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Newsletter of the

Southeast Library System

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By Brenda Ealey, SELS

The 2012 ELS/SELS Youth Services Retreat provided another good learning experience and took place at Carol Joy Holling Camp. This marks the 18th year for this ongoing, annual project between Eastern & Southeast Library Systems, and is a great opportunity for librarians to relax, have some fun with colleagues and recharge.

Kicking off the retreat, Mary Reiman (Lincoln Public Schools) and Laura Pietsch (Omaha Public Schools) talked about Project Management. They offered mindful project management – keeping in mind the scope of the project, time involved and resources available and needed while encouraging attendees to think about what they do and why they do it. Is it because it’s most familiar and comfortable? Consider what is the most relevant for the people you serve.

They shared a number of titles to consider in making the most of time in planning a full year of library programs and services, including: *Librarian’s Guide to Passive Programming: Easy and Affordable Activities for All Ages* by Emily T. Wichman, *A Year of Programs for Teens* by Amy J. Alessio and Kimberly A. Patton, and *Family Literacy Storytimes: Readymade Storytimes Suitable for the Whole Family* by Kathryn Totten. Listed on the Nebraska Library Commission website from the Children/YA link, you’ll find multiple sites with resources for librarians, activities pages and books & reading. (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/youth/librarians.aspx>) Or, check *Pinterest* pages for teen and children’s library programming. (<http://pinterest.com/>) Also discussed were *School Library Monthly’s* Author & Illustrator and Events Almanacs which link to web resources for children’s authors and illustrators, events and idea starters for each day of the month. (www.schoollibrarymonthly.com/almanacs/index.html) *Library Sparks* magazine is another resource providing “engaging activities to reach every reader.” Each *Library Sparks* magazine includes a webliography with links to websites listed in that issue. SELS subscribes to both *Library Sparks* and *School Library Monthly*, so contact us if you’d like to borrow or get on the routing list. You can find Mary & Laura’s presentation on the SELS website (www.selsne.org) on the workshop/events page.

Project Management was just one slice of this year’s retreat. Bridget Kratt (UNO) provided us with *28 Must Read YA titles*, as well as some great tools for librarians and teens in promoting books and reading:

Glogster – Have teens use to create an interactive poster in promoting books – very visual tool. May want to use Glogster EDU (www.edu.glogster.com/) rather than Glogster.com.

Check out
Southeast
Library
System on
Facebook!





Join the Southeast Library System Board and Friends in celebrating the newly remodeled SELS office by visiting our...

Open House

November 16, 2012

4:00 to 6:00 PM

5730 R St, Ste C-1 in Lincoln

Drop by after the Summer Reading Workshop and see all of the great resources the System has to offer your library.

Meet the board members, join the Southeast Library System Friends group, and most importantly, take a break after a long day with wines, cheeses, and desserts.

The office is conveniently located on R street between Gateway Mall, Target, and Barnes & Noble.



Southeast Library System Front Porch Award Application

The Front Porch Award is presented to a library (academic, institutional, public or school) that displays ingenuity in creating an atmosphere that welcomes patrons to their facility. This award and \$100 will be presented during National Library Week, April 14-20, 2013. Non-accredited libraries are welcome to apply.

Enclose the following with your nomination:

Name of Library: _____

Name of Individual submitting the application:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

- In 250 words or less, state why the library deserves this award.
- Information about activities/programs developed for the library.
- Two letters of recommendation from any library supporter.
- Any other information that shows the library deserves this award.

Nominations must be submitted to:

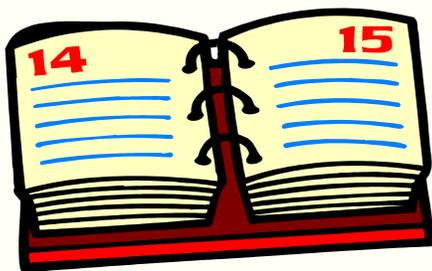
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Lincoln, NE 68505

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Application deadline is March 1, 2013



CALENDAR

November 2012

November 5th to 16th – Basic Skills – Communication. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>) starting October 1st. For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules calendar go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBSCalendar.aspx>.

November 8th – CASTL Meeting at Beatrice Public Library. We'll view the WebJunction webinar with Max Klein – *Librarians are Wikipedians, Too* for an overview of past efforts and future potential of public libraries and librarians working with Wikipedia. Additionally, maybe you got a chance to celebrate Teen Read Week in October and discovered a great book or author. So for this month's book talk segment, read a teen title. If you need suggestions choose from the YALSA Teens' Top Ten – perhaps the titles nominated for 2012 or previous winners, which you can find at <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten>.

November 9th – NLC Commissioners Meeting at the Nebraska Library Commission. Meeting is open to the public and runs from 9:30 to 12. For more information contact Sue Biltoft, (402)471-4007 or sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov.

November 13th— Bibliostat Public Library Survey released. Everything you need to know about the survey can be found at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/stats/bibliostatcollect.aspx>. The survey will be due February 15th, 2013.

November 16th – Summer Reading Workshop at Eiseley Branch Library in Lincoln from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM Info on page [5](#).

November 16th – SELS Open House 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the recently remodeled SELS Office – 5730 R St., Suite C-1, Lincoln. See page [2](#) for details

November 23rd – SELS Friends Bookfair. See page [7](#) for details.

November 29th – ELS/SELS Colloquium with Kathy Dempsey - Building Community Partnerships: 25 Ideas in 45 Minutes. Hosted at Cornhusker Hotel, 5:30 to 9:30. See page [15](#).

November 30th—What Accidental Marketers Need to Know with Kathy Dempsey from 10 to 3 at Beacon Hills Country Inn & Suites—Lincoln. Find all details at : <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgId=11723>.

December 3rd to 14th – Basic Skills – Finance. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>) starting October 29th. For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules calendar go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBSCalendar.aspx>.

December 6th—CASTL Meeting at Syracuse Public Library. Marty Magee, Education Coordinator, for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine will present on Health Resources for the Community. Bring your laptop, iPad or Netbook to join Marty with some hands-on. For this month's book talk take a look at American Indians in Children's Literature site: <http://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com/2012/10/creating-library-atmosphere-that.html> and pick one of the titles in the top ten lists to read. You'll have a choice of board books through High School. We'll also have the round robin to share ideas, questions and news. Meeting starts at 10 a.m. and we hope to wrap up by 3. Please let us know if you plan on attending.

December 14th – SELS Board Meeting at 10 a.m. at Union College

December 15th – SELS Friends Private Showing of *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*. See page [8](#).

January 11th—CASTL meeting at Dvoracek Memorial Library in Wilber

January 25th– 29th—ALA Midwinter in Seattle

January 30th—Nebraska Library Association Advocacy Day in Lincoln

SELS Summer Reading 2013

November 16, 2012 from 10:00—4:00

Eiseley Branch Library, 1530 Superior St, Lincoln

- 10:00-10:15** Welcome & Refreshments with time for die cut machines
- 10:15-11:00** Lincoln-Lancaster Genealogical Society Presentation
- 11:15-12:45** Highway Paleontology & Archaeology with Shane Tucker & Rob Bozell
- 12:45-1:30** Lunch onsite & time for die cut machines
- 1:30-2:20** Teens: The Untapped Customer Base with Susan Steider
- 2:30-3:30** Book reviews with Sally Snyder

Bring ideas, books, and projects! We'll have a display and time for sharing during lunch.

Name: _____

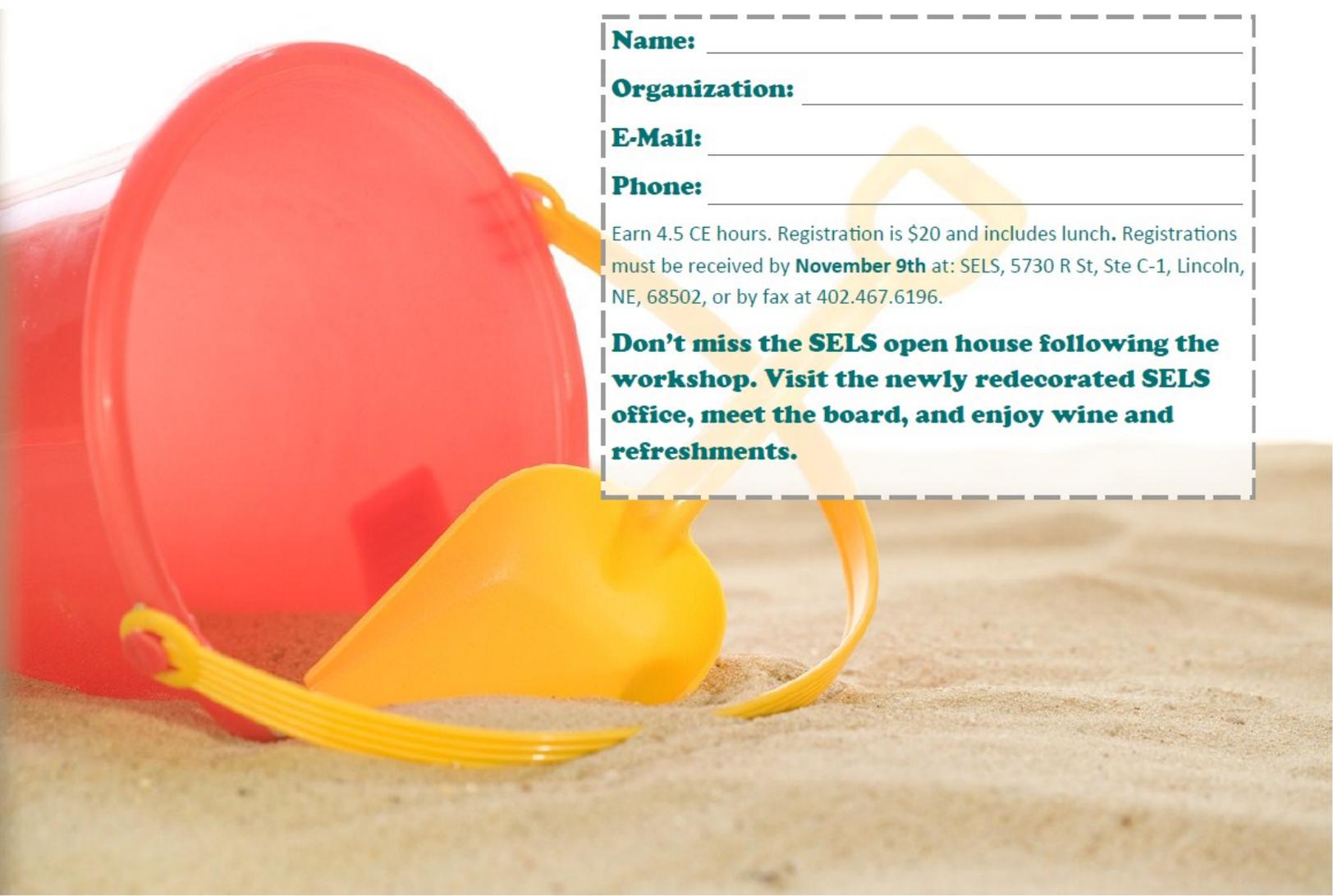
Organization: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

Earn 4.5 CE hours. Registration is \$20 and includes lunch. Registrations must be received by **November 9th** at: SELS, 5730 R St, Ste C-1, Lincoln, NE, 68502, or by fax at 402.467.6196.

Don't miss the SELS open house following the workshop. Visit the newly redecorated SELS office, meet the board, and enjoy wine and refreshments.



By Brenda Ealey, SELS Administrator

CASTL Wrap-up

Thanks to Carolyn Schlegel for hosting the September meeting of CASTL at the Virgil Biegert Public Library in Shickley. We had a good meeting and took the opportunity to highlight some of the professional journals available from the SELS office. You can check them out individually or as a part of the routing list. SELS subscribes to *American Libraries*, *Booklist*, *Library Journal*, *Library Sparks*, *Public Libraries*, *School Library Journal*, *School Library Monthly*, and *VOYA* (Voice of Youth Advocates). To participate just send us your address and the names of the journals you'd like to receive. You'll be responsible for postage to the next reader, but we'll provide the labels to make it quick and easy. Articles from several journals were highlighted and discussed as a sampling of information that can be gained:

In the July/August issue of *Public Libraries*, Eva Poole's article, *Leadership Skills More Crucial Than Ever*, identified challenges & issues reported by local government administrators – which matched up well



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.

- November 8th—Beatrice
- December 6th—Syracuse
- January 11th—Wilber
- February 14th—Tecumseh
- March 15th—Fairbury
- April 12th—Falls City
- May 31st (June meeting) – Seward (Golden Sower)

with what librarians, trustees and staff think about in providing library services. The list included – quality of life, technology, service delivery, resident engagement, aging and diverse populations, teamwork and sustainability. Sound familiar? Needless to say there's a common point of reference for discussion of library and community issues. A second article by Christine Lind Hage showcased the eBranch of Rochester Hills Public Library – www.ebranch.rhpl.org, and its effort to increase library usage. Take a look!

In the September/October issue of *School Library Monthly*, Gail Bush's article on the transliterate learner provided the opportunity to highlight a new reference point for literacy success in the 21st century. Transliteracy is defined as the ability to read, write and interact across a range of platforms, tools and media from signing and orality through handwriting, print, TV, radio and film to digital social networks. That's vocabulary librarians must be familiar with in providing service that responds to customer needs. Additionally, Kathy Fredrick's article on online election resources provided us with some great online sites – including: *The Living Room Campaign: Political Advertisements from 1952 to 2008* (www.livingroomcandidate.org/), *ProCon* – pros and cons of controversial issues (www.procon.org) and *Ben's Guide to Government for Kids* (<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/>). Also in that issue is an article by Robyn Young on digital learning. In addition to Young's discussion of the role school librarians play in this area was a great list of free web apps that included: *Khan Academy* for instructional videos (www.khanacademy.org/) and *Wikimedia Commons* (http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page) for copyright free images.

In the July 2012 issue of *School Library Journal* is a wonderful article on Pinterest by Kate Messner. It includes author pin boards and sites for learning such as

CASTL Wrap Up

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**SAVE
THE DATE**

Southeast Library System Friends

Barnes & Noble Bookfair

**Friday, November 23
South Pointe Pavilion Barnes & Noble**

**2910 Pine Lake Road
Lincoln, NE**

*Don't forget to tell the cashier your purchase
is for our book fair!*

Even purchases at the coffee shop help!

- **Free gift wrapping from 10:00 a.m. until noon**

Can't attend our bookfair at Barnes & Noble?

Visit **BN.COM/bookfairs** to support us online from 11/23/12 to 11/28/12

by entering Bookfair ID 10884229 at checkout.

A percentage of your Barnes & Noble purchases will benefit the Southeast Library System!





AMONG TREASURED FRIENDS

Tri-Conference

The SELS Friends table at the NLA/NSLA/MPLA tri-conference saw a lot of action this year; in particular the silent auction of the model house brought a lot of people to our table. The winner was taking the house to Oklahoma! Chocolate remained a popular item and the new iron-on patches were also well received. We learned that few people knew what a "Split the Pot" raffle was (congrats to raffle winner Angela Kroeger), and also that librarians appreciate a good bargain by purchasing cookbooks at a rock-bottom price. Add in the autographing done by Rebecca Makkai and it was an outstanding conference for us.

Patches

If you are interested in iron-on patches for yourself or as unique gifts for staff or Board members, some remain for sale for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Contact us at



info@selsfriends.org if you would like to make a purchase.

Barnes and Noble Bookfair

A bookfair at the South Pointe Barnes & Noble store is scheduled for Friday, November 23. Please see the flyer that is included in this newsletter for details. Every purchase helps us in some way, even at the coffee shop, but only if you remember to tell the cashier that it is for our bookfair. If you can't make it to the store on Friday, your online purchases will also help – again, see the poster for details.

Hobbit

Also, we plan to offer a private showing of *The Hobbit: An*

Unexpected Journey

on December 15 at the Marcus Edgewood Cinema in Lincoln. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. and the movie will begin at 9:00. Prices are not yet set as the theatre isn't sure if they are getting the regular print, the 3D version, or both. Watch for details to come soon!

Membership

Finally, membership renewals were due June 30, 2012. Eleven members remain "overdue" at this point, and risk being dropped from our list. Please check your status at <http://selsfriends.org/members.html>.



News Around the System

All Book Clubs Read Together in Seward

From Charlotte Baldinger, Seward Memorial Library

October was *National Reading Group Month*. Seward Memorial Library celebrated by inviting all of the library book groups to discuss the same novel together. On October 1 the New York Times Bestsellers Book Club, the Mid-Day Mysteries Book Club and the Young at Heart Book Club spent some time with the author of *Red Cell*, John Kalkowski. Mr. Kalkowski, a middle school teacher in Omaha, shared his story as a



local author. He also talked about future writing projects including an exciting sequel to *Red Cell* with scenes in Lincoln. The group had an opportunity to interact with the author and ask questions. During the evening participants also were able to discuss thoughts with other club members and leave with new reading connections.



Lunch Time Study Group Produces Results

From Carol Oltman, Beatrice High School

This semester, I began a freshman study group that takes place during the lunch hour. Students who are failing a class pick up their lunch and come to the library for tutoring. A few of the counselors and I assist the students with course work until they can

achieve a non-failing grade. We began the year with 32 students failing, and have drastically reduced the numbers. As of this week, we only have 10 students who still must attend. This program has been such a success that we plan to expand the it to include sophomores.

Plattsmouth Landscaping

From Karen Mier, Plattsmouth Library

Plattsmouth Public Library has been working to improve the



Library grounds with a landscaping project.

Progress on the landscaping grant made possible from the Cass County Visitors Promotion Committee and donations

from the Plattsmouth Public Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library.



News Around the System

Palmyra Memorial Library Recipient of Libri Foundation Grant.

From Glenda Willnerd, Palmyra Memorial Library

The Palmyra Memorial Library was the recipient of a grant from the Libri Foundation and received 62 books with a total retail value of \$1,056.22. The Libri Foundation is a nationwide non-profit organization that donates new children's books to small, rural public libraries. The Foundation matches money raised by the local library at a 2 to 1 ratio. The Palmyra Memorial Library raised \$350.00 in matching funds.

The library is going to host a "movie night" on Friday, November 30th and display the new books for children and youth to check out.



Pictured is Palmyra Memorial Library Board President, Lucinda Faunce and her daughter, Nima looking through the new titles received from the Libri Foundation.

Grand Opening for Auburn Memorial Library Addition

October 2nd was an Open House at Auburn Memorial Library for their new children's addition. There was an enthusiastic crowd on hand to see the new space for the first time ever – which also includes a brand new library directors



Heather Koeneke, Sherry Black, Boni Hathaway



office. It was a chance to get a photo of 3 of those directors – past and present – which was an unexpected bonus. Congrats to the library staff, board and community on your wonderful new space. Best Wishes to Sherry Black who retired from the library the end of September.

SELS Office Welcomes New Assistant

Southeast Library Systems would like to take a moment and welcome William Bragg to the Administrative Assistant position. October 11th marked his first day in the office and he attended the NLA/NSLA/

MPLA tri-conference the following week. In his spare time, William developed a love for writing brief, third person blurbs about himself. He is pleased to be able to extend this passion into the work place.



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Pinterst 101 – <http://pinterest.com/about/help> with pinterest basics for libraries, and also <http://ow.ly/bGJZo> with library pin boards and more.

So, if you are looking for new ideas, need information or want to be kept up-to-date on library issues the professional journals at the SELS office can be a great resource. We want to thank the SELS Friends for assistance in the cost of the subscriptions and to the Morton-James Public Library in Nebraska City for providing *VOYA*. Additionally, you can find some of the journals online – not always everything that’s in print editions without subscribing, but often quite a bit:

American Libraries – <http://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/>

Booklist – www.booklistonline.com

Library Journal – <http://lj.libraryjournal.com/>

Public Libraries – www.publiclibrariesonline.org

School Library Journal – www.slj.com

School Library Monthly – www.schoollibrarymonthly.com/

VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocates) – www.voya.com/

We’ll look forward to seeing you for the CASTL meeting in Beatrice on November 8th!

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Voki (www.voki.com/) – Talking avatar to promote books. Simply type in text, pick an avatar and the avatar speaks those lines. It can be embedded on a website and you can choose to record your own voice.

Animoto (www.animoto.com/) – Easy way to build professional looking videos for book trailers, with built in music and video, and a free educator site that allows for more than just a 30 second clip.

Character Tweet – Use twitter’s 140 character limits to tweet as a character from a book.

Top 10 List – Top ten reasons to read a certain title. Done similar to David Letterman without giving away too much and staying true to the story.

Suggest Read-Alikes – Use **Fiction Connection** (via NebraskAccess –<http://nebraskaccess.ne.gov/>) to find similar titles, authors.

6-Word Memoirs – Create a biography of a character in the story using 6 words. Ex. Katniss (Hunger Games): Won games. Defied Capitol. Not over!

Book Spine Poetry – Book talk your latest read by finding other books and using the titles on the spine to tell you something about the story. For an example see Library Things Contest winners: www.librarything.com/blogs/librarything/2012/09/spine-poetry-contest-winners/.

YALSA Teen Book Finder App (www.ala.org/yalsa/products/teenbookfinder) –A free download and provides 3 titles a day for Hot Picks, awards, can build a favorites list, search by author, title, genre, year, award...

Google Search Story – Create your own with 7 searches – <https://searchstories-intl.appspot.com>
If you want the list of titles Bridget book talked – contact the SELS office.

Lindsey Tomsu (LaVista Public Library) entertained and informed us with her presentation on *Nancy Drew & Friends; Or, The Case of the Neglected Books* in her history of youth series fiction. You can an encore on NCompassLive on November 7th (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/NCompassLive/>). Sally Snyder (NLC) provided a Great Books list for all ages. Marvel Maring (UNO) showed us how to make Pop-up Books. Brad Hruska (Columbus Public Library) taught us how to make balloon animals. Sarah English (Omaha Public Library) provided an opportunity to work with the Every Child Ready to Read Program. Amy Mather (Omaha Public Library) demonstrated the power of Pinterest with one of my favorite quotes from the retreat: “Congratulations, Pinterest. You have digitized America’s compulsive hoarding problem.”

It was an energizing, yet exhausting 2 days. If you’ve never attended – we hope you’ll consider it in 2013. We’ve already got the camp reserved for September 12th & 13th.



News & Notes

Geek the Library, OCLC's community awareness campaign designed to highlight the value of U.S. public libraries, has received \$1,924,883 from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to extend participation in the program to 1,000 additional libraries through June 2015. The funding allows increased emphasis on library staff planning and implementation of the program, and will help staff build on the knowledge and skills they need to be effective advocates for libraries in their communities. A recent survey of public libraries implementing the Geek the Library (<http://geekthelibrary.org>) campaign in local communities indicated a positive connection between the campaign and improved public perceptions of the library. The study also showed improvements in library staff advocacy- and marketing-related competencies. This final phase of the program will build on these findings by introducing enhanced support for participating libraries, and a focus on building library staff confidence and skills with advocacy, marketing and communications. Geek the Library has a national campaign presence with its website and social media such as Facebook, Twitter and Flickr. Geek the Library was developed based on results of OCLC's research published in *From Awareness to Funding: A study of library support in America* (<http://www.oclc.org/reports/funding/default.htm>). The research and pilot campaign were also funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The program will accept new participants through June 2014. Interested libraries can get more information about implementing the campaign locally at get.geekthelibrary.org.

Library Directors in Nebraska Libraries of All Types are invited to apply for the American Library Association Excellence in Library Programming Award

The ALA Excellence in Library Programming Award recognizes a library that demonstrates excellence in library programming by creating a cultural/thematic program type or program series, presented during the preceding year (September 1, 2011 - August 31, 2012), that engages the community in planning, sponsorship and/or active participation, addresses an identified community need, and has a measurable impact.

The Award consists of \$5,000 and a citation of achievement, to be presented during the ALA Award Presentation at the ALA Annual Conference. The deadline for applying is Dec. 1, 2012. The link to more information and the application is located at: www.ala.org/programming/programmingexcellence.

Newsweek magazine will publish its last print edition on December 31st. *Newsweek* has been a weekly magazine since 1933 with subscribers at its peak numbering 3 million to its current 1.5 million. *Newsweek* merged with an internet news group – *The Daily Beast* (www.thedailybeast.com) – two years ago. Tina Brown, *The Daily Beast* founder, had this to say about the switch to *Newsweek* online only: “Exiting print is an extremely difficult moment for all of us who love the romance of print and the unique weekly camaraderie of those hectic hours before the close on Friday night. But as we head for the 80th anniversary of *Newsweek* next year,

we must sustain the journalism that gives the magazine its purpose and embrace the all-digital future. This decision is not about the quality of the brand or the journalism – that is as powerful as ever. It is about the challenging economics of print publishing and distribution.” *Newsweek Global*, the digital only version, will be available via a subscription. Source: BBC NEWS Business, October 18th, 2012.

Life-size Game of *Arkham Horror* hosted by La Vista Public Library’s Teen Advisor Board. *Arkham Horror* is a cooperative board game where the players fight monsters and seal portals to ensure that Cthulhu does not wake.

(from Omaha.com)

Marathon board games of creepy ghouls and ancient deities set out to destroy mankind are nothing new to the La Vista Public Library’s Teen Advisor Board. But fighting off Cthulhu went to a whole new level.

In line with the *Arkham Horror* Game Club, based off H.P. Lovecraft’s science fiction series, teens of the library volunteered their time and efforts to create a life-sized board, playing the game all day on Oct. 13. “It took quite a while to set it up,” Teen Coordinator Lindsey Tomsu said.

<http://www.omaha.com/article/20121031/NEWS2003/710319895/1122#cthulhu-let-loose-in-la-vista-library>

SELS & ELS are proud to present the...

Fall Colloquium

*Building Community Partnerships: 25
Ideas in 45 Minutes with Kathy
Dempsey*

November 29th, 2012 @ 5:30

Yankee Hill Room, The Cornhusker, Lincoln

Kathy Dempsey is a consultant and trainer through her business, Libraries Are Essential, and is the author of *The Accidental Library Marketer* (Information Today, Inc., 2009). Her work is dedicated to helping librarians and information professionals promote their value and expertise in order to gain respect and funding. Kathy has been the Editor of the *Marketing Library Services* newsletter for 18 years and was formerly Editor-in-Chief of *Computers in Libraries* magazine. She also blogs at The 'M' Word.

Name: _____

Select:

Phone: _____

◇ Windsor Pork Loin

Email: _____

◇ Seafood Newberg

Organization: _____

◇ Champagne Pasta

Send registration and \$40 by **November 21st** to:

Southeast Library System, 5730 R. St, Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE
68505 or by fax to (402)467-6196

This project was supported in part by state aid funding appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature, granted and administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

Southeast Library System Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Seward Memorial Library, Seward, Nebraska

August 28, 2012
10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Barbara Hegr, Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City
Rebecca Bernthal, Love Library, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Sabrina Riley, Union College Library, Lincoln
Dorothy Willis, Pawnee City Public Library, Pawnee City
Jan Thomsen, Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora
Becky Baker, Seward Memorial Library, Seward
Hillary Sire, Barnes & Noble, Lincoln
Robin Sugden, Freeman Public Schools, Adams
Ruth Carlock, Levitt Library, York College, York
Kent Munster, The Clark Enersen Partners, Lincoln

Also Present

Brenda Ealey, SELS Administrator
Jen Barnason, SELS Administrative Assistant

Board Members Absent:

Carolyn Bennett, Beatrice Public Library, Beatrice
Karen Frank, Greenwood Public Library, Greenwood
Carol Oltman, Beatrice High School, Beatrice

Barbara Hegr called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

What's New Around the System

Members provided an update on activities in their respective worlds with the group.

Planning Meeting

Priorities

Brenda Ealey presented a list of planning priorities as a framework for discussion:

Budget

The System, like the NLC, will operate with a flat budget similar to the last 3 years. The group discussed the state of funding from the State and LSTA.

Open House

Recent improvements to the SELS office provides an impetus for drawing people in to see the space and reminding member libraries about the services available to them through SELS. Further discussion about logistics will occur in committee meetings.

TOUS Grant

Brenda reported on a suggestion made by Wanda Marget that SELS investigate applying for a TOUS Grant. Barbara noted that historically successful applicants have made requests for funding educational events. After discussion, the group gave direction to Brenda to pursue a grant to fund a keynote speaker for the SELS Spring 2013 Training Extravaganza; the application could also specify video recording the keynote and distribution to a 15-county area via newsletter, website and Facebook in order to stress the educational value of the effort.

Board Election

Brenda noted the apparent lack of interest in voting during the recent SELS board election. The Eastern System has experienced the same issue. The group discussed a solution—let the executive committee nominate, and the members approve, Board members; Becky Baker made a motion to bring wording back to change the bylaws to read accordingly; Sabrina Riley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Summer Rading CE and Board CE

Brenda relayed Rod Wagner's encouragement to promote continuing education to committees, library boards, etc., within the Nebraska Library community. The group discussed CE opportunities and various means of promotion.

Administrative Assistant

Jen has taken a new position at UNL expecting to continue with SELS until her new position begins on September 24th. The group discussed the viability of sharing an assistant with Eastern as well as the potential for increasing the number of work hours offered in order to make the job viable for more candidates, but ultimately the group decided to advertise the position as it currently stands. Brenda will make minor updates to the job description and post it as soon as possible.

Advocacy

The group discussed new approaches to raise awareness of the importance of Nebraska libraries with the Legis-

lature. Rod Wagner will testify before the appropriations committee but legislators will be listening to many requests so finding a unique appeal is critical. Rebecca recommended searching for personal stories, and Dorothy suggested asking librarians for “feel good” stories about Nebraska library users. A couple of these stories could be written in the next couple of weeks and they could take the form of recurring monthly emails to state senators.

Board Meeting

Consent Agenda

- A. June 14, 2012 Minutes
- B. Financial Report

Brenda noted that minutes from the June 14, 2012 Board meeting and the August 28, 2012 Budget Report had been distributed by email. Becky Baker moved for approval of the consent agenda; Hillary Sire seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrator’s Report

Brenda shared recent activities with the group including:

- Brenda’s attendance at the ALA Conference in Anaheim
- ELS/SELS Colloquium in LaVista, Summer TeenWebinar at Kilgore Memorial Library in York
- CASTL meeting at the Alice M. Farr Public Library in Aurora Consultation with the Pawnee City Library about budget and accreditation
- NLA Board Meeting in LaVista
- NLC/Systems Quarterly Meeting
- Joan Gieseke’s has retired as UNL Library Dean and Nancy, Busch has taken on the role of Interim Dean for a 3-year term
- Karen Frank, Library Director at Greenwood Public Library is recuperating after hip replacement surgery on August 21st
- Molly Fisher was appointed as an NLC Commissioner following John Dale’s term.

SELS Friends’ Report

Becky Baker reported on a recent decision made by the SELS Friends Board to change the method in which it supports the Southeast Library System. Until now, fund requests were made to the Friends and each one was debated before a decision was made. From this point forward the SELS Friends will award a cash amount each year on July 1 to the System. The amount will be up to 15% of the Friends’ bank balance on March 1 of the same year. The Friends group plans to hold \$2,500 in reserve for use only if an emergency need arises for which no other means of funding can be found.

Funds may also be made available for scholarship requests if the Friends’ cash balance is \$5,000 or above on July 1; in that event up to 5% of the balance may earmarked for such. Upcoming Friends’ events include a bookfair at the South Pointe Barnes & Noble store on Friday, November 23rd, and a private showing of *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey* on Saturday, December 15th. At the annual meeting on August 15 the current slate of officers was retained.

NLC Report

No report.

2012/2013 Meeting Schedule

Brenda will send Doodle surveys to board members in order to determine the best days for board meetings in October and December. [Update: meetings have been scheduled—Wednesday, October 24, 10:00 a.m., at Kilgore Memorial Library in York and Friday, December 14, 10:00 a.m., at Union College Library in Lincoln.]

Committee Meetings

The Continuing Education Committee reported that they discussed potential presenters and topics for Summer Reading workshop, and will pursue these further in the coming weeks.

The Marketing and Promotion Committee reported making plans for an open house at the SELS Office from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, November 16th, to coincide with the Summer Reading Workshop at the Eiseley Branch Library on the same day. Plans are also underway for recognizing a library located in the SELS area with a Front Porch Award to be presented during National Library Week, April 14-20, 2013.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.
Submitted by Kent Munster.

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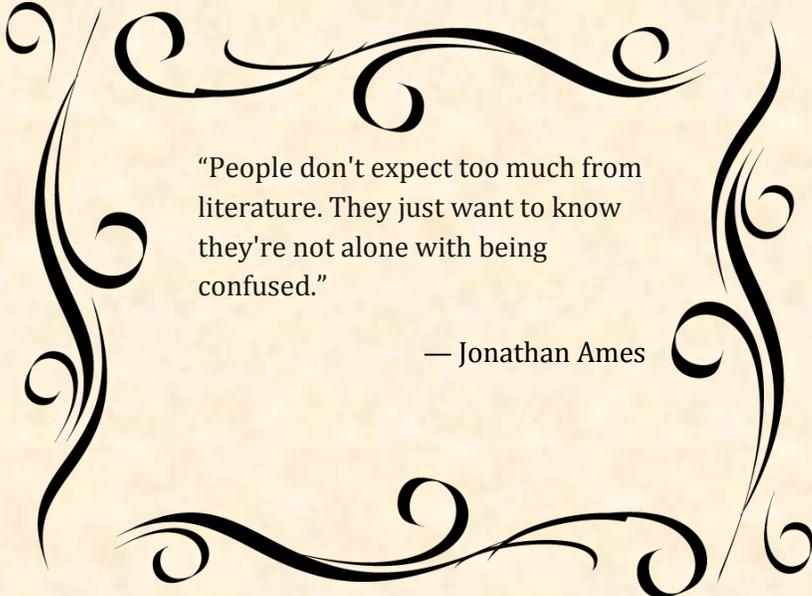
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“People don't expect too much from literature. They just want to know they're not alone with being confused.”

— Jonathan Ames

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