



Southeast Signal

News, Events, and Information from Around the System

From the Director

August 2015

The other night I was watching *Penn & Teller Fool Us*, and they introduced a bit at the end of the night where they talked about the ubiquitous image of a magician tapping a top hat with a magic wand and pulling a live rabbit out of it. Everybody seems to know this bit and many have that image in their minds when they think of “stage magic”. It even is used as a metaphor for doing something very difficult—saying someone pulled a “rabbit out of their hat”.

They (well, just Penn, since Teller rarely talks on stage) went on to say that hardly any modern magicians actually perform that trick. Penn even claimed that he has never seen that trick performed live. There are lots of tricks that play around with that trope: hats on a gimmicked table, scarves with a big top hat printed on them, toy rabbits, giant sized props – but the classic pulling a rabbit from a top hat trick – not so much.

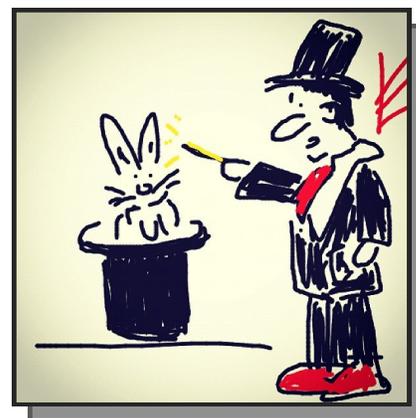
Why not? Well, two reasons. The first was that no one wears top hats any more. You know how hard it is to borrow a top hat? The second reason is that magicians have a more humane approach to working with live animals now and some of the old tricks would now be considered cruel to animals.

So stage magic has an image that is outdated in both appearance and method, yet it continues to grow in new and innovative ways. If done well, nobody notices the work done to make something improbable or maybe impossible look incredibly easy. Sound familiar?

Those in librarianship know this feeling. We pull figurative rabbits out of hats daily when working with research questions. Our story-time sleight of hand is incredible. We make multitudes of services appear out of the thin air called “budgets.”

So, as Cole Porter once wrote, go out and “do that voodoo you do so well”.

Scott Childers, Executive Director
Southeast Library System



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Calendar



- August 12th—Vinyl Record Day
- August 19th—Photography Day
- August 21st—CASTL Meeting at Pawnee City Public Library
- August 24th—Mt. Vesuvius Day
- August 28th—Bow Tie Day
- August 30th—International Whale Shark Day
- September 3rd-4th—SELS/TRLs Youth Services Retreat in Ashland
- September 5th—Be Late for Something Day
- September 7th—Labor Day, SELS Office Closed
- September 11th—Patriot Day
- September 15th—Make a Hat Day
- September 19th—Talk Like a Pirate Day
- September 22nd—Hobbit Day
- September 25th—CASTL Meeting at Superior Public Library
- September 29th—International Coffee Day

Photo of the Month



Braxton and Aubree Siffring enjoyed the Omaha Storm Chasers library night baseball game in Omaha.

Photo taken by Diane Dunker of the Rising City Community Library.



CASTL Wrap-Up

Upcoming CASTL Meetings

August 21
Pawnee City

September 25
Superior

October 23
Central City

November 20
Syracuse

December 10
Fairmont

The latest CASTL meeting was held at the SELS office on July 15th. To start off the day, David Oertli from NLC’s Talking Book and Braille Service gave a presentation on what resources and audiobooks are available there. They have a large catalog of audiobooks on cartridges, which can be played on a specialized audiobook player. This player has easily identifiable buttons, which are different shapes and colors. Audiobooks are also available using the BARD service, which allows patrons to download audiobooks directly to their mobile devices. TBBS releases a large-print catalog of all their latest audiobooks 6 times a year, called *Talking Book Topics*. Volunteers also narrate and record magazine articles, including descriptions of pictures. For more information, visit the [TBBS](#) and [BARD](#) websites, or [contact David Oertli](#) directly.

After lunch, we had a round-robin discussion of what everyone in the area has been up to. It was Karen Fox’s last CASTL meeting before retirement, it was Debbie Aden’s first meeting as director of Fairbury Public Library, and everyone welcomed Garren Hochstetler as the new director of Waverly Community Library. Most folks were in the middle of their summer reading programs, or just finishing them up. A few people were working on gathering information for their strategic plans, such as meeting with community leaders and sending out community surveys. There was some discussion about salaried vs. hourly pay for library directors, and what to expect when it comes to overtime pay. The consensus was that any full-time hourly employee who works more than 40 hours must be paid for that extra time. Working with city employees also came up, and we discussed what kinds of issues may arise & how to handle them.

What is CASTL?

CASTL is a monthly meeting where public library directors can get together and learn from one another. Each meeting has a round-robin discussion where everyone can share what’s going on at their library, followed by a training discussion or presentation. There is CE credit available for all attendees! See the schedule on the left for where we’ll be meeting next!

Upcoming Basic Skills Courses

Registration will be open soon for the next set of basic skills courses, offered through the Nebraska Library Commission. 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 Open</u>
August 24—Sept. 4	Library Policy	July 17—August 14
Sept. 14—Sept. 25	Programming & Outreach	August 7—Sept. 4
Sept. 28—Oct. 9	The Community & the Library	August 21—Sept. 18

News Around the System

Crete Library & Schools Host Migrant Ed. Summer Reading

By Lisa Olivigni

Since 2002, Crete Public Library has partnered with Crete Public Schools Special Programs to provide a month long Migrant Education Summer Reading. The Friends of the Library provide the funding for this program. This year there were 14 participants. Each Tuesday, children read with a community volunteer. Each Thursday, children and their families participate in a fun and educational story time program. At the end of the month, each of the 14 children have four books of their own thanks to the Friends of the Library. It's a lot of fun for everyone.

Photo by Susan Church.



Operation Paperback Book Drive at Stromsburg

By Monica Tidyman

As part of the adult Summer Reading the Stromsburg Public Library held a book drive for Operation Paperback. We shipped 208 books to over 15 military families, soldiers and VA centers. For more information on how you can volunteer for Operation Paperback visit operationpaperback.org.



Songs and Story Time in Rising City

By Diane Dunker

The picture to the right is of the final story time at Rising City Community Library, with Danielle Schaf leading kids in singing patriotic songs for our military heroes.



Story Time is a Hoot in Hebron

By Terry Olson

Hebron Secret Library celebrated Fun With Friends story time on August 4th. The kids had a "hooting" good time learning about owls, listening to fun owl stories and making their own owl crafts. Hyeon Wang also shared her experience of becoming Miss Nebraska Teen 2015. The children enjoyed seeing her sparkly crown. Photo by Hebron Secret Library staff.



Geneva's Picnic in the Secret Garden

By Sarah Johnson The summer reading program at the Geneva Public Library ended July 31 on a delicious note—a hot dog picnic supper with brownies and ice cream! Approximately 20 families attended and enjoyed a fun evening in the Secret Garden surrounding the library.



New Info from Read Aloud Nebraska!

Applications are being accepted until November 1 to be a Read Aloud School or Community! Being a Read Aloud School or Community gives you the opportunity to request FREE books for children when we do distributions! Visit www.readaloudnebraska.org to apply!

The fantastic Read Aloud Nebraska blankets pictured on our website are on clearance for \$14 (includes tax)! Help support reading aloud throughout our state by purchasing a blanket today! www.readaloudnebraska.org/sale.htm

Mark your calendars for Friday, November 6! A Read Aloud Nebraska workshop featuring several Nebraska reading experts and others will take place at the Seward Memorial Library. Watch for more information to come soon!

Read Aloud Nebraska needs financial support in order to continue distributing free books to children in Read Aloud Schools and Communities, offering mini-grants, recognizing Read Aloud Champions, promoting and educating people across the state about the importance of reading aloud and more. If you are doing any fundraising locally, please consider giving part of your proceeds to Read Aloud Nebraska! Donations can also be made through PayPal via our website, www.readaloudnebraska.org/about.htm. Read Aloud Nebraska is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your donation is tax deductible within extent of prevailing laws!



Karen Fox Retires from Fairbury Public Library

By Debbie Aden

Karen Fox officially retired as Director of the Fairbury Public Library at the end of July. Her staff threw her a surprise party that was attended by Board and Foundation members, friends, and city personnel, including the mayor. She plans on enjoying her retirement by relaxing, quilting, and...volunteering at the library! Thanks, Karen, for all you have done for the library! You will be missed!



Seward Promotes "A Good American"



By Charlotte Baldinger

Seward Memorial Library sponsors an annual All Seward Reads Together promotion, which began in 2004. Alex George's *A Good American* was chosen for the 2015 All Seward Reads Together title. This historic novel introduces a young German couple who came by ship to America and settled in the Midwest. It traces several generations of the musically talented Meisenheimer family who wanted to be good Americans in Missouri. Their family business evolved as the children matured. They faced increased challenges as their community and country changed. Seward Memorial Library encourages our community to read this book and offers several activities in conjunction with the story. The library invites everyone to the following events:

- Sunday, September 13 at 2:00 p.m. – Humanities Nebraska speaker John Schleicher presentation, "Immigration in Nebraska"
- Monday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. – a community book discussion on *A Good American*
- Sunday, September 27 at 2:00 p.m. - Dr. Wendy Schultz will share "A Musical Journey Through *A Good American*"
- Sunday, October 4 at 2:00 p.m. the library will host a visit from Alex George, author of *A Good American*



Check out our Makerspace table in the Exhibits Hall during Open Hours at the October 15-16 NLA/NSLA Conference Cornhusker Marriott in Lincoln!

- Quilling
- Legos
- Sew a Christmas ornament
- Papercraft
- Construct a mini catapult
- Crocheting
- Whatever you can imagine!



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Doane College's Flipped Library

By Jayne Germer Even before the state fire marshal officially cleared Perkins Library to open last fall, students were streaming in to see all the changes that had occurred over the summer months. They were astounded! The top floor of the library at Doane College was completely gutted in the summer of 2014 to make way for a new learning commons that would incorporate services students were asking for: more desktop computers, a centrally-located writing center, and more quiet study rooms. What amazed them, though, were the new technologies they hadn't thought to ask for: large collaboration screens, a recording studio, and a relocated bright, cheery 24/7 computer lab.

The library remodel physically flipped collections and services. Library staff and student employees worked diligently throughout the 2014 spring semester to move the bulk of the library's print collection from the second floor down to the first floor, where public services had been located since the library opened in 1971. This meant a coordinated effort with the college facilities staff to move the shelving each day as quickly as we cleared books from them. By commencement day the shelves and books were all in their new location, and the staff had been moved to temporary quarters in classrooms down the hall. All summer, we regularly peeked in to see how the architect's vision was coming to fruition! It was hard to imagine what we would end up with when there only were wires and lights hanging from the ceiling and a few wall studs in place.

In almost exactly three months to the day, the library staff was moving into their new offices (with windows this time!) to set up before the freshmen arrived for orientation. It was a thrill to see the completed remodel. Where the library entrance once was in the "basement" of the building, it is now in the main hall so everyone can find us. The 24/7 computer lab is in a safe and more visible location, and the art gallery can be open for events outside of library hours. We now share space with the writing center and IT help desk staff for a "one-stop shop" experience. The number of desktop computers available to students increased significantly, plus they are all brand new dual-platform iMacs to serve Windows and Apple users alike. Space was also carved out for small group and individual study rooms, and most exciting for the librarians is the dedicated information literacy classroom! The room has reconfigurable furniture for various instructional activities, a smart projection monitor, and a laptop cart with 25 Mac Airbooks.

Was the disruption worth it? You bet! Our current students find all of the improvements and

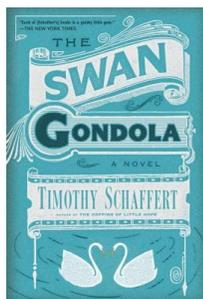
additions easy to use, and student tour guides brag about the space to prospective students. Even the alumni are impressed. Throughout the past year we have heard former students walk in and ask if they can come back to Doane just so they can study here! After waiting almost fifteen years from the first initial remodeling plans to its completion in August 2014, the Perkins Library staff is elated to have a place that they can be proud of and show off.



From the SELS Office

One Book, Many Librarians—Now Including Graphic Novels!

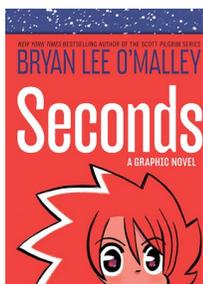
Each year at the NLA Conference in October, SELS has hosted a session called “One Book, Many Librarians”, where librarians all across the region can come together for a fun book discussion towards the end of the day. The title for this year’s discussion is *The Swan Gondola* by Timothy Schaffert.



On the eve of the 1898 Omaha World’s Fair, Ferret Skerritt, ventriloquist by trade, con man by birth, isn’t quite sure how it will change him or his city. Omaha still has the marks of a filthy Wild West town, even as it attempts to achieve the grandeur and respectability of nearby Chicago. But when he crosses paths with the beautiful and enigmatic Cecily, his whole purpose shifts and the fair becomes the backdrop to their love affair.

One of a traveling troupe of actors that has descended on the city, Cecily works in the Midway’s Chamber of Horrors, where she loses her head hourly on a guillotine playing Marie Antoinette. And after closing, she rushes off, clinging protectively to a mysterious carpetbag, never giving Ferret a second glance. But a moonlit ride on the swan gondola, a boat on the lagoon of the New White City, changes everything, and the fair’s magic begins to take its effect. (From Goodreads.com.)

For the first time this year, there will also be a “One Graphic Novel, Many Librarians” session. Since graphic novels are a different type of book, they may generate a different type of book discussion. This year’s title is *Seconds* by Bryan Lee O’Malley.



Katie’s got it pretty good. She’s a talented young chef, she runs a successful restaurant, and she has big plans to open an even better one. Then, all at once, progress on the new location bogs down, her charming ex-boyfriend pops up, her fling with another chef goes sour, and her best waitress gets badly hurt. And just like that, Katie’s life goes from pretty good to not so much. What she needs is a second chance. Everybody deserves one, after all—but they don’t come easy. Luckily for Katie, a mysterious girl appears in the middle of the night with simple instructions for a do-it-yourself do-over:

Write your mistake, ingest one mushroom, go to sleep, wake anew.

And just like that, all the bad stuff never happened, and Katie is given another chance to get things right. She’s also got a dresser drawer full of magical mushrooms—and an irresistible urge to make her life not just good, but perfect. Too bad it’s against the rules. But Katie doesn’t care about the rules—and she’s about to discover the unintended consequences of the best intentions. (From Goodreads.com.)

Joint Youth Services Retreat

Carol Joy Holling Camp and Retreat Center, Ashland

September 3-4, 2015

Thursday—registration at 8:30am, sessions from 9:00am-4:30pm

First aid for youth, Coding for non-coders, Fresh programming ideas, Book clubs for teens, and more!

Friday—registration at 8:30am, sessions from 9:00am-2:30pm

Building relationships that support growth & development with children, Leading to reading programs, and How to get free money for youth programming

- Wonderful food and a relaxing atmosphere
- 10 hours of CE credit available



Photo by Nancy Clark via Flickr.

Name: _____

Library: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Roommate: _____

(or we can match you up)

Please check one:

Thursday only, \$50 (includes lunch)

Friday only, \$45 (includes lunch)

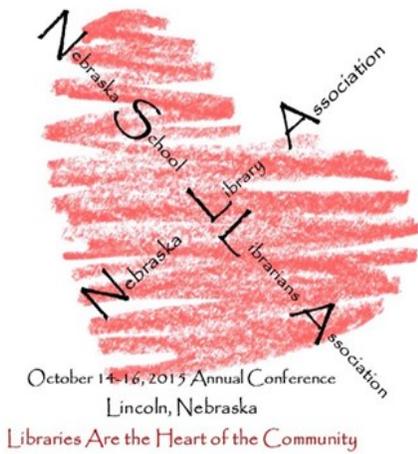
Both days with overnight, double occupancy \$125 (includes all meals)

Both days with overnight, single occupancy \$155 (includes all meals)

Mail, email, or fax your registration by August 28th. Please make checks payable to SELS. Payment can be made before or after the retreat, or at the event itself.

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Library & Information Services

Online Course Offerings
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Enrollment is open

Fall 2015: August 17, 2015 – December 11, 2015

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LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services

Marty Magee, Instructor

This course, the recommended first in the Library and Information Services curriculum, provides introductory information in multiple areas including the history of libraries, foundational principles, databases and websites, library technology use, programming and changing library roles.

LIBR 2250 Leadership & Management in Library & Information Agencies

Michael Straatmann, Instructor

This course includes the theories, concepts and activities integral to leading and managing 21st Century libraries and information agencies.

LIBR 2940 Library and Information Services Capstone Practicum

Erica Rose, Instructor

This capstone course is the last course in the Library & Information Services program. Students will complete 40 hours of service learning in a host library. The course also includes a review of the principle pieces of learning from the LIS program.

Prerequisites: LIBR 1010, 2100, 2150, 2210, & 2250

Library and Information Services Online Course Offerings		
<i>Fall</i>	<i>Spring</i>	<i>Summer</i>
Libr 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services	Libr 2150 Managing Collections in Libraries and Information Agencies	Libr 2100 Reference Resources and Services
Libr 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies	Libr 2210 Cataloging and Classification	
Libr 2940 Library Science Capstone Practicum	Libr 2940 Library Science Capstone Practicum	

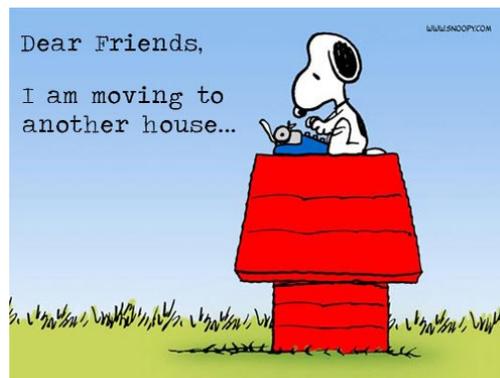
For information concerning Admissions or Registration, contact: **Dee Johnson**
djohnson@cccneb.edu, 402-562-1418 or Toll Free at 877-222-0780

Au Revoir from Wendy

This will be my last newsletter for the SELS office, since I will be moving to College Station, Texas next week. It's been great working here, and it's been a ton of fun getting to know everyone and see all the libraries in the area!

I'll be working at [Texas A&M's Cushing Memorial Library and Archives](#), doing a lot of the same stuff that I've been doing at the SELS office. Other things I'll be doing: filming with [Error 37 Entertainment](#), acclimating to the heat and humidity, going to Whataburger, learning how to make awesome slushies, and trying not to say "howdy" too much.

Scott will be handling journal article requests, sending out important email, and managing youth retreat registrations until the new administrative assistant and assistant director are in place. He will also be checking the [main SELS email account](#), so feel free to keep sending stuff there!



"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt."

— Charles M. Schulz

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