



Southeast Signal

News, Events, and Information from Around the System

From the Director



What is classic literature? It depends on who you ask. What makes up classics in any art form is very subjective. Yes, there are some books that most people interested in

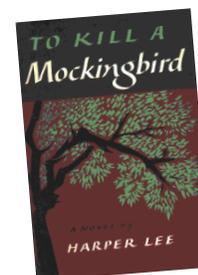
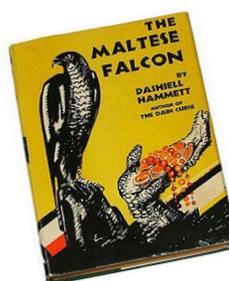
literature call “classic,” but then it gets pretty open to opinion. For example, I consider “The Glass Key” by Dashiell Hammett a classic of literature in general, but many place it as just a very good noir mystery book, but not even a classic in that genre and especially over shadowed by the author’s other works “The Maltese Falcon” and “The Thin Man”.

That brings up another question. Just because an author wrote a “classic”, does that make all their works classics as well? I’ve seen libraries with shelves full of Kipling, but do you consider anything he wrote other than “The Jungle Book” a classic? Some do, some don’t. Do we rate all works by Shakespeare, Dickens, the Brontës, et al. the same? For some authors, maybe it is deserved to include their whole catalog, but not for all. A recent example of this – “To Kill a Mockingbird” by Harper Lee is considered a classic by many, but does that mean

“Go Set a Watchman” must now also be considered a classic? I know quite a few who would argue against that.

So, while there are a lot of titles that receive the title “classic” through some organization deliberating, polling, and examining a lot of books, some become classics by general consensus. Your classics’ list probably isn’t the same as mine, and that’s OK.

Next month we’ll talk about handling classics in your collection, no matter how you decide what’s a classic and what isn’t.



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Calendar



- August 11, SELS Annual Meeting, Seward
- August 12, National Vinyl Record Day
- August 15, Julia Child’s and Stieg Larsson’s birthdays
- August 16, National Tell a Joke Day
- August 18, CASTL, Stromsburg
- August 20, National Chocolate Pecan Pie Day
- August 22, Ray Bradbury’s birthday
- August 22, National Tooth Fairy Day
- August 24, John Green’s and Alexander McCall Smith’s birthdays
- August 25—26, 22nd Annual Youth Services Retreat at Camp Carol Joy Holling
- August 26, National Dog Day
- September, National Library Card Sign-up Month
- September 5, Labor Day, SELS Office Closed
- September 16, CASTL, Auburn
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National Library Card Sign-Up Month Approaching



See <http://www.ala.org/conferenceevents/celebrationweeks/card> for tools libraries can use to promote Library Card Sign-up Month.

CASTL Wrap-Up

Upcoming CASTL Meetings

August 18

Stromsburg Public Library
"SRP: Lessons Learned"

September 16

Auburn Memorial Library
"Meeting Parents Needs without Locking Kids Out"

October 28

Dvoracek Memorial Library
Wilber

November 17

Hruska Memorial Library
David City
"Favorite Books"

December 9

Alice M. Farr Library
Aurora

January 19

Tecumseh Public Library

February 16

Jennifer Reinke Public Library
Deshler

At our last CASTL in Geneva the topic was "Weeding." Denise Harders from Central Plains Library System gave a presentation on the benefits of weeding and how to implement sound policies and practices to accomplish regular de-selection.

The benefits of weeding are that it helps ensure that items on the shelves are in good condition, contain accurate information, still circulate, and help provide enough shelf space for easier shifting and new books. Normally weeding will, counterintuitively, actually increase circulation because patrons can now more easily find books that appeal to them. Weeding also helps you to know your collection and find gaps that need to be filled. Weeding enhances a library's reputation for having "good material."

The CREW method of weeding was explained, and it was suggested that one regularly weed a bit at a time. That has the side benefit that it reduces the possibility of community outrage over weeded books. Donations are subject to weeding just like other books and since they are the property of the library, donors need not be contacted (the collection development policy should clearly state that the library has the right to dispose of donations without donor permission).

In the round robin we heard about how to get the latest data for salary comparisons, making and using water sponge balls in programming, how book delivery makes a difference in lives, participation in Nebraska 150 Books, Summer Reading participation, public WIFI password protection, and much more!

If you have suggestions for topics for future CASTL meetings, please let Todd know (todd.schlechte.sels@gmail.com). The next CASTL will focus on this year's Summer Reading program—how it went and what we learned that we may want to repeat, as well as those items we will never do again.

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>
Sept. 12—Sept. 23	Programming & Outreach	August 5—September 2
October 3—October 14	The Community and the Library	August 26 - September 23
October 24—November 4	Management and Supervision	September 16—October 14
November 7—November 18	Leadership	September 30—October 28

News Around the System

Pokémon Go takes over the library

Photos and Story by Maegan Detlefs

People are going crazy over the new videogame “Pokémon Go”, and Kilgore Memorial Library in York is taking full advantage of the opportunity. On July 23, Kilgore partnered with York’s Chamber of Commerce and the Parks and Rec Department to host a citywide Pokémon Go day.

The route through the city was 4 miles long and included 13 “Pokéstops” at city buildings and public parks. The city also paid to put digital lures (an in-game upgrade) on these stops in order to attract more Pokémon to those locations.

Kilgore Memorial Library served as the halfway point on the route, supplying cold water and outlets for a quick phone charge to “Pokémon Trainers”. To generate excitement for the event, library staff member Caleb Groves covered a section of Kilgore Library’s windows in hand painted Pokémon. The event had over 50 participants and was big hit among middle, high school and college aged students.



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On Your Mark, Get Set...READ!

By Glenda Willnerd

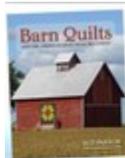
The Palmyra Memorial Library Summer Reading Program began with a roar as racecar drivers and their cars visited the first session at the Palmyra Park. Eric Rempel, Taryn White, Bill White AKA the Dozer and Jason Chapin told children all about their race cars and where they raced their cars. The evening ended with a Color Fun Run in which children, youth helpers and parents participated. A total of 80 attended the event!



Left: Group picture of the kids after the Color Fun Run. (Photo by Beth Ranney-Thomas.) Left bottom: Child with *Nascar's Greatest Drivers* next to racecar. Below: After Color Fun Run. (Photos by Kindy Belew)



On Sunday, August 28 at 2 p.m. Suzi Parron will return to Seward to share stories and information from her newly released sequel, *Following the Barn Quilt Trail*, which includes locations in Nebraska. She will have copies available for purchase and signing. Travel on a coast-to-coast tour of our country as she shows pictures and tells the history of our country's barn quilts. To make sure you have a seat, please register for this free event by calling 402-643-3318, visiting www.sewardlibrary.org, or stopping in the library. Same day registrations will be accepted if space allows.



Barn Quilts with Suzi Parron



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Ending with a Splash!

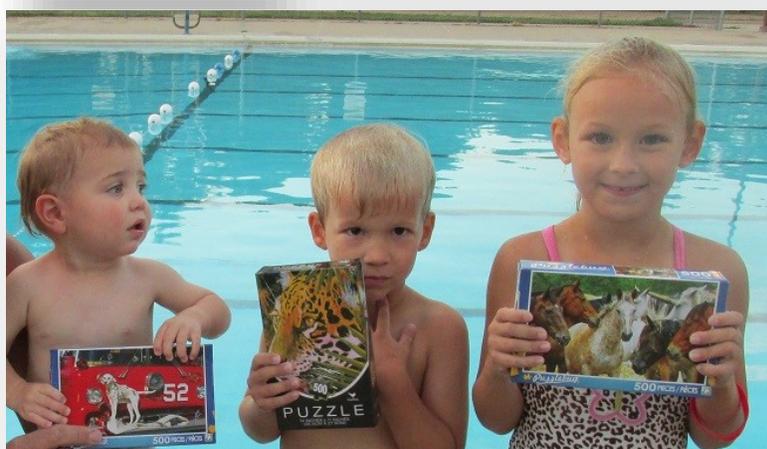
By Linda Dux

The Summer Reading Program at the Fairbury Library had 83 children sign up to participate. These children checked out over 1000 books!

The children who turned in their timed reading sheets received a coupon for a free personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut and a ticket to the Salt dogs baseball game in Lincoln where they will be in the parade. In addition to weekly computer programming classes at the library, the children learned about Geocaching with Mrs. Science. The Extension Office taught a class on nutrition. Derrick Kerner taught two classes on visual computer programming concepts and Kids Connection was invited to join the SRP children at the library for some old time games! The summer ended with a fun party at the Fairbury Municipal Swimming Pool.



Each book checked out of the library earned the child an entry into the drawing for grand prizes. Pictured are the pool party and prize winners.



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Pirates, Cats, Robots, and more!

By Terry Olson

Hebron Secrest Library is entertaining and educating with a 5 session Summer Adventures Program featuring Books and Art with Mrs. Baden. We touched off the programs with a Pirate theme, followed by cats and then robots. The children have been delighted with the programs. We are now busy saving plastic bags to make Vent Man or Vent Woman on August 17 followed by "Bored Games" on August 31. It's been a fun summer with lots of activity .



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Summer Reading in the School Library, You Bet!

By Deb Nerud Vernon, BS, MA, EMT

Summer reading programs conjure visions of stories and crafts, guest speakers and programs, goals and stickers, and public libraries. But what if the public library isn't open but a few hours a week and there are NO other activities for young people to do in small town, Nebraska? Why not head for the school library?

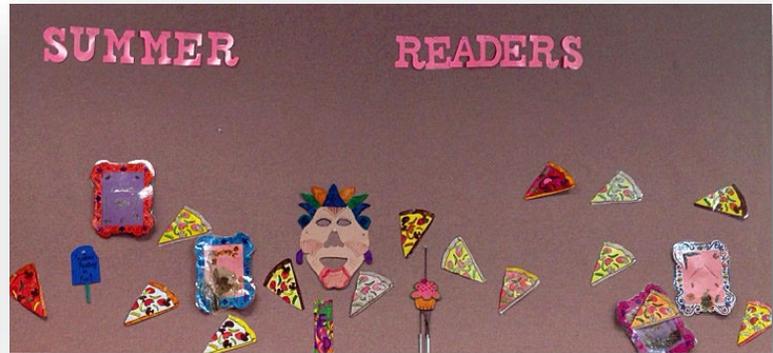
The school library in Dorchester has been hosting a traditional "public library" summer reading program since 2008. Using the National theme, the program actually looks like most programs in the state, with minor exceptions.

Students finishing 3rd to 6th grade come every day from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. for three weeks. The three week timeline is due mostly to summer school reading and math programs, as well as other scheduling issues. Students finishing K to 2nd grade, a group started just this summer, come only 1 day a week for 1 hour in the morning. All students are able to check out books. (The library also opened two mornings a week for an hour just for check out and this continued through July even after the program ended).

The older group did a pizza theme this year with cardboard pizza boxes to put their stickers on and keep their record sheets and worksheets in. These boxes were left at the library and were easily stacked and stored on top the shelves. The itinerary for this age level began with students listening to a read aloud [ongoing] chapter book. This was followed by either a movie, outside activity (nature walk, scavenger hunt, kite flying, etc.), activity sheets, quiet reading time inside for 30-45 minutes (in forts), a craft, and snack. The younger group heard a story or two, did a small craft, and checked out books. Both groups received a good smelling pizza sticker for attending.

Students were awarded prizes for participation (everyone received some prize and a certificate), prizes based on number of stickers for attendance, prize for completing worksheets, crossword puzzles, word finds (aimed to keep the mind sharp over the summer—older group), and a Salt Dogs voucher for meeting their reading goal.

This year's program saw 46 students registered, one of the best turnouts we've had. We also have older students (Jr. High/High School) come back each year to help as they don't want to quit coming in the summer. I'd call it successful...so I don't think I'll be replaced by a book vending machine yet!



News Around the System

SCC to Host Display on Pioneering African American Surgeons

Submitted by Susie Dunn

Did you know one of the pioneers of African American surgeons went to medical school right here in Nebraska?

You can find out more about the history of Dr. Claude Organ and many others at *Opening Doors: Contemporary African American Academic Surgeons* at Southeast Community College beginning Aug. 29.

The exhibit was developed and produced by the National Library of Medicine and the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture. It has traveled throughout the United States since 2007 to libraries, universities, museums, and cultural institutions.

It will be located in the Library Resource Center on SCC's Lincoln Campus at 8800 O St.

"In the words of Dr. LaSalle D. Leffall, one of the pioneer academic black surgeons highlighted in the exhibition, we hope our exhibition will 'inspire, stimulate, and raise aspirations' through the inspiring stories and important achievements of these black academic surgeons," said Jill Newmark, curator and manager of the Traveling Exhibition Service.

The display will feature historic pictures and facts about the first hospitals and surgeons, as well as current physicians who are making strides in the field today.

One of the featured surgeons, Organ received his medical degree from Creighton University in 1952. He remained there to complete his internship and residency and quickly moved up the ladder to become the first African American to chair a department of surgery at a predominantly white medical school in 1971.

The display will be open to the public from Aug. 29 to October 8.

Save the Date!

Customer Service: How and When to Break the Rules (with Pat Wagner)

Friday, December 2, 2016

Free, including lunch!

Eisley Branch Library, Lincoln, NE

Leading Through Times of Change

Join us at Seward
Public Library at
233 South 5th
Street, Seward, NE

September 23rd
2016

COST: \$10 PER
PERSON

Register at:

[http://goo.gl/
forms/BHxelhePUK](http://goo.gl/forms/BHxelhePUK)

QUESTIONS?

Contact Chelsea at:

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Schedule

9:30am—10:00am	Registration & Refreshments
10:00am—12:00pm	Management vs Leadership by Joyce Neujahr from University of Nebraska, Omaha
12:00pm—1:00pm	Catered Lunch
1:00pm—3:30pm	Strategies to Successfully Implement Change by Tina Walker from Mid-Plains Community College

Session Descriptions

Management vs Leadership by Joyce Neujahr, Director of Patron Services: What is the difference between being a manager and a leader? We will focus on job duties, work styles, and common mistakes for both managers and leaders.

Strategies to Successfully Implement Change by Tina Walker, Area Director of Learning Resources and Sky Seery, NP LRC Supervisor, Mid-Plains Community College: Have you ever tried to implement change in your organization and have it fail miserably? Was it the implementation strategy, the staff, or just a really bad idea? This presentation will show you how you can successfully implement change through a thoroughly developed implementation plan, with tips on how to attain compliance. We will discuss promoting collaboration, change management, common mistakes, and converting people of opposition. We will also spend time dealing with personality tests and learning to work with people that don't think like you do. There will be time for scenario training and Q&A.

**Summer
Reading
Program
Workshop**

**“Build a Better
World”**



This activity is supported in part with funding from the State of Nebraska and from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

**FREE, INCLUDES
LUNCH!**

**BUILDING CREATIVE
STORYTIMES WITH
SANDY WALLICK**

**CONSTRUCTING TWEEN
AND TEEN SUMMER
READING PROGRAMS
WITH LINDSEY TOMSU**

**SUMMER READING
BOOK PREVIEW WITH
SALLY SNYDER**

**EXTENSION UPDATE
WITH JACKIE STEFFEN**

SAVE THE DATE!

WALT BRANCH

Lincoln City Libraries
6701 S 14th St
Lincoln, NE 68512

9:45 – 3:15

Friday, Nov. 4

SELS Friends Grant Program
July 14, 2016



The SELS Friends are pleased to announce a grant program for SELS Member Libraries. We want to help with costs associated with repairing unexpected physical damage to your library. Libraries may apply at any time during the year, since no one knows when an emergency might arise!

Examples of situations this money is meant to help with include contractor payments to repair storm or water damage, damage from fire, vandalism, etc., to your library building or exterior book drop. The money could also go towards insurance deductible payments. These funds are not meant for normal maintenance costs, collection replacement even if due to storm or fire damage, in-kind expenses, library staff time, or to compensate for repairs done by other City departments.

The SELS Friends will designate up to 5% of their bank balance as of each July 1st for this program, as long as their bank balance is at least \$5,000. This first year there will be up to \$500 available, if needed. The amount of grant money available is dependent on the number of grant requests awarded and the funds so designated in any given year. Payment details will be worked out upon the awarding of the grant.

To apply for grant funding, please email the following information to info@selsfriends.org OR mail to the Southeast Library System office:

- Library Name
- Library Director's Name and contact information
- Pictures and a brief description of the damage, including its cause
- General description of needed repairs, including an estimated timeline for repairs and a total budget estimate, including items not covered by the grant
- Quote(s) for repair costs from contractor(s)
- The amount of grant money requested

Applications will be reviewed by the SELS Friends Board of Directors, with input from the Executive Director of the SELS. The Board's decision will be communicated with the Library Director as soon as possible.

If you are approved for grant funding, upon completion of the repair and to receive the money, remit the following to info@selsfriends.org OR mail to the Southeast Library System office:

- copies of actual invoices (contractor or insurance deductible paperwork) totaling at least the amount of the grant
- a short blurb of how the grant money has helped your library, to be used on the SELS Friends website and in the SELS newsletter
- pictures of the completed repair (may be used online or in the SELS newsletter)

All decisions of the SELS Friends Board of Directors are final.

Celebrate Banned Books Week

September 25
- October 1

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DEFEND THE FIRST AMENDMENT

STAND UP FOR YOUR RIGHT TO READ

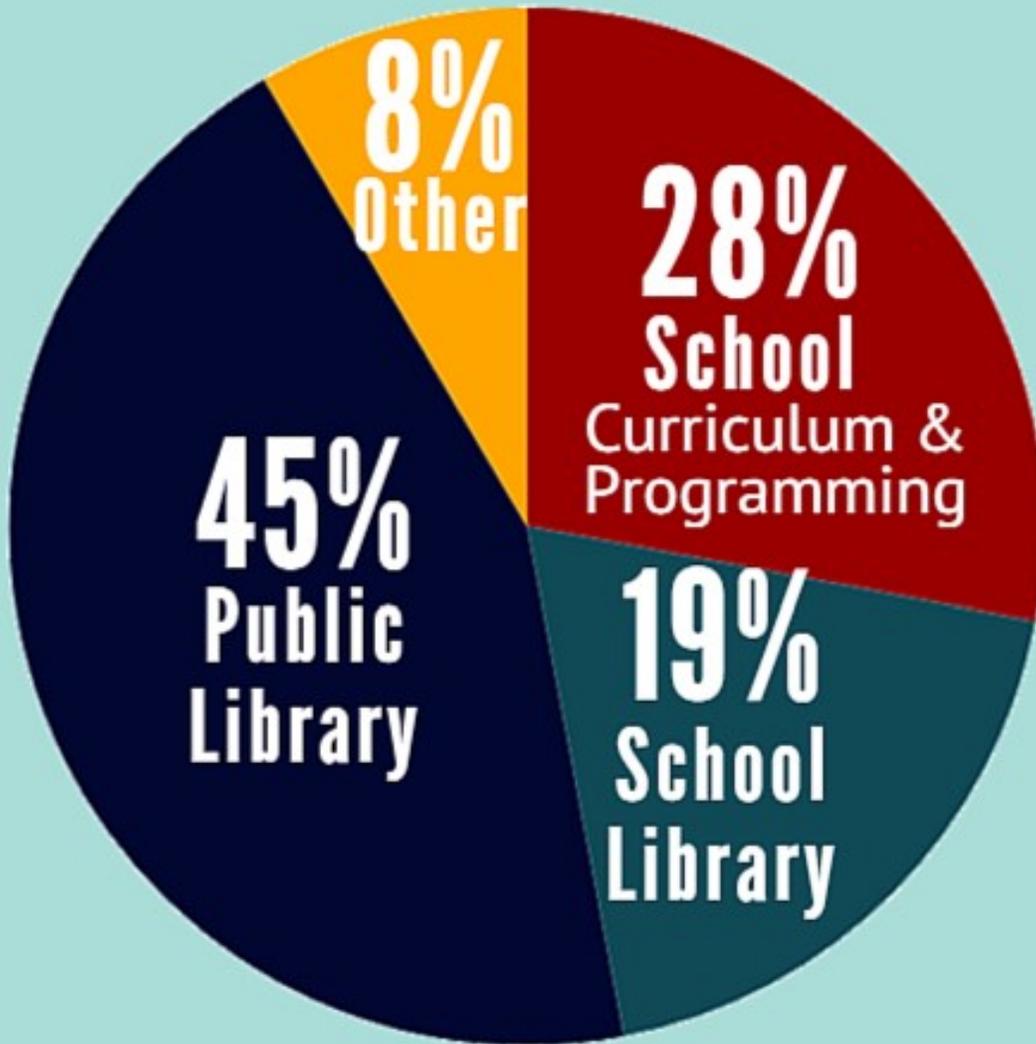


READ A BANNED BOOK

ALA.org/bbooks

www.ala.org/bbooks

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Intellectual Freedom
American Library Association

Where Are Books Challenged?



Library and Information Services

Online Course Offerings
<http://www.cccneb.edu/library/>

Enrollment is open

Fall 2016: August 22, 2016 – December 16, 2016

Fall 2016

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.

- Library history and organizations
- Foundation principles/Code of Ethics
- Information databases and Internet databases

LIBR 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies

Michael Straatmann, Instructor

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

- Leadership principles
- Management strategies
- Policies and procedures

Library and Information Services Online Course Offerings 2016-2017		
<i>Fall 2016</i>	<i>Spring 2017</i>	<i>Summer 2017</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	

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



System Spotlight

Training at Your 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 will 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, and other items. Contact us for more information!

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