



# SoLiS

Newsletter of the

## Southeast Library System

October 2011

### SOWINGS

By Brenda Ealey, Administrator

If you haven't had the opportunity to join us for the Eastern and Southeast Library Systems' Youth Services Retreat at Carol Joy Holling Camp you are missing out on some marvelous continuing education at a relaxing and beautiful site. It makes for a fabulous setting to network with colleagues and get rejuvenated for another year of library service to youth. Next year's retreat is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> so mark your calendars now.

This year we kicked things off with a presentation by Pat Leach (LCL) and Francine Canfield (Ralston) on youth services as a part of the library's strategic plan. They had us work in groups to practice this principle in planning a special event or program and consider how it fit in with priorities defined in the library's plan. We were encouraged to outline the amount of staff, staff time, costs, estimated attendance and more, including attention to the number of distinct individuals that might be involved. The conversation on distinct individuals focused on the program/service reaching individuals rather than the same persons attending the program on a continual basis. That encouraged us to think about youth programs, such as Story Time, and the number of distinct individuals that attend in looking at percentages of the population reached, as well as the amount of preparation and staff involved in providing the program. The entire exercise and discussion was very enlightening in thinking through the process that administrators experience in deciding which areas receive financial support in budgets. It also informed participants of the importance of preparation in proposing service and program ideas to supervisors and/or directors.

We also had a great conversation with Paula McClung (Lincoln High School) on controversial literature and youth. Paula shared video clips from students that spoke to their need for literature that, while potentially dark, is important to make available. Logic varied but included literature often being a reflection of personal experience and hardship that is not uncommon, as well as respecting teen's independence in self selection of reading material. The video clips were compelling and a reminder that librarians serving teens are the voice for teenagers in selecting materials for the collection which should reflect their interests. Paula also spoke to the importance of having conversations with youth and adults regarding the collection — particularly when concerns are expressed — and taking that input as an important discussion. Be aware of

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# The 2011 Fall Colloquium

Embassy Suites, La Vista

November 9, 2011

5:30-6:30 Social Hour with cash bar  
6:30-7:30 Dinner  
7:30-8:30 Presentation by Jo Budler  
8:30-9:30 Time for Questions and Discussion

## Negotiation, Collaboration, Risk-Taking, and Politics

Featuring Jo Budler, Kansas State Librarian

Prior to her appointment in Kansas, she served as the Ohio State Librarian, and earlier as the deputy state librarian for the Library of Michigan. Jo is a former Nebraskan and was the director of Network Services and NEBASE at the Nebraska Library Commission. She holds a master's in library science and a master's of fine arts in Writers' Workshop, both from the University of Iowa.



She received national attention in the eBook arena for negotiations with OverDrive regarding fees that she felt were "unreasonable, unsustainable and unacceptable" which has resulted in exploration of a beta product with another vendor.

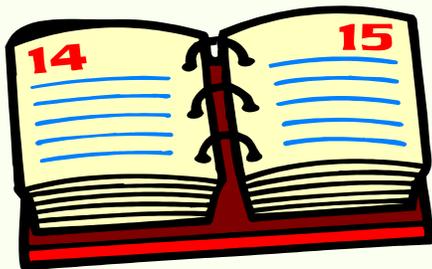
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### Select:

- ◊ Lemon Caper Chicken  
Grilled chicken breast in a lemon caper butter sauce. Served with parmesan potato croquettes.
  
- ◊ Grilled Portabella Margherita  
Portabella mushroom marinated and grilled topped with roma tomatoes, mozzarella, basil chiffonnade and pine nuts and resting atop Italian herb butter couscous. Served with a side of asparagus or vegetable medley.

Send registration and \$40 by November 2nd to:

Southeast Library System  
5730 R St, Ste C-1  
Lincoln, NE 68505  
Fax: 402.467.6196



# CALENDAR

October 2011

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

**October 10<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>** – Basic Skills – Reference. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp)). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules, go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html).

**October 15<sup>th</sup>**—Local Author Event at Barnes and Noble South Pointe, 2:00-3:00 PM

**October 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>** – National Friends of Libraries Week coordinated by ALTAFF (Citizens for Libraries) to celebrate Friends and to promote your group in the community. Also a good time to recognize Friends for their help and support. You can find more information as well as ideas for celebrating and marketing and PR materials at: [http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/altaff/events\\_conferences/folweek/index.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/altaff/events_conferences/folweek/index.cfm).

**October 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Teen Read Week. This year's theme is Picture It @ your library ® to encourage teens to read graphic novels and other illustrated materials, seek out creative books, or imagine the world through literature, just for the fun of it. Teen Read Week is an initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) and you can find more information, activity ideas, promotional materials, reading lists go to: <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/yalsa/teenreading/trw/trw2011/home.cfm>.

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** - KAPCO book repair workshop at Walt Branch Library in Lincoln from 2:00 to 5:00. See [page 10](#) for details.

**October 20<sup>th</sup>**—Meet Children's Author Tyler Whitesides at Barnes and Noble South Pointe, 6:30 PM

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Celebration of Nebraska Books, 3:30 to 6:30 at Lied Center for Performing Arts, 12<sup>th</sup> & R Streets in Lincoln. In conjunction with the celebration – Local Wonders: A Musical will precede the celebration at 2 p.m., and another performance following at 7:30 p.m. (These performances are ticketed events). Additional information at: [www.centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/programs/celebration.html](http://www.centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/programs/celebration.html).

**October 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>** - Neal Shusterman (author of Unwind) Nebraska Tour which includes: Scottsbluff & Alliance on the 24<sup>th</sup>, Lexington and Doniphan-Trumbull School on the 25<sup>th</sup>, Columbus and Battle Creek on the 26<sup>th</sup>, Wayne on the 27<sup>th</sup>, and Blair and Ralston on the 28<sup>th</sup>. More details coming on the NLC webpage (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/>) – or you can check with Sally Snyder at [sally.snyder@nebraska.gov](mailto:sally.snyder@nebraska.gov).

**October 26<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Board Meeting at Fairmont Public Library. Meeting starts at 10 a.m.

**October 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>** – American Association of School Librarians (AASL) Conference in Minneapolis. For details on the conference go to: [www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/conferencesandevents/national/national.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/conferencesandevents/national/national.cfm). Also, if you are looking for inexpensive transportation and fun, NEMA (Nebraska Educational Media Association) has chartered a bus.

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>** – CASTL Meeting at Walt Branch Library in Lincoln (6701 S. 14<sup>th</sup>), starting at 10 a.m. We'll view the Booklist Webinar on Book Groups and Book Selections with Rebecca Vnuk. Then for fun choose a book that involves a chef, or cooking or food for our book talks and sharing this month – which should fit well with the approaching holiday season. If you need some ideas NPR provided reviews of 5 books that sound scrumptious: *Blood, Bones & Butter: The Inadvertent Education of a Reluctant Chef* by Gabrielle Hamilton; *Life, On The Line: A Chef's Story of Chasing Greatness, Facing Death, and Redefining the Way We Eat* by Grant Achatz and Nick Kokonas; *Beaten, Seared, and Sauced: On Becoming a Chef at the Culinary Institute of America*

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by Jonathan Dixon; *Day of Honey: A Memoir of Food, Love and War* by Annia Ciezadlo; and *Lunch in Paris: A Love Story, with Recipes* by Elizabeth Bard. There will also be a round robin to share questions, ideas and happenings. Please let us know at the SELS office if you plan on attending.

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Database Roadshow from 9:30 to 3:30 at Nebraska Library Commission.

**November 4<sup>th</sup>** – David Biedrzycki, Children’s Book Author & Illustrator, is presenting at a Read Aloud Nebraska workshop at LaVista Public Library. Biedrzycki will stress the importance of reading aloud during the writing process, share tools for teaching creative writing and demonstrate his digital illustration technique. More details at: [www.readaloudnebraska.org](http://www.readaloudnebraska.org). Check [page 14](#) for registration info.

**November 7<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>** – Basic Skills – Intellectual Freedom and the Core Values of Librarianship. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp)). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules, go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html).

**November 9<sup>th</sup>**—ELS/SELS Fall Colloquium with Jo Budler, Kansas State Librarian at Embassy Suites in La Vista. See [page 2](#) for details.

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** - NLC Commissioners’ Meeting from 9:30 to 12:00 at Nebraska Library Commission in the Meadowlark Room. This meeting is open to the public. For more information contact Sue Biltoft, 402-471-2045 or 800-307-2665, or at: [sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov](mailto:sue.biltoft@nebraska.gov).

**November 12<sup>th</sup>** – National Gaming Day – register at: <http://svy.mk/ngd11reg>, and find more information at: <http://ngd.ala.org/category/2011-national-gaming-day/>.

**November 14<sup>th</sup>**—The annual Public Library Statistical Survey from the Nebraska Library Commission is released.

**November 17<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Summer Reading Workshop at Beatrice Public Library, see [page 5](#) for more information.

**November 26<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Friends Book Fair at Barnes & Noble South Pointe or online.

**November 28<sup>th</sup> – December 9<sup>th</sup>** – Basic Skills – Collection Management. You can register online at the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar ([www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp)). For a complete list of the Basic Skills modules, go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/basic/NBScalendar2011.html).

**December 8<sup>th</sup>** – CASTL Meeting at Pawnee City Public Library (602 11th St), starting at 10 a.m. We’ll discuss the Bibliostat Survey report and have an E-Rate update then take a tour of the new library. Bring your favorite gift book for the book talk.

**December 16<sup>th</sup>** – SELS Board Meeting at the Cornhusker Bank Community Room (6100 Apple Way, Lincoln)

**February 13<sup>th</sup>**—Public Library Statistical Survey Due

# SELS Summer

# Reading Workshop

Beatrice Public Library

November 17, 2011

**9:00 to 9:30** Welcome & morning refreshments

**9:30 to 10:30** Lindsey Tomsu presents Vampire Literature

**10:45 to 11:30** Lindsay Rogers, Wildlife Education Specialist  
Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, presents Nocturnal  
Animals

**11:30 to 12:30** Brainstorming

**12:30 to 1:30** Lunch and use of die cut machines

**1:30 to 2:30** Susan Weber presents on behalf of the Nebraska  
State Quilt Guild

**2:45 to 3:45** Sally Snyder presents Book Reviews

Die cut machines will be available for use until 4:30

This year's themes: Children's - Dream Big - Read;  
Teen - Own the Night; Adult - Between the Covers

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

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Earn 5 CE hours. Registration deadline is November 11th. Send registration and \$15  
(includes lunch from Valentino's) to:**

Southeast Library System

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Lincoln, NE 68505

# News Around the System

## Plattsmouth Public Library Awarded Best of Theme at the Harvest Parade



The winning float

Evis Zamora, Plattsmouth Public Library

Plattsmouth Public Library entered the float competition at the 80th annual Harvest Festival in Plattsmouth this past September. The staff and their family members handed out 438 bags of popcorn. They were rewarded for the hard



work they put into their first-time entry when they received the Best of Theme Award.

Good work, everyone! The float looks great.

Library staff and family members



## Celebrating 25 Years of Service



Mary and Joyce Walsh, a board member when Mary was hired.

Photos by Ray Kappel  
Pawnee City Public Library Director Mary Friedly is retiring after 25 years of service. We'd like to extend our congratulations on the much-deserved time off!



Mary samples the cake at her party.



# News Around the System

## Kids and Authors Connect with Skype



South School fourth grade students watching Sarah Prineas

by Gail Froeschl

Is it possible to have an author visit school without actually coming to Falls City? Yes! With the Internet, Skype software, a projector and SMART Board the fourth grade students at South School enjoyed a visit on September 28 by author Sarah Prineas. Gail Froeschl, Media

Specialist, arranged the author visit. Fourth grade teachers read her book the *Magic Thief*, the first book in a fantasy trilogy, aloud to their classes prior to the event. This book is a Golden Sower Award nominee for 2011-2012. Golden Sower is a Nebraska children's choice book award in its thirtieth year. Students then wrote out questions to ask Ms. Prineas during the virtual visit. The author discussed the process she went through to research, write, and publish her books. Students were engaged and attentive during the presentation, which connected the young readers to books and an author. Each classroom then drew a name to receive a copy of *The Magic Thief*. Fourth grade teachers are Kris Ogle, Danita Crofford, and Denise Kurgeweit. For more information on the author, her books, or pictures of the visit you may go to [www.fctigers.org](http://www.fctigers.org) and select South School, then staff. Under Other Certified Staff select Gail Froeschl, Media Specialist and choose the link "The Magic Thief" on the left.

## NLA/NRLS at the Nebraska League of Municipalities Conference

By SELS Staff

The Nebraska Library Association and Nebraska Regional Library Systems booth at the Nebraska League of Municipalities Conference (September 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>) was a huge success. Star stickers were given to attendees in communities with accredited libraries. They really got people talking and proud of their local libraries.



Right: The NLA/NRLS Booth, complete with NLA quilt

## Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries Book Sale

From Mary Jo Ryan, Nebraska Library Commission

The Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries held their annual book sale at the Lancaster Event Center on September 30th. There was a good turnout and a lot of satisfied book hunters. The Journal Star has photos

of the event posted at [http://journalstar.com/blogs/photo/article\\_89969b9f-a82c-51d8-acad-71ac32f5c35d.html](http://journalstar.com/blogs/photo/article_89969b9f-a82c-51d8-acad-71ac32f5c35d.html).



# News Around the System

## Beautiful Birds Visit Plattsmouth Public Library



Bubbles is an Umbrella Cockatoo that is over 30 years old. It was adopted by the Ewing family through the Greater Omaha Caged Bird Society in Omaha.

Avian Specialist Chloe Welstead with her 3-month-old baby Orange Winged Amazon that she is hand-feeding until it is ready for its new



By Plattsmouth Public Library Staff

Over 60 people attended the library program "Come and See These Beautiful Birds." David and Stacey Ewing, along with Chloe Welstead and Marcia Delehoy, brought 10 different parrot species. Chloe Welstead gave a very informative presentation, and the children were very eager to ask questions. The children and adults were delighted to hold and touch the birds. Ms. Welstead spoke about the importance of a healthy diet, playtime and toys, appropriate cage size, and basic care of parrots. Ms. Welstead, Ms. Delhoy, and the Ewings are members of Greater Omaha Caged Bird Society (GOCBS) in Omaha.



Kilroy is a 4-year-old Vosmaeri Eclectus male. The red female is 7-year-old Ruby.

## Joan Giesecke—ALA Award Winner

ALA award winners standing at the pinnacle. (2011, September/October). *American Libraries*, 42 (9/10), 52.

"Joan R. Giesecke, dean of Libraries at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, was recognized for her vision, leadership, energy, research, presentations, and mentoring to increase gender and racial diversity among librarians at UNL and elsewhere in the profession and the higher education community. Diversity among library staff at UNL increased from 2% in 2000 to 12% in

2010. Among her professional activities in support of diversity is her longstanding membership on the Association of Research Libraries Diversity Committee."



# News and Notes



## Have you been to the Best Small Library in America?

Nominations are being accepted now for the Best Small Library in America Award, sponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. They must be postmarked by November 2nd, 2011 to be considered. Check the guidelines at:

[www.libraryjournal.com/bestsmall](http://www.libraryjournal.com/bestsmall)

## Award Winners to be Honored at October 22 Celebration of Nebraska Books

An awards presentation ceremony will highlight the Nebraska Center for the Book's **Celebration of Nebraska Books** on October 22 at the Lied Center for Performing Arts, 12th and R Streets, on the University of Nebraska campus in downtown Lincoln. Winners of the 2011 Nebraska Book Awards will be honored and the celebration will include readings by some of the winning authors.

### 2011 Nebraska Book Award Winners

**Young Adult Fiction:** Christina Diaz Gonzalez. *The Red Umbrella*, Alfred A. Knopf

**Young Adult Nonfiction:** David L. Bristow. *Sky Sailors: True Stories of the Balloon Era*, Farrar, Straus and Giroux

**Fiction:** Robert Vivian. *Lamb Bright Saviors*, University of Nebraska Press

**Fiction Honor:** Dan O'Brien. *Stolen Horses*, University of Nebraska Press

**Nonfiction:** Peter Buffet. *Life is What You Make It*, Harmony Books

**Nonfiction Honor:** Stephen S. Witte and Marsha V. Gallagher, Editors. *The North*

*American Journals of Prince Maximilian of Wied: Volume 2, April—September 1833*, University of Oklahoma Press

**Poetry:** Sarah McKinstry-Brown. *Cradling Monsoons*, Blue Light Press

**Cover/Design/Illustration:** N.L. Sharp. Illustrator: Tim Hantula. Book design by Lynn Gibney. *The Flower Girl/The Ring Bear*, Prairieland Press

**Cover/Design/Illustration Honor:** Anne Fuller. Book design by Gary James Withrow. *Belle Boy*, Fuller Minds LLC

The **2011 Jane Geske Award** will be presented to Greg Kosmicki and The Backwaters Press. .

The **Celebration of Nebraska Books** will feature the 2011 One Book One Nebraska (*Local Wonders: Seasons in the Bohemian Alps* by Ted Kooser). A 2:00 p.m. performance of *Local Wonders: A Musical* will precede the October 22 celebration and another performance will be presented after the celebration at 7:30 p.m. These performances are ticketed events. Tickets are available at [www.liedcenter.org/events/detail.php?eid=157](http://www.liedcenter.org/events/detail.php?eid=157). **The choice for the 2012 One Book One Nebraska** will be announced at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Mary Jo Ryan, [maryjo.ryan@nebraska.gov](mailto:maryjo.ryan@nebraska.gov), 402-471-3434 or 800-307-2665. Confirmed presenters will be announced at [www.centerforthebook.nebraska.gov](http://www.centerforthebook.nebraska.gov) and <http://www.facebook.com/NebraskaCenterfortheBook>.

## Young Readers Invited to Enter Letters about Literature Contest

Young readers in grades 4 - 12 are invited to write a personal letter to an author for Letters about Literature (LAL), a national reading and writing promotion program. The letter can be to any author (living or dead) from any genre—fiction or nonfiction,

contemporary or classic—explaining how that author's work changed the student's view of the world. This reading and writing promotion is sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, in partnership with Target. In Nebraska, Letters about Literature is sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book and Nebraska Library Commission.

LAL awards prizes on both the state and national levels. Students compete in three grade levels: Level 1 for grades 4 - 6; Level 2 for grades 7 - 8; and Level 3 for grades 9 - 12. Teachers, librarians, and parents can download free teaching materials on reader response and reflective writing at

[www.lettersaboutliterature.org](http://www.lettersaboutliterature.org).

Submissions must be postmarked by **January 6, 2012**. State winners will be notified in March 2012 and national winners by mid-April. Nebraska-specific information (including letters from Nebraska winners of past contests) is available at <http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/programs/LAL.html>.

For more information contact Mary Jo Ryan, [maryjo.ryan@nebraska.gov](mailto:maryjo.ryan@nebraska.gov), 402-471-3434 or 800-307-2665.

## MPLA 2012 Leadership Institute Application Deadline November 1, 2011



The 2012 Leadership Institute will be held May 6 - 11, 2012, at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado.

The Institute will again be facilitated by nationally known organizational development consultant Maureen Sullivan.

Find guidelines and link to application form on the MPLA website:  
<http://www.mpla.us/leadership/index.html>.

# Kapco Book Protection is offering a Free Book Repair Workshop!



sponsored by Southeast Library System

**October 18th - 2:00-5:00 PM**

Walt Branch Library

6701 S 14<sup>th</sup> St in Lincoln

Librarians will have a time to gather, learn repair tips and receive hands-on experience to cultivate the skills necessary to protect, preserve and repair books.

At the workshop you will:

- Be greeted by Kary Barth, Kapco representative.
- Learn invaluable tips to take back to your facility to keep your investments circulating.
- Be eligible for a drawing for a Kapco kit worth \$89.
- Receive 3 continuing education hours for public librarians.

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

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

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

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

**Send registration to:**

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Fax: 402.467.6196

**This workshop is FREE!**

# A Celebration of Nebraska Books

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Join us  
to Celebrate

**October 22, 2011,  
3:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

Lied Center for  
Performing Arts  
Lincoln, NE

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- Nebraska Book Award Winners
- *Local Wonders*, A Play with Songs
- 2011 Jane Geske Award Presentation
- Reception and Book Signings
- Nebraska Center for the Book Annual Meeting
- 2012 One Book One Nebraska Announcement

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# CASTL Could Save Your Life

CASTL met in Nebraska City on September 16<sup>th</sup> and was hosted by Barbara Hegr, director of the Morton-James Public Library. We had the opportunity to receive basic first aid, CPR, and AED training from the Nebraska City Fire and Rescue Department.

Procedures have changed quite a bit in the last few years – with CPR being simplified and a reminder that the most important thing to do is to call or have someone else call 911, and to stay calm. Besides practice time on



CASTL Wrap Up }



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.

- October— No CASTL! See you in November.
- November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Lincoln—Walt Branch Library
- December 8<sup>th</sup> – Pawnee City Public Library
- January 13th - Geneva Public Library
- February 9th—Auburn Memorial Library
- March 23rd—Crete Public Library
- April 29th—Alice M. Farr library - Aurora
- June 1st—Seward Memorial Library

“Annie” and the babies for CPR, we also got to try out an AED (automated external defibrillator). These are good to have in a public building and on the low end cost around \$800. The presenters from the Nebraska City Fire and Rescue Department mentioned that if you’re interested in getting one you should ask your local Fire and Rescue because they can sometimes help.

We were also reminded of the Heimlich maneuver for choking, what to have in a library first aid kit, how to respond to seizures, how to use an EpiPen, as well as protecting privacy and HIPA laws. Nebraska City is working toward making sure all city employees have emergency training, as well as promoting and making training available to residents of the community. Their eventual goal is for 100% of city employees to be trained, and 60% of the overall population.

The day wrapped up with round robin sharing and wonderful homemade apple pie and cobbler.

**Hope to see you at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> CASTL meeting at Walt Branch Library in Lincoln!**

Sowings, continued from front page

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what could be triggers for discomfort with segments of the library collection, and keep informed through library channels of what may be controversial not only in Nebraska but on a national level.

Melody Kenney (Lincoln Public Schools) provided a good run down of mobile devices, among them, the Kindle, Nook eReaders and iPad, including cost and uses. She had some great ideas for using the iPad for library storytimes with suggested children's book apps and tools like megaphone for recording voices and sound effects, and Puppet Pals for creating a digital puppet show. As a part of the presentation Melody used an IPEVO Point 2 View USB camera for close up images and pictures, which can be used with PC and Mac and costs just under \$70. She also let us know the September 2011 issue of *Consumer Reports* rates tablets & ebook readers – so a great resource for librarians and customers when considering what to purchase.

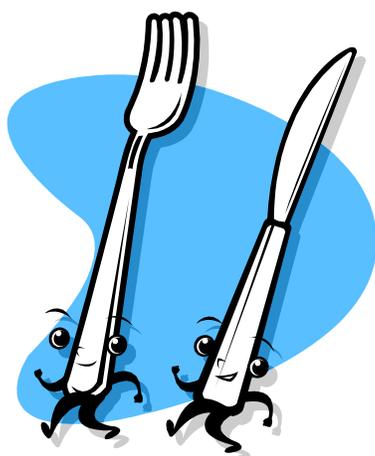
Every retreat includes book reviews and this year we were fortunate to have Sally Snyder (NLC), Karen Drevo and Marci Retzlaff (Norfolk Public Library) provide reviews, including this year's nominees for the 2011/12 Golden Sower. In addition, Susan Knisely provided information and tips for use of OverDrive – the software used by libraries to provide customers with audio and eBooks. The Nebraska OverDrive Libraries Group now has 99 participating libraries – wow! We were also pleased to feature Karen Drevo as Maria Rodaway: Prairie Pioneer as a Nebraska Humanities program on Thursday evening. The Speakers Bureau programs through the Nebraska Humanities Council are a great resource for library programming: <http://www.nebraskahumanities.org/speakers/speakersindex.html>. All in all it was a good experience with beautiful weather, thought provoking continuing education, multiple ideas generated and connections strengthened between impassioned library colleagues intent on serving youth in their communities.



Supporting the Southeast Library System

## AMONG TREASURED FRIENDS

### Cookbooks Still Available



Cookbooks will remain for sale until the first (and only) printing is gone – get yours now – still only \$10! Copies will be available at the NLA/NEMA annual conference in October. Other conference highlights will include raffles for a Color Nook

along with several other baskets of wonderful items. Baker's Chocolates will again be for sale, always a favorite. And, we will once again be part of the Scavenger Hunt.

### Don't Forget the Book Fair!

The November book fair at Barnes & Noble SouthPointe has been changed from Friday, November 25 to Saturday, November 26, in part because of the home NU football game beginning at 11:00 a.m. Hilary Sire from Barnes & Noble plans to help the SELS Friends offer some special incentives to librarians who attend, so mark your calendars now!

### Important Dates At A Glance:

**October 6-7:** NLA/NEMA Conference, Lincoln. Be sure to stop by the SELS Friends table!

**—DATE CHANGE—November 26:** Barnes and Noble Book Fair at South Pointe

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Before Nov. 1

Please indicate the quantity of books you would like to pre-order on the lines provided.

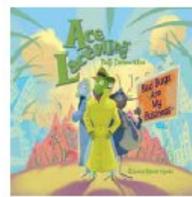
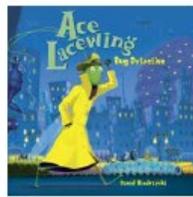
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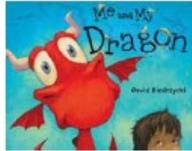
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Read Aloud Nebraska Presents

Children's Book Author & Illustrator  
**David Biedrzycki**

Friday, November 4  
La Vista Public Library  
9110 Giles Road

David Biedrzycki will demonstrate how his everyday ideas become books; he will also share ways to inspire children to write using fun and interactive methods, such as having them read aloud what they've written and creating an idea wall.

*"David engages audiences of all ages with his dynamic and creative presentation style! David models how technology may be used to enhance the writing process. David speaks from his artistic heart and audiences listen and respond with broad smiles!"*

— Dr. Janell Uffleman, Director,  
Plum Creek Children's Literacy Festival

**Morning Breakout Sessions:**

**One School, One Book**

Lisa Guenther, Reading Recovery/Title 1, Norfolk Public Schools

One School, One Book includes all families and staff reading the same book at the same time. Reading the book aloud at home, in class the next day and on the school web site are all a part of the enjoyment of the book. It has been so successful at one Norfolk school the program is expanding to Three Schools, One Book this fall and next spring.

**Great Picture Books to Read Aloud**

Sandy Wallick, Lincoln City Libraries, and Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission

Sandy and Sally will talk about some new picture book titles that will make wonderful read-alouds for Story Time and for parent-child time.

**Afternoon Breakout Sessions:**

**A Child's First Teachers: Literacy at Home**

Tricia Parker, Reading/Writing Consultant for the Nebraska Department of Education

This session will present ideas for creating a culture of literacy at home, including reading books aloud as a family. There will also be suggestions for book titles, ways to get kids writing, and tips for families constantly on-the-go. Participants will be able to register to win read-aloud books, including titles by featured author, David Biedrzycki.

**Chapter Books Choices for Reading Aloud**

Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission, and Sandy Wallick, Lincoln City Libraries

Sally and Sandy will be back in the afternoon to talk about some newer chapter books that will work well with Literary Lunches (we'll talk about them, too) as well as for parent-child(ren) time.

**AGENDA**

**8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.**

Registration, Coffee and Book Sales

**9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.**

Welcome

**9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**

Breakout Sessions

**10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

David Biedrzycki - Part 1

**11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.**

Lunch on your own

**12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.**

Breakout Sessions

**2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

David Biedrzycki - Part 2

**3:00 p.m.**

Book Signing

**Registration fee:**

\$20 if received by Nov. 1

\$25 after Nov. 1

Email [info@readaloudnebraska.org](mailto:info@readaloudnebraska.org)  
if you have any questions

**REGISTRATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Choose a morning breakout session:

- One School, One Book
- Great Picture Books to Read Aloud

Choose an afternoon breakout session:

- A Child's First Teachers: Literacy at Home
- Chapter Book Choices for Reading Aloud

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Choose a payment option:

- Pay for registration and books now
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You can register and pay online at [www.readaloudnebraska.org](http://www.readaloudnebraska.org) or you can mail this registration with your check to the address shown on the back of this form.

**Purchase orders not accepted.**

**SELS Board & Annual Meeting  
June 30, 2011**

**Annual Celebration at Morrill Hall – 9:30 a.m.**

**Board Meeting & Lunch UNL Love Library Instruction Room 110 – 12:15**

**Board Members Present:** Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library); Carolyn Bennett (Beatrice Public Library); Ruth Carlock (Levitt Library, York College); Scott Childers (University of Nebraska Lincoln Libraries); Barbara Hegr (Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City); Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library); Kent Munster (Clark Enersen Partners, Lincoln); Adam Prochaska (Harding & Shultz Law Firm, Lincoln); Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center Library); Robin Sugden (Freeman Public Schools, Adams); Glenda Willnerd (Lincoln Public Schools District Office).

**Also Present:** Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Jen Barnason (SELS Administrative Assistant); Richard Miller (Nebraska Library Commission); Hilary Sire (Community Relations Manager, Barnes and Noble).

**Board Members Absent:** Barbara Cornelius (Nebraska Wesleyan University, Cochran-Woods Library); Carol Oltman (Beatrice High School).

Meeting was called to order by President Barbara Hegr at 12:54 p.m.

Board members gave a report on what was new where they work.

**SELS Election Results**

Adam, Tom, and Ruth are leaving the board. New members are Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Hillary Sire (Community Relations Manager, Barnes & Noble); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora) and Becky Baker (Seward Memorial Library), who was reelected.

**Consent Agenda**

**A. April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Minutes**

It was pointed out that Jen's name had been spelled "Jan" in the "Also Present" area of the minutes and needed correcting. Becky moved to approve the minutes with this correction and Scott Seconded. The motion passed.

**B. Financial Report**

(See under proposed budget.)

**SELS Personnel Policy Approval**

Glenda thanked Adam for helping with the Personnel Policy. On the Leave policies it presently says 15-20+ years. This is to be changed to read 15+ years. On page 30, it should read "Try to keep offices and work areas neat and orderly ...." On the Leave policies we are missing a line. It should be 0-5, 6-10, 11-15, and 16+. On page 6 under Exceptions the word "than" needs to be changed to "then". Glenda made a motion that we accept the policy with these changes. Tom seconded. The motion passed.

**SELS Proposed Budget 2011/2012**

A Proposed Budget sheet was handed out. It included the estimated year end expenses, year to date balance, % used, budget 1 and budget 2. The difference between budget 1 and budget 2 is the amount of rent for the two different offices. The Executive Committee decided we cannot

afford the office next to us. It would put us right on the line with no cushion. So the lease was signed yesterday for the current office. Barbara went over line by line for the new budget and how it was adjusted up or down in relation to what has been spent this past year. If there are extra funds in the future, Administration is where we want to increase.

Employee benefits are covering all but \$20 of Brenda's health insurance. She is paying her own retirement. This was raised to cover her health insurance entirely.

Education and Professional Development was lowered because MPLA will be in Omaha with NLA next year. This will need to be raised back up in future years.

Rotating Journals had been taken out, but SELS did purchase one journal. So the Friends have already been asked if they would cover the \$346 for journals.

We are under what we projected for last year's budget. We took a 5.5% cut for 2011/2012 contract from NLC. We do not expect any supplemental funds like we received last year, and grants most likely will be more limited, too. This leaves us with expected income of \$104,522. The suggestion was made to add separate lines for donations, friends' donation, and refunds & reimbursements accounts rather than putting this all in miscellaneous income. This year we ended up spending \$124,639.67. The good news is that we will have about \$10,000 or a little more to carry over. Brenda mentioned that we need to remember why we have money left over. It is due to staff vacancies and Jen working only 25 instead of 30 hours a week. We hope to not have to make these cuts again. Brenda wishes we could compensate Board members better for travel as this has been lowered to 27 cents a mile which is less than half the federal rate. She also appreciates the Friends group that helps supplement our budget. The new computer and iPad were paid for out of this budget, which included NLC grant funds, rather than requesting these from the Friends, so the journals and the materials to renovate the office have been requested from the Friends group. The Nebraska Library Commission hasn't heard on LSTA funds yet, which could also affect Systems' budgets. Richard said he thought we had been wise to keep the present office space instead of the larger space.

Becky made a motion to accept the proposed budget #1. Tom seconded. Motion passed.

If we would end up with extra money next year, we could possibly give Jen and Brenda a bonus. Becky suggested we make sure the Personnel Policy includes option of offering bonuses to staff.

### **Administrator's Report Highlights**

- Brenda said she had a fabulous time at ALA.
- CASTL group met in Seward – Annual review of Golden Sower big list for K-3, and book talks for Intermediate list.
- SELS Training Extravaganza at Beatrice High School was a very positive day.
- ELS/SELS Colloquium with Dr. J. Rufus Fears at the Cornhusker in Lincoln was good.
- Met with Sam Shaw (Nebraska State Penitentiary Library) – working with Amy Miller (ACLU Nebraska) on legal aid courses. SELS will be making open records requests to Corrections for information on how inmate welfare funds are allotted. Inmate welfare funds can be used for entertainment purposes, so if some of that could be funneled to the popular collections of corrections' libraries that would assist in increasing their budgets in this area.
- Assistant director and Children's Librarian at Kilgore Public Library in York – Judy Andrews has been hired.
- The community of Eagle contacted Brenda because they would like to have a public library. She questioned whether they had money to pay staff, if money was available from the city, and mentioned accreditation.
- Attended the Grand Opening for Lied Scottsbluff Public Library. It is considered the communities living room. She was complimentary of staff and of Bev Russell.

- System administrators' meeting in Scottsbluff. Systems are in difficult straits with budget cuts, causing a bit more angst among the group. Terri Raburn, the PLS Coordinator, reported that they would not file for eRate discounts due to instruction from the PLS Board President. That's an issue of concern – since it would typically save at minimum 50% of phone/internet charges for PLS.
- Had an interview with a Community College student, Margaret Junker, from Fairbury. She's in Marty Magee's Library & Information Services Course.
- Accreditation Review Committee met in Grand Island.
- Becky Baker, Brenda and Kathy Tooker attended the May Commissioner's Meeting.
- Attended Glenda Willnerd's retirement party.
- NLC Systems Quarterly meeting at NLC. The Word Press project is continuing on and expanding.
- Commission is now doing their IMLS evaluation and a 5 year plan.
- Commission has electronic *Go to Meeting* that systems can use.
- Excited about the new Herman Miller chairs, SAYL in the SELS office. Lovely color. Gift from Clark Enersen.
- Not getting a lot of Board Ballots back. Got more back when they were mailed. Got 29 electronic and one in the mail.
- Jen has SELS photos on Flickr.
- Jen got new computer and large monitor which is great.
- Mary Friedly, Director at the Public Library in Pawnee City, is retiring.
- SELS Survey has not been sent out. Plan to send out in July electronically and with a link on SELS website.
- July 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> - Nebraska Library Leadership Institute.
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> CASTL meeting at York College.
- SELS 2011 Annual Report was handed out. Jen prepared it to look like a menu. Did get new Quick Books Pro which made a neat chart for the budget. They just started using Apollo so circulation figures may be a little skewed.

### **SELS Friends Report**

The Friends expense sheet was handed out. On line 31 there are no current expenses. The Harry Potter movie will be shown on July 16th. The same officers were elected. No one else offered to run. The Friends made \$109 at Barnes and Noble. Sorry more didn't come that day. They had the Scholarship information ready to send out and then they got the request from Brenda for money for the journals and renovation of the office. So if that is approved, they may take that amount out of the scholarship fund before the information is sent out. Friends will probably have the Iron Librarian day in August. No specific date yet.

### **NLC Report – Richard Miller**

Richard handed out a report.

- A group of teens from Alliance Public Library won the first Nebraska Teen Video Challenge sponsored under the national Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) for 2011. Teens ages 13 – 18 were invited to create a video promoting summer reading for their fellow teens at the public library responding to the theme, "You Are Here." The winners received a prize of \$250, their library received \$100 from CSLP, and their video is posted on YouTube.
- The Commission's reference team has put together a number of resources related to the 2011 floods in Nebraska.

- Peggy Barber, who was present for the kick-off of the BTOP in Nebraska, returned on April 27<sup>th</sup> to present a number of sessions for public libraries that are part of the BTOP effort. From 10:00 to 11:00 that day she did an NCompass Live session on Word-of-Mouth Marketing.
- The Nebraska Library Commission is continuing work on its Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant provided through the National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA.)
- Nebraska Center for the Books new Web site is <http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/index.asp> The 2011 One Book One Nebraska is *Local Wonders*, by Ted Kooser. The 2011-2012 One Book for Nebraska Kids selection is *The Last Newspaper Boy in America* by Sue Corbett, and for teens (2010 – 2011) *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman. NLC has book bags and book kits available.
- NCompass Live upcoming programs include “The Best of ALA 2011” by Jessica Chamberlain, Mary Jo Ryan, Robin Bernstein and Rod Wagner, July 6; “What’s Happening with Genre Headings?” by Emily Nimsakont on July 13; “Tech Talk” with Michael Sauer on July 20; “Voice of the Customer: Designing Library Services to Meet User Expectations”, by Robin Bernstein, Casey Kralik and Becky Wymer, on July 27; and “Birds Do It, Bees Do It: Sexual Health Resources” by Siobhan Champ-Blackwell on August 24.
- The Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) is offering scholarships and travel grants for library staff who want to attend its annual conference in Cleveland October 13 – 15, 2011.
- Shirley Kreutz Bennett of Lincoln left a legacy in her will establishing a donor-advised fund with the Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF) to provide matching grants for Nebraska public libraries in communities with populations of fewer than 3,000. The fund is advised by a group of Shirley’s nieces and nephews assisted by staff from the NCF and the Commission. Grants will be made, beginning in 2012 in three categories: planning grants leading to accreditation; enhancement grants to improve library services and/or programs; and facilities grants for new or renovated, restored, or rehabilitated libraries. All grants require some level of matching. Approximately \$70,000 per year will be distributed. For more information contact Sheri Hink at the NCF – 402-323-7347, or [shink@nebcommfound.org](mailto:shink@nebcommfound.org)
- A group of Nebraska public librarians has been appointed to make recommendations to the Commission on revision of the current *Guidelines for Public Library Accreditation*. Those guidelines date from 2004, and were modified only in terms of income figures each year, reflecting changes in local library income. The intention was to “fast track” this process to have the guidelines revised for use by libraries up for re-accreditation this July, but the group has expressed an interest in taking more time for this process.
- Library and other cultural institutions are invited to apply for grant funds from the U.S. National Endowment for the Humanities for humanities projects intended for broad public audiences.
- Dr. Joan Giesecke, Dean of Libraries at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, received the ALA Equality Award from ALA at the recent annual conference in New Orleans. This award, given annually to an individual or group for outstanding contributions in promoting equality in the library profession, consists of \$1,000 and a framed citation of achievement. Giesecke was cited for her vision, leadership, energy, research, presentations and mentoring toward increasing gender and racial diversity among librarians at UNL and elsewhere, and in the profession as a whole.

### **Election of Officers & Board Positions**

The proposed slate of officers includes Barbara Hegr, President; Glenda Willnerd, Vice president; and Carolyn Bennett, Secretary.

Scott moved to accept the slate. Becky seconded. The motion passed.

There is one Board member who has only attended one meeting in two years. The Board would like to ask this person if he/she would like to resign, and if so, appoint someone else to this position. The person could still help on projects. The Board has someone in mind who could be appointed, and the appointing could be done by email

### **August Board Meeting & Planning Retreat**

The August Board meeting was set for July 26<sup>th</sup> as it was difficult to find a date in August. Robin suggested the meeting be at Adams starting at 10:00 a.m. Adam said a meeting could be scheduled at his office any time, especially the winter one, just to let him know – even though he is leaving the SELS Board.

### **Committee Assignments & Updates**

Nothing to report other than the survey.

### **Committee Assignments 2010/2011:**

**CE Committee:** Becky Baker, Carolyn Bennett, Scott Childers, Carol Oltman, Adam Prochaska, Glenda Willnerd.

**Network Committee:** Barbara Hegr, Ruth Carlock, Barbara Cornelius, Wanda Marget, Kent Munster, Robin Sugden, Tom Schmitz.

**Executive Committee (Bylaws & Policies):** Barbara Hegr, Glenda Willnerd, Ruth Carlock.

**The meeting was adjourned** at 3:09 p.m.

Submitted by Ruth Carlock  
Secretary

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A dirty book is rarely  
dusty.

- Author Unknown

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