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Newsletter of the

Southeast Library System

September/October 2004

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***We're all in this
personnel thing together,
aren't we?***

On July 26, 2004, I had the wonderful opportunity to meet with library people from all over, and city clerks from all over to participate in a workshop put on by the Nebraska Library Commission. This workshop titled "We're all in this personnel thing together aren't we?" was very informative. Richard Miller and Pam Scott from the commission, and John Hewitt of the law firm Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather LLP, were informative and talented too! Richard and Pam put on several skits to illustrate the do's and don'ts of hiring, firing, and other personnel matters.

This same workshop took place July 20, 2004 in Cozad with David Buntain, July 23, 2004 in Louisville with Susan K Sapp, both from Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather LLP, and July 29, 2004 in Alliance with Terry Curtiss from Curtiss Morovek Curtiss PC. If you took the opportunity to attend you know just what I am talking about. I learned many new things, and had some of what I already knew reinforced during this workshop.

One of the many important points (I think) was that Nebraska is an "at will" state. That means, we can hire or fire people at will; as long as we are not doing so in light of protected reasons. We learned that using a "probationary" period was probably not a good thing - as it might constitute a contract with employees. Another point that I thought pertinent was the importance of an employee handbook. I didn't realize that there were so many good reasons to have one! And that having a separate one for supervisors' that defined responsibilities was important too! Having people sign for their handbook, which should remain Library property, seems to be a good idea too.

We talked about interlocal agreements, sinking

funds, and the importance of not asking questions that would require a person to reveal protected status. A new twist has been added that may be important to all Library personnel, the importance of making the patron aware that information we have about them is really no longer private. Because of the Patriot Act, information we obtain about a patrons' reading habits and their computer use may be monitored by several government agencies without their knowledge. This same act prevents us from telling patrons whether their accounts or habits have been breached. Wow! what a concept. A total lack of privacy in a "free country." We also talked about what to do in the case an agent from one of those agencies presents us with a subpoena. Getting a receipt and contacting legal counsel were two important responses.

Through everything I learned at this workshop, two things stand out: A) The importance of getting to know the city, village, or county clerk, and B) That having a plan is paramount. Remember if you fail to plan - plan to fail. I would cite that quotation, but am not sure where I heard it. Anything you read here, or heard at one of the workshops, was not intended as legal advice. If you are confronted with a situation or need information about personnel issues - seek competent legal counsel.

-Matthew Rohde
University of Nebraska at Omaha Library/
Circulation

Note: SELS Staff were able to attend the training with Susan K. Sapp and now have a 3-ring binder of materials on personnel issues. It includes a summary of Nebraska Labor and Employment Law, and includes chapters on: Avoiding Common Mistakes in Hiring & Firing; Workplace Privacy: Internet Access; Initiating and Managing the Employee Relationship; Library Board Powers; Resolving Workplace Complaints and more. If you'd like to borrow it from SELS, just let us know. It's a great resource.

Preconference Events

Be a part of NLA/NEMA Pre-Conference 2004

Sign up for one of the following events!



Ways to Construct an Evaluation

Wednesday October 6th, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Evaluation is "A systematic study conducted to assess how well a program is working that is typically focused on achievement of program objectives." **OR** "An assessment, through objective measurement and systematic analysis, of the manner and extent to which programs achieve intended objectives."

Because these definitions focus in part on assessing success in meeting program goals and objectives, you may wonder how program evaluation differs from *performance measurement*. The answer will become clear when you attend this pre-conference session!

What you will learn:

- *That program evaluation can help explain *why* results occurred. Knowing *why* is the key to sustaining good performance or improving poor performance.
- *Program evaluation can help managers and staff find out what's working well and what isn't.
- *Evaluation can be used to identify areas needing improvement, strategies of better achievement of established goals, and ways to improve data collection or measurement of program results.

Types of Program Evaluations

We will be talking and learning about four principal models of program evaluations. The four models are not mutually exclusive. Elements of more than one model of evaluation may be found in a single evaluation project. Attend this pre-conference session and get a head-start on conducting evaluations of all of your programs, activities, and educational offerings.

Facilitator Bio

Lynn Bradman is a full-time Psychology instructor at Metropolitan Community College, teaches Biology and Genetics part-time for MC, and develops and teaches online courses. She has presented at numerous professional conferences on topics related to curriculum, assessment, and online instruction. Lynn earned an MA from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the Department of Psychology with a specialty in Biopsychology/Animal Behavior and is currently a doctoral student at Iowa State University in Higher Education.

Registration form and information available at:
www.nlc.state.ne.us/system/sesys/preconf04.html

Hispanic Voices @ your library™



Voces Hispanas @ su biblioteca™

Wednesday, October 6, 2004 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. CST

Speaker: Elizabeth Ahlmann is the owner and president of The Learning Light Educational Materials and Service, which publishes the Spanish that Works course materials and conducts workshops and staff trainings. Elizabeth will conduct a 2.5 hour session on “Spanish that Works.” This program is a creative, practical approach to basic communication in Spanish that is geared just for library use. In addition to the library course, there are Spanish that Works modules for educators, court employees, and community members.

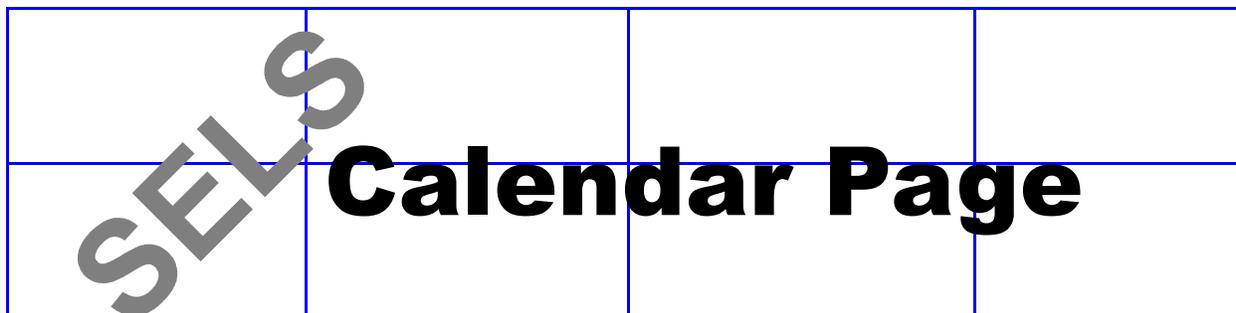
Speaker: Yolanda J. Cuesta is lead consultant in Cuesta MultiCultural Consulting, a consulting firm specializing in helping libraries serve culturally diverse communities. She has over 25 years experience in developing strategic and long range plans for libraries; community needs assessments; analyzing library staff training needs; developing and conducting training programs; meeting facilitation; grant writing; and fundraising. Ms. Cuesta is a certified trainer for the Public Library Association’s Planning for Results process. She will conduct a 2-hour session on outreach, marketing, and providing services to the Hispanic community.

Speaker: Luis Rodriguez is an award-winning poet, activist, and best-selling author of *Always Running*, and many other books. Luis Rodriguez is convinced that a writer can change the world. Indeed it is through education and the power of words that Rodriguez saw his own way out of the barrio of East L.A. and successfully broke free from the years of violence and desperation he spent as an active gang member. Rodriguez conducts workshops, readings, and talks in juvenile detention facilities, migrant camps, universities, and public and private schools. Rodriguez addresses the complex but vital issues of race, class, gender, and personal rage through dialogue, story, poetry, and art.

Speaker: Francisco Jiménez is a Best-selling author of *The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child*, *Breaking Through* and several other books. Francisco immigrated with his family to California from Tlaquepaque, Mexico, and as a child he worked in the fields of California. He is currently the Fay Boyle Professor in the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures and Director of the Ethnic Studies Program at Santa Clara University. He has published and edited several books on Mexican and Mexican American literature, and his stories have been published in over 50 textbooks and anthologies of literature.

Registration forms at: www.nlc.state.ne.us/comp/para/preconf/2004PreConf.html

Or contact Jenni Puchalla, Southeast Library System, 5730 R St., Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505, 800-288-6063 / jennip@alltel.net for either pre-conference.



September

September 11th: The **September Project** will bring people around the world together at public places like local libraries to share and discuss their ideas about democracy, citizenship, and patriotism through public talks, roundtables, and performances. See: www.theseptemberproject.org/.

September 15th: Governor Mike Johanns will launch **Library Card Signup Month – The Smartest Card in Your Library** - at Lincoln City Libraries, the Eiseley Branch (15th & Superior) at 9:30 a.m. The Nebraska Library Commission website will disseminate information about the campaign so that libraries across the state can host this same kind of celebration in their own communities.

September 17th & 18th: **Plum Creek Children's Literacy Festival** at Concordia University in Seward. For more information see www.cune.edu, or page 8.

 **September 17th:** **CASTL meeting** at Greenwood Public Library, starting at 10 a.m. In addition to CE and the round robin discussion, there will be a tour of the chocolate factory.

September 17th & 18th: **Thirteenth Annual Nebraska Book Festival** sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book and the Nebraska Humanities Council. The University of Nebraska at Kearney will host. Special activities will focus on the featured book, *A Different Plain: Contemporary Nebraska Fiction Writers*, edited by Ladette Randolph with an Introduction by Mary Pipher, and published by the University of Nebraska Press. Sessions throughout Saturday will offer the opportunity to meet many of the authors, hear them read, and ask them questions. Libraries interested in participating in book discussions prior to the Festival can receive a special purchase discount. Contact Jeanne Saathoff, Kearney Public Library & Information Center Director, 2020 First Avenue, Kearney NE, 68847-5306, 308-233-3280, e-mail: jsaathoff@kearneygov.org or Susanne Bloomfield, Nebraska Book Festival Director, 74064 L Road, Holdrege NE, 68949, 308-995-8547, e-mail: bloomfields@unk.edu. For more information about the Thirteenth Annual Nebraska Book Festival see the Festival Web site at: www.unk.edu/acad/english/nebraskabookfestival/home.html.

September 18th: **Author Alex Kava** coming to Seward Memorial Library to talk about his writing and books will be available for purchase and autographing. Program starts at 1:00 p.m. Free Admission tickets available at the library, by calling (402)643-3318, or for more information visit: www.sewardlibrary.org.

September 18th: **8th Annual Applejack Friends of the Library Used Book Sale** in Nebraska City from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the American National Bank, 10th & Central Ave. Librarians can come pick up books or audios free after 1 p.m. with no limit.

September 25th: **Author Victoria Alexander** coming to Seward Memorial Library to talk about her writing and books will be available for purchase and autographing. Program starts at 1 p.m. Free Admission tickets available at the library, by calling (402) 643-3318, or for more information visit: www.sewardlibrary.org

September 26th: **Author Donna Woolfolk Cross** coming to Seward Memorial Library to talk about her writing and books will be available for purchase and autographing. Free Admission tickets available at the library, by calling (402) 643-3318, or for more information visit: www.sewardlibrary.org.

September 25th through October 2nd: **Banned Books Week 2004 – “Elect to Read a Banned Book”** Banned Books Week celebrates the Freedom to Read and is observed during the last week of September each year. Observed since 1982, the annual event reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted. For more information, including a press kit, fact sheet, artwork, list of most challenged books and more go to: www.ala.org/ala/pio/piopresskits/bannedbooksweek2004/bbw2004.htm.

September 30th: **Association for Library Service to Children 2004 National Institute** at the Hilton Minneapolis (MN). A preconference will be held September 30th - Understanding Poverty: An Overview AS It Relates to Library Service to Children, their Parents, and Caregivers. Programs for the conference are Middle School Readers: The Topsy-Turvy Tween Years; Developmental Issues and Literacy Needs of Middle School Readers; Outcome-Based Evaluation – the ABC's of OBE: Planning Reporting for Programs that Matter; Building Design, Form, Flexibility and Function: Design Ideas. For more information and to register, go to: www.ala.org/alsc.

October

October 6th- 8th: **NLA/NEMA Conference** in Grand Island. For information and registration go to: www.2004nla-nemaconference.info.

October 7th – 10th: LITA (Library & Information Technology Association) National Forum in St. Louis, MO. The LITA National Forum, now in its 7th year, is three days of learning focusing on practical, applicable projects and technologies that will help you better serve your users. Among the topics this year are portals, OAI-PMH harvesters, GIS systems, knowledge management tools, digital libraries, federated searching, open source systems, ecommerce, wireless systems in libraries, digital asset management, accessibility, and WikiWikiWebs, among others. Three preconferences will provide longer-form sessions on topics such as building a culture of assessment in library information technology services, evaluating the effectiveness of electronic information services, and collaborative development of content management systems. For more information and registration go to: www.lita.org/forum04.



October 15th – SELS Board Meeting at Wymore Public Library at 10 a.m.

October 17th – 23rd: Teen Read Week 2004 – It's Alive @ your library® (www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teenreading/teenreading.htm)

October 20th – 24th: Mountain Plains Library Association and Colorado Association of Libraries Conference in Denver. For more information and registration go to: www.cal-webs.org/#25 or www.usd.edu/mpla/conferences.html. Thanks to an NLC CE grant through the Systems, we will be taking a chartered bus to Denver providing free transportation. Contact Jenni, jennip@alltel.net, 800-288-6063 to ride the bus.

October 22nd: 4th Annual Brick & Click Libraries: An Academic Library Symposium at Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, MO. Registration fee is due by September 24th and is \$125. For more information go to: www.nwmissouri.edu/library/pr/symposium/sessions.htm



October 28th & 29th: Youth Services Retreat at Camp Carol Joy Holling, sponsored by Eastern and Southeast Library System. Mark the date on your calendars now! See page 12 for more details.

November

Read Aloud to a Child Month



November 1st: CLICK invites SELS youth services librarians to join them for a meeting at Gretna Public Library from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

November 4th – Read Aloud Nebraska presents: **Mem Fox**, at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center (1313 Farnam St., Omaha). For more information contact Mark Claussen, RAN Chairman: (402) 644-2507 or mclauss@npsne.org, or go to their website at: www.nde.state.ne.us/READ/ReadAloudNebraska/RANMain.htm.

November 5th: Nebase Annual Meeting at the Cornhusker, Lincoln (333 S. 13th St.) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

November 12th: Nebraska Library Commissioners Meeting at the Atrium, 1200 N St., Lincoln. Meeting is held from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., and is open to the public. Contact: Maria Medrano-Nehls, mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us or (800) 307-2665 or (402) 471-2045.

November 15th-16th: Gates Training Lincoln, see page 6.

November 15th – 21st: "Let's Book" - Children's Book Week, see: www.cbcbooks.org/cbw/.



November 18th: CASTL meeting at Kilgore Memorial Library in York at 10:00 a.m.

November 19th: State Advisory Council on Libraries meeting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Little Priest Tribal College – Winnebago Public Library.

November 22nd: LAMA Institute – Egret to Cattle: Thanks for the Ride! – Unlock the Keys to Employee Appreciation with presenter, Karen E. Purves, at the Cornhusker Hotel (333 S. 13th, Lincoln) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. See page 18.



November 30th, December 7th & 14th: Library Administration Course of Basic Skills at the Seward Memorial Library from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This course will cover the areas of Governance and Cooperation, Policies and Procedures, Personnel, and Planning. Contact Pam Scott for more information, send registration information and payment to Jacque Crocker, Nebraska Library Commission, 1200 N St., Suite 120, Lincoln NE 68508-2023.

December 1st: Intro to Digitization Workshop from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Crane Room at the Nebraska Library Commission (1200 N Street, Lincoln) on December 1st. Topics include: Issues to consider before digitizing, Preservation and access, and Legal issues (copyright). Registrations need to be in by November 19th, due to limited space, and the cost is \$10. For additional information or to register go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/news/content/1609.html, or contact Maria Medrano-Nehls, mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us, (800)307-2665 or (402)471-4008.

December 2nd: Scanning Workshop from 10 to 4, in the Crane Room at the Nebraska Library Commission (1200 N Street, Lincoln) on December 2nd. Topics include: Image capture, including resolution; File formats and compression; Image sizing; Managing color, calibration; Quality control; and Outsourcing. Registrations need to be in by November 19th, due to limited space, and the cost is \$10. For additional information or to register go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/news/content/1609.html, or contact Maria Medrano-Nehls



December 10th: SELS Board Meeting at Webermeier Memorial Library in Milford at 10 a.m.

December 17th: CASTL Meeting at 10 a.m. in Lincoln.



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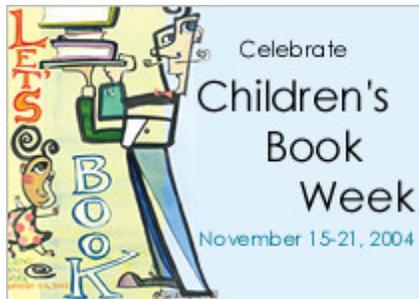
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On Wednesday, September 15, Governor Mike Johanns will launch September: Library Card Sign-up Month at **Lincoln City Libraries**, Loren Corey Eiseley Branch Library, 15th & Superior Streets. All Nebraska library staff and supporters are cordially invited to join us at a 9:30 a.m. news conference to celebrate the rich resources available to Nebraskans and the card that makes it all possible. Nebraska libraries will join the Public Library Association (PLA) and many other states across the country in a new public awareness campaign "The Smartest Card: Get It. Use It. @ your library™" during Library Card Sign-up Month this September.

The governor will sign a proclamation and be presented with a giant library card by a group of young readers. The governor will use his new library card to check out a book and read it to the kids. We hope to make this a statewide celebration by involving library staff and supporters from across the state at this event. Please plan to join us if you can.

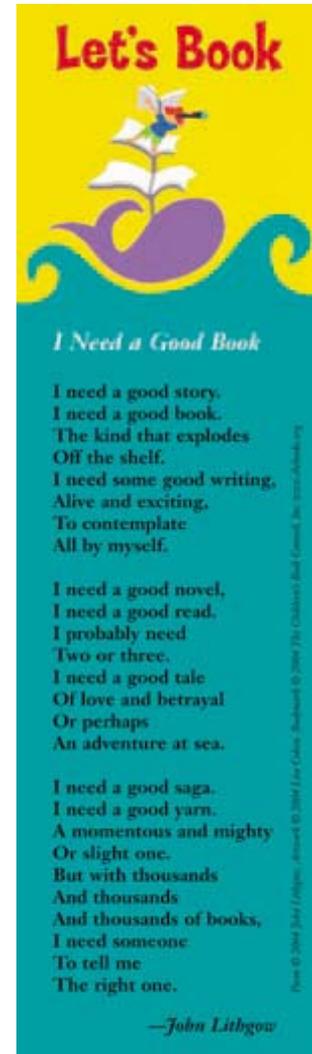


www.cbcbooks.org/cbw/

Gates Training

November 15th and 16th in Lincoln at the Cornhusker hotel and Nebraska Library Commission. Topics include: How to teach internet to adults, Computer troubleshooting, FrontPage (either Basics or Producing a webpage), and

PowerPoint. For this two-day session, 9 a.m.—8 p.m. the 15th, with breaks, and 9 a.m.—noon the 16th, the Nebraska Library Commission will reimburse for mileage and pay for hotel reservations if you will be traveling more than 90 miles one way and will be staying for the full training. For more information and to register, please contact Jacquie Crocker, jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us or (800) 307-2665 or 402-471-4037.



I Need a Good Book

I need a good story.
I need a good book.
The kind that explodes
Off the shelf.
I need some good writing,
Alive and exciting,
To contemplate
All by myself.

I need a good novel,
I need a good read.
I probably need
Two or three.
I need a good tale
Of love and betrayal
Or perhaps
An adventure at sea.

I need a good saga.
I need a good yarn.
A momentous and mighty
Or slight one.
But with thousands
And thousands
And thousands of books,
I need someone
To tell me
The right one.

—John Lithgow

www.cbcbooks.org/cbw/



Pictured, back row: Sally Moore, Tiffanie and Stephanie Stevens, Hannah Marget. Middle row: Aiwa & Haeli Temme, Simone Marget, Keenan Gangstad. Front Row: Evan Gangstad and Clayton Real. Roper Librarian Wanda Marget.

The **Fairmont Public Library** summer readers have Discovered new Trails at the Summer Reading Program held Monday Mornings in June. Games, Crafts, and Storytimes have kept them busy. We've all had a rip roaring time!! We've learned how to make rope from Les Vilda and even had Clayton Real's dad bring a Horse to visit us. Also Doug Rung came and talked about the Oregon Trail.

The Notable Books for a Global Society (a International Reading Association committee) has announced its list of 25 notables for 2004. Each year they select a list of books for enhancing student understanding of people and cultures throughout the world. The list is a guide to multicultural literature for all of those seeking excellent selections for readers ranging from kindergarten through high school. They are as follows (all published in 2003):

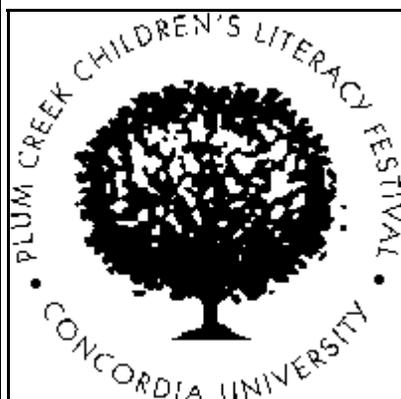
- ⌘ *Barking Mouse, The* by Antonio Sacre; Il. by Alfredo Aguirre (PreK-1st grade, Picture Book)
- ⌘ *Beast, The* by Walter Dean Myers (9th Grade & above, Realistic Fiction)
- ⌘ *Blues Journey* by Walter Dean Myers; Il. by Christopher Myers (All-Broad General Interest, Picture Book, Poetry)
- ⌘ *Boxes for Katje* by Candace Flemming; Il. by Stacey Dressen-McQueen (2nd-3rd Grade, Picture Book)
- ⌘ *Children of Native America Today* by Y. W. Dennis & Arlene Hirschfelder (4th – 8th Grade, Nonfiction)
- ⌘ *Colibri* by Ann Cameron (6th Grade & above, Realistic Fiction)
- ⌘ *Dreaming in Black and White* by Reinhardt Jung; Translated by Anthea Bell (4th – 8th Grade, Realistic Fiction)
- ⌘ *Hana's Suitcase* by Karen Levine (4th-5th Grade, Nonfiction)
- ⌘ *Hard-Times Jar, The* by Ethel Footman Smothers (Pre-K through 3rd Grade, Picture Book)
- ⌘ *Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez* by Kathleen Krull, Il. by Yuyi Morales (4th-5th Grade, Realistic Fiction)
- ⌘ *Horse Hooves and Chicken Feet: Mexican Folktales* Selected by Neil Philip; Il. by Jacqueline Mair (All – Broad General Interest, Folk Literature)
- ⌘ *Iqbal* by Francesco D'adamo (9th Grade & Above, Realistic Fiction)
- ⌘ *Just a Minute* by Yuyi Morales (All-Broad General Interest, Folk Literature)
- ⌘ *Keeper of the Night* by Kimberly Willis Holt (6th Grade & Above, Realistic Fiction)
- ⌘ *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo (6th – 8th Grade, Realistic Fiction)
- ⌘ *Luba: Angel of Bergen-Belsen* Told to Michell R. McCann by Luba Trysznska-Frederick, Il. by Ann Marshall (2nd – 5th Grade, Historical Fiction)
- ⌘ *Malka* by Mirjam Pressler (6th Grade & above, Historical Fiction)
- ⌘ *My Name is Yoon* by Helen Recorvits (PreK – 3rd Grade, Picture Book)
- ⌘ *One Child, One Seed: A South African Counting Book* by Kathryn Cave (PreK – 3rd Grade, Picture Book)
- ⌘ *Out of Bounds* by Beverly Naidoo (9th Grade & above, Realistic Fiction)
- ⌘ *Secrets in the Fire* by Henning Mankell (9th Grade & above, Realistic Fiction)
- ⌘ *Tangled Threads: A Hmong Girl's Story* by Pegi Deitz Shea (6th Grade & above, Realistic Fiction)
- ⌘ *Ten Mice for Tet* by Pegi Deitz Shea & Cynthia Weill, Il. by To Ngoc Trang; Embr Pham Viet Dinh (PreK – 1st Grade, Picture Book, Counting book)
- ⌘ *Walking the Choctaw Road* by Tim Tingle (All – Broad General Interest, Folk Literature)
- ⌘ *Whale Snow* by Debby Dahl Edwardson, Il. by Annie Patterson (PreK – 1st Grade, Picture Book)

If you would like more information about the selection of these titles or to view notable book titles from previous years, visit: www.csulb.edu/org/childrens-lit/proj/nbgs/intro-nbgs.html.



Multicultural Notables

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Steven Kellogg Featured at the 2004 Plum Creek Children's Literacy Festival

The Plum Creek Children's Literacy Festival, featuring Steven Kellogg, Patricia McKissack, Ben Mikaelson, Jerry Pallotta, and Lewis and Clark storytellers Richard and Judy Young is scheduled for September 16-18, 2004, at Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska.

The three-day event is designed to foster interaction between nationally-acclaimed authors/illustrators and the children and adults of Nebraska. Thursday, September 16th, is designated as Children's Day for the Seward schools. Friday the 17th is Children's Day for commuting children. Children attend free of charge but pre-registration is required. Saturday the 18th has been set aside as Adults' Day and will feature an author luncheon presentation by Steven Kellogg, access to the other major presenters, and more than 10 literacy-related sectionals led by professors and dedicated practitioners, including Dr. Louann Reid, Dr. Robert Brooke, and Dr. Linda Estes. The sectionals will be of interest for teachers of grades K-12, administrators, care-givers, and the general public. A complete listing of sectional topics and leaders is included in the official registration brochure.

For complete information and the official registration brochure, go to www.cune.edu and click on Plum Creek. Registrations should be printed off and mailed via regular mail. For information regarding one hour of graduate credit, CEUs, or a staff registration discount, contact Dr. Janell Uffelmann, festival director, at juffelman@cune.edu. Councils and faculties attending as a group may qualify for a discount for the adult conference fee.

The following organizations and individuals have generously contributed to the festival: The Jones National Bank and Trust Company, the Cattle National Bank and Trust Company, The Nebraska State Reading Association, The Eastern Nebraska Reading Council, The Concordia Foundation, Raymond and Bernita Neujahr, The Nebraska English Language Arts Council, Seward Junior Women's Club, Jon and Naomi Kohlmeier, The National Council of Teachers of English, Wal-Mart, Seward Physical Therapy Services PC, Union Bank and Trust Company, Jim and Lana Dawes, Mrs. Alois Bader, and the G.F.W.C.

ELECT TO READ A BANNED BOOK



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News and Notes

Community College Level Library Education.

*The Library Technical Assistant Coursework Scholarship has been established for the purpose of supporting students pursuing community college level library science education. Applicants must meet the guidelines set forth by the Nebraska Library Commission. The scholarship will be applied toward 1/2 the tuition costs of the course, including the technology fee per credit hour. For more information on the scholarships go to: www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/LTA/lta scholarship.htm.



*Metropolitan Community College is now offering the first Library Technical Assistant coursework: LIB 101--Introduction to Library and Information Services. Classes started August 30th, 2004. Other community colleges in the state will offer additional coursework in this area in the very near future.

Summer Reading Evaluation

As a final wrap-up to your summer reading program, please take time to fill out an evaluation form of the positives and negatives of this year's theme: Discover New Trails @ your library ®. You can find evaluation forms in the Summer Reading Manual on page 31, or on page 76 of the Teen Summer Library Program, or contact us at the System office. Send your comments to Sally Snyder, Coordinator of Children & Young Adult Library Services at Nebraska Library Commission. Sally would love to hear your feedback and success stories formally through an evaluation form, or informally through an e-mail, letter or phone call. Contact Sally at: ssnyder@nlc.state.ne.us, Fax: (402)471-2083, (800)307-2665 or (402)471-2045, Nebraska Library Commission, 1200 N St., Suite 120, Lincoln, 68508.

\$5,000 National Library Week Grant

Libraries of all types are invited to apply for the 2005 Scholastic Library/Grolier National Library Week Grant. The grant will award \$5,000 to a single library for the best public awareness campaign during National Library Week (April 10-16, 2005) that uses the National Library Week 2005 theme of "Something for everyone @ your library™."

The grant is sponsored by Scholastic Library Publishing and its publishing imprint Grolier and is administered by the Public Awareness Committee of the American Library Association (ALA). This year's application deadline is October 18, 2004. A grant application form and guidelines are available on The Campaign for America's Libraries Web site at: www.ala.org/@yourlibrary/nlwgrant. Information also is available from the ALA Public Information Office. Telephone: 800-545-2433, ext. 4020. E-mail: mhumphrey@ala.org. The winner will be notified the first week in January and announced at the 2005 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. Information on last year's winner, the St. Mary Parish Library in Franklin, La., and the winning application can be viewed at: www.ala.org/ala/pr2004/prjan2004/stmaryparish.htm.

For more information about The Campaign for America's Libraries, visit the campaign's Web site at: www.ala.org/@yourlibrary.



News and Notes

“Freedom” Grants

Attention Public and School (K-12) Librarians: The American Library Association (ALA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) are accepting applications for the We The People Bookshelf on "freedom" grants. Part of the NEH's We the People initiative, the annual grant project will award sets of 15 classic books for young readers to 1,000 libraries across the country. Libraries interested in receiving the collection are required to develop and host a program to introduce the collection and its theme of "freedom" to students and/or patrons.

Guidelines and applications for Round One are available, until October 20, 2004, online at: www.ala.org/wethepeople. Applications for Round Two will be accepted from December 16, 2004 to February 16, 2005.

ALA Public Programs Office, Linking Libraries, Communities, and Culture,
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From Children’s Books to Movies

Becky Pasco shared a list of upcoming movies based on children’s and young adults books and series from her perusal of the July 21st “Excerpt from a Child.” You may or may not want to add extra copies of the books to your collection based on possible demand (boy, is that hard to predict!): *Yu-Gi-Oh! The Movie* (August 13); *The Polar Express* (November 12); *SpongeBob SquarePants Movie* (November 19); *Lemony Snicket’s A Series of Unfortunate Events* (December 17); *Where’s Waldo?* (2005); *Because of Winn-Dixie* (2005); *Bridge to Terabithia* (2005); *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* (2005); *The Spiderwick Chronicles* (2006); *The Giver* (2006); *Angus, Thongs and Full-Frontal Snogging* (Unknown release date); *Sector 7* (Unknown release date); and *Stargirl* (Unknown release date).

Excerpt from a Child, July 21, 2004.

This sounds like a great list for a book discussion group that would interest both youth and adults.

READING ROCKETS – LAUNCHING YOUNG READERS

The goal of the Reading Rockets project is to provide information on how young children learn to read, why so many struggle, and how caring adults can help. Check out the main website at www.ReadingRockets.org for daily news headlines about reading, the latest research-based articles, a monthly e-newsletter, video interviews with top reading experts and children’s book authors, recommended books, a calendar of events nationwide, links to national and local organizations, and forums for sharing ideas. They also have a **Spanish & English website** (www.ColorinColorado.org) that includes skill-building activities using Spanish songs, literature, and games, as well as recommended books and information for educator’s and parents. Reading Rockets is a service of public television station WETA Washington, D.C., and is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs.



- **Copyright & Fair Use:** If you need a concise chart explaining Copyright and Fair Use guidelines check out this web site at: www.mediafestival.org/chartshort.html. The chart covers printed material, illustrations & photographs, video, music, computer software, Internet and television.

(Thanks to Becky Pasco and Carrie Turner for sharing this information with us.)

- **Library Order to Destroy Documents Rescinded:** The Department of Justice (DOJ) has rescinded its request that the Government Printing Office Supervisor instruct depository libraries to destroy all copies of five Department publications addressing forfeiture. Topics addressed in the materials include information on how citizens can retrieve items confiscated by the government during investigations. The American Library Association (ALA) disputed the classification of the documents, two of which were texts of federal statutes, and expressed its concern over the DOJ's interest in destroying government information. The DOJ's decision to withdraw its instructions occurred after the ALA submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the disputed materials.

Source: Dissent is Patriotic, The Bill of Rights Defense Committee's e-mail newsletter August 12, 2004, Vol. 3., No. 7.

- **Booklist Celebrates 100th Anniversary:** *Booklist* has been a regular feature of the SELS magazine routing list due to the great information librarians can gain from the book reviews on all genres from youth to adult. *Booklist* also contains reviews on media and reference materials. It's also one of my favorites for readers' –advisory feature articles whose subjects of late included: "Top 10 Easy Readers" (July 2004); or "Top 10 Sports Nonfiction" and "Top 10 Youth Sports Books" (September 1, 2004). A September feature by Isabel Schon on bilingual books does a great job of warning about the pitfalls of Spanish/English books for children, and yet providing librarians with a list of titles that would be worthwhile bilingual selections. Additionally, in celebration of their 100th Anniversary they're adding a Readers' Advisory column with Joyce Saricks – noted for her expertise in this area, who I've had the opportunity to hear in person and she has great ideas and information. They're also adding "He Reads" and "She Reads" columns with David Wright and Kaite Mediatore, readers' advisory librarians from the Seattle Public Library and the Kansas City (KS) Public Library, respectively. So, if you'd like to get on the System routing list for *Booklist*, or if you'd like copies of the titles mentioned here let us know.

Note: for a complete list of the Journals available to you from SELS see page 17.

- **Attract your patrons:** How to get a lot of publicity for a little money! The Thorp (WI) Public Library created magnets through MagnetStreet, (order a catalog by writing 1749 Naperville Rd., Ste. 200, Wheaton, IL 60187; emailing info@magnetstreet.com; or calling 800-438-3210) that include hours of operation and contact information. They are giving them out to students during class visits (or homework sessions), new cardholders, or anyone who asks for one. "And, at 49 cents each, this little piece of publicity didn't break the library's bank."

Originally reported in *The Lamplighter*, Wisconsin Valley Library Service, April 2004
Reprinted in *Library Administrator's Digest (LAD)*, June 2004

**If you would like to ILL a copy of these articles, please contact the System office **

Professional Literature



It's Time!

The 10th Annual

Youth Services Retreat

Sponsored by the Eastern and Southeast Library Systems

October 28-29, 2004

Camp Carol Joy Holling, Ashland

Programs include:

- Brenda Ealey, SELS Administrator, and crew will share what they learned at the Association for Library Service to Children Institute (they will have tons to share)
- Sally Snyder, NLC, will give an overview of next year's summer reading program:
Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds
- Non-fiction Books, Sharon Osenga, MLS Administrator
- Gross Books, Yvonne Kaiser, Bookworm
- Free Time (take a walk, take a nap, it's your time!)
- After dinner on Thursday we will have an evening poetry bash. Please bring along your favorite poem to share.
- Youth Customer Service—Laura Pietsch,, Bellevue East High School
- Storytime Sharing. Bring an activity that worked and/or one that didn't and demonstrate your idea or tell your story. (please bring along 30 copies of the activity to share)

The Ellison and AccuCut machines and dies will be available—bring your paper.
There will be Folkmanis catalogs and order forms on hand.

Cost is \$65 for the entire event including overnight and meals. 9 hours of CE credit.

Please send your check (made out to ELS) and reservation by **October 20** to Eastern Library System, 11929 Elm Street, Suite 12, Omaha, NE 68144.

Name _____ Phone _____

Library _____ Email _____

Attention public library staff and/or public library board members!

Are you looking for another way to learn more about any of the following areas:



- Library Privacy & Confidentiality: Law and Policy
 - Managing Difficult Patrons with Confidence!
- Providing Excellent Customer Service in a Multicultural Environment **without having to leave the library and/or home and receive 2 hours of continuing education credits?**

Now you can!

The Nebraska Library Commission (NLC) in cooperation with the Regional Library Systems will provide you with another learning opportunity through one of three online classes being offered through the Library Education @ Desktop program from the University of North Texas School of Library and Information Science. More specific information about each course is available at: www.leadonline.info/

Normally the costs of the courses are \$7.00 each, but NLC is purchasing ten open slots for 10 different individuals within each Regional Library System area. This means that there is no cost for each participant.

What if I have never participated in an online course?

That's okay. Your Regional Library System office staff will provide you with assistance as a facilitator in the course.

Can completion of any of the courses be applied toward the Public Librarian Certification program or the Public Library Board Certification program?

Yes. If a participant has applied for the applicable certification program, the person will receive 2 hours toward the appropriate certification program.

When will the class start?

Any of the classes listed above will begin **October 18, 2004**. You will have until **November 30, 2004** to complete the course.

When and where can I sign up?

As soon as you can! There are just 10 individuals in each Regional Library System area that can participate in a course without any individual cost to them. If you are interested in registering for one of the courses listed above, contact your Regional Library System office before **October 13, 2004**.

What if I have more questions?

If you have any other questions pertaining to this opportunity, contact Pam Scott, Continuing Education Coordinator, Nebraska Library Commission via email: pscott@nlc.state.ne.us or via phone: 800-307-2665.

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Toni Morrison portrait by Timothy Greenfield-Sanders.



NEBRASKA LIBRARIES FOR THE CENTURIES

www.nlc.state.ne.us/docs/nlcarchives/nelibrariescenturies.html

Nebraska Libraries for the Centuries is a new Library Commission web site devoted to Nebraska library history. Nebraska has a long tradition of library service, beginning with military post libraries and continuing with literary society libraries founded during Territorial times, women's club libraries, Carnegie libraries, college and school libraries, and the modern libraries of today. The *Nebraska Library Commission Archives*, located at the Nebraska Library Commission, house materials about the history and operations of the Commission and the libraries it has served since the agency's creation in 1901. The collection includes Commission reports, newsletters, documents, photographs and artifacts. Some of these materials have been digitized. Others are available for research use onsite. As more materials are digitized *Nebraska Libraries for the Centuries* will add more links to the ones listed below.

Library Commission History

- History: www.nlc.state.ne.us/mission/history.html
- Centennial 1901-2001: www.nlc.state.ne.us/centennial/index.html - a decade-by-decade snapshot of the Commission and Nebraska Libraries created for the Commission's centennial celebration.
- Biennial Reports: www.nlc.state.ne.us/docs/nlcarchives/biennialreports.html



Nebraska Library History

- Carnegie Libraries (coming soon)
- Nebraska Library History Web Sites: www.nlc.state.ne.us/docs/nlcarchives/historywebsites.html
- Nebraska Library Photographs: www.unl.edu/ImageColl/36443056/ - posted by the UNL College of Architecture Library. Most are Carnegie buildings.

Nebraska Public Library Founding Dates: www.nlc.state.ne.us/nsf/libraryfoundingdates.html

Questions regarding use of materials in the Nebraska Library Commission archives should be directed to Beth Goble, Government Information Services Coordinator, Nebraska Library Commission, 1200 N. St., Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023. Telephone: 402-471-4017, email: bgoble@nlc.state.ne.us

Autumn: A new beginning @ your library™ too!

Nancy Meyer, NLA Publicity Committee



There are lots of things happening in the fall, especially if you are involved with kids. Here are some upcoming events to keep in mind as you are planning your fall schedules.

➔ **September is "Library Card Sign-up Month"** and this year, the Public Library Association's goal is to make the library card one of the most used cards in every purse and/or wallet. Their promotional slogan is:

**The Smartest Card
Get it. Use it.
@ your library**

There is a lot of help with this online. Go to www.ala.org/pio/librarycard for artwork, ideas, press releases, public service announcements, posters, bookmarks and other helpful hints. If you are too late for this year's event, not to worry, this will happen again next year and it is never too early to start planning.

➔ **Banned Books Week** (Celebrate Your Freedom to Read) is September 25-October 2. This annual event is a reminder of how important our democratic freedoms are and how much we sometimes take them for granted. In the 90s the most frequently challenged book was **Scary Stories** (series) by Alvin Schwartz. In 2002 it was the very popular Harry Potter series. For some great ideas, including a list of banned books and ways to deal with patrons who may challenge books in your collection, go to - www.ala.org/bbooks.

Quoting Judy Blume,

"It's not just the books under fire now that worry me. It is the books that will never be written. The books that will never be read. And all due to the fear of censorship. As always, young readers will be the real losers."

➔ **Teen Read Week** is October 17-23. This is an initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) and they have selected as this year's theme "It's Alive! @ your library™. This sounds like a really fun and interesting topic, especially around Halloween. Lots of information can be found at www.ala.org/teenread/.

The scary, horror, suspenseful and supernatural has been intriguing since the time of Dracula and Frankenstein. "Teen reading for fun" has declined over the last several years—all the more reason to promote this special week at your library. The theme lends itself to all kinds of monsters, scary creatures, mysteries, weird science and even magic. Wouldn't an evening with your teens watching "Attack of the Killer Tomatoes" be a great time?

➔ **Let's Book** is the theme of this year's **Children's Book Week**, November 15-21. Did you realize that Children's Book Week has been celebrated since 1919? The Children's Book Council produces lots of materials to help celebrate this event. Their website is www.cbcbooks.org.

Frederic Melcher (a member of the American Booksellers Association) was one of the "founding fathers" of this promotion and is quoted as saying-

"Book Week brings us together to talk about books and reading and, out of our knowledge and love of books, to put the cause of children's reading squarely before the whole community and, community by community, across the whole nation. For a great nation is a reading nation."

I dare you to try this activity. Have a week of **No TV**. Sign a pledge, wear a button, carry a sign during Children's Book Week.

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Bestselling Authors Visiting Seward Memorial Library!

Help us celebrate our 1st Anniversary in the new library building during the month of September!



USA TODAY bestselling author

Alex Kava

September 18, 1:00 pm

Author of *A Perfect Evil*, *Split Second*, *The Soul Catcher*,
At the Stroke of Madness, and *One False Move*



Bestselling romance author

Victoria Alexander

September 25, 1:00 pm

Author of *The Pursuit of Marriage*, *The Husband List*,
Love With the Proper Husband and more



International bestselling author

Donna Woolfolk Cross

September 26, 2:00 pm

Author of *Pope Joan*
and the non-fiction titles *Mediaspeak* and *Word Abuse*

FREE Admission tickets available at the library.
233 South Fifth Street, Seward, Nebraska (402) 643-3318
For more information visit www.sewardlibrary.org

Professional Journals

The Southeast Library System (SELS) subscribes to a number of professional journals which we then circulate throughout the system to allow greater access to these terrific, yet expensive resources. Anyone can receive the journals, you just need to sign up. Journals are mailed every 1-2 months (or by frequency of publication) along with a sign-in list. For the best efficiency of the routing system, we allow the members to keep the journals for 4 days before either mailing it on or back to the SELS office. The only cost to you is postage (the envelope and labels are included) and, of course, the library rate is applicable. To sign up, email Jenni at: jennip@alltel.net.

If there is a professional journal that you would be interested in that is not on our list, let Jenni know, jennip@alltel.net or 800-288-6063, and we can assess the interest level.



The journals we currently circulate are:

- ◆ **American Libraries**
 - ◆ **Book Links**
 - ◆ **Booklist**
 - ◆ **Bookbag**
- ◆ **Computers in Libraries**
 - ◆ **Library Journal**
- ◆ **Library Media Connection**
(formerly Library Talk and Book Report)
 - ◆ **Public Libraries**
 - ◆ **School Library Journal**
- ◆ **VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocacy)**

Paraprofessional of the Year

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

This year we congratulate **Robin Brooks** who is our 2003-2004 Paraprofessional of the Year! Robin is the Assistant Director and Youth Services Librarian at the Kilgore Memorial Library in York. Through her efforts, the library has received three major grants that have enhanced the children's library and have enabled her to start a program for teens and young adults in the county. Robin has been involved with many projects including working with the library board, Friends of the Library, and NPPD representative to have new lighting installed in the library. She has made numerous visits to schools in and around York and has presented programs to service clubs in the community. She leads two adult book discussion groups, and teaches computer classes at the York Area Senior Center. Robin is the NLA Paraprofessional Section Chair, Vice Chair of the Public Library Section, Vice Chair of the Information Technology and Access Roundtable, and a member of the School, Children's and Young People's Section. She also holds membership in other library associations.

Robin is pursuing her Master's Degree at the University of Missouri at Columbia. Her expertise, enthusiasm, and commitment to her job, are qualities that made it easy for the York library trustees to nominate her for this special award. Robin will receive a \$50.00 check, certificate from the Paraprofessional Section, and a free one-year membership in the Nebraska Library Association (NLA).

If you would like more information on the Paraprofessional of the Year, visit our website at: www.nebraskalibraries.org/PARA/paraofyear.html.

Mary Geibel, Citations Chair
NLA Paraprofessional Section

Excellence in Small and/or Rural Public Library Service Award

Sponsored by the Public Library Association and EBSCO Subscription Services

Purpose and Criteria

The Excellence in Small and/or Rural Public Library Service Award provides recognition and a \$1,000 honorarium to a public library serving a population of 10,000 or less that demonstrates excellence of service to its community as exemplified by an overall service program or a special program of significant accomplishment. The award honors a public library for all or any of the following:

- Uniqueness of service of program
- Impact of program or service on community
- How the service or program will affect the future of the library and its community



Deadline for Nomination of Candidates

The deadline for nomination shall be **December 1, 2004**. A completed nomination form (and ten copies) must be submitted that includes detailed descriptions of services or special services and supporting documentation.

Nomination Procedure

The nomination describing what this public library has done to meet the criteria for the award with supporting documentation and attachments should accompany this form. Include a description of the library and its community.

Nomination Application

Submit one (1) original and ten (10) copies of the nomination and attachments postmarked by **December 1, 2004**, to: Excellence in Small and/or Rural Public Library Service Award
PLA 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611, 1-800-545-2433, ext. 5PLA.
PLA will forward the applications to the current chair of the Excellence in Small and/or Rural Public Library Service Award Committee. PLA reserves the right to extend the application deadline.

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Egret to Cattle: Thanks for the Ride! – Unlock the Keys to Employee Appreciation

Sponsored by Nebraska Library Commission with the Public Library Resource Group (PRLG), the University of Nebraska Council of Libraries (UNCL), and the Regional Library Systems.

- **Presenter: Karen Purves**
- **Cornhusker Hotel, 333 South 13th Street, Lincoln**
- **November 22, 2004**
- **9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. CT**
- **Registration from 8:30-9:00 A.M.**

Feeling valued is a key factor in employee satisfaction, retention and productivity. In this engaging, valuable program, you'll discover how easy it is to create and implement a realistic appreciation program that is uniquely suited to your organization. Along the way you'll learn about the importance of appreciation, uncover some unexpected 'do's and don'ts', and expose myths about employee appreciation. Woven throughout the program are innovative and engaging activities, including a brainstorming session to generate superb ideas customized to the library.

The workshop format includes lecture, facilitated discussion, and brainstorming. Participants will be challenged to commit to a specific plan to implement ideas from the workshop and boost morale.

Participants will acquire the knowledge and skill to:

- Determine what works with appreciation and what doesn't
- Develop and implement specific ideas for no or low cost appreciation
- Engage in different types of appreciation

Registration fee: \$ 25.00 (includes morning refreshments, morning and afternoon breaks, lunch, and parking)

To register please contact: Jacque Crocker, Nebraska Library Commission via phone: 800-307-2665 or via email: jcrocker@nlc.state.ne.us by November 8, 2004. Mail a check payable to Nebraska Library Commission to: Nebraska Library Commission, c/o Jacque Crocker, 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023, *payment required in advance* by November 15, 2004.

**Southeast Library System Board Meeting
August 13, 2004
Beatrice Public Library – Beatrice, Nebraska**

Board Members present: Becky Baker (Seward Public Library); Rebecca Bernthal (University of NE Libraries); Debbie Goossen (Lewiston Public Schools); Stephen Hunt (Plattsmouth Public Library); Lisa Olivigni (Crete Public Library); Hope Schawang (Lydia Bruun Woods Memorial Library); Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center); Sandy Elton (Lincoln Correctional Center).

Also present: Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Jenni Puchalla (SELS Administrative Assistant); Kris Rogge (NLC Commissioner).

Board Members absent:

Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library); Alicia Graybill (Fairbury); Ken Gunselman (Levitt Library, York College); Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library); Robin Brooks (Kilgore Memorial Library, York).

Agenda

I. What's New Around the System: President Baker called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m. Board members then discussed current activities taking place at their libraries.

II. Distribution/Organization of Notebooks: Jenni passed out updated information for Board Member notebooks. There was some discussion regarding what might be helpful to include in information packets for System members.

III. Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Rebecca Bernthal, second by Stephen Hunt, the minutes from the June 22, 2004 meeting were approved. Motion passed.

IV. Financial Report: Jenni provided current budget spreadsheets and noted that SELS has spent 11% of its budget during the first 12% of the fiscal year. Some budget lines had been modified recently to reflect a change in the coding of expenses. This change will better reflect what expenses SELS has incurred. For instance, Brenda's meal expenses were previously charged to the workshop line. Now, these expenses will be charged to the Admin. Travel/Gas line. Jenni also mentioned that paperwork needed to be completed and signed by the appropriate Board members to change SELS current checking account to an interest bearing checking account. The accountant recently assessed SELS finances, and reported to Brenda and Jenni that everything appears to be on track for this fiscal year. The transaction report was then discussed. On a motion by Debbie Goossen, second by Sandy Elton, the transaction report dated 7/1/04 through 8/11/04 was approved. Motion passed.

V. Administrator's Report: Brenda noted that there will be upcoming conferences in the area, including ALSC in Minneapolis in September, NLA/NEMA in Grand Island in October, and MPLA/CLA in Denver in October. Brenda submitted a grant request to the Nebraska Library Commission for the ALSC conference. Brenda also submitted a joint request with the other Systems for a bus trip to MPLA. Other topics discussed included:

- The Regional Library Systems' *End of Life Issues* proposal to the Nebraska Library Commission.
- Continued work with NLA/NEMA 2004 conference planning as NLA Vice Chair.
- Attendance at System Administrator meetings in Valentine and Paxton.
- Assisting area libraries with training, collection development, and technology issues.
- Participation in the "Lincoln Rallies Against the Patriot Act" activities in conjunction with the Lincoln Bill of Rights Defense Coalition.
- Lifetime loans of equipment to Gilbert Public Library/Friend (2 monitors, CPU, Printer, typewriter table); Lydia Bruun Memorial Library/Falls City (Electric Typewriter); and Exeter Public Library (CPU).

VI. NLC Report: Richard Miller was unable to attend, but NLC Commissioner Kris Rogge was present. One of the issues she noted was a recent discussion of the impact of technology on small libraries, both the benefits and the cost of technical service.

VII. Committee Assignments: Current committees include (1) Consortia/Promotion (2) Continuing Education (3) Management of Resources – Executive Committee. A priority need the board will address is the issue of computer technology support for Nebraska libraries. The two main committees are Consortia/Promotion and Continuing Education. Board members are assigned to the following committees:

Consortia/Promotion (CP): Ken Gunselman, Sandy Elton, Rebecca Bernthal, Stephen Hunt, Tom Schmitz, Wanda Marget, Alicia Graybill

Continuing Education (CE): Becky Baker, Lisa Olivigni, Debbie Goossen, Hope Schawang, Jan Thomsen, Robin Brooks

VIII. 2004-2005 Meeting Schedule: Locations for meetings will be determined by Brenda and Jenni at a later date. The five meetings will be: October 15th; December 10th; February 11th; and April 1st. The annual meeting will be held sometime in June, 2005.

IX. Planning Session: The Board paused for lunch at 12:48 p.m. and reconvened at 2:10 p.m. to begin the planning session. Those present for this session were: Hope Schawang, Debbie Goossen, Becky Baker, Rebecca Bernthal, Tom Schmitz, Lisa Olivigni, Jenni Puchalla and Brenda Ealey. SELS's System Plan for 2003-2005 was reviewed and discussed, as well as SELS's Technology Plan.

X. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

September/ October 2004

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-Jimmy Carter

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