



Southeast Signal

News, Events, and Information from Around the System

From the Director



Here's an interesting, yet lightweight, topic for you this spring which already feels like mid summer. Recently I was reading a thread on a message board

about rereading books.

Some loved to revisit stories they read before. They offered up discovering nuances to the writing that they never saw before, seeing the foreshadowing they missed the first time through, and just overall enjoying the "return trip".

Others saw it as ridiculous to reread a book. There's so many other stories to read, other writers to discover – why would anybody skip a potentially awesome new experience to rehash the same thing again and again. The less kind posters said it was like their youngest children rewatching the same episode of their favorite show over and over and over.

I've seen this in the behavior of library patrons as well. When I was working in York, I had readers so against the idea of reading something they read before (even if it was decades ago) that they

insisted on having some way to tell if they read it before. Like many of you, I would suggest a small mark on the book as a compromise, but I would also suggest that they just keep their own list in a notebook or something.

On the other hand, at the same library I also had a patron that would cycle through the same books over and over again – reading multiple books a week mixing old favorites with new titles. When a new book of a series would come out, he would reread the entire series that came before reading the newest title.

To be forthcoming – I'm in the "occasionally reread" camp myself. I used to reread the Hobbit and Lord of the Rings each summer for years. I also reread a book recently that I had first read about a decade before and realized that how I remembered the book was completely wrong. I was reading from the same copy I originally read and found that my rereading actually made the book make a lot more sense.

So what are your thoughts on rereading books, and more importantly how do you go about supporting both once-only readers and repeat readers?

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Calendar

June 13, National Weed Your Garden Day

June 14, Flag Day

June 15, Nature Photography Day

June 17, Father's Day

June 21, First Day of Summer

June 24, National Pralines Day

June 25, Eric Carle's Birthday

June 29, [CASTL, Sutton Memorial Library, "Interpreting State Statute"](#)

June 30, National Meteor Watch Day

July– National Ice Cream Month

July 4, Independence Day, SELS Office Closed

July 5, National Graham Cracker Day

July 6, National Fried Chicken Day

August 16, [Information Security and Collection Development Workshop](#), Seward Memorial Library

September 6-7, [Joint Youth Services Retreat, Camp Carol Joy Holling](#)



Photo of the Month



Dressed for the occasion at a presentation on the Trans-Mississippi Exposition. More on page 4!

CASTL Wrap-Up

Upcoming CASTL Meetings

June 29

Sutton Memorial Library
Sutton
“Interpreting State Statute”

July 26

Stromsburg Public Library
“Open Meeting Law”

August 24

Falls City Library & Art
Center

September 20

Nebraska Library
Commission,
Lincoln
“Everything You Ever
Wanted to Know About the
NLC”

October 19

Jennifer Reinke Public
Library, Deshler

November 9

Alice M. Farr Library
Aurora
“Bibliostat”

On May 17th librarians met for CASTL in Nebraska City at Morton-James Public Library. The theme for the day was "Disposing of Donated and Weeded items."

Many libraries use a combination of strategies. For example, they may first see if Library Consignment and/or Better World Books will accept their items. Then they may keep the remaining items for a book sale, and then after the book sale, either keep the remaining books for a future book sale or find yet another way to distribute them, such as to nursing homes, thrift stores, and recyclers. Most use one or more of these strategies.

Other ways of distributing items included:

- Working with schools to provide teachers and librarians with books, especially new teachers who haven't built up a classroom library
- Selling through Amazon
- Using ThriftBooks.com
- Holding a paperback exchange
- Having a silent auction for unique items
- Saving nice children's items for a health fair to give away for free
- Saving nice books for Summer Reading Program prizes
- Giving books to Bright Lights in Lincoln
- Having a small book shelf on a continual basis with books for sale
- Using Half Price Books in Omaha. This does, however, entail a major drive for most libraries.
- Goodwill, People's City Mission, thrift stores
- Citywide garage sales
- At the recent workshop on Weeding, there was mention that in the past there was at least one library that had connections with farmers who used shredded, recycled books for livestock bedding. After further inquiry, we discovered that this practice has been discontinued due to the fact that the shredded paper was both more expensive and less sanitary than straw.

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>
July 9—July 20	Reference	June 11—June 29
July 30—August 10	Collection Management	July 2—July 20
August 20 —August 31	Library Policy	July 23—August 10

News Around the System

Recent Programs at Morton-James Public Library

Story Material and photos provided by Donna Kruse and Denise Davis

On June 7th David Wells, a Humanities Nebraska speaker, presented a program of rare photographic images of the Omaha Trans-Mississippi Exposition of 1898 in the Kimmel Gallery of Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City.

Hailed as a showcase of technology west of the Mississippi River, the exposition was designed to show that life beyond the mighty river was civilized and forward-thinking. Wells described the construction of the exposition, the use of the lagoon and the sophisticated buildings at their zenith, and their dismantling.



“The String Beans” kicked off the Summer Reading Program on June 6th. From pop and country to rap and rock n’ roll, The String Beans perform a wide variety of original, family-friendly songs about all the things kids love: animals, cartoons, food, science, sports and lots more! Each show is hilarious, inclusive and spontaneous, and each catchy tune is designed to get every audience dancing and singing along!



News Around the System

Summer Kick-Off Party Rocked!

By Charlotte Baldinger

The library was full of patrons of all ages, and the atmosphere was not subdued! Children traveled around the library stopping at a variety of stations. Cookies were given away at the cookie walk. Photos were taken in front of the “Guitar Hero” screen with several guitar styles available for props. Children could custom-order balloon creations from artists. “Rocks” were tossed and faces were painted. Bags were filled with treats and valuable information from several local organizations. Children tried not to miss any activity as they completed their BINGO card for library prizes. Pizza vendors supplied lunch. Live music filled the air with the vocals of a new rock band, “The Avid Readers”, who shared popular songs from the past decades. The “Firehouse Five” also played their brass instruments. Children signed up for the 2018 Summer Reading Club and weekly programs.

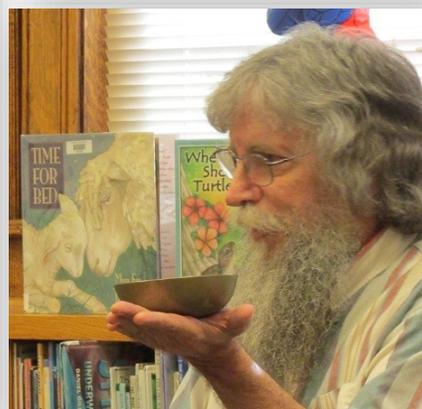


News from Around the System

Traditional Folk Music at Fairbury Public Library

By Linda Dux, photos by Debbie Aden and Linda Dux

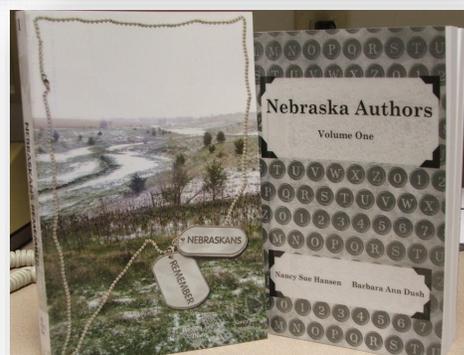
Humanities Nebraska performer David Seay presented “The Tradition in Traditional Folk Music” at the Fairbury Public Library. David Seay examines how over the generations folk traditions of different cultures have merged to become our own traditions as immigrants have found their way to Nebraska. His presentation featured demonstrations and stories of folk instruments such as the harmonica, penny whistle, Lakota style flute, ocarina, pan pipes, yak horn, bugle, musical saw, banjo, singing bowl, and limber toys. After the program, Summer Reading Program children received a harmonica and learned to play their first song!



Military Lunch and Learn

By Monica Tidyman, Photo by Dorinda Brown

On May 18, the Stromsburg Public Library hosted author Nancy Hanson for a Lunch and Learn book discussion about local military veterans. Due to health reasons, her co-author, Barbara Dush was not able to join us. Nancy and Barbara have written three books, two about Nebraska veterans and one that contains stories about Nebraska authors. Nancy told the history of the ideas for the books and how they gathered information through research and personal interviews. Nancy then shared some of the stories from the “Nebraskans Remember” titles, many from local people that the audience knew. Nancy and Barbara are open to more book discussions, you can find them online at dandhadventurespublishing.com



News Around the System

SELS Scholarships Available!

SELS Scholarship Guidelines

The Southeast Library System provides scholarships to pay for registration or travel costs for continuing education events and/or course work in library science.

Applicant Eligibility

- Applicants must be residents of the area served by the Southeast Library System or work in a library within the System.
- Preference is given to those who have not ever received a scholarship from SELS in the past, and to first-time attendees at the event requested.



Eligible events

- First priority is given to applications for in-state events, including the NLA/NSLA annual conference or System sponsored events (SELS must at least be one of the sponsors). Examples include the Training Extravaganza, the Youth Retreat, the Summer Reading program, etc.
- Second priority is given to regional or national conferences, such as ALA or MPLA.
- Third priority is given to academic courses that have a direct impact on the applicant's job.

Scholarship Information

- The maximum amount to be awarded to an individual is \$200 per application.
- The money is to be used for registration and/or travel fees.
- Recipients are expected to report back on their experience and possibly write a short blurb for the system newsletter about the event (if applicable).

Application Process

1. Print out and complete the scholarship form [[SELS Scholarship Form](#)]
2. Write a brief (one or two paragraphs) on the benefit you or your library will gain from your attendance at the event or course
3. Send both to the SELS office

Priority Deadline for Applications: June 22



Two Great Themes in One Workshop!

Information Security Collection Development Tips and Tricks

August 16, Seward Memorial Library



4 CE, Free lunch

10 am—3 pm

For more information and to register check out

<http://bit.ly/16AugEvent>

24th Annual Youth Services Retreat

Presentations include:

- ◆ Great Books for Teens and Tweens
- ◆ Virtual Programs: Prehistoric Creatures and more
- ◆ “Booktalk” your favorite websites, resources, and solutions
- ◆ Mental Illness and Youth Services
- ◆ Recommended Books for Children 2017/2018
- ◆ Escape Rooms and Table Top Conundrums
- ◆ Developmentally Appropriate Practices in Early Childhood Programming
- ◆ Tips on Graphic Novel Collection and Programming
- ◆ How to Improve Your Chances of Obtaining a Youth Services Grant

11 CE

September 6-7

Carol Joy Holling Camp and Retreat Center, Ashland

For full program and

registration: <http://bit.ly/2018JYSR>



LITERATURE FESTIVAL

24th Annual

Saturday, July 28th 2018

8:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Activities begin at 9:00

Norfolk Public Library

308 W Prospect Ave, Norfolk, NE

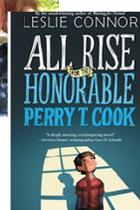
Featuring:

Michael Hall



2019 Golden Sower Award Nominee For *Frankencrayon*

Leslie Connor



2019 Golden Sower Award Nominee For *All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook*

Sharon Cameron



2019 Golden Sower Award Nominee For *The Forgetting*

Paul Griffin



2019 Golden Sower Award Nominee for *When Friendship Followed Me Home*

ALSO: 2018-2019 Golden Sower Previews by Karen Drevo & Amber Peterson; Book Display & Discount Sales by Norfolk Public Library Foundation of titles by Michael Hall, Leslie Connor, Sharon Cameron, and Paul Griffin; Sales of Golden Sower Items; Autograph Session/Book Signing ; Door Prizes; 5 Continuing Education Hours (for all day attendance) from the Nebraska Library Commission for School & Public Librarians; 5 Professional Growth Points (for all day attendance) for Teachers/Staff employed by Norfolk Public Schools.

Tickets are available at Norfolk Public Library, online at <https://www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/library> (Click on Programs & Events) OR by mail order (see attached registration/order form). For more information and details about group rates, contact Karen Drevo at NPL by phone at 402.844.2108 or email at kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us

A wonderful way to spend a summer day for literature lovers of all ages!

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.

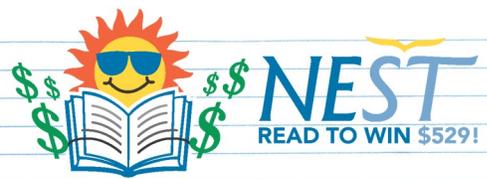
To see the official rules, go to NEST529.com

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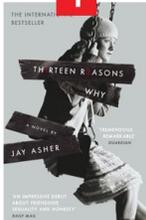
TOP TEN

CHALLENGED BOOKS

OF 2017

The American Library Association tracked **354 challenges** to library, school and university materials and services in 2017. Of the **416 books** that were challenged or banned in 2017, here are the top 10 most challenged:

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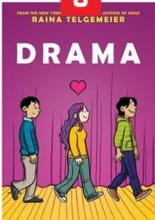
Thirteen Reasons Why
BY Jay Asher
REASON: suicide

2



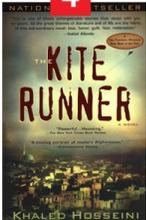
The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian
BY Sherman Alexie
REASONS: profanity, sexually explicit

3



Drama
BY Raina Telgemeier
REASON: LGBT content

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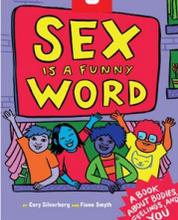
The Kite Runner
BY Khaled Hosseini
REASONS: sexual violence, religious themes, "may lead to terrorism"

5



George
BY Alex Gino
REASON: LGBT content

6



Sex is a Funny Word
BY Cory Silverberg
REASON: sex education

7



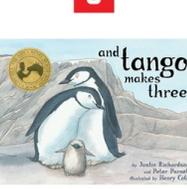
To Kill a Mockingbird
BY Harper Lee
REASONS: violence, racial slurs

8



The Hate U Give
BY Angie Thomas
REASONS: drug use, profanity, "pervasively vulgar"

9



And Tango Makes Three
BY Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson
REASON: LGBT content

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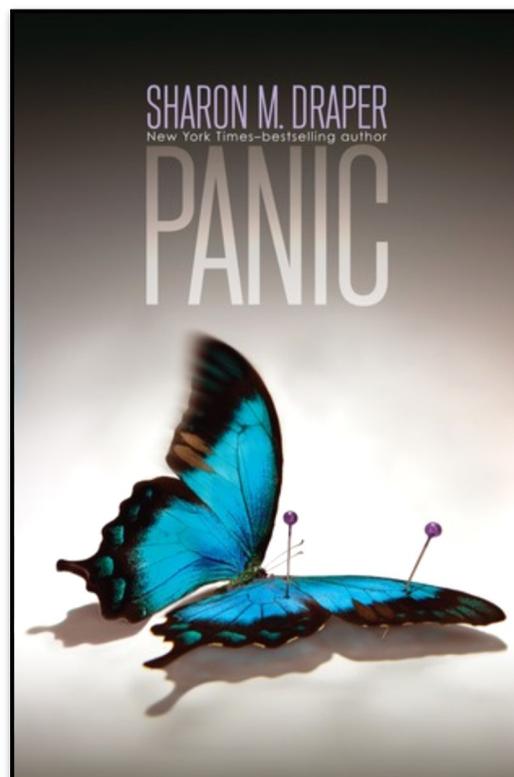


I Am Jazz
BY Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings
REASON: gender identity

System Spotlight

New Book Kit

We recently added a new book kit containing 25 copies of *PANIC* by Sharon Draper, donated by Seward Public Schools. For more information on this book and many other book kit titles, [please visit our website](#), where we have a long list of book kits, including cover art, number of books available to borrow, and book descriptions courtesy of Goodreads.



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

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