



# Southeast Signal

*News, Events, and Information from Around the System*

## From the Director



This month I'm going to talk a little bit about SELS itself. Since the reorganization of the Nebraska Regional Systems a few years ago, we've been spending a bit of time

reflecting on our own policies and procedures in regards to the board of directors. One change leads to another thing to review which leads to another change and so on. In that spirit, a few changes were made at the last SELS board meeting that I'd like to share with you.

First, we are changing the terms of officers to run with the calendar year. This was done in response to our review of our budgeting process. We currently do the bulk of our budgeting work in the months of May and June. This was near the end of the officers' terms and it was felt that the budget discussions should be conducted by the people involved with it and not exiting board members. It was also felt that it wasn't the best for brand new officers to come in and try to make sense of the budget in their first few weeks as a board member. Moving the fiscal year itself was not really an option as we are tied heavily to the Nebraska Library Commission's budgetary process. This led to moving the board members' terms to be January

through December, allowing the new board members time to learn more about the responsibilities we have, but still have fresh enough eyes to look at what else we could do. With this in mind, we'll start looking for the next round of people interested to be on the board in late October or early November.

With this change in the terms of officers, we also needed to look at the annual meeting. In our bylaws it says that the board officers are voted in at the annual meeting. This meant we should also change one of two things. One was to move when the officer switch happened, the other was to move the annual meeting. The board decided to try the second option, so our annual meetings will be held in January. We are still deciding what they will consist of so if you have ideas of things that will get you interested in a meeting in January, please send them my way.

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# Calendar

- April, [School Library Month](#)
- April 9-15, [National Library Week](#)
- April 11, [National Library Worker's Day](#)
- April 12, [D.E.A.R. Drop Everything and Read](#)
- April 13, [Take Action for Libraries Day](#)
- April 17, National Bat Appreciation Day
- April 23, National Talk Like Shakespeare Day
- April 21, [CASTL, Pawnee City Public Library, "Marketing Policy"](#)
- April 23, [National Readathon Day](#)
- April 27, [SELS Friends "Aged to Perfection,"](#) p. 10
- April 28, Arbor Day, SELS OFFICE CLOSED
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- May 1-2, [Virtual Library Legislative Day](#)
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- May 26, Golden Sower Reading Day, Seward Memorial Library
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# Photo of the Month



The fourth through eighth grade students at Bruning-Davenport Middle School had the opportunity to read *Prisoner B-3087*. When the book was completed, the students could attend the Skype session with its author, Alan Gratz. Twenty-eight students took this challenge to heart and had the opportunity to meet Mr. Gratz! The eighth grade reading students coordinated this event with guidance from Language Arts teacher, Mr. Rick Ault. —Beth Dolnicek

# CASTL Wrap-Up

## Upcoming CASTL Meetings

April 21  
Pawnee City Public Library  
“Marketing Policy”

May 19  
Nelson Public Library  
“Fundraising”

June 23  
Wahoo Public Library  
“ADA Compliance”

July 21  
Wymore Public Library  
“Library Exteriors”

August 18  
Clay Center Public Library  
“Summer Reading  
Successes”

We began the CASTL at Kilgore Memorial Library in York by talking about online magazines. We differentiated between magazines available through NebraskaAccess, those available on an online platform such as Zinio or Flipster, and print magazines.

Deb Robertson, director at Kilgore Memorial Library, gave a demonstration of how Zinio works and the administrative features (mainly useful for statistics). In Zinio, one can read magazines on the computer or via an app. The experience is much like paging through a printed magazine. Zinio, Deb said, is harder to use on a phone than on a tablet or computer. Also, on the administrative side, the stats interface is a bit clunky, but one can export to Excel and then sort. She commented that Zinio is the one item that no matter in which venue or manner she promotes it, it always drives people to the library to get a library card. Monica Tidyman, whose library recently adopted Zinio, also reported that she has had similar results and a relatively high checkout rate after the adoption of Zinio.

Zinio offers unlimited simultaneous usage with no limit on the number of checkouts (or if there is a limit, no one has reached it), which means, for example, that 10 patrons can have the exact same issue of *People* checked out at the same time. Patrons also get to keep the magazines they check out and download to their devices. Zinio further makes available marketing materials which may be displayed in the library.

It was mentioned that it can be difficult to eliminate duplication between print magazines and online magazines because of complaints when a print magazine disappears.

Zinio has the capability to send alerts when a new magazine is published. Databases can do this as well, although their alerts are delayed. However, they can deliver search-based alerts.

Some time was also spent on Newsbank, which offers access to newspapers, including many Nebraska papers.

# 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>
May 8—May 19	Library Finance	April 10 —April 27
June 12 —June 23	Reference	May 8 —June 1
July 17 - July 28	Collection Management	June 12 —July 6

# News Around the System

## Memorial Benefits Kindergartners at North School

By Gail Froeschl

For 34 years, Diana Kottich advocated reading to her students. She was a kindergarten teacher at North School in Falls City. Diana would look forward to the book fair every year, and would buy books for her class, as well as her own children and grandchildren. But in December of 2014, she lost the battle with ovarian cancer and passed away at the age of 58.

Her husband Steve, and their children came up with the idea to memorialize her by purchasing a book for every kindergarten student from the Library's spring Scholastic Book Fair at North School. Mrs. Froeschl, elementary librarian in Falls City, said this is the third year the Kottich family has done this for the Kindergarten students at North School. Steve, along with his daughter, son-in-law, grandson and Clifford the Dog, divvied out 61 books on March 15th to every kindergartener at North School, courtesy of the Diana Kottich Memorial Fund.

To make Diana even happier, the books purchases benefit the North School Library and were purchased through the Scholastic All for Books Donation Program, which matches each purchase, dollar-for-dollar with the 'Kids in Need Foundation.' That foundation buys books for some of the most impoverished children in the country. To see the news story and video, [click here](#).



Pictured are Librarian Gail Froeschl, Clifford, assisted by Principal Shawn Emerson, Erin Waller, Doug Waller and son Sam, and Steve Kottich. along with several of the Kindergarten students.

# News Around the System

## What are your fellow Nebraskans saying?

*Provided by Donna Kruse*

Morton-James Public Library is pleased to announce the upcoming exhibit, a couple of 830 mile long conversations, photographic images and audio extracts. This exhibit will run from April 4 until May 24 in the Kimmel Gallery, located inside the Library at 923 1<sup>st</sup> Corso in Nebraska City. Gallery hours are 9am to 6 pm Monday through Thursday and 9-5 Friday and Saturday. The Library will be closed on April 28, for Arbor Day.



The public is invited to experience the exhibition of twenty images drawn from his project and to listen to accompanying audio extracted from conversations with Nebraskans encountered along the way.

On Thursday, April 13 from 7-8 pm, Chittenden will be speaking at a free community event in the Library's Kimmel Gallery. He will share what he discovered about our state, its communities, its people and himself. The public will be encouraged to join in the conversation and reflect about their communities, landscapes and stories.

Stuart Chittenden is the artist behind this installation. Chittenden is an expat Brit now living in Omaha who spent August traveling the side roads of the state in an RV to engage with Nebraskans. Honoring a long line of oral history tradition, from Alexis de Tocqueville to John Steinbeck to Charles Kuralt, this project, a couple of 830 mile long conversations, sought those narratives that define and unite us. Chittenden set up public conversation spaces in towns on the route and talked with residents about their lives, their cultures and their stories. The project celebrates our culture and how we each contribute to it, evoking a place and its people, connecting us to Nebraskans, their stories and their lives.

The project is funded in part by Humanities Nebraska and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment and is sponsored by the Omaha Creative Institute. The exhibition was produced by Omaha Public Library and originally curated by Alex Priest.



# News Around the System

## Ashland Public Library Hosts First Comic-Con

*By Heather St.Clair, Photos by Nicki Vernon*

The Ashland Public Library held its first mini comic-con on March 25th. We had a learning to draw session, held a beginners Dungeons & Dragons game, showed anime music videos, had a costume contest and talked about Marvel and DC characters similarities. As no conference is complete without a Stormtrooper, the 501st and Rebel Legions made an appearance and spoke about their costumes and joining the Legions. We were also thankful to have Ground Zero, out of Omaha, and Rainbow Comics and Cards, out of Lincoln, selling comics, gaming gear and more.

The photos below feature the Dungeons and Dragons game and the 501st and Rebel Legions.



## Arbor Day Display and Bookmarks in Aurora

*Contributed by Emmy Fiala*

The Aurora Middle/High School Media Center is celebrating Arbor Day with the book displays and bookmarks created by Emmy Fiala. Notice the phrases included on the display signs and bookmarks! Emmy says her ideas are inspired by Pinterest, Twitter, and the holidays or events that will occur in the month.





# SELS Training Extravaganza

at Seward Memorial Library

## May 12, 2017 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	<p><b>Hearing Community</b> with Stuart Chittenden</p> <p><i>This session is supported 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.</i></p>		
10:50-11:00	Break		
11:00-11:50	<p><b>The New NLA Intellectual Freedom Manual Comes to the Rescue</b> with Michael Elsener, Tim Lentz, and Todd Schlechte</p>	<p><b>Digital Citizenship and the Role of the Librarian</b> with Chris Haeffner</p>	<p><b>Introduction to Novelist Plus</b> with Susan Knisely</p>
Noon	Lunch (Lower Meeting Room)		
1:00-1:50	<p><b>Measuring Impact</b> with Todd Schlechte</p>	<p><b>Tech Toy Box</b> with Rachelle McPhillips</p>	<p><b>PubMed, PubMed Central, MEDLINE, MedlinePlus...</b> with Annette Parde-Maass</p>
1:50-2:00	Break		
2:00-2:50	<p><b>Central Nebraska Digital Co-Op</b> with Jake Rundle</p>	<p><b>Feelings are Messy: Building Emotional Intelligence in Libraryland</b> with Anneka Ramirez</p>	<p><b>Google Forms</b> with Megan Boggs</p>
2:50-3:00	Closing Remarks		

### \$25 fee includes lunch!

Lunch is a treat! It includes grilled chicken breast with Alfredo sauce, twice-baked mashed potatoes, gourmet green beans, salad, and dinner roll.  
Options for special dietary needs will be provided.

Register at <http://bit.ly/Extravaganza2017>

## Overview of Sessions and Labs

### Hearing Community with Stuart Chittenden

In the first part of this session Stuart will share his experience venturing into small Nebraska communities and inviting people to engage in conversation. The second segment is designed to enable attendees to identify insights that are relevant to their experience and examine how those insights might be applied. *This featured session is supported 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.*

### The New NLA Intellectual Freedom Manual Comes to the Rescue with Michael Elsener, Tim Lentz, and Todd Schlechte

The Intellectual Freedom (IF) Round Table spent the previous year updating the outdated manual from 2004. Join us to learn about the process, important changes to Intellectual Freedom in the digital age, how to report challenged material, and how the manual can help libraries throughout the state.

### Digital Citizenship and the Role of the Librarian

Digital Citizenship is a hot-button issue in communities, and our librarians stand in the perfect position to lead digital citizenship learning in our schools and libraries. This session will explore the concepts of digital citizenship and librarianship, including resources and strategies.

### Introduction to NovelList Plus with Susan Knisely

Do you, like most of us, feel less than 100% confident in your readers' advisory skills? If so, spend an hour exploring the many ways in which NovelList Plus can help boost your confidence and skills, and help you answer the question, "What should I read next?"

### Measuring Impact with Todd Schlechte

We will begin with a brief discussion of ROI using inputs and outputs to calculate value. This presentation will go a step further to talk also about outcomes, which can help you explain your library's impact more completely.

### Tech Toy Box with Rachelle McPhillips

Explore one of Columbus Public Library's special technology collections during this hands-on session. Learn how to fund and implement your own tech toy box for library patrons. Move station to station to play with MaKeyMaKey, Sphero, Ozobots, LittleBits, Cubelets and more!

### PubMed, PubMed Central, MEDLINE, MedlinePlus... with Annette Parde-Maass

They're not the same? What's the difference? How would I use them? If these are questions you have, join Annette Parde-Maass from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, as she gives a brief overview of these free databases from the National Library of Medicine, showcases some useful features, and assists you while you delve deeper into these robust sites.

### Central Nebraska Digital Co-Op with Jake Rundle

Learn firsthand how an informal group of libraries negotiate for better prices and greater access to digital resources.

### Feelings are Messy: Building Emotional Intelligence in Libraryland with Anneka Ramirez

This workshop will focus on four areas of practice for improving or developing one's emotional intelligence; self-awareness, self-management, awareness of others, building relationships. Participants will gain tools for self-assessment as well as resources for furthering their quest for emotional intelligence.

### Google Forms with Megan Boggs

Learn how to use Google Forms for surveys or polls, program registrations, planning a meeting time and more. You can even collaborate on a form with others. The best part? It's free and easy to use!

## Public Library and Trustee Section (PLTS) and School, Children's and Young People's Section (SCYP) Spring Meetings 2017

### Tuesday, April 18, Seward Memorial Library

Registration opens at 9:30 am  
Sessions begin at 10:00 and end at 3:00  
Lunch will be from 12:00 to 1:00

### Wednesday, April 19, North Platte Public Library

Registration opens at 10:30 am  
Sessions begin at 11:00 and end at 4:00  
Lunch will be from 12:30 to 1:30

### Thursday, April 20, Kearney Public Library

Registration opens at 9:30 am  
Sessions begin at 10:00 and end at 3:00  
Lunch will be from 12:00 to 1:00

Registration is \$30 per person  
**Lunch is on your own**

Register [online](#) before April 17  
(Payments may be credit or check)

## Planning our Future While Remembering our Past

### PLANNING THE FUTURE

Speaker: Miguel Figueroa  
Director of the American Library Association's Center for the Future of Libraries

Miguel will be sharing insights on the following topics:

#### ***Trends and Signals for the Library of the Future***

How can foresight and trend scanning help us envision the libraries of the future? How can all of us become better skilled at thinking about and talking with our communities about the trends and signals that will transform our libraries and communities? This session will draw on some of the lessons learned by ALA's Center for the Future of Libraries, the trend scanning that they are promoting, and some of the connections that can be made from futuring to innovation for better libraries.

#### ***From Futuring to Innovation***

In this interactive session, attendees will take some of the trend scanning from the Center for the Future of Libraries – as well as their own community insights and evidence – and consider a positive innovation for the future of libraries. This activity helps demonstrate how we can all use a futures-focused approach, and our commitment to library values, to help build the libraries of the future.

### REMEMBERING THE PAST

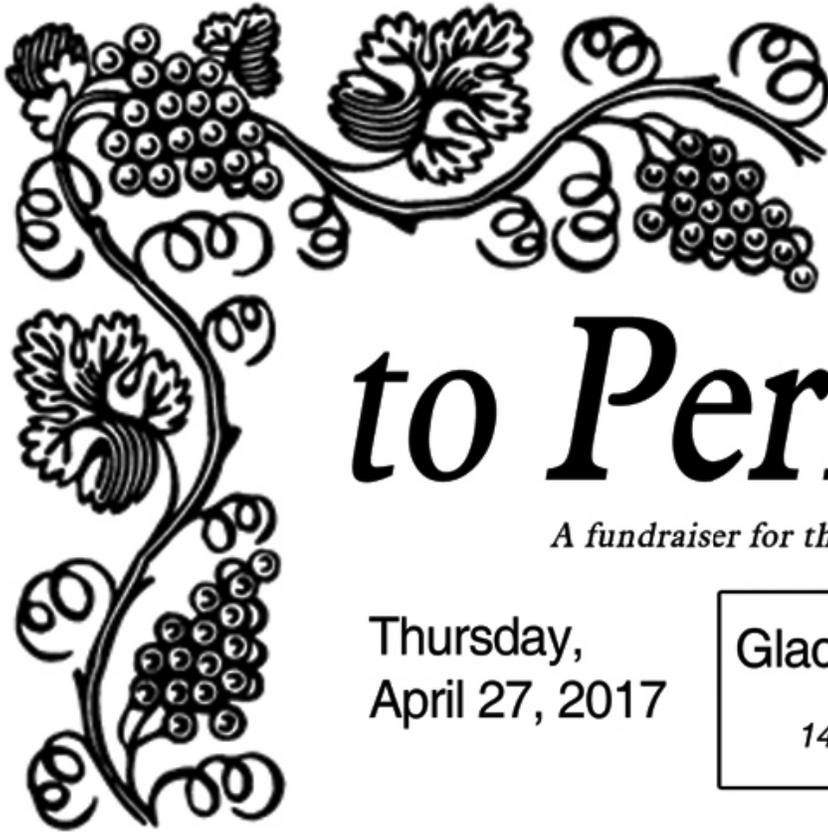
Nebraska Writer's Guild members will share information about their *Six Corners of Nebraska* workshop series in celebration of Nebraska's Sesquicentennial year along with other exciting events planned this year.

Attendees are encouraged to bring information to share about activities taking place in their communities for this special year in Nebraska's history.

To register go to <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=947601> or click on PLTS/SCYP Spring Meetings link at the NLA web site.

Anyone with questions may contact PLTS Chair, Deb Robertson at [drobertson@cityofyork.net](mailto:d Robertson@cityofyork.net) or SCYP Chair, Karen Berry at [kberry@omahalibrary.org](mailto:kberry@omahalibrary.org)

***A special thanks to the Nebraska Regional Library Systems for their financial support of our Spring Meetings!***



# Aged to Perfection

*A fundraiser for the Southeast Library System Friends*

Thursday,  
April 27, 2017

**Glacial Till Vineyard & Winery**  
*Tasting Room Art Gallery*  
1419 Silver St., Ashland, Nebraska



- 5:30 – 6:00 Social Time & Antique check-in
- 6:00 – 6:30 Dinner (Sub sandwich, chips, salads & desserts.  
All drink purchases are on your own.)
- 6:30 – 8:00 Informational/Appraisal Program  
by Tom Bassett

\$20 for SELS Friend members  
\$25 for non-members\*

The Art Gallery is upstairs in a historic building - no elevator access available. All attendees may bring up to 3 antiques to be appraised.

\*If you have never been a member of SELS Friends, join now and your membership will extend through June 2018. For more information on joining the SELS Friends, please visit [www.selsfriends.org](http://www.selsfriends.org).



To register, please fill out and return this form by April 20, 2017:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

SELS Friends Members in group: \_\_\_\_\_

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 \$30 at the door. (No food included.)

# School Librarians in the Digital Age

**June 9**

**8:45 am – 12 pm**

Computer Lab B  
Lincoln Public Schools District Office  
5905 O Street  
Lincoln, NE 68510

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## WORKSHOPS:

9:00 am

**Connecting Students to Courses, Experts, and Virtual Field Trips**

Beth Kabes and  
Linda Dickeson

10 am

**The Facets of Fair Use**

Scott Childers

11 am

**Creating Your Own Book Trailers**

Carrie Foell

Online Registration:

<http://bit.ly/2017DigitalAge>



## Library and Information Services

Online Course Offerings

<http://www.cccneb.edu/library/>

**Enrollment for Summer and Fall opens April 7, 2017**

Summer 2017: May 22, 2017 – July 27, 2017

Fall 2017: August 21, 2017 – December 15, 2017

### Summer 2017

#### **LIBR 2100 Reference Resources and Services**

*Marty Magee, Instructor*

- Effective use of print and digital resources, databases, and websites
- Professional competencies including legal and ethical responsibilities
- Reference Interview process

### Fall 2017

#### **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.

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

#### **LIBR 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies**

*Michael Stratmann, 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

#### **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

<b>Library and Information Services Online Course Offerings 2017-2018</b>		
<b>Summer 2017</b>	<b>Fall 2017</b>	<b>Spring 2018</b>
Libr 2100 Reference Resources and Services	Libr 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services	Libr 2150 Managing Collections in Libraries and Information Agencies
	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**  
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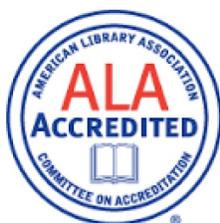
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## Course Structure

- On-site - Meet classmates and future colleagues
- Online asynchronous - participate anytime, anywhere
- Online synchronous - allows for real-time interaction
- Hybrid - combining online and face-to-face instruction

## Locations

Columbia, St. Louis, Kansas City, Springfield, MO and Omaha, NE

## Program of Study

- Required Courses - 18 credits
- Elective courses - selected in consultation with faculty advisor
- Practicum - 2 or 3 credits

## How to Apply

For detailed application instructions please visit [lis.missouri.edu/apply](http://lis.missouri.edu/apply). To discuss the program in detail with our student coordinator, please email [SISLT@Missouri.edu](mailto:SISLT@Missouri.edu), or call 877.747.5868.

## Application Materials

- GPA: Minimum 3.0 in last 60 credit hours of degree
- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language). Minimum 550 (paper-based) or 80 (internet-based)
- Statement of purpose
- Resume or CV
- Two letters of reference
- Complete the online application to the Graduate School at <http://gradstudies.missouri.edu/admissions/apply/>

## Application Deadlines

Applications are accepted and reviewed for admission continuously until the capacity is met. The applications should be completed **by July 15** for Fall admission and **by December 15** for Spring admission. All applications received after the above dates will be considered for admission in the following semester.

## Tuition or Financial Assistance

For information about current tuition rates, financial aid, and scholarships, please visit our website at [LIS.Missouri.edu](http://LIS.Missouri.edu) or Graduate Studies at <http://gradstudies.missouri.edu/financials/>. **All scholarship applications are due on March 1.**

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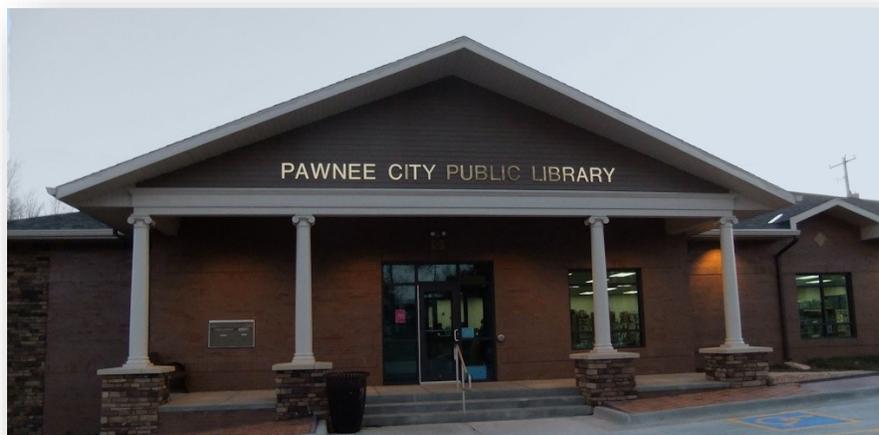
# System Spotlight

## CASTL

CASTL is a monthly meeting where public library directors can get together and learn from one another. Officially known as

“Conversations Among Small Town Librarians,” each meeting has a

themed discussion or presentation. There is also a round-robin discussion where everyone can share what’s going on at their library, ask questions, and talk about solutions to issues. CASTL offers you a monthly break from your library and wonderful support from your fellow directors. CE credit is available for all attendees! For information on upcoming CASTL meetings check page three of this newsletter and sign up for the CASTL email list by contacting Todd at [todd.schlechte.sels@gmail.com](mailto:todd.schlechte.sels@gmail.com). The next [CASTL meeting is at Pawnee City Public Library on April 21st](#).



## Southeast Library System

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

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