9:15 am CT / 8:05 - 8:15 am MT - **Benchmarks for Technology Services**

9:15 - 10:45 am CT / 8:15 - 9:45 am MT - **Focus on Sustainability and Advocacy** -  
Richard Miller - NLC, Marcia White - Nebraska Community Foundation, Pat Leach - Lincoln City Libraries

10:45 - 11 am CT / 9:45 - 10 am MT - Break

11 am - 12:30 pm CT / 10 - 11:30 am MT - **Fear of Filtering: The Reality of Internet Content Management** –  
John Felton - NLC, Christa Burns - NLC, Pam Soreide - Holdrege Area Public Library, & George Matzen -  
Webermeier Public Library

12:30 - 1:30 pm CT / 11:30 am - 12:30 pm MT - Lunch

1:30 - 3:30 pm CT / 12:30 - 2:30 pm MT - **ADA Software Demo**



# News and Notes



Image from: <http://childhood101.com/>

## Storytime Tips from “Flannel Fridays”

From Sandra Wallick, Youth Services Librarian, Gere Branch, Lincoln

Mel Depper started posting a flannel board idea on her blog every Friday this summer & others have joined in via the Pinterest web community. There are tons of fabulous ideas that would be fun to use.

If you'd like to see what they've shared, visit Mel's Desk at

<http://melissa.depperfamily.net/blog/> or the Pinterest board at <http://pinterest.com/flannelfriday/>.

Sandra has found several ideas that she's been able to use in storytime the next week!



## Celebrate National Gaming Day

More than 1800 libraries including ones from every state in the U.S., as well as in Argentina, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Pakistan and Puerto Rico, participated in National Gaming Day last year. Together they comprised the world's largest simultaneous gaming tournament. For more information go to: <http://ilovelibraries.org/gaming/> Join in this year by registering at <http://ngd.ala.org/>.



## 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 there are a minimum of five passengers who would like to board the bus in Kearney, the 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, **you will need to reserve a seat.** Please send your checks for \$95 to:

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

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

<http://www.aasl11.org/>.

# Disaster, Doom & Dread: Notes from the July Meeting at York College

By Brenda Ealey, SELS Administrator

At the CASTL meeting at Levitt Library in York on July 22<sup>nd</sup> we took some time to talk about disaster planning. Jen, the SELS Administrative Assistant, had the opportunity in April to attend the *Connecting to Collections* Project workshop in Chadron where a survey by Lyrasis in 2010 reported that 52% of Nebraska public libraries; history museums; academic libraries; historical societies & historical sites have no disaster plan, with only 11% that have a plan, and 8% that are developing a plan. Those statistics, along with the potential for emergency and disaster situations that might occur due to weather, flooding, power failure, accidents, malfunctions of heating, cooling and ventilating equipment, and crimes that might include vandalism, theft, terrorism and civil unrest, seemed to make this a topic that could use attention. And, if all of you can cope with the deluge of Summer Reading and the start of school you can handle a disaster/emergency plan!

If you need a place to start, an emergency phone list is an excellent choice. There are templates that can help you identify the contact information that should be on such a list. When you're ready for the plan there are worksheets and questions to help in outlining this document, too. We also have a great checklist for areas and items to be reviewed and/or inspected to track things needing attention or repair, to record condition, and to ensure proper procedures and equipment are in place. I'll list below some resources available online, and also materials in the SELS print collection. If we can be of assistance in providing further information, please contact the SELS office.

## RESOURCES

Conserve-O-Grams through the Museum Management Program/National Park Service, includes preservation and disaster topics:

[www.nps.gov/museum/publications/conservedgram/cons\\_toc.html#collectio](http://www.nps.gov/museum/publications/conservedgram/cons_toc.html#collectio)

National Network of Libraries of Medicine –

MidContinental Region – Online Education Emergency Preparedness – Tornadoes & Earthquakes & Floods OH MY!, Librarians & Disasters, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011; Emergency & Disaster Resources for Public Libraries, June 28, 2011; Emergency & Disaster Resources for Libraries, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011:

<http://nmlm.gov/mcr/education/online.html#A9> and the NN/LM Emergency Preparedness & Response Toolkit: <http://nmlm.gov/ep/>. NNLM is a great resource for information, plus provides the opportunity to earn additional CE by viewing online education programs.

Connecting to Collections Online Community – [www.connectingtocollections.org/](http://www.connectingtocollections.org/) This is a resource for smaller museums, libraries, archives and historical societies to locate reliable preservation resources. Site provides an opportunity to network with conservation professionals and museums and library colleagues. Heritage Preservation moderates in cooperation with the American Association for State and Local History and with funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

*Disaster Planning: A How-To-Do-It Manual for Librarians with Planning Templates on CD-ROM* by Deborah D. Halsted, Richard P. Jasper, and Felicia M. Little, 2005

*Creating Policies for Results: From Chaos to Clarity* by Sandra Nelson and June Garcia, 2003

*Are You Prepared: A Guide to Emergency Planning* by Julie A. Reilly, The Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center, The Nebraska State Historical Society for

the Nebraska Museums Association, 1997: [http://www.nebraskahistory.org/disaster/Emergency\\_Planning\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.nebraskahistory.org/disaster/Emergency_Planning_Guide.pdf)



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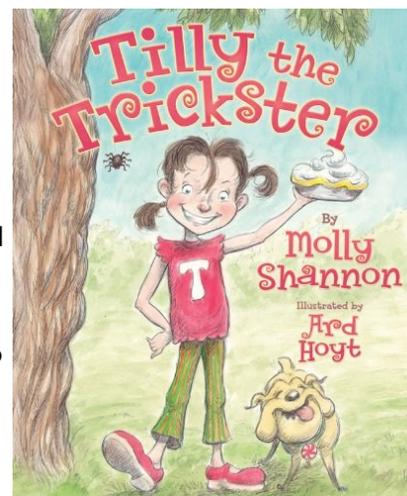
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Transgender) youth can't picture what their lives might be like as openly gay adults. They can't imagine a future for themselves. So let's show them what our lives are like, let's show them what the future may hold in store for them." The site includes a pledge to respect individuals for who they are and to speak up against hate and intolerance. Please consider *It Gets Better* for your library collection.

The Closing Session at ALA featured Molly Shannon who many of us recognize from her roles on Saturday Night Live. The movie *Superstar* and features on television shows like *30 Rock*, *Seinfeld*, *Will & Grace* and others have certainly made us take additional notice of her talents as a comedienne and actress. Shannon has now written a children's book due out this September – *Tilly the Trickster* – which she read aloud to the audience at the closing session. I'm probably not unlike others that have certain skepticism of "Hollywood" individuals publishing books but I now have my own copy of *Tilly the Trickster*. I love the sparkly red shoes on the jacket - and knowing a bit

about the author's story behind the book, it's a new favorite. Shannon's mother was a librarian who was killed in an automobile accident along with a younger sister, when Shannon was only four. Her and her surviving sister were raised by their father who instilled a sense of silliness and mischief as a part of their lives. Shannon's main memories of her mom come from notes her mom received from kids who loved her as a librarian. She hopes *Tilly the Trickster* – a story of a strong willed feisty little girl – will make kids laugh, and she continues to read to her own children every night.



## SELS Summer Reading Workshop is Moving!



**The SELS Summer Reading Workshop will be November 17<sup>th</sup> at Beatrice Public Library.** We're changing things up a bit and responding to multiple requests to offer this

workshop earlier to maximize planning. Mark your calendars! By the time we get to November we'll be back in the mood for thinking about hot summer days.

The 2012 general topic is: Night-time. Children's theme: Dream Big – Read; Teen Theme: Own the Night; and Adult Theme: Between the Covers.



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.

- August 11<sup>th</sup> – Bruun Memorial Library – Humboldt
- September 16<sup>th</sup> – Morton-James Public Library – Nebraska City
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lincoln
- December 8<sup>th</sup> – Pawnee City Public Library

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*Online Course Offerings*

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### ***LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services***

*Marty Magee, Instructor*

**This course, the first in the Library and Information Services curriculum provides introductory information in multiple areas.**

- **Technology**
- **Physical environments**
- **Library policies**
- **Information databases**

### ***LIBR 2250 Leadership & Management in Library & Information Agencies***

*Michael Straatmann, Instructor*

**This course includes the theories, concepts and activities integral to leading and managing 21<sup>st</sup> Century libraries and information agencies.**

- **Leadership principles**
- **Management strategies**
- **Policies & procedures**

*Prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library & Information Services.*

### ***LIBR 2210 Cataloging and Classification***

*Ruth Carlock, Instructor*

**This course will include theories, concepts and activities for cataloging and classifying materials in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. It includes the following topics:**

- **The bibliographic record**
- **Sears and Library of Congress subject headings**
- **Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress classification systems**
- **The MARC record**
- **Anglo-American Cataloging Rules**

*Prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library & Information Services.*

### ***LIBR 2940 Library and Information Services Capstone Practicum***

*Erica Rose, Instructor*

**This capstone course is the last course in the Library & Information Services program. Students will complete 40 hours of service learning in a host library. The course also includes a review of the principle pieces of learning from the LIS program.**

*Prerequisites: LIBR 1010, 2100, 2150, 2210, & 2250*

For information on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Scholarships, see: Nebraska Library Commission website at: <http://nlc1.nlc.state.ne.us/NowHiring/Scholarships.asp>

For information concerning Admissions or Registration, contact: **Dee Johnson**  
[djohnson@cccneb.edu](mailto:djohnson@cccneb.edu), 402-562-1418 or Toll Free at 877-222-0780

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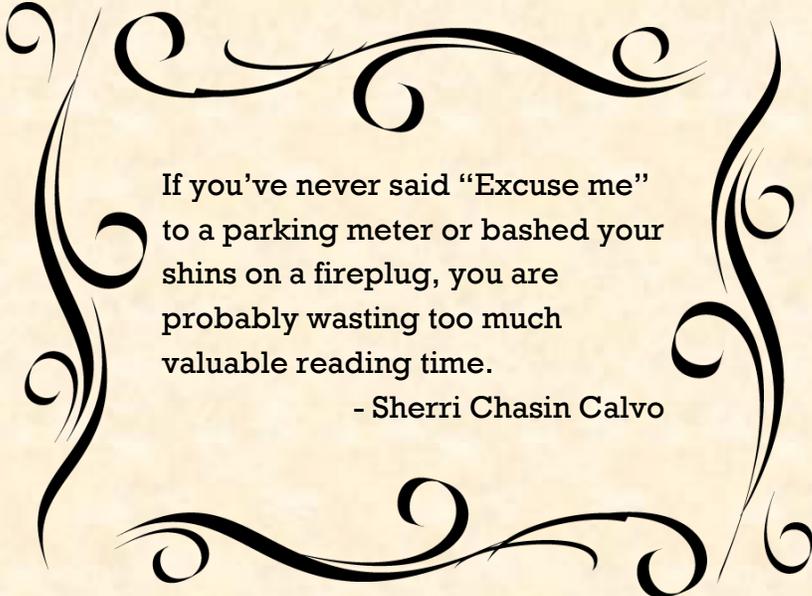
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If you've never said "Excuse me" to a parking meter or bashed your shins on a fireplug, you are probably wasting too much valuable reading time.

- Sherri Chasin Calvo

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