



Southeast Signal

News, Events, and Information from Around the System

From the Director



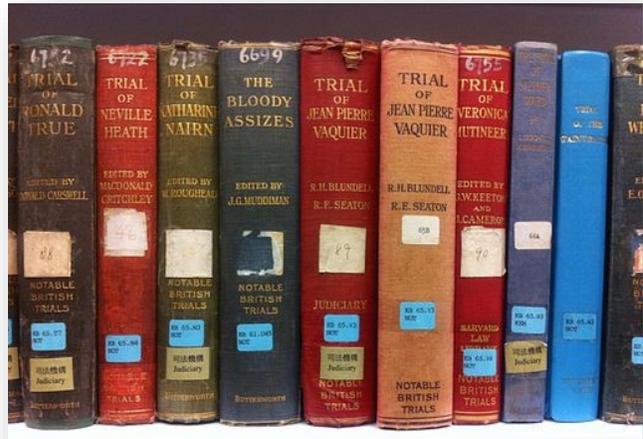
The phrase “don’t judge a book by its cover” has been around for ages. According to Wikipedia, it was used as early as 1860 and is still thrown around to this day. As

librarians, we also have that in our heads – knowing that some great stories are tucked away in books that don’t have fancy graphics on the cover or interesting typography that brings the title to the forefront.

But let’s be real, there’s a lot of book cover judging going on in our libraries. When someone is browsing a bookshelf, something has to catch their eye before they pick it up to take a closer look. Looking at how bookstores handle their wares is a good example. Lots of book faces out so potential readers can easily see that interesting front cover. This draws them to a shelf more than just a spine.

Another thing to keep in mind is the visible wear and tear on a book makes a difference. I once had a patron come up to me while I was working the circulation desk and they said that they wanted to check out a certain book, but was afraid to as it looked like it could fall apart at any moment.

Displays work. Having your materials in good condition matters. With all the effort and resources spent to having a great collection – finish the job by making that last bit count by keeping it well maintained and visually interesting.



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- March 22, [Pay it Forward: Looking at Succession Planning, Ashland Public Library, 9:45-3:00](#), p. 9
- April, School Library Month
- April 6, [NLA Round Table Spring Meeting, Lincoln](#)
- April 8-14, [National Library Week](#)
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Photo of the Month



Bingo Night at Polk Library. But not Bingo the traditional way. For example, one game was to Bingo making a square. Another was an "X". The last game was "Blackout". 21 patrons attended this fun, fun night!

CASTL Wrap-Up

Upcoming CASTL Meetings

April 13
Webermeier Memorial Library
Milford
“Programming Hits”

May 17
Morton-James Public Library
Nebraska City

June 29
Sutton Memorial Library
Sutton

At the Feb. 15 CASTL meeting in Shickley we talked about privacy issues. The sections on privacy from the Nebraska Intellectual Freedom Manual (<https://digitalcommons.unl.edu/zeabook/45/>) helped us highlight some of the privacy issues that our libraries commonly deal with.

Personally identifiable information should not be revealed about checkouts, computer time, or any other use of the library. Even a person’s presence in the building should not be disclosed without a valid subpoena or search warrant from law enforcement. In the discussion, it became clear that it is sometimes very hard to consistently follow privacy and confidentiality policies in small communities, and that privacy and confidentiality principles will sometimes serve as long-range goals and ideals, rather than be completely put into practice immediately.

Privacy screens were recommended for computers. This can help protect personal research privacy (for example about medical topics) and financial and tax information. It will also help prevent complaints about what another library user is viewing.

Ideally, cameras should only be used for security and they should not record what users are reading or checking out. Also, just as with other records, the camera recording should be kept only for a short amount of time in order to serve only the security purpose.

The topic arose of when minors can have their own cards and at what age child and parent accounts are kept separate, including for privacy purposes. This varied from library to library. For example, at one, children as young as 12 were entitled to their own account with full responsibility for that account; another did not allow that until 17. It is between children and their parents or guardians as to what guidelines may exist as to what the children may check out; it is not the role of the public librarian to determine that.

Finally, if the library has an electronic service which involves giving up some patron privacy, the patron should not be automatically opted in to this service. This includes items like records of reading history. This is an item that many patrons desire, but a patron should first be notified of the privacy implications and then be allowed to opt in.

Upcoming Basic Skills Courses

To see the list of 2018 classes, [click here](#). Here’s what’s coming up next:

<u>Dates of Class</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Registration</u>
April 2—April 27	Organization of Materials	March 5—March 23
April 23 —May 4	Readers' Advisory	March 26 —April 13

News Around the System

Falls City Elementary Librarian Serenaded by Students

Provided by Gail Froeschl, photo by Principal Shelley Leyden

Roughly 345 boys and girls and the staff from Falls City North and South School gathered in the gym at North School for a surprise performance for their elementary librarian, Mrs. Gail Froeschl, on the afternoon of February 26. They sang Marina McBride's song "I'm Gonna Love You Through It". It was a special moment for Mrs. Froeschl and her students, many wearing pink to symbolize Breast Cancer Awareness. Mrs. Robin Ankrom, music teacher, practiced with the students, arranged to bus the kids to one building, and had the top Accelerated Readers from each building present Mrs. Froeschl with flowers. The kids were good at keep-



ing the secret, many not even telling their parents. Mrs. Froeschl was diagnosed with breast cancer the end of September and has been undergoing chemo treatments in Bellevue. She is doing well and has only had to miss school for appointments and chemo days. The heartwarming video can be viewed on YouTube at https://youtu.be/XhVh-Vuo_sl

Books Presented to Kindergartners

In other news from Falls City, the Steve Kottich family purchased a book for every kindergarten student from the Scholastic Book Fair at Falls City North School in memory of Steve's late wife, Diana.



This is the fourth year the Diana Kottich Memorial Fund has purchased books for all kindergarten students at North School. The Kottich family does the same for the kindergarten students at Falls City Sacred Heart.

Diana, a former kindergarten teacher at North School and avid reader, died December 14, 2014 from ovarian cancer. Reading was one of Diana's passions and she always enjoyed purchasing books for her classroom and grandchildren.

Elementary Librarian, Gail Froeschl, stated the purchase of these books has three benefits. Each kindergarten student gets their own book to enjoy. The library raises needed funds for new books from the sale profits. In addition, this purchase made through the Scholastic All for Books Donation Program is matched by Scholastic dollar for dollar in books to be distributed to children through the Kids in Need Foundation.

News Around the System

March Library Displays at Aurora Middle/High School Media Center

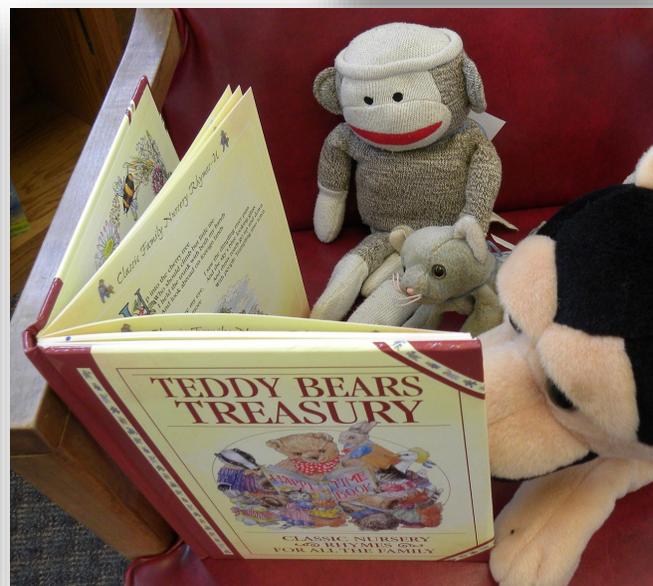
Photos by Emmy Fiala



Teddy Bear Sleepover at Fairbury Public Library

By Linda Dux

Twenty children and their special friends participated in the Teddy Bear Sleepover at the Fairbury Public Library February 17th!



News Around the System

The Cat in the Hat Appears in Clarks

Provided by Barbie Sweet

Clarks Public Library brought The Cat in the Hat, Thing 1, and Thing 2 to celebrate Read Across America week. The Cat was a guest reader for the High Plains Community School elementary.



Valentine's Day Pinkalicious Style

By Charlotte Baldinger, photos by Megan Boggs

How would Pinkalicious celebrate Valentine's Day? Seward Memorial Library let her lead the pinkatastic party on February 14! It was a terrific morning since Pinkalicious and Peteriffic debuted their new series in the library thanks to a partnership with NET-PBS KIDS. More than 50 children listened to Pinkalicious stories, watched the new program, enjoyed Pinkalicious treats and took home special holiday crafts. This year pink dominated the traditional red seen on Valentine's Day and no one complained.



News from Around the System

Teachers and Librarians Invited to Host Letter Writing Clinics

Nebraska teachers and librarians are invited to apply for \$300 grants to conduct Letters About Literature Letter Writing Clinics. Funding will be provided to introduce students to the Letters about Literature (LAL) contest and letter writing techniques, and to work with them to select books and craft letters to the authors. Grant funds can be used for items such as instructor honorariums, supplies, marketing, small participation prizes, etc. Applicants will target their efforts to specific age groups: grades 4-6, grades 7-8, or grades 9-12

For more information about the LAL Letter Writing Clinic grant (due April 15), see <http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/lalwritingclinics> or contact Mary Jo Ryan, Nebraska Library Commission, 402-471-4870, 800-307-2665.

The Letters About Literature competition is made possible by a generous grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, with additional support from gifts to the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, which promotes the contest through its affiliate Centers for the Book, state libraries, and other organizations. Letters About Literature is coordinated and sponsored in Nebraska by the Nebraska Center for the Book and the Nebraska Library Commission, with support from Houchen Bindery, Ltd. and Chapters Bookstore in Seward.

**Decreasing
Costs,
Increasing
Value:**
Affordable Education at Nebraska

with **Kristi Jensen**
Program Development Lead for the
eLearning Support Initiative at the
University of Minnesota Libraries

Thurs
**April 5
2018**

9:30am – 11am

Love Library South 218
Free, open

2018 Visiting Scholars Presentation:
*Libraries & Affordable
Content: Partnerships,
Incentives, and Impacts*

9am Coffee & Refreshments



11:30am – 1pm

NIC Conference Center, B Rooms
Registration required

Campus Conversations Presentation:
*Setting Yourself Up for
Success with Open
Educational Resources*

Free webcast 12-1pm
Love Library
Peterson Room

2pm – 3:30pm

NIC Conference Center, B Rooms
Free, open

Panel Discussion:
*NU Faculty Experiences:
Integrating Affordable &
OER Content Into the
Classroom*

Sponsored by
Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor,
Information Technology Services, NU Online,
University Libraries, Follett Bookstore,
Innovative Instructional Design



Southeast Library System Front Porch Award Application

The Front Porch Award is presented to a library (academic, institutional, public or school) that displays ingenuity in creating an atmosphere that welcomes patrons to their facility. This award and \$100 will be presented during National Library Week, April 8-14, 2018. Non-accredited libraries are welcome to apply.

Enclose the following with your nomination:

Name of Library: _____

Name of Individual Submitting the Application: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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

Nominations must be submitted to:

Southeast Library System

5730 R. St. Ste. C-1

Lincoln, NE 68505

selsne@gmail.com

Application deadline is March 16, 2018



MARCH 22

PAY IT FORWARD: LOOKING AT SUCCESSION PLANNING

What this FREE workshop is about....

Like any other organization, libraries need to plan for staffing transitions. Pay It Forward suggests practical approaches that help pave the way for new personnel. Attendees will discuss succession planning questions like: What are the library's annual routines? What guidance do we have on budget prep...policy review...job evaluations...and where are those documents found? What vendors does the library use for print purchases? For digital subscriptions? Is there an instruction manual for the ILS system...for the public computers? Answering these questions helps light the path for incoming staff.

Staffing changes can be expected or surprising—workshop participants are sure to have “new hire” stories to share. Plus, library boards should work on their own brand of succession planning—Pay It Forward talks about that, too!

This program is supported in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

Presenter: Bonnie McKewon

Learn how to help ensure successful transitions

Protect your library from the unexpected (including sudden departure of a staff member)

Worth 4 CE

9:45 am – 3 pm

ASHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

1324 Silver St
Ashland, NE 68003-1816

Register at

<http://bit.ly/Pay4ward1>



Spring Meetings

Sponsored by Public Library and Trustee Section (PLTS); School, Children’s and Young People’s Section (SCYP); Paraprofessional Section; and the Regional Library Systems

4 Locations!
 April 16 - Seward Memorial Library
 April 17 - Raymond A. Whitwer Tilden Public Library
 April 24 - Lexington Public Library
 April 25 - Alliance Public Library

Registration is \$40 per person (includes lunch)

9:00–9:30	Registration & Refreshments
9:30–10:00	Updates from PLTS, NLA, NLC, & the Regional Library Systems
10:00–12:00	David Drozd
12:00–1:00	Catered Lunch
1:00–3:00	Dr. Sheryl Feinstein

Nebraska’s Changing Demographics and Their Impact on Your Community and Your Library

David Drozd, Center for Public Affairs Research, University of Nebraska Omaha



Have you noticed any changes in your community? If your local area is following the statewide trends, the population is likely aging and becoming more diverse. Rural areas are continuing to experience net out-migration, especially at college ages, but some return in their late 20s and 30s. These and other demographic factors will be discussed so that your community characteristics and current and future library clientele is well known. We’ll cover how to obtain a profile of commonly used statistics from the Census Bureau’s website, how Nebraska communities are unique, and what demographic changes are likely in the years ahead. Everyone will find something interesting in this session that will benefit your planning and community outreach.

Librarians Serving Youth: Supporting Brain Development

Sheryl Feinstein, Dean of the College of Education, University of Nebraska Kearney



Ever changing, growing, and eager to learn – the perfect description for youth and librarians. Libraries offer a wide range of literature and programs for children during the pre-school, elementary and adolescent ages. In the process of creating new and innovative paths to learning there is no group more eager for information and support than librarians. This interactive presentation will focus on the transforming brain of our babies, children, and teens in relation to libraries. The fascinating changes that are combusting, generating, and igniting in our youths’ brains shed light on how to best understand, support, and mentor them.

Register and pay online at bit.do/PLTS2018registration or fill out the form below.
 Please email PLTSNebraska@gmail.com with any questions.

Please mail this registration with your \$40 check, postmarked by April 9, to:
 Amy Hafer, PLTS Treasurer, Hastings Public Library, PO Box 849, Hastings, NE 68902

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Library _____

Belonging to (select all that apply): PLTS SCYP PARA none

Location (select one): Seward Tilden Lexington Alliance



Aged to Perfection

A fundraiser for the Southeast Library System Friends

Thursday,
May 3, 2018

Becky Pasco's House
6217 Tanglewood Circle
Lincoln, Nebraska
for a map visit goo.gl/maps/jnxvwGgbqyt



- 4:00 – 5:30 Social Time & Antique check-in
- 5:30 – 6:30 Dinner
- 6:30 – 8:00 Informational/Appraisal Program
by Tom Bassett
(All attendees may bring up to 3 antiques to be appraised.)

Special 2018 pricing!
\$15 for SELS Friend members
\$20 for non-members*

*If you have never been a member of SELS Friends, attend this event and receive a free membership that will extend through June 2019. For more information on joining the SELS Friends, please visit www.selsfriends.org.



To register, please fill out and return this form by April 27, 2018:

Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

of SELS Friends Members in group: _____

of Non-members in group: _____

Please include the fee for each person registering and mail to:

Southeast Library System Friends
233 South 5th Street
Seward, NE 68434

Admission will be \$25 at the door. (No food included.)



SELS Training Extravaganza

at Seward Memorial Library

May 11, 2018 Schedule of Events

	Upper Meeting Room	Lower Meeting Room	Computer Lab
9:30-9:55	Registration and Refreshments*		
9:55-10:00	Welcome, Announcements, and Introductions*		
10:00-10:50	Feedback: Everybody needs it, Nobody wants it. with Joyce NeuJahr*		
10:50-11:00	Break		
11:00-11:50	Strategies in Teaching Information Literacy to Identify Fake News with Erin Painter	Golden Sower Award: What's It All About? with Kathy Schulz	Excel for Librarians with Megan Boggs
Noon	Lunch*		
1:00-1:50	Representing Your Library with Confidence with Pat Leach	Fair Use with Scott Childers	Going Back to School with NebraskAccess with Susan Knisely
1:50-2:00	Break		
2:00-2:50	Experiences to Date with Maker Space Equipment. With Max Wheeler, Heather St. Clair, Karen Mier, and Joy Stevenson	Collecting Christian Fiction with Monica Tidyman	Using OneNote to Make Your Life Easier with Todd Schlechte
2:50-3:00	Closing Remarks*		

*Lower Meeting Room

Only \$25

Includes a delicious meal of cinnamon and apple pork chops, twice baked real mashed potatoes, gourmet green beans, salad, a roll, and ice tea or water. Morning and afternoon refreshments also included.

Register at <http://bit.ly/Extra2018>

**School
Librarians
In the
Digital Age**

Sponsored by



9 am Keegan Korf:
Maintaining Student Privacy: 5 Things Teachers and Librarians Can Do

10 am Lynn Kleinmeyer
Leading the Charge: Teacher Librarians' Role in OER

11 am Judy Henning
Strategies for Identifying Fake News

June 8

8:45 am – 12 pm

Conference Room C
Lincoln Public Schools District Office 5905 O Street
Lincoln, NE 68510

Register at <http://bit.ly/2018SchoolLib>

System Spotlight

Training at Library Board Meetings

Did you know we are willing to come out and help you meet the educational needs you have at the Library Board level? We can provide a presentation or workshop that not only will address your board's needs, but count towards Board CE credit! Scott can talk about Nebraska law in regard to library boards, the role of library director and library board, or other topics tailored to your needs. Contact us (see below) for more information!



Southeast Library System

<http://libraries.ne.gov/SELS/>

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