



Southeast Signal

News, Events, and Information from Around the System

From the Director



Often times when we talk about collections, one of the material types that tends to get left behind in those discussions is audio material. Music and audio books can be a great piece of your

collection but are often not given as much thought as when considering other materials.

That's completely understandable as there are so many options for people these days. There are a ton of other options for consumers, but there are some places where you could really fill a niche by adding some audio collections.

Maybe your community would use a library sponsored online product, like Overdrive, Hoopla, or Freegal. These services may not be right for every budget or community, but they could be worth looking at.

Let's not forget the physical items that you may already have available. With some creative thinking, you could increase usage of them. Do most of your community work in the next town over? Advertise audio books and music collections to make the daily drive a little bit better – without using any cell phone data! Holidays coming soon? Add CDs of related holiday music to your displays!

Another good point to be aware of is that listening to a book being read aloud while also reading it in print (AKA Audio-assisted reading) can sometimes help in improving reading comprehension in many cases, such as beginning readers, ESL students, and even those with dyslexia! Putting together packs that include the print & recorded book to check out is an easy way to help increase literacy at home.

On a related note – you may want to check out a couple other places that focus on combining reading and audio. One is Read Aloud Nebraska (www.readaloudnebraska.org). Many of our libraries are already aware of them, but if you aren't please check them out.

Also, there is also a wonderful resource available to your patrons through the NLC's Talking Book and Braille Service. (<https://nlc.nebraska.gov/tbbs/>) Audio books and magazine provided free directly to those who would have difficulties with viewing or handling print materials.

With all of that in mind, let's hear it for libraries and all the services they can provide!

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Calendar

January 17, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. SELS Office Closed.

January 18, National Winnie the Pooh Day

January 24, National Compliment Day

January 27, [CASTL via Zoom, "ADA Considerations for Public Libraries and their Patrons,"](#) 10-12:30

January 28, National Lego Day

January 29, National Puzzle Day

February, Black History Month

Library Lovers' Month

February 1, [National Freedom Day](#)

February 2, National Groundhog Day

February 8, Safer Internet Day

February 12, Global Movie Day

February 14, Valentine's Day

February 18, [Cataloging the Community](#), 10 am, p. 8

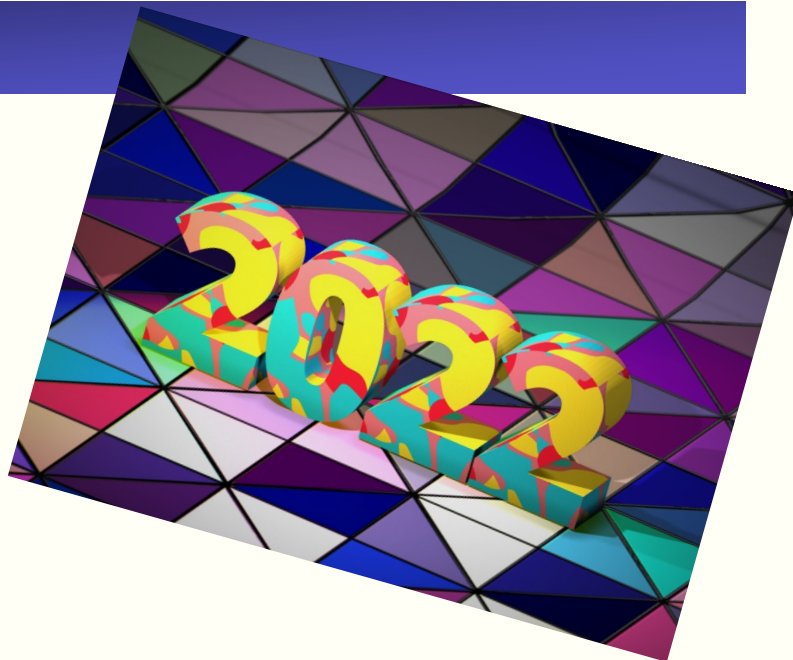


Photo of the Month



Santa was hanging out in the Hebron Secret Library reading *The Night Before Christmas* at the storytime at the Hebron Secret Library on December 18. –provided by Judy Kassenbaum

Upcoming CASTL Meetings

January 27
Via Zoom
“ADA Considerations for
Public Libraries”

February 24
Via Zoom
“AARP Foundation
Property Tax-Aide Program ”

Upcoming Basic Skills Courses

Basic Skills for Nebraska Librarians 2022 Schedule

Class Dates	Class	Instructor	Registration Dates
1/3 - 1/31	Communication*	Self-paced	12/13 - 12/29/21
2/7 - 2/18	Customer Service*	Christa Porter	1/3 - 1/28
3/7 - 3/18	Library Governance	Denise Harders	1/31 - 2/28
3/21 - 4/1	Library Technology	Amanda Sweet	2/14 - 3/11
4/1 - 4/30	Introduction to Cataloging (Organization of Materials)*	Self-paced	2/21 - 3/18
4/18 - 4/29	Library Finance	Holli Duggan	3/14 - 4/8
5/9 - 5/20	Intellectual Freedom / Core Values*	Holli Duggan	4/4 - 5/2
6/6 - 6/17	Readers' Advisory		5/2 - 5/30
7/4 - 7/15	Reference	Christa Porter	5/30 - 6/24
7/25 - 8/5	Library Policy		6/20 - 7/15
8/15 - 8/26	Collection Management*	Denise Harders	7/11 - 8/5
8/29 - 9/9	Programming & Outreach	Christa Porter	7/25 - 8/19
9/19 - 9/30	Community & Library*	Sam Shaw	8/15 - 9/9
10/17 - 10/28	Management/Supervision	Holli Duggan	9/12 - 10/7
11/7 - 11/18	Leadership	Holli Duggan	9/26 - 10/21
11/28 - 12/9	Library Services to Children & Teens	Sally Snyder	10/24 - 11/18

(* Required Class)

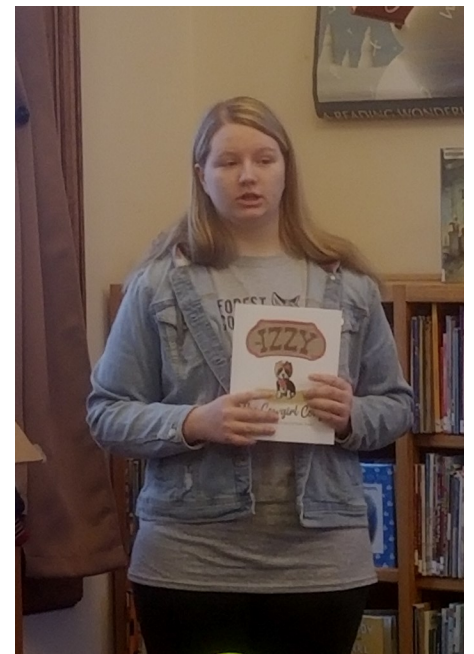
News Around the System

Young Author Reads at Fairbury Story Time

By Linda Dux, photos by Debbie Aden and Linda Dux



Kady Toole, who is a fourteen year old author from Washington, Kansas read her book *IZZY* at the Fairbury Public Library Story Time Saturday, January 8th!



Judy Kassenbaum Retires

Provided by Judy Kassenbaum

Judy Kassenbaum was given a retirement Open House party on December 10 to celebrate 32 years as assistant librarian at Hebron Secrest Library. Her last day was December 31st. It was a very difficult decision, as she has really enjoyed this job and the people who she has had the pleasure of helping during that time. Included is a picture of Judy in front of the 4 library directors she had the pleasure of working with. From left to right: Christy Johnson, Janice Rihn, Chuck Reichwein (current librarian), and Terry Olson. The library board gave her an outstanding send off. Judy sends many THANKS to all of the staff at the Library Commission and to all the librarian friends she met at different meetings.

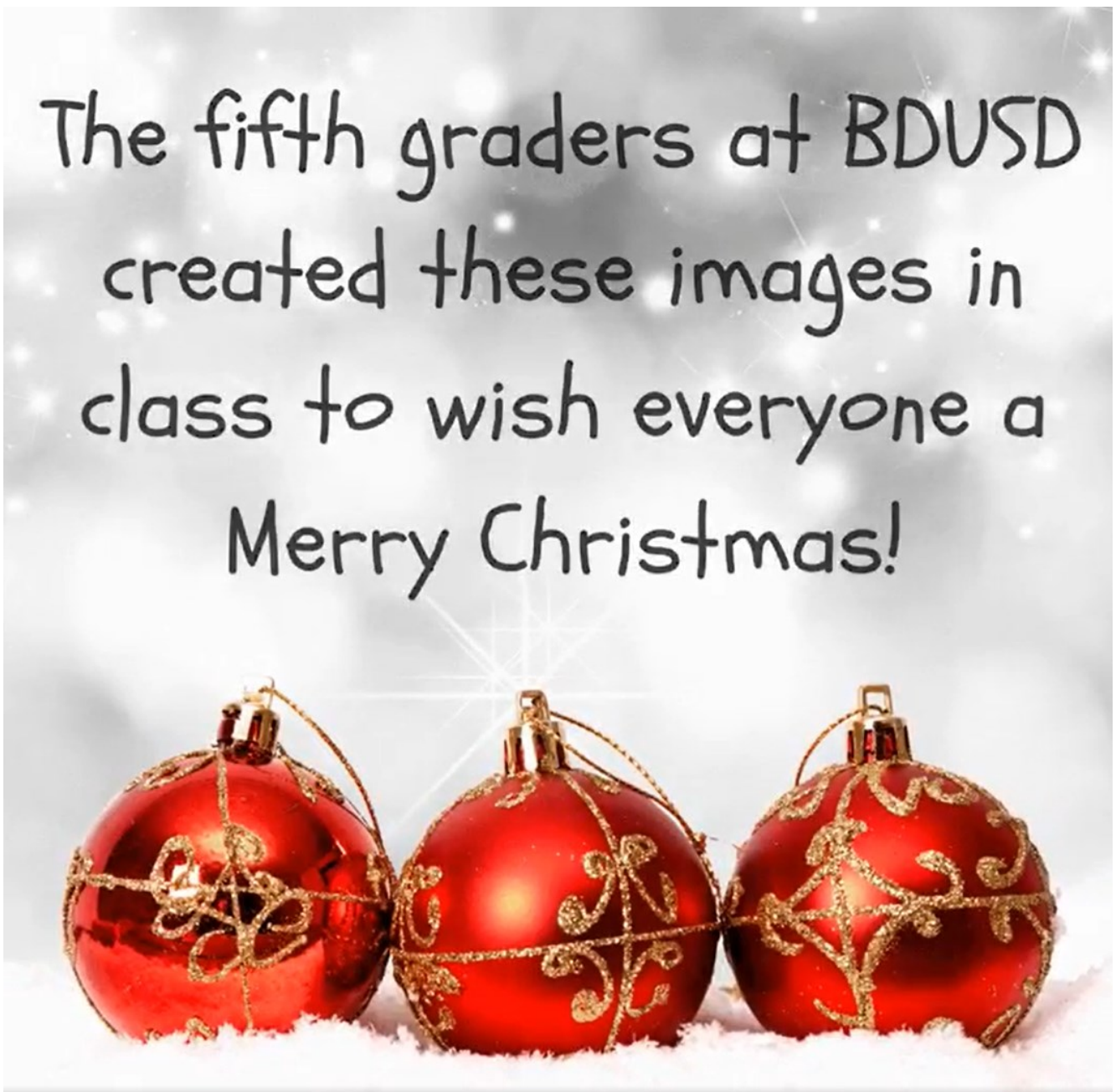


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Using Google Draw to Create a GIF

Provided by Beth Dolnicek

Beth Dolnicek, School Librarian and Keyboarding/Computer Applications teacher at Bruning Davenport USD, had her students produce Christmas trees in Google Draw. She in turn produced a class GIF out of these images. As a Christmas greeting, the district then posted the finished product to its Facebook page. Take a look by [clicking here](#) or on the photo below!

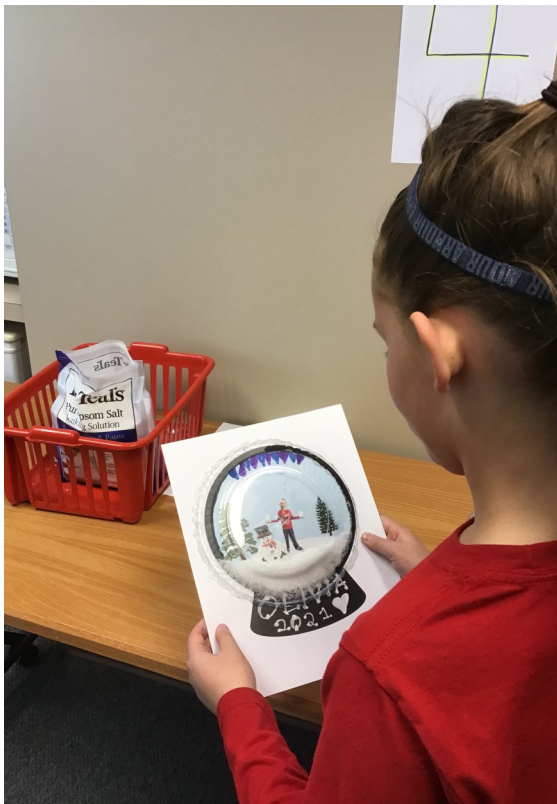


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Holiday Break Activities in Stromsburg

By Monica Tidyman, photos by Monica Tidyman and Sunni Cooper

The Stromsburg Public Library held their annual Holiday Break activities again this year. The kids made snow globes of themselves, watched a new movie, played BINGO, and participated in an Escape Room.



NebraskAccess Offers Abundant Resources

Click [here](#) or below to go to home page

A banner for the NebraskAccess website. The top half features the text "NebraskAccess" in a large, dark font against a background of a sunset with silhouettes of birds in flight and a city skyline. The bottom half is a dark navigation bar with four white text links: "Home" (NebraskAccess home), "About" (What is NebraskAccess?), "Help" (How to use the databases), and "Contact" (Nebraska Library Commission).

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The January Challenge for Nebraska School Librarians Continues!

School Librarians in the Digital Age is ongoing throughout the month of January!

Nebraska School Librarians Association and the Nebraska Library Systems would like to invite you to participate. It's an online, on-demand conference. For each day of January, there is a 10-30 minute recording posted that includes tips, tricks, tools, and resources created with school librarians in mind. Please check it out by clicking on the link below or on the picture.

<https://padlet.com/nslaproflearn/ewh0hgmbcplakdxb>

Jointly sponsored by the Nebraska School Librarians Association and the Regional Library Systems.

The image shows a Padlet board with a green background. At the top, it says 'NSLA ProfLearn · 2h' and 'School Librarians in the Digital Age - JANUARY 2022'. Below the title, it reads 'Asynchronous online conference / An NSLA and Nebraska Library Systems Event'. The board is organized into a grid of colored cards, each representing a day of the month with a video link and a thumbnail image. The cards are:

- SUNDAY**: Yellow card with a YouTube link and a thumbnail of a laptop.
- MONDAY**: Yellow card with a YouTube link and a thumbnail of a library system logo.
- TUESDAY**: Yellow card with a YouTube link and a thumbnail of a 'Scan-N-Go' sign.
- WEDNESDAY**: Yellow card with a YouTube link and a thumbnail of a YouTube video player.
- JANUARY 9: Canva with Konni in den Bosch**: Purple card with a YouTube link and a thumbnail of a Canva design tool interface.
- JANUARY 10: SORA/Public Library Connect (Video used with permission; Connie Bowman)**: Purple card with a YouTube link and a thumbnail of a SORA interface.
- JANUARY 11: Common Sense Media: News Literacy with Melissa Cleaver**: Purple card with a YouTube link and a thumbnail of a Common Sense Media video.
- January 12: Destiny Collections with Erin Hanna**: Purple card with a YouTube link and a thumbnail of a Destiny Collections interface.
- JANUARY 16: Digital Escape Rooms with Dana Fontaine**: Pink card with a YouTube link and a thumbnail of a digital escape room.
- JANUARY 17: SORA with Konni in den Bosch**: Pink card with a YouTube link and a thumbnail of a SORA interface.
- JANUARY 18: Google Earth with Dana Fontaine**: Pink card with a YouTube link and a thumbnail of a Google Earth interface.
- JANUARY 19: Symbaloo with Deann Berry**: Pink card with a YouTube link and a thumbnail of a Symbaloo interface.

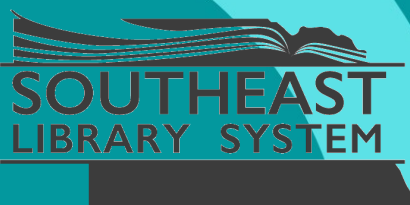
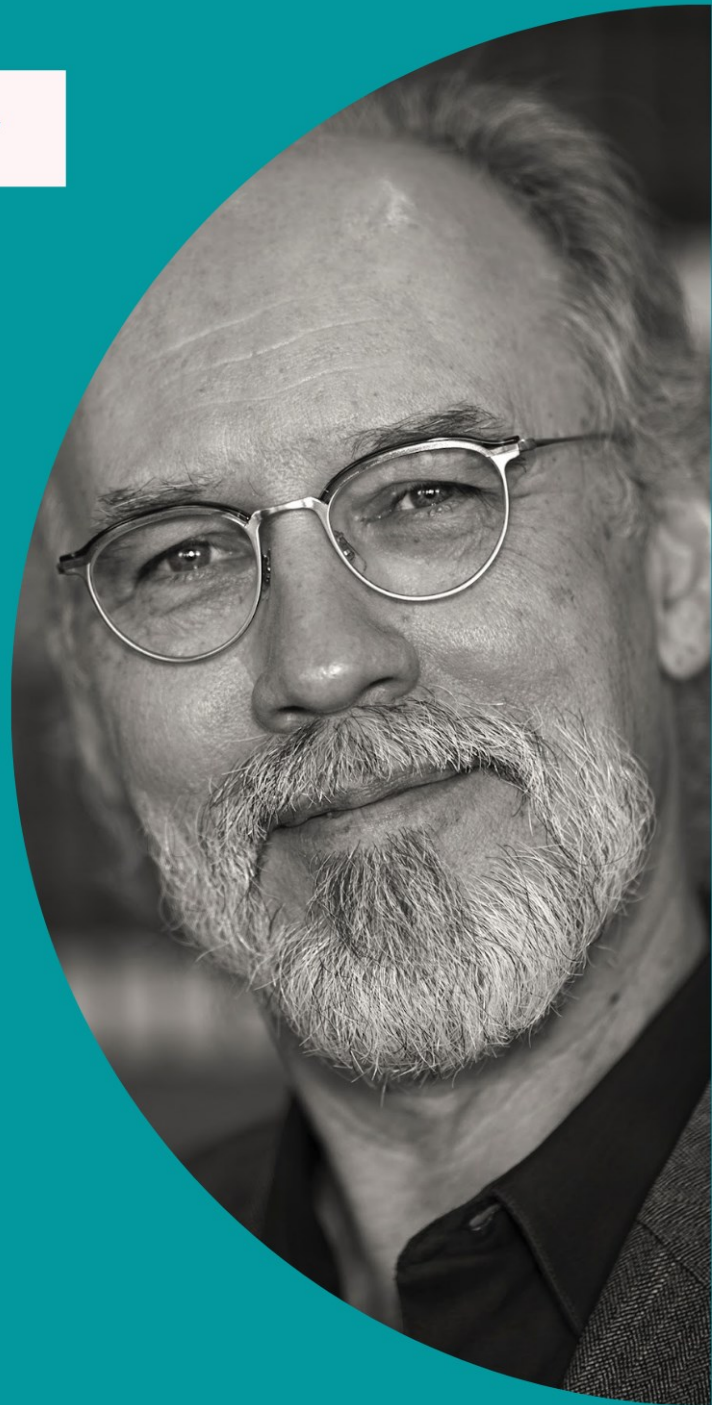
 Each card has a heart icon and a number indicating likes. At the bottom of the board, there are four white plus signs in circles, indicating more content is available.

Cataloging the Community

with Jamie LaRue

It's smart for libraries to understand the environment in which they operate. But assessing community needs can be expensive, complex, and, all too often, confusing. Former library director and current consultant Jamie LaRue will describe a staff-led community interview process that has been field-tested and proven to yield real results.

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



FEB 18 • 10 AM VIA ZOOM
[REGISTER HERE!](#)

System Spotlight

SELS WEBSITE

Looking for some information about Southeast Library System or its services? Google us from your phone, computer, or tablet. Usually the simple search “sels ne” brings us up as the first result.

When you land on our homepage, you will see blogposts. Usually the first is about an upcoming event.

You can also access a page that conveniently lists upcoming events and meetings, a page with information about each of our book kits, as well as current and previous newsletters, information about the journal article request service, and the details about SELS scholarships. If you haven't already, check out our website at <http://libraries.ne.gov/>



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