



Southeast Signal

News, Events, and Information from Around the System

From the Director



Many of us have a bunch of computer files (documents, spreadsheets, etc.) floating around that we need or want to keep for the long term.

Maybe they are files that must

be kept for legal reasons, or for compliance with a gift or grant. Perhaps they are of a more sentimental nature and show personal growth, or have some emotional attachment to them. They could possibly hold information about the local history of the organization or community. For whatever reason – you have them and need to take care of them.

There are a few things to keep in mind when you plan on keeping files for an extended period of time.

The first is the 3-2-1 Rule. This practice is still one of the best ways of thinking about backing up your digital files. This means you have:

3 copies of the file on

2 types of media (like hard drive & cloud or CD and hard drive)

1 copy kept off site (this includes cloud storage like Dropbox or Google Drive)

Now, you don't have to do this with every file, but for the mission critical or irreplaceable files, this would be the best practice. For example, for some of my personal files I have two copies on different hard drives sitting in my home, plus copies in a Dropbox folder in the cloud.

The second thing to think about is digital rot. Digital rot means that due to problems with the storage medium – the files stored on them become corrupted. Any storage method could fail and create corruptions that prevent the files from being accessible. You should think about replacing what the files are stored on after a few years, and check the files themselves on a scheduled basis.

On a slightly related note, make sure you keep up with the software used to read those files. I personally had a disk of files I would have loved to have referred to, but I didn't save the information to a format that would last and now would be hard pressed to find something that could open them.

So, whether by hesitation, procrastination, or mandate – whatever digital files you are storing need to be part of a process of multiple backups, of occasional checking, and of changing what they are stored on every so often.

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Calendar

- June 9, School Librarians in the Digital Age
- June 10, Open House at SELS Office, MLS Program at University of Missouri, p. 9
- June 11, National Corn on the Cob Day
- June 12, National Children's Day
- June 13, National Weed Your Garden Day
- June 14, National Flag Day
- June 17, National Eat Your Vegetables Day
- June 18, Father's Day
- June 21, National Selfie Day
- June 23, [CASTL, Wahoo Public Library, "ADA Compliance"](#)
- June 25, National Catfish Day
- June 28, National Paul Bunyan Day
- July 4, Independence Day, SELS OFFICE CLOSED
- July 6, National Fried Chicken Day
- September 7-8, [23rd Annual Joint Youth Services Retreat](#), p.7



Photo of the Month



Polk Public Library's Preschool Reading Picnic. Celebrating the end of another year. We had fun stories, crafts, songs, and themed activities throughout the year. The year ended with story time (of course!), a simple craft making Mothers Day's cards, singing, and chalk drawing before a delicious picnic of hot dogs, fruit, and cookies at the park.—*Ann Garey*

CASTL Wrap-Up

Upcoming CASTL Meetings

June 23
Wahoo Public Library
“ADA Compliance”

July 21
Wymore Public Library
“Library Exteriors”

August 18
Clay Center Public Library
“Summer Reading
Successes”

September 15
Central City Public Library

October 27
Bruun Memorial Library
Humboldt

November 16
Gilbert Public Library
Friend

At the CASTL in Nelson on May 19 the topic was “Fundraising.” One of the first questions was how libraries who had built a new building or undergone major renovations had conducted their fundraising. In one situation RFPs were issued in order to obtain the services of a professional fundraising firm, because the library staff and board members had neither the time nor the knowledge to raise a few million dollars. Three year pledges were used and only two fell through. In another situation, with a smaller project, fundraising events, donations, and volunteers were the key to success.

Many different types of fundraising were mentioned, including hog roasts, raffles, book sales, Décor Days, vehicle raffle, wreath auction, and so on. Donor memorials such as plaques, bricks, room and building naming, small plaques on windowsills and bookcases, and more were mentioned as ways to help solicit funds. During one library’s fundraising, potential donors were asked to consider how good they would feel about contributing to the community by helping build a new library with their gift.

Also, it was mentioned that a librarian should always be prepared with an “ask,” regardless of whether a current fundraising campaign is underway. Ideally, one should have in mind three or more items that would be beneficial to the library, so that somebody who would like to make a donation has a choice. Furthermore, it is helpful to do occasional fundraisers not just for the money, but for the PR. Fundraisers help people connect to the library, including those who might not be regular library users.

Additionally, it was shared that when fundraising for a major project, such as a new building or addition, it is helpful to know that most people will give relatively late in the process, because they want to back a winner. Early on it is best to have as many ways as possible for people to give. Later, people are looking for a narrower range of options, so the choices should be narrowed to two or three.

Upcoming Basic Skills Courses

To see the full calendar & register for classes, [click here](#). Here’s what’s coming up next:

<u>Dates of Class</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Registration</u>
July 17—July 28	Collection Management	June 12 —July 6
July 31 —August 11	Library Policy	June 26—July 20
August 21 —September 1	Programming & Outreach	September 24 —August 10

News Around the System

Storytime/Playtime @Palmyra Memorial Library

Story and Photos by Glenda Willnerd

The Palmyra Action League (PALS) has just completed installation of new playground equipment at the Palmyra Park (also known as Taggart Park), so what better time to combine a storytime with playtime. Eleven children came to the storytime at the library and then we trekked to the park for playtime and snacks. Everyone, including the parents, had a fun time.

Pictured from left to right are Jaisah Huber and Kameron Bailey.



The Mad Scientist!

By Barbee Sweet

The Mad Scientist kicked off the Clarks Public Library's Summer Reading program. He had volunteers who destroyed block walls, stood on a pan of eggs, made a block arch, & blew the top of the model mountain off with "explosives". The children are ready for the 8 week program to begin & learn how to build a better world!



News Around the System

Library Holds Summer Kick-Off Party

By Charlotte Baldinger, photos by Emily Hemphill (Seward County Independent)

The weathermen were forecasting miserable weather with cold temperatures and rain, but the staff at Seward Memorial Library was predicting a great time for everyone who attended their Summer Kick-Off Party on May 20. Yes, the inflatables cancelled as well as the large equipment and outdoor games, but almost 300 children and their families came inside the library to enjoy all of the activities and register for the “Build a Better World” summer library programs. Guests heard live music, played games, got delicious treats on the cookie walk, discovered new fitness equipment and yard games, received balloon art and face painting, used the library photo stand and finished with a hot lunch. In addition children were given valuable information about the summer activities as they signed up for library cards and programs. The damp weather did not diminish the success of the party and the staff is looking forward to a grander event on May 19, 2018 ... with sunny skies.



News Around the System

Summer Reading Fun

By Terry Olson, photos by library staff

Summer Reading is in full swing at Hebron Secrest Library. Programs have featured machines, unique homes, buildings, and bridges. Craft projects for the younger set have included dump trucks and paper bag houses. The older set enjoyed group challenges. Challenge #1- Who can build the tallest tower using only large marshmallows, index cards and toothpicks? Challenge #2- Who can build the strongest bridge 15" long that can hold the most bean people? Supplies given included 15" masking tape, 15 paperclips, 5 large soda straws, 2 index cards, 3' string, and a large bag of white beans. Aside from the challenges, the older group of children were given a Summer Fun Art Project to complete and return to the library the following week for a prize treat. So far we have had 94 children and youth attend each week.



Makerspaces Coming to 30 Nebraska Libraries!

The Nebraska Library Commission (NLC) along with partners University of Nebraska—Lincoln, Nebraska Innovation Studio, Nebraska Extension, and Regional Library Systems, are excited about the **Library Innovation Studios: Transforming Rural Communities** project. The project will begin July 1, 2017 and conclude June 30, 2020.

The project uses makerspaces hosted by libraries to support community engagement and participatory learning experiences by providing access to technological and innovative learning tools not readily accessible locally. This strengthening of the maker culture in rural areas is expected to stimulate creativity, innovation, and the exchange of ideas to facilitate entrepreneurship, skills development, and local economic development. This year's deadline to apply is July 10, 2017. For more information, see JoAnn McManus' email that was sent out on May 24, 2017, or contact JoAnn at joann.mcmanus@nebraska.gov.

23rd Annual Youth Services Retreat

Presentations include:

- ◆ Author Talk: Andrea Warren
- ◆ Great Books for Tweens and Teens
- ◆ Why Diverse Literature Matters for Youth Services
- ◆ Crowdsharing: “Booktalk” your favorite websites and resources
- ◆ Great Books for Children
- ◆ Technology and Textiles Meet at Your Library
- ◆ Using YA Literature to Inspire Teen Girls’ Interests in STEM
- ◆ Betwixt and Between (Tween Programming)
- ◆ Answer Time (A time to share challenges and solutions)
- ◆ Creating a Culture of Play

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September 7-8

Carol Joy Holling Camp and Retreat Center, Ashland

For full program and

registration: <http://bit.ly/2017YSRetreat>

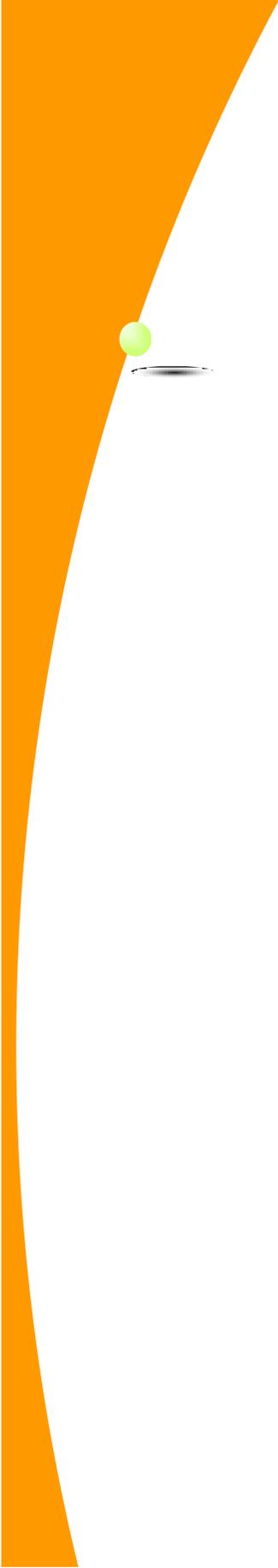


Author Phil Dixon Presents
“The Kansas City Monarchs
in our home town.”

In honor of the Kansas City Monarchs’ “90th Anniversary of their first world’s Championship” in 1924, the author is returning to cities where they once played baseball and presents their unique history in those communities. He will talk about the games the Monarchs’ played in Fairbury against the local competition, and about local Negro League and Major League players.



The Fairbury Public Library
Saturday, June 17, 2017
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



University of Missouri–Columbia
School of Information Science
and Learning Technologies
(SISLT)
Open House

**Saturday, June 10, 2017
9-11 am**

**Southeast Library System Office
(5730 R St, Suite C-1, Lincoln NE)**

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HEY SUMMER READERS!

Complete your library's summer reading program and you will be automatically entered to **win one of fifteen \$529** NEST 529 College Savings Scholarships. Five will be awarded in each of Nebraska's three congressional districts.

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And, the library of each winner will also win \$250!
Questions? Talk to your librarian.

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System Spotlight

Need Help With Accreditation?

Sometimes the accreditation process can be a daunting task. SELS is more than happy to help you along in this process! Whatever difficulty you may be having, call or email the SELS office to arrange a time to speak with Scott, our executive director:

scott.childers.sels@gmail.com.

He will be happy to meet with you in person or to help you over the phone.



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