Wouldn’t it be great if kids all over Nebraska were talking about books? We are starting a new program where kids can all read and discuss the same book. This year’s book is aimed at fourth to sixth graders. It is about a boy who risks a lot to try to rescue a bear cub: *Rescue Josh McGuire* by Ben Mikaelsen. A book bag containing 15 paperback copies of the book along with discussion questions, activities and background information is available from the regional library system offices.

This is a great book to read anytime and librarians may borrow the book set whenever it is available and fits into their library or school’s schedule. In the future the announcement of the year’s title will occur in January, to give librarians and students plenty of time to borrow a book set, and read and discuss the book.

This is the kickoff of an ongoing event that will alternate between upper elementary age level and middle school age level titles. A title for middle school age readers, the “One Book for Nebraska Teens,” will be selected for the 2008 program.