



# SoLiS

Newsletter of the

## Southeast Library System

SOWINGS

October 2013

Do you have your game face on?

This time of year is an active time in the world of sports. Baseball is nearing the World Series. Football & volleyball are hitting mid-season. Professional hockey & basketball have started their seasons. NASCAR is drawing to a close and the Professional Bull Riding world finals are later this month. Even the English Tiddlywinks Association has tournaments in October. It is a good month to be a sports fan.

What does that have to do with libraries? Well, just like an athlete has their “game face on,” library staff do too. Our “game face” is one of professionalism, of competence, of a willingness to help. Even when we may not feel 100%. We may not be our best self, but when working with our community, we need to have our game face on. The Regional Library Systems are sponsoring a preconference on boy language at this year’s state conference that might help you put on your game face.

Following the sports analogy, there is the concept of team. Even the participants of individualistic sports have people behind them. They have sponsors, trainers, training partners and more. Similarly, the one-person libraries also have people that support them and encourage them to improve in some way, like a library board or even the Southeast Library System office.

And, just like sports teams and figures have fans and critics – libraries have those fans and critics. Some people can’t imagine the world without their community library; others wonder why they are still around. We can do the same thing athletes do, thank our fans and try to prove the critics wrong with our actions.

So go on out there, put on your game face, and make it a great day!

Scott Childers  
Executive Director  
Southeast Library System

### Photo of the Month

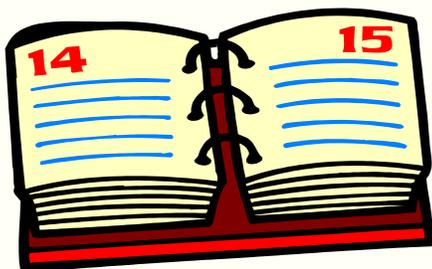


*Cutting of the Ribbon at the Opening of Seward’s new lower level. See Page [6](#).*

*Photo Credit: Megan Boggs, Seward Memorial Library*

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Library System  
on Facebook!





# CALENDAR

October 2013

**October 9- 11**—NLA/NSLA Annual Conference—Kearney. <http://nebraskalibraries.org/conf2013/>. SELS office will be closed for conference.

**October 10th**—One Book, Many Librarians at NLA/ NSLA Annual Conference. See below.

**October 13-19**—Teen Read Week - <http://teenreadweek.ning.com/>

**October 14th**—Columbus Day, SELS Office Closed

**October 21- November 1**— Basic Skills: Collection Management. Registration open until October 11.

**October 25th**—Nebraska Library Commissioner's Meeting in Lincoln.

**October 26th**— Celebration of Nebraska Books in Lincoln <http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/programs/celebration.html>

**November 4– 11**— Basic Skills: Programming and Outreach. Registration open until October 25.

**November 8th**—SELS' Summer Reading Workshop in Nebraska City. See page [3](#).

**November 11th**—Veteran's Day, SELS Office Closed.

**November 14th**—CASTL Meeting at **Seward Memorial Library**. Note the location change.

**November 24th**— SELS Friends Private Movie Showing of *Catching Fire* and a Barnes and Noble book fair. See Page [4](#).

**December 14th**— SELS Friends Private Movie Showing of *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug*. See Page [4](#).

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## One Book, Many Librarians featuring



## On the Rocks

Thursday, October 10 at the NLA/NSLA Annual Conference

4:00-4:50

Younes Conference Center, Kearney

Join Southeast Library System for the 10th Annual **One Book, Many Librarians**.

SELS has a number of copies of *On the Rocks* available. Let us know if you are interested in borrowing a copy!

402.467.6188

# SELS Summer Reading 2014

November 8, 2013 from 10:00–4:00

Morton–James Public Library, 923 First Corso Nebraska City

- 10:00-10:15** Welcome & Refreshments with time for die cut machines
- 10:15-11:15** Science Reconnect with Mrs. Science
- 11:30-12:30** Passive Programming for Teens with Rachelle McPhillips
- 12:30-1:15** Lunch onsite & time for die cut machines
- 1:15-1:45** Brainstorming
- 1:45-2:45** Book Reviews with Sally Snyder
- 3:00-4:00** Comic Book Physics 101 with Daniel Claes, UNL Physics professor

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

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

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

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Payment Included

Payment to Arrive Later

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



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## AMONG TREASURED FRIENDS

If you attend NLA/NSLA this year in Kearney, please stop by our booth. The SELS Friends have candy to sell (Baker's chocolates – still only \$3 a bag) and a Kindle Paperwhite to raffle! Fun times at our table for sure! Also, the SELS Friends will be helping to man the table sponsored by Biblionix, so you may see us in two places this year.

In addition, the Friends are sponsoring a hospitality room at NLA. The room, located in the Wingate Inn, room 311, will be open following the Wednesday night movie and the Thursday night wine tasting. Refreshments and fun to be had by all – you do not have to be a Friends member to attend.

Upcoming events:

Saturday, November 24 – a private movie showing of *Catching Fire* AND a Barnes and Noble book fair all day. Watch for more details soon!

Saturday, December 14 – a private movie showing of *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug*. Again, watch for details!

Saturday, November 16 – we are working on a private movie showing for *The Book Thief* but details have yet to be determined. Stay tuned! Can we pull off 2 Saturdays in a row with private movies?

As always, thank you for your support of the Southeast Library System!

## {CASTL WRAP UP}

On September 13, CASTL met at Auburn Memorial Library hosted by Director Heather Koeneke.

We started the day going around the table getting updates from the librarians in attendance. There was a lot of discussion about WiFi use policies, and computer use policies in general. It was felt that having a CASTL dedicated to talk about policies for “tech stuff” would be a good thing.

The afternoon was focused on the accreditation process. Scott shared his experiences in finishing off York's accreditation before changing jobs, and George Matzen of Webermeier Memorial Library in Milford shared his experiences with the process as well.

On the topic of the strategic planning process, a lot of questions were had to clarify what needed to be submitted, and what was for the library's internal use to help with the process. Other feedback about timing of the process, clarifications for the web page and on how the process worked (or didn't work) for various sized libraries was collected for anonymous submission to the Commission to help fine tune the directions.

A few notes from the discussion:



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 14th — **Seward Memorial Library**
- December 13th — Webermeier Memorial Library (Milford)
- January 10th — Greenwood Public Library
- February 13th—Wymore Public Library
- March 13th—Exeter Public Library

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# { News Around the System }

## St. Patrick School goes to the Plum Creek Literacy Festival!



St. Patrick Superhero. Photo Credit: Concordia University, Nebraska

She also talked about how long one story can take to create from beginning to end once it is written, illustrated, and sent to editors before it is published. Marc [Tyler Nobelman] discussed his love of superheroes and how they have influenced his writing. He shared a lot of information that we didn't know about the creators of Superman and Batman and he discussed the importance of research to make sure that his stories are accurate. He was awesome,

easy to listen to and very interesting. ---3rd grade teacher

By Maggie Kramer, St. Patrick School, Lincoln

Every year the students at St Patrick School in Lincoln look forward to taking a school field trip to the Plum Creek Literacy Festival at Concordia University in Seward. First through eighth grades have the opportunity to participate in reading activities and listen to authors and illustrators speak. Last spring the teachers selected their choices for this fall and each class sees different authors or illustrators. Between sessions the students participate in activities call "Literacy on the Lawn". These activities included making a super hero cape, listening to stories, getting your face painted, playing with parachutes, blowing bubbles, eating popcorn, and making paper accordions.

Here are some of the comments from teachers and students:

My first graders enjoyed Eric Rohman...he drew for them and taught them lessons through his art!

The paper accordions & superhero capes were a huge hit! Literacy on the Lawn overall was great! :)

---1st grade teacher

Marla [Frazee] talked us through all the work that goes into illustrating a story, she showed us her thumbnails drawing, and how many times she has painted different pictures until they were just right.

"I liked Candace Fleming presentation because I liked her story about the seagull, strawberry, princess, and the troll called Scott. ----4th grade girl

"Mark Nobelman was my favorite author. I loved the Plum Creek Festival. Mark Nobelman is my favorite because he talked about super heroes and I love Super Man and Bat Man." ----4th grade boy

"We saw two authors, Candace Fleming and Mark Nobelman. I really enjoyed listening to them and what they had to say about writing and how they got ready for writing. When Mark Nobelman was talking to our class, I was so surprised how he found out about Bill Finger and the people who wrote Super Man. I think he was the best because he talked about his books and Super Man and where Super Man was made, who created it, what he was for Halloween, and all of these fun things." ---- 4th grade girl

"Going to Plum Creek, I personally thought Candace Fleming was very descriptive of her work. I love how she took a bunch of story ideas and changed the whole story. I plan to read more of her books." ---4th grade girl

# {News Around the System}

## Seward Memorial Library Opens the Gift

By Charlotte Baldinger, Seward Memorial Library

Ribbons are cut so that gifts can be opened and enjoyed. On Sunday, October 6 Library Director Becky Baker along with other officials cut the ribbon opening the staircase to the new lower level of Seward Memorial Library. This beautiful new facility doubles the space available to the community and is a gift from supportive individuals and businesses. It also extends the vision of the original founding “fathers” of the small town of Seward.



The Seward Public Library was originally organized in 1888 as a reading room for the community. Because it was so popular the library expanded to a new facility in 1913 thanks in part to the generosity of Andrew Carnegie. That historic building served the community until 2003 when the library moved across the street and became Seward Memorial Library. After 10 years of increasing patronage it was suggested that the total building space be utilized by completing the lower level. So as the ribbon was cut on a fall day in 2013 the community was commemorating several anniversaries and acknowledging 125 years of literary appreciation in Seward.

The library dedication program on October 6 featured a message from special guest Sally Ganem, Nebraska’s First Lady as well as words from Seward’s Mayor Josh Eickmeier. The dedication



included recognition of the Seward Library Foundation members, donors and other local people who impacted this project. The staff and Library Board assisted in the celebration by providing hundreds of guests with information about the new facilities, tours, souvenirs and refreshments.

After hosting this historic event, Seward Memorial Library would like to thank the generations of readers who have fostered literacy in Seward. The staff invites patrons and area visitors to explore and enjoy the wonderful gift that has become a vital part of the Seward tradition. With much appreciation the library commends the small group of citizens who gathered 125 years ago and valued a place where people read, learn and connect, our mission at Seward Memorial Library.



## Palmyra's New Book Return

By Glenda Willnerd, Palmyra Memorial Library

Palmyra Memorial Library has a new book return. The big rusty dinosaur is gone and everyone is excited with our new look. It is called an "elephant trunk" and serves our patrons in style. It was under \$200, unlike those that we saw advertised for thousands of dollars. Our cost was about \$189.00. We think it was a great buy! And for those of you that think it might disappear - it is bolted to the cement so it won't go far.



## ARSL Conference

By Lisa Olivigni, Crete Public Library

Thanks to a scholarship from the Nebraska Library Commission, I was able to attend the Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference in Omaha recently. There were several sessions in particular that I found helpful.

Reader's Advisory on the Run provided simple yet useful tips for helping patrons find what interests them. The most interesting part of the session included discussion and hints about how to read a book in 5 minutes. It's surprising just how much you can learn from the cover of a book. Sure, the illustrations reveal some hints, but the blurbs and the genre can go a long way in helping you book talk a title you've never read. For more details, go

to <http://arsl.info/2013/09/2013-program-and-handouts/>. You'll find handouts for the other session there as well.

Craig Johnson, author of the Walt Longmire mystery series, was a humorous and genuine speaker on the last full day of the Conference. His series is the basis for the A&E show Longmire. He shared insight into his early writing career, his life in Wyoming and his eventual involvement in the A&E series.

Perhaps since this was a national conference, people seemed more willing to introduce themselves and tell you a bit about themselves and their library. I heard a lot of interesting stories from my fellow librarians as well!

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- Community assessment does not need to be focus group. Use information and count work you already do, like talking to patrons about needs and visiting other community groups and organizations. In addition to this, look for what data is already out there, especially if it's official studies or information from your community.
- The worksheets are not a requirement and they do not need to be submitted for the accreditation process. They are simply a guide and meant to provide libraries without a plan a place to begin the process.
- We're planning additional workshops for next year's accreditation. In the mean time. Be sure to call with questions about the process!

# *Informational Meeting*

## **Master's Degree in Library & Information Science**



### *Discover a rewarding career as an information professional*

Join Faculty from the University of Nebraska and the University of Missouri to learn about a Master's Degree in Library & Information Science. Current students and alumni will be available to answer questions about the program. Sessions are open for all to attend!

Wednesday, October 9, 2013

4:00 – 5:30 PM

Kearney Public Library  
2020 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Kearney, NE 68847



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# MOSAIC 2013

October 2nd-10th

Browse the newest selection of recommended Multicultural titles in our beautiful staff library on second floor at the new Lincoln Public Schools district office.

The MOSAIC will be on display throughout the week. Following our display at LPSDO, MOSAIC will travel to schools across the district.

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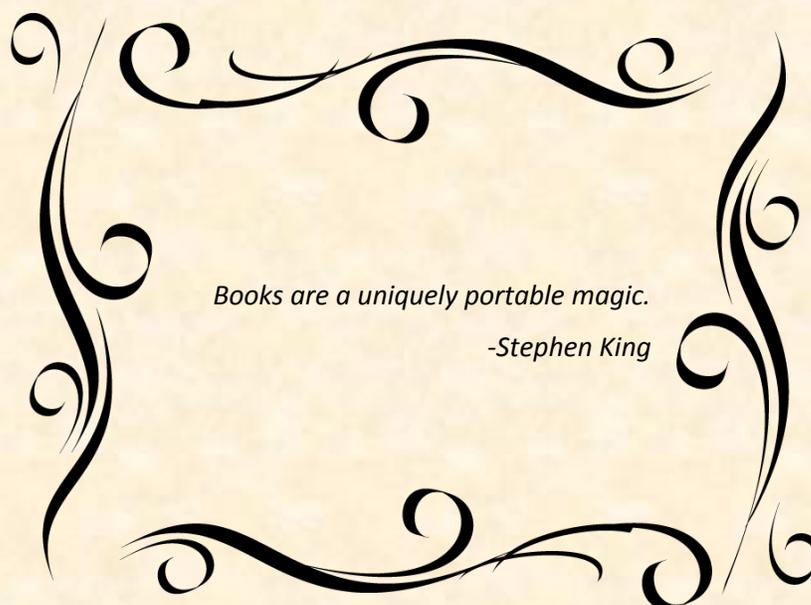
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Southeast Library System is a multi-type library network with 248 members offering a wide range of service in public, school, academic, institutional and private libraries (Membership list with populations from 2000 Census are on the SELS web page: [www.selsne.org](http://www.selsne.org).) Membership includes 12 academic institutions, including the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, four private colleges, three community college campuses, a state college and a technical school. Fifty-four public libraries are system members. The majority of these libraries (34) serve populations fewer than 1,000. The system counts 146 school media centers among its members, 54 that are Lincoln Public Schools, with most of those belonging to Class 3 schools (population areas between 1,000 and 100,000). Fourteen of the school media centers are parochial. The system has 28 special and institutional members, most of which are located in Lancaster County.