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Newsletter of the

## Southeast Library System

December 2007/January 2008

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### SOWINGS

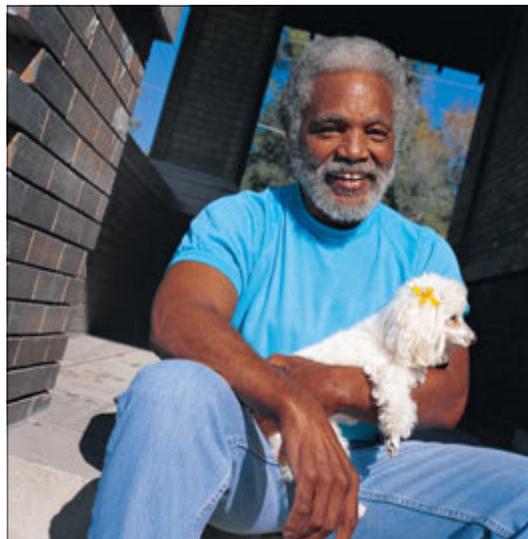
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#### Prodded from our Padded Pews

Nebraska's passage of term limits will mean the Unicameral will no longer have Ernie Chambers as a senator after the 2008 session. His departure from the legislature has gotten the bulk of attention with the passage of term limit laws – with some voicing sentiment, including Chambers, that Senator Chambers' ouster from the Capitol was the motivation behind the change in term of service for our elected state senators. I will be sorry to see him go and our governing body and residents will suffer the loss of his wisdom and dedication to the Unicameral and his representation of those with limited voices who are without the power of high paid lobbyists.

In past work with the Nebraska Library Association (NLA) Legislative Committee I've had the opportunity to be at the Capitol during legislative sessions, often catching a glimpse of the senators in action, whether on the floor or in committee. It was always a thrill to catch Senator Chambers in action, as you were guaranteed a lesson either in how government works and/or a challenge, inherent in many messages, to think about all sides of an issue, especially one different from your own. His prose was also another treat- I still remember one of the first hearings I attended being handed a poem written by Senator Chambers from NLA Lobbyist Ken Winston – who suggested it as interesting reading in a long wait for the library world's turn at testimony. Chambers most definitely demonstrates a mastery of language – as well as the law.

Being born and raised in Nebraska, I grew up with Senator Chambers' presence in the Nebraska Unicameral. It is one that I've noticed and paid



attention to – although I've never lived in his district. In 1970 when Chambers was elected to the Legislature he visited Neligh, the town I was born in, and got a close-up, personal glimpse of cattle. In 1976, the year I graduated from high school he successfully got the book *Little Black Sambo* removed from library shelves in public schools. He's been a tireless advocate in efforts to repeal the death penalty. He's often the spokesperson for civil liberties, social justice and equality – issues that impact not only my personal but professional life.

My religious beliefs, heritage and ethnicity have been targets of his criticisms. I'll miss that – it encouraged me to think beyond my comfort zone and to consider the outrageous and to listen

to issues often foreign to my realities. I still smile at the lawsuit against God – and the importance of that audacious statement for a majority of us to hear, in making a point concerning frivolous lawsuits. The suit asked for a permanent injunction ordering God to cease certain harmful activities and the making of terroristic threats. A recent editorial in the Omaha World Herald (12-17-07), Chambers says, “As the man who sued God, I declare: Religion is the first refuge of political scoundrels, whether they be toe-tapping types in a public toilet or till-tapping lobbyists.... Pragmatic voters in the 11<sup>th</sup> Legislative District have sent me to the Legislature for nearly four decades to deal with legislation, not salvation, knowing they were voting for a politician, not a parson. They get their religion from church, not me.” And, how can I forget the picture of Chambers cradling a stuffed prairie dog in his efforts to filibuster an amendment to the Nebraska Constitution that would protect hunting. I wonder if keeping up with Nebraska politics will be nearly as fun or educational without him?? Time will tell.

The Lincoln Journal Star ran an article (12-16-07) on Chambers and I was surprised to read he is 70 years old. He possesses this unchanging demeanor and strength that is in contrast with what I often perceive with aging – particularly from elected officials or those in the public’s eye. I look forward to watching and learning from Chambers in the 2008 session, and regret that this will be his final term as senator – although, if I’ve learned anything from the Defender of the Downtrodden, and as speaker for the people – that is not to count him out of any match. I never recall any indication of a white flag.

Libraries – as the people’s university, as an equalizing organization providing services and access to ALL of our communities, including minorities, the unfamiliar, and the unfriendly are losing a great ally at the Capitol. I’m grateful for his service, and hopeful that another prophet of things we’d rather not hear or think about or be confronted with will appear to prod us from our padded pews to consider an alternative sphere.

-Brenda Ealey, Administrator

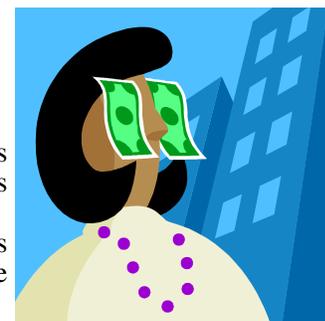


**Congratulations** to the UNO Library Science Education program – awarded the **2007 Chancellor’s Strategic Planning Award** for Student Focus. Dr. R.J. (Becky) Pasco received the award on November 15<sup>th</sup>, on behalf of faculty, students and administrators. Pasco said: “When I received the notification, I jumped and down, ran around the room, and yelled ‘Yippee!’ several times as this is a very prestigious award and the student emphasis is what those directly involved with the program always put first in any of our initiatives. **This award is due in large part to the Nebraska library community’s steady and enthusiastic support.** It would take years to list and recognize all those who have contributed their time and energy to ensure this program turns out high quality candidates for 21st Century libraries.”

# GRANTS

The Nebraska Library Commission awarded a total of \$50,000 in grants for 21 libraries to assist in providing improved services to children and young adults, and to provide continuing education and training opportunities for children and young adult librarians. The following libraries received grants:

- Bellevue Public Library** - \$11,700. Your Library, YOUR Way: To create a "Third Place" for young adults in Bellevue that is comfortable and inviting for them.
- Blair Public Library** - \$880. Read and Grow: Parents of newborns at Memorial Community Hospital will receive three board books written for infants to encourage early childhood reading, a partnership with the hospital.
- Central City Public Library** - \$663. During summer of 2008, a one day program will be devoted to an Alice in Wonderland Celebration for children 4-5 years of age, not yet in kindergarten, a second one day program will have a "Super-Spiders" theme. These programs will be repeated in future years.
- Fairfield Public Library** - \$487. Imagine All the Puppets: The library will purchase a puppet stage, seven puppets, and six books for the Story Hour Program.
- Keene Memorial Library** - Fremont - \$694. "Guys Rock Fremont!" will consist of two programs: a rocket building program (over the course of 3 days) and a Guitar Hero videogame program.
- Keene Memorial Library** - Fremont - \$1,976. Wee Read Baby & Toddler Time: Present parents/caregivers with "Gift Books for Young Children" program information to provide them with guidance to selecting quality children's literature. In addition, three workshops will be held for parents.
- Lincoln City Libraries** - \$2,814. "It's Anime @ your library!" - To present a variety of teen events using anime (Japanese animated movies) as a theme, throughout Lincoln City Libraries. Branch libraries will have choices for presentations that work well for their locations. Some will do a one-day "Anime Fair" and others a monthly "Anime Series."
- Neligh Public Library** - \$900. "Boys Read the Wide World of Sports"-Four sports programs will offered on Thursday evenings beginning in Jan. 2008, plus purchase of sports materials for the collection.
- Oakland Public Library** - \$1,867. Implement "Toddler Tales" to focus on training families and caregivers in early childhood literacy practices and to provide materials to achieve the project.
- Paxton Public Library** - \$1,000. Movie Magic: Show movies of interest for grades 4-8, promote books that relate to the movie shown, provide snacks and provide the discovery of the library for young adult books, computer games, and board games.
- Lied Pierce Public Library** - \$2,146. Reading - It's Not Just About Books: The library will acquire a collection of graphic novels and audio books. They will hold "Gaming Day" twice a month.
- Ponca Carnegie Public Library** - \$1,500. Family Reading Night: To provide expanded services to encourage reading aloud to children birth to 5 years old. Hold a "Family Reading Night" at the library.
- Baright Public Library-Ralston** - \$2,263. We Need a Wii: Implement programs that provide space for Wii Sports, plan to hold two weekly programs.
- Lied Randolph Public Library** - \$1,850. Hands-On Learning...Fun for Everyone!: Enhance story times for Pre-Kindergarten/First grade by purchasing cushions and a flannelboard, hold two art contests for 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade, provide new release movie viewing opportunities, and hold a "Family Night."
- Rushville Public Library** - \$2,400. "Bridging the Gap" - Providing programs and materials for boys ages 8-17. Building on the regular participation last year in the summer reading program of 5<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, the library will encourage reading for pleasure by providing materials boys will want to read. Programs will be held that match some of the monthly topics.
- Schuyler Public Library** - \$1,350. Fun Tech: To target teen population by forming a Teen Tech Club and holding four programs/activities geared toward their interests.
- South Sioux City Public Library** - \$1,665. Get in the Game - Boys and Reading: Hold at least 20 competitive events through the year using video games to encourage boys to utilize the library and library materials.
- Wahoo Public Library** - \$425. Beginning in February 2008 the library will hold "Mad Scientists @ your library" weekly programs and will host a science fair.
- Eastern & Southeast Library Systems** - \$500. Youth Services Retreat: The grant amount will be used to reserve the meeting rooms and a block of sleeping rooms for the 2008 Youth Services Retreat at Camp Carol Joy Holling near Ashland. The retreat will include activities to motivate and encourage youth services librarians to try new programming ideas.
- The Six Regional Library Systems** - \$ 12,920. Connecting Kids with Books: Each of the six systems will purchase 30 paperback copies of 10 titles, including an audio version when available, for book discussion groups organized by public and school libraries.



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	<a href="http://www.selsne.org/calendar.html">www.selsne.org/calendar.html</a>		

## January

**January 4<sup>th</sup>: Nebraska Library Commissioners Meeting** from 9:30 to 12 at the Nebraska Library Commission. The meeting is open to the public. Contact Maria Medrano-Nehls for more information – [mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:mnehls@nlc.state.ne.us), (402)471-2045, (800)307-2665.



**January 10<sup>th</sup>: Conversations Among Small Town Librarians** in Roca, at the Roca Country Inn. Meeting starts at 10. Read *Famous* by Kathleen Flenniken.

**January 16<sup>th</sup>: 10 Ways to Make Your Library Great in 2008 – via Web 2.0**, presented by Ed Rossman adult service librarian at Shaker Heights Public Library and author of *Castles Against Ignorance: How to Make Libraries Great Educational Environments*, from 1-2. Participate in this online webinar by registering at: [www.webjunction.org/do/Navigation?category=15543](http://www.webjunction.org/do/Navigation?category=15543).



**January 25<sup>th</sup>: Nebraska Regional Library Systems Automation Vendor Workshop** at Seward Memorial Library. See page 6 for details.

## February

**February 8<sup>th</sup>: Soaring to Excellence: People Watching With a Purpose: Meeting Needs Before They Need It** – 11 a.m. to 12:30. College of DuPage Teleconference can now be viewed on your own computer and earn you two continuing education hours. Register on the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar or contact Laura Johnson for more information: (402)471-2694, (800)307-2665 or [ljohnson@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:ljohnson@nlc.state.ne.us).



**February 12<sup>th</sup>: Nebraska Library Association Legislative Day.** See page 7 for details.

**February 14<sup>th</sup>: SELS Board Meeting** at Louisville Public Library. Tour at 10, meeting at 10:30.

**February 20<sup>th</sup>: Serving Spanish Customers**, Lincoln. See page 5 for information.

## March



**March 7<sup>th</sup>: Southeast Library System Summer Reading Program.** Don't be a bugaboo-save the date!

**March 7<sup>th</sup>: Library Challenges & Opportunities 2008: Library Spaces: Future Needs** – 11 a.m. to 12:30. College of DuPage Teleconference can now be viewed on your own computer and earn you two continuing education hours. Register on the Nebraska Library Commission Training Calendar or contact Laura Johnson for more information: (402)471-2694, (800)307-2665 or [ljohnson@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:ljohnson@nlc.state.ne.us).



**March 24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>:** Mark your calendars and make plans now to join us on a **Road Trip to PLA** in Minneapolis. See the SELS webpage ([selsne.org](http://selsne.org)) or call us for details.

## April



**April 10<sup>th</sup>: Spring Colloquium 2008–Unshelved in Nebraska** (Bill Barnes & Gene Ambaum – [www.unshelved.com](http://www.unshelved.com)) See page 9, or the SELS webpage – [www.selsne.org](http://www.selsne.org).

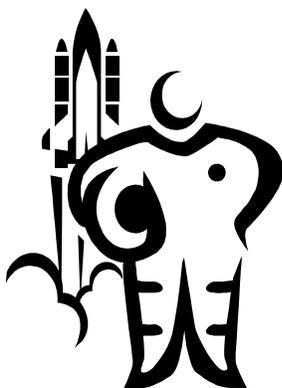


**April 16<sup>th</sup>: Ben Mikaelson** will be doing an evening public program – watch for details on the SELS webpage ([www.selsne.org](http://www.selsne.org)) and in the next newsletter.



# News and Notes

## **Nebraska Astronaut READ® Posters Available**



Nebraska native Clay Anderson, currently aboard the International Space Station, describes his experience in space as “the ride of my life.” Anderson, born in Omaha and raised in Ashland, is the first native Nebraskan to fly in space (and the first to walk in space). When he returns to earth, he plans to visit classrooms and other groups to encourage youngsters to pursue their dreams. In a recent broadcast from space, Anderson reflected on the fifteen times he applied to the astronaut program before being accepted. “Don’t ever give up...You can be whatever you want to be. You just have to set your mind to it...and go get it,” he said. Anderson generously posed for READ® posters and bookmarks for Nebraska libraries and school media centers to use to promote books and reading. Upon request, the Nebraska Library Commission will send Nebraska libraries and school media centers a CD with the posters and bookmarks. They can be printed at a local print shop or quick-copy shop. One hundred and fifteen CDs have already been distributed. To use this promotional tool with your customers, contact Alyssa Bundy, Nebraska Library Commission Student Intern, e-mail: [abundy@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:abundy@nlc.state.ne.us).

## **Movie License Renewed**

All Nebraska public libraries are covered by a statewide blanket license between the Nebraska Library Commission and Movie Licensing USA, Inc. for public viewing of motion pictures. With this license, motion pictures may be shown as part of various library services and programming at the library. Note: All public libraries are currently covered from **October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008**.

For more information about the license, contact Sally Snyder, Children's Services Coordinator, [ssnyder@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:ssnyder@nlc.state.ne.us), 402-471-4003, 800-307-2665, fax: 402-471-2083

For more information please see [www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/motionpicture.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/libdev/motionpicture.html).

## **Serving Your Spanish-Speaking Customers**

Hispanic/Latinos now comprise the largest minority group in the US and the fastest growing segment of our population. Join us to get started on the first steps toward bringing these potential library users into your building and on serving them better.

### **The workshops will provide information on:**

- Outreach to the Spanish-Speaking Community
- Responding to the Needs of the Community
- Marketing
- Planning an Outreach Activity
- Resources to Assist You

### **What to expect:**

- No charge
- Lunch is included
- Door prizes
- One free children's book to each participant
- Mileage reimbursement if you drive more than 50 miles one way

**Librarians, Board Members, and interested community members are welcome**

Nine workshops will be held in the state, and one will be close to you!

Southeast Library System: **February 20**      **Lincoln, Atrium Conference Center**

To register or see other dates, go to: [www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/training/train.asp), search “Spanish”

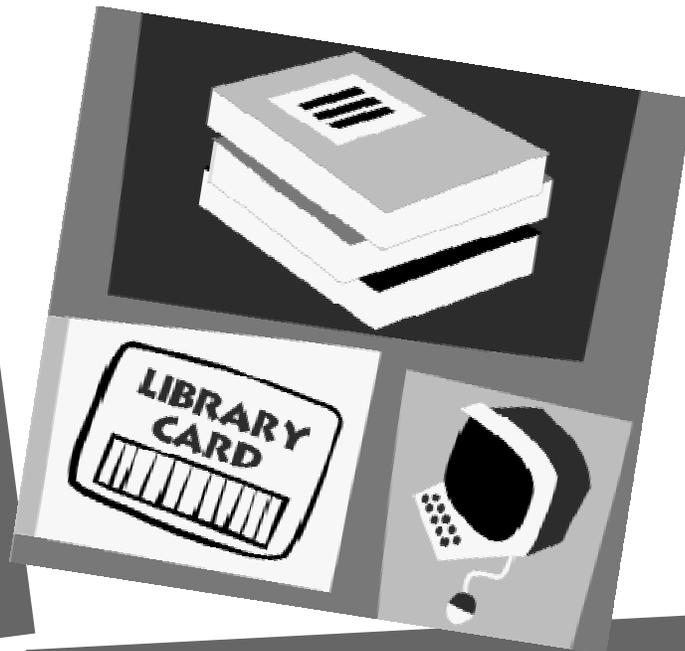
For more information, contact Sally Snyder at the Library Commission, 800-307-2665.

Sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission, the Gates Foundation, and WebJunction.

Nebraska Regional Library  
Systems Present:

# Automation Vendor Day

Friday January 25, 2008  
Seward Memorial Library  
233 S 5th St, Seward NE  
Registration Fee: \$10  
Includes lunch



This Workshop is  
for you if:

- You are considering automation
- You are considering changing your automation vendor
- You want to learn about RFID (radio frequency identification)

### Schedule:

- 9:30—10:30 a.m. Clark Charbonnet,  
Biblionix
- 10:40—11:40 a.m. Troy Mohrman,  
Polaris
- 11:40—12:45 p.m. Lunch
- 12:45—1:45 p.m. Online Nebraska  
Library (ONELibrary Consortium)
- 1:55—2:55 p.m. Follett
- 3:00—4:00 p.m. 3M: RFID

Send registration form with  
fee by Jan 20th to:

Meridian Library System  
1015 Central Ave, Suite B  
Kearney, NE 68847

**Name:**

**Library:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

In case of inclement weather, event may be postponed. If in doubt, please call your System Office before traveling.

Don't just sit there-



Be Involved ...

NLA

# Legislative Day

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008

## Why Libraries Matter

- 8:30** **Coffee and Doughnuts in Room 1023, State Capitol**
- 9:30** Start the day off with refreshments and a visit with our senators, staff members and other librarians.  
**Don't Come Alone: Invite your senator, trustees and city officials too!**
- 9:30** **Briefing at Lincoln Woman's Club – 407 S. 14<sup>th</sup>**  
You will receive information on current legislation and library issues from Ken Winston, NLA's lobbyist. Nancy Busch, Kathy Tooker, & Brenda Ealey will discuss the 2008 Nebraska Library Futures event and its intention of bringing fresh perspective to Nebraska library service needs and fostering direction, partnerships and collaboration.
- Noon** **Lunch at the Cornhusker Hotel**  
Invite your senator to a great lunch. The cost is \$17 per person. Please offer to pay for your senator's lunch AND make sure to escort him/her to the luncheon. If your senator is unable to attend, invite his/her legislative aide – they are important contacts in the lobbying process and you should get to know them.
- 1:15** **Afternoon Session with speaker at the Cornhusker.**
  - \$17 for my participation**
  - \$17 for the Senator's lunch**
  - \$17 for each city official, trustee, or other participant**
  - \$17 donation for honoree's meal or NLA Legislative Day expenses**  
(no refunds after 01/28/2008)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Library \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ State Senator \_\_\_\_\_  
Library Trustee/Friend or City-Official \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: **Nebraska Library Association** Mail to: NLA Legislative Committee  
c/o Eastern Library System, 11929 Elm Street, Suite 12, Omaha, NE 68144

Registrations Must be Received by: **January 28, 2008**

**Please remember to invite your Senator or their staff to lunch.**

You can find your senator's phone # at: [www.unicam.state.ne.us](http://www.unicam.state.ne.us). Click on: Senators.

## **Nebraska Public Libraries Dollars for Data and State Aid Awards**

The Nebraska Library Commission awards a "Dollars for Data" payment of \$250 to unaccredited public libraries that submitted the 2006 Public Library Statistical using Bibliostat™ Collect.

Provision of public library data is an important activity for all libraries so that both the Library Commission and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (<http://www.ims.gov/>) have an accurate picture of public library service throughout Nebraska communities. Since this is a necessary step toward meeting the standards of service outlined in the Public Library Accreditation Guidelines, these libraries are closer to achieving accredited status.

The Library Commission congratulates the following 45 unaccredited public libraries that qualify for this payment:

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- Ansley Township Library
  - Arcadia Township Library
  - Arlington Public Library
  - Arthur County Library
  - Bartley Public Library
  - Bayard Public Library
  - Beaver City Public Library
  - **Beaver Crossing Community Library**
  - Dundy County Library
  - Big Springs Public Library
  - **Bruning Public Library**
  - Byron Public Library
  - Nigel Sprouse Memorial Library
  - Carroll Public Library
  - Clearwater Public Library
  - Columbus Public Library
  - Culbertson Public Library
  - Dakota City Public Library
  - **Davenport Public Library**
  - **Daykin Public Library**
  - Farnam Public Library
  - Hastings Memorial Library
  - Sioux County Public Library
  - Cravath Memorial Library
  - Hayes Center Public Library
  - Lewellen Public Library
  - **Louisville Public Library**
  - Lynch Public Library
  - Sunshine Township Library
  - Brenizer Public Library
  - **Milligan Public Library**
  - Minatare Public Library
  - North Loup Township Library
  - Oconto Public Library
  - Palisade Public Library
  - **Palmyra Memorial Library**
  - **Plymouth Public Library**
  - Potter Public Library
  - Rising City Community Library
  - Sargent Township Library
  - Snyder Public Library
  - Stratton Public Library
  - Sutherland Public Library
  - Wauneta Public Library
  - Wilsonville Public Library

(Libraries in bold are located in southeast Nebraska.)

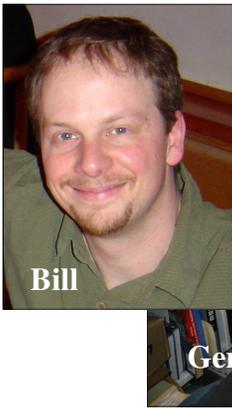
State Aid Award Letters were also mailed in December to eligible public libraries. In order to be eligible, a public library must be accredited and meet the maintenance-of-effort requirement regarding local revenue. During the first quarter of 2008, the Library Commission will distribute over \$375,000 in direct state aid payments. This amount includes, in some instances, an incentive payment for additional public revenue received by the library, and an incentive payment for achievement of Enhanced and Excellent Accreditation status.

If you have questions concerning Dollars for Data or Public Library Accreditation and State Aid, contact Kit Keller, Planning & Data Services Coordinator, at 800-307-2665, 402-471-3216, or via email: [kkeller@nlc.state.ne.us](mailto:kkeller@nlc.state.ne.us).



## A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Library

Bill Barnes and Gene Ambaum, the *Unshelved* guys



What possessed Bill Barnes and Gene Ambaum to write a comic strip about a library? And how do they keep tens of thousand of librarians around the globe laughing every day? Visit [www.unshelved.com](http://www.unshelved.com) to find out what everyone's talking about, and then come to the banquet to hear Bill and Gene discuss what makes libraries so darned funny.

### About Bill Barnes

Bill is a native New Yorker who was dragged all around the world by his parents at a very formative age and finally ended up in the wilds of Seattle. He is a trained software designer and very much an untrained cartoonist.

### About Gene Ambaum

Gene is the pen name of a public librarian from the Seattle area. He loves graphic novels, television shows from his childhood, pina coladas, and getting caught in the rain. He continues to make the mistake of letting Bill write his bios.

Thursday, April 10th, 2008 5:30-9:30 p.m.

at The Cornhusker Marriott Hotel 333 S. 13th Street, Lincoln, NE Yankee Hill III

### Schedule of Events

5:30 – 6:30	Social hour, cash bar
6:30 – 7:30	Dinner
7:30 – 8:30	Presentation by <b>Bill Barnes &amp; Gene Ambaum</b>
8:30 – 9:30	Discussion –Last 1/2 hour book signing and selling

**Dinner: Windsor Pork Loin or Chicken Oscar or Tortellini Rosa**  
Spinach salad, rice, rolls and butter, coffee, tea, and milk. Big Red cake for dessert.

**The Spring Colloquium is sponsored jointly by: the Eastern Library System & the Southeast Library System.**

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

YES! I want to participate in the Spring Colloquium 2008: Unshelved, Bill Barnes & Gene Ambaum

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Library \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work email \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose one: Pork Chicken Tortellini

Send completed registration form & payment of **\$35.00** to: **Southeast Library System,**  
5730 R St., Ste. C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505. Deadline: **Wednesday April 2, 2008.**

SELS Board Meeting  
Hebron Secrest Library - Hebron, NE  
October 5, 2007

**Board Members Present:** Rebecca Bernthal (University of Nebraska - Lincoln); Scott Childers (University of Nebraska - Lincoln); Sandy Elton (Lincoln Correctional Center); Ken Gunselman (York College Levitt Library); Barbara Hegr (Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City); Wanda Marget (Fairmont Public Library); Kim McCain (Tri-County Schools, DeWitt); Lisa Olivigni (Crete Public Library); Tom Schmitz (Lincoln Regional Center); Jan Thomsen (Alice M. Farr Library, Aurora); Glenda Willnerd (Lincoln Public Schools)

**Also Present:** Brenda Ealey (SELS Administrator); Becky Baker (SELS Friends representative, Seward Memorial Library); Terry Olson (Director, Hebron); Lisa Voss (Lincoln Public Libraries; Missouri practicum student)

**Board Members Absent:** Karen Frank (Greenwood Public Library); Kris Rogge (Johnson)

President Willnerd called the meeting to order at 10:52 AM

### I. What's New Around the System

Hegr reported that a position at Morton-James Public Library has been split into two positions to create a children's librarian & assistant director. They are also working on outside restoration of their building. Olivigni reminded the board of the upcoming NLA/NEMA Conference. Bernthal reported that the University of Nebraska - Lincoln Libraries unveiled its 3 millionth volume, a rare first edition of Whitman's Leaves of Grass. Childers added that the campus Health Center is sharing some space in Love Library with a table where people can get basic health checks and limited first aid (such as bandages). McCain reported that First and Second Graders from Tri-County Schools are at the Plum Creek Literacy Festival today. Thomsen reported that the Alice M. Farr Library in Aurora is getting some unexpected state money so they are coming up with ideas how to best use it. Kids are coming in more because of high school library construction in Aurora. Gunselman reports that the Academic Dean of York College is reporting no more cuts are expected. Schmitz reports that the HHSS is now titled DHHS and things are still being reorganized. There seems to be confusion about what is going on in Hastings. There is some grant funded equipment there, and some Follett billing issues that need to be resolved. Marget reports they are still looking for someone to replace worker who left in Fairmont. She also reports that the fire department will be moving out of the building, so the library will get their meeting rooms and they are making plans for the space now. They also received from money from a few donations, so have some money to work with. Marget suggests that the System organize a "How to Do It in Follett" workshop for CASTL based on her experience working with Hebron staff earlier this morning. Willnerd reported that the opening of the MO-SAIC exhibition was on Wednesday and had good reviews for storyteller Diane Ferlatte and her accompanist.

### II. Approval of Minutes

Ealey presented changes to the minutes for the Administrator's Report. A motion to approve as amended was made by Bernthal and seconded by McCain. Motion passed.

### III. Financial Report

The figure in the budget report for the Colloquium is high, but there will be some reimbursement coming for that. SELS is also expecting some reimbursement in Educational and Professional Development line. There seems to be more spending on CE types of activities recently so it might be something to look into for the next budget. Puchalla had noticed some errors in billings from the newsletter publisher, so SELS had some funds refunded from the publisher. It was also reported that a new network router had to be purchased to replace one that died. A motion to approve the transactions was made by Gunselman and seconded by Olivigni. Motion passed.

### IV. Administrator's Report

Ealey highlighted several of her activities from August 30, 2007 to October 5, 2007 as outlined in her written report. A survey of those who went to Youth Services Retreat was completed. SELS has been working with Syracuse Public on their accreditation issues, which has become a complex situation. Both Ealey and Puchalla worked on a weeding project in Hebron on September 28. Ealey noted that the CASTL group has had good online discussion on various topics throughout this period. There was recently a discussion with other systems about the evaluation of the system administrator and assistant, so the Board might want to think about an evaluation of the SELS Administrator and Assistant. Ealey and Becky Baker have been part of a group to restructure Basic Skills course.

Ealey is also a part of the Future Search planning process. Ealey had a meeting with an IMLS representative on Sept 17th and felt it was a good discussion. Ealey note that working with AFCON and ACLU Nebraska for intellectual freedom activities this year was a good thing and really helped make spread the work.

Highlighted future events include an E-Rate training session at the NLC on Oct 15, the Thinking Outside the Borders program reception at James Arthur Vineyards on Oct 22, and the Michael Stephens colloquium on Nov 29.

### V. SELS Friends report

Baker reports that the winner of the recent "Iron Librarian" event was Glenda Willnerd. Recent Friends efforts have all been related to conference; selling books by Harley Jane Kozak and Joel Sartore (which can be reserved via the reservation form online at selsfriends.org), Sartore postcard books and a DVD, librarian temporary tattoo book and candy, The Friends will also hold a silent auction, hold a "best seat in the house" raffle, participate in NLA Paraprofessional Section scavenger hunt. The Friends will also host a hospitality room that will be open Wednesday night after the MONA event, during the Thursday lunch hour, and afternoon exhibit break, and also possibly after the Thursday night Casino Night event.

**VI. NLC Report**

Written report from Richard Miller was submitted.

Commission grants with due dates:

\* Youth Grants for Excellence (October 19, 2007)

\* Internship Grants (October 31, 2007) - stand-alone or as part of Youth Grant or Library Improvement Grant

\* Library Improvement Grants (December 28, 2007)

We the People bookshelf grants from NEH (due by January 25, 2008)

Teen Reed week (Oct 14-20th, 2007)

Commission/Movie Licensing USA, Inc. statewide movie license renewed

Thinking Outside Borders reception

2007 Nebraska Book Festival in downtown Lincoln (October 26-28, 2007)

Break for lunch 12:50 pm, meeting reconvened at 1:33 pm

**VII. Revisions to SELS Plan**

Willnerd reports the cost might be prohibitive for a systemwide online subscription with EBSCO or similar vendor for SELS members for journals. A discussion on what is currently being offered and perhaps asking for a comprehensive review of the Commission commenced. Ealey will compose a letter and send it to the board for review, then would forward to Commission.

Proposed changes to the plan

- Added section in Service Role 1, Goal 1, about teaching Basic Skills as point 17.
- Changed Service Role 2, Goal 1 to replace "Information Power" with "Information Literacy Standards for Student Achievement".
- Service Role 2, Goal 2- pull point 4 and add to point 2
- Service Role 3 Goal 1 - undo proposed change in point 3 and revert to original wording
- Service Role 3, Goal 3- undo proposed change in point 1
- Service Role 4, Goal 1 – In point 4 reword to read "Collaborate with SELS Friends, established July 1, 2007, whose goal is to support SELS financially and support."

A motion to approve the amended changes to the SELS plan was made by Bernthal and seconded by Schmitz. Motion passed.

The Board went to Committee meetings at 2:45 pm and then reconvened at 3:08 PM.

**VIII. Committee Meetings**

Consortium Committee reported that they want to do a system wide survey of members to get a clearer picture of what the system membership really consists of and what they see as needs.

Continuing Education Committee reported that seems to be an obvious need for Follett instruction. The Committee will look at potential dates, think of questions to ask of members of SELS, and consider potential instructors. The Committee wants to use a survey so they know what to present.

Promotion/Advocacy Committee reported that they discussed some the new technologies and some possibilities of using them, such as a podcast of CASTL meetings. It was suggested to get a small group of "tech-sperts" to suggest what hardware and software to get to facilitate these ideas. The group will consist of Lisa Voss, Glenda Willnerd, & Scott Childers.

**IX. Adjournment at 3:25 pm****Nebraska Book Club Wiki**

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We'd also like your feedback on what you think of this idea and of the wiki. You can leave comments while viewing the wiki by scrolling down to the bottom and clicking on "Contact wiki owner" in the "Wiki Information" section. Thanks!

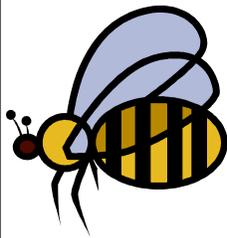


Julie Pinnell, Nebraska Library Commission

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I like these cold, gray  
winter days.  
Days like these let you  
savor a bad mood.

- Bill Watterson,  
Calvin & Hobbes creator



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