



Southeast Signal

News, Events, and Information from Around the System

From the Director



When we talk about improvement, whether it be in collections, facilities, human resource issues, or even personal growth, we frequently focus solely on

the weaknesses. These weaknesses may act as an anchor that keeps a person, a program or an organization from reaching their goals, but sometimes it might be best to look at some other areas of improvement .

We sometimes forget to look at the things we consider strengths and don't work to make those stronger. Elite sprinters don't just stop training because they are "fast enough". The greatest writers (with a handful of exceptions) didn't just stop writing after their first big book. These success stories know what they are really good at and continue to improve themselves in those areas.

Knowing what you are really good at, what strengths your organization has, what unique talents your staff and/or volunteers bring to the

table can help focus your efforts to take things to the next level. What training do you look for? What grants do you apply for? Who is working what shifts? What plans do you make for the future? Your answers to those questions may be very different if you are building on your strengths.

Please don't think that this philosophy excuses letting major deficiencies slide. This is merely taking an attitude that if you have something that is good enough, or even "just OK", that maybe you focus on improving something else that is really good and make it great.

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Calendar

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April 8-14, [National Library Week](#)

April 10, [National Library Worker's Day](#)

April 13, [CASTL, Milford, "Programming Hits"](#)

April 14, National Dolphin Day

April 16, [PLTS, Para, and SCYP Spring Meeting](#), Seward, p. 9

April 22-28, [Preservation Week](#)

April 27, Arbor Day, SELS Office Closed

April 28, National Superhero Day

April 30, [El día de los niños/El día de los libros \(Children's Day/Book Day\)](#)

May 1-7, [Choose Privacy Week](#)

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Photos of the Month



The librarians at CASTL on March 9 practiced techniques for rescuing valuable items in wake of a disaster.

CASTL Wrap-Up

Upcoming CASTL Meetings

April 13

Webermeier Memorial Library
(Hosted at Senior Center)
Milford
“Programming Hits”

May 17

Morton-James Public Library
Nebraska City

June 29

Sutton Memorial Library
Sutton

Michael Straatman presented “Disaster Planning for Libraries” during the March 9th CASTL meeting at Walt Branch Library in Lincoln.

Fortunately, when creating disaster plans, there are plenty of generic plans and templates available. It is not necessary to create a plan completely from scratch.

Since most disasters involve water in some form, plans should especially focus on what to do in the case of water damage.

It is important to prioritize the rescue of extremely important and irreplaceable resources; what can you save if the fire marshal gives you 15 minutes accompanied by a fireman? The general library collection will not be worth the staff time and effort; it is cheaper to purchase a new collection. For that reason, it is necessary to check that insurance coverage is sufficient to cover the replacement of the collection. An appraisal of the collection must be furnished to the insurance company. This can be calculated by some ILS systems; otherwise, online tools are available to help.

Michael noted that personal safety and security always take precedence over materials. For that reason the environment of the affected room or building must be stabilized first. If possible, one should attempt to maintain a cool temperature and low relative humidity. Then items should be triaged, with wet items receiving first priority, then damp items, then smoke/and or fire damaged items. Gloves should be worn both to protect the wearer from germs and the materials from further damage.

CASTL participants were able to perform some hands-on “rescue” work, including the handling of wet items, wet and burned items, and damp items. Freezer or waxed paper was used to wrap wet items and place them on their spines in boxes.

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 23 —May 4	Readers' Advisory	March 26 —April 13
May 21—June 1	Intellectual Freedom/Core Values	April 23—May 11
June 11—June 22	Library Finance	May 14—June 1

News Around the System

Easter Story Time at Milligan Public Library

Provided by Shirley Ann Brunkow

Story time at the Milligan Public Library on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 started with the story time director, Shirley Ann Brunkow, reading *It's the Easter Beagle, Charlie Brown* by Charles M. Schulz. The boys and girls were given cotton swabs and food coloring to decorate their eggs. Fun was had by all.

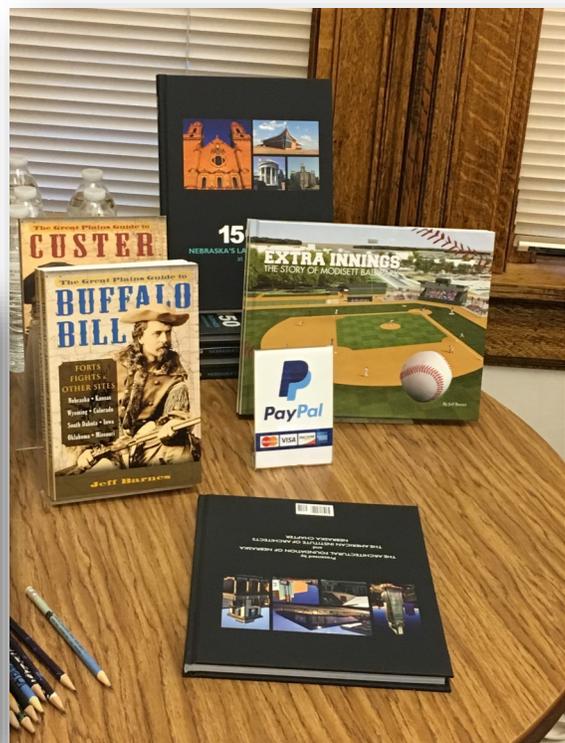


Story time meets every Tuesday after school for ages 4 and up. This will continue through the summer but the time will be 1:30 every Tuesday.

Fairbury Public Library hosts Jeff Barnes

Provided by Debbie Aden

Last month the Fairbury Public Library welcomed author Jeff Barnes who presented his talk on Nebraska's Landmark Buildings. It was a small group, but the talk was very interesting and well received.



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Central City Public Library Hosts Two Fun Programs

By Sara Lee. Korean Night photos by Sara Lee and Pinterest Party photo by Jamie Wright

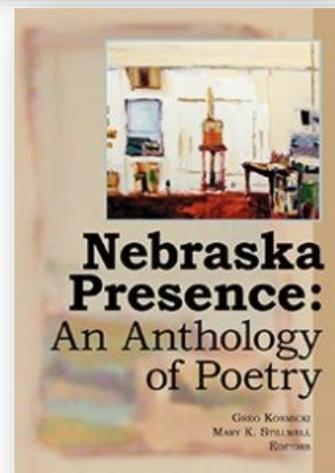
On March 19th, Central City Public Library and the International Program at Nebraska Christian Schools presented a Korean Cooking Night. Participants learned how to make delicious Gimbap (Korean "sushi" rolls). Along with cooked rice, a selection of fillings were provided for each participant to use to create their own unique (and very tasty) version. The fillings included items such as: ham, carrots, cucumber, egg, and imitation crab meat. The wrap for the roll was a seaweed wrap. Also served was a yummy Korean version of a broth soup (similar to an egg drop-style soup). This was a wonderful opportunity for attendees to learn about and experience a bit of the students' culture.

Beautiful beaded designs were created at our Pinterest Party Monday, April 2nd.



One Book One Nebraska Book Kit Currently Available

The 2018 title is *Nebraska Presence: An Anthology of Poetry*. (Edited by Greg Kosmicki and Mary K. Stillwell.) SELS has ten copies available. This book contains poems by more than 80 contemporary Nebraska poets, including Pulitzer Prize winner and former Poet Laureate of the United States, Ted Kooser, former Nebraska State Poet William Kloefkorn, and current Nebraska State Poet Twyla Hansen.



News Around the System

A Froggy St. Patrick's Day

Provided by Carrie Trutna

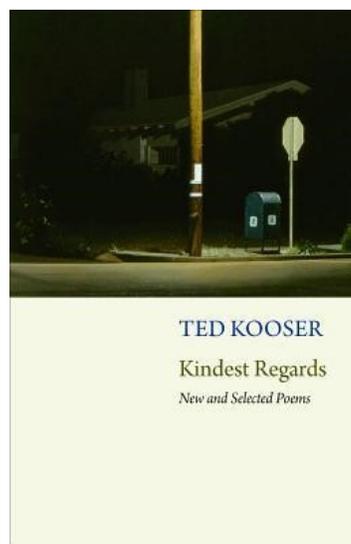
St. Patrick's Day offers plenty of kid-friendly ways to use the green theme of the day. This year Wahoo Public Library celebrated Froggy St. Patrick's Day. The activities included listening to some St. Patrick's Day stories, eating some green treats, and stuffing green frogs to take home.



Seward Hosts Event with Poet (and Artist) Ted Kooser

By Charlotte Baldinger

Former United States Poet Laureate Ted Kooser will be visiting Seward Memorial Library on April 26 celebrating the release of his newest collection of poems, *Kindest Regards*. His book will be for sale and Kooser will be signing copies at 6:30 pm. In addition to this event "artist" Ted Kooser has made two of his large prints available for purchase and signing. Friends of Seward Library are selling poster size prints of *Quilt Show Today* and *White Christmas* for \$25 each or two for \$40 as a fundraiser.

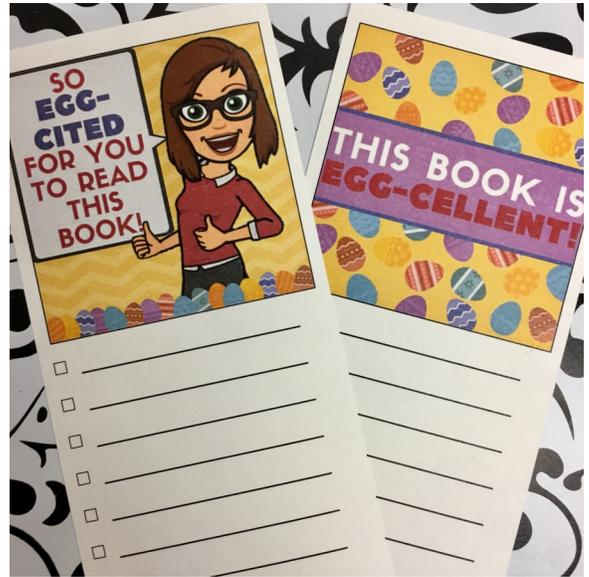


News from Around the System

EGG-citement in Aurora

Provided by Emmy Fiala

“We’re EGG-tremely EGG-cited about reading!” says Emmy Fiala about the April bookmarks and displays in the Aurora Middle/High School Media Center.



Clarks Public Library Wins Front Porch Award

Clarks Public Library received the Front Porch Award from Southeast Library System because it displayed ingenuity in creating an atmosphere that welcomes patrons to their library. The library received a \$100 check, presented by Scott Childers on April 9th. Pictured left to right: Shelli Urkoski, library board president; Norm Manstedt, village mayor; Scott Childers, Southeast Library System executive director; Barbee Sweet, library director; Barb Kohl, library board vice president; and Tabitha Rieken and Stephanie Carlson, library board members.



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Barada Hills Exhibit at Morton-James Public Library

By Louan Beard

The Morton-James Public Library is pleased to announce the exhibition of *The Barada Hills of Nebraska: Watercolors by John Frederick Lokke and Poetry by Jan Chism Wright* in their Kimmel Gallery April 3 – April 28, 2018 with a Poetry & Pickin' music performance and gallery talk on Monday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. The Gallery doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Music will be provided by Jeff & Mary Barker.

The Barada Hills are primarily located in Richardson County and refer to the bluffs along the Missouri River. The area has a unique and colorful history. The hills are named after the founder of the town of Barada, Antoine Barada, the son of a French count and an Omaha Indian Princess. The exploits of Antoine Barada were mythic enough to be recorded by Mari Sandoz.

John Lokke is an artist, naturalist and amateur herpetologist. A native of Omaha, NE, he received his BFA from University of Nebraska in Omaha. For the past 15 years, he has been working and teaching art in Wichita, KS at City Arts Gallery. His art work has shown previously at Weber Fine Arts Gallery, University of Nebraska Omaha, Cass County Historical Museum, Plattsmouth, Nebraska, Lydia Bruun Public Library, Falls City, Nebraska; Morton James Public Library, Nebraska City, Nebraska, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Omaha History Center and Hardin Hall, University of Nebraska Lincoln.

Jan Wright moved to a farm north of Barada, Nebraska from Houston, Texas in 1997 and has been writing about the area ever since. After earning a BBA degree from the University of Houston, she took courses in creative writing there and at Rice University, St. Thomas University and Peru State College. Several of her works have been published in the *Plains Song Review* (2000, 2002) put out annually by the University of Nebraska Press and *Nebraska Presence: an Anthology of Poetry* (2007).



Old Stone Quarry by John Frederick Lokke



Deep Into the Barada Hills by John Frederick Lokke

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>



MAY 25 GOLDEN SOWER READING DAY

Get acquainted with 2019-2020 potential nominees

Come and join us! We will have all the picture books available for you to read during the morning. In the afternoon we plan to have book talks on Chapter Books and Golden Sower Novel titles.

Schedule:

9:00 am

Kathy Schultz: Announcements about Golden Sower
Reading of Books from Primary List

12:00 pm

Lunch on your own

1:00 pm

**Discussion of Titles from Chapter Book and Golden
Sower Novel Lists**

READ ALL
POTENTIAL PICTURE
BOOK NOMINEES IN
ONE LOCATION!

MAKE AN IMPACT!

NETWORK WITH
YOUR COLLEAGUES

HAVE LUNCH AT ONE
OF SEWARD'S
RESTAURANTS

SEWARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

233 South 5th Street
Seward, NE 68434

Register at
<http://bit.ly/GSower2018>

May 25
9 AM – 3 PM

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>



Library and Information Services

Online Course Offerings

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

Enrollment for Summer and Fall opens April 9, 2018

Summer 2018: May 21, 2018 – July 26, 2018

Fall 2018: August 20, 2018 – December 14, 2018

Summer 2018

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 2018

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 Strattmann, 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

Patty Birch, 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 2018-2019		
Summer 2018	Fall 2018	Spring 2019
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**
djohnson@cccneb.edu, 402-562-1418 or Toll Free at 877-222-0780

System Spotlight

Time to Weed?

Are your shelves overfilled? Do you have books that are dilapidated? Do you have materials that are inaccurate or out of date? Or perhaps you even have items that don't fit into the scope of the library's collection?

Then it's time to weed! Don't let a fear of weeding or a lack of time keep you from this necessary work. Todd and Scott are willing to come out to help. Just call us at 402-467-6188 or email Todd at todd.schlechte.sels@gmail.com. We will set up a time that works both for you and for us.



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

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