



Southeast Signal

News, Events, and Information from Around the System

From the Director



Note: This is a reprint of an article published in June 2017. After some of the recent weather scares, this seems appropriate to republish. An article about dealing with the books and other materials will come out next month.

Many of us have a bunch of computer files (documents, spreadsheets, etc.) floating around that we need or want to keep for the long term. Maybe they are files that must be kept for legal reasons, or for compliance with a gift or grant. Perhaps they are of a more sentimental nature and show personal growth, or have some emotional attachment to them.

They could possibly hold information about the local history of the organization or community. For whatever reason – you have them and need to take care of them. There are a few things to keep in mind when you plan on keeping files for an extended period of time.

The first is the 3-2-1 Rule. This practice is still one of the best ways of thinking about backing up your digital files. This means you have:

3 copies of the file on

2 types of media (like hard drive & cloud or CD and hard drive)

1 copy kept off site (this includes cloud storage like Dropbox or Google Drive)

Now, you don't have to do this with every file, but for the mission critical or irreplaceable files, this would be the best practice. For example, for some of my personal files I have two copies on different hard drives sitting in my home, plus copies in a Dropbox folder in the cloud.

The second thing to think about is digital rot. Digital rot means that due to problems with the storage medium – the files stored on them become corrupted. Any storage method could fail and create corruptions that prevent the files from being accessible. You should think about replacing what the files are stored on after a few years, and check the files themselves on a scheduled basis.

On a slightly related note, make sure you keep up with the software used to read those files. I personally had a disk of files I would have loved to have referred to, but I didn't save the information to a format that would last and now would be hard pressed to find something that could open them.

So, whether by hesitation, procrastination, or mandate – whatever digital files you are storing need to be part of a process of multiple backups, of occasional checking, and of changing what they are stored on every so often.

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Calendar



- May 15, National Chocolate Chip Day
- May 16, [CASTL, Tecumseh Public Library, "Stress Management"](#)
- May 17, National Pizza Party Day
- May 22, National Vanilla Pudding Day
- May 23, Margeret Wise Brown's Birthday
- May 24, [Golden Sower Reading Day](#)
- May 26, National Paper Airplane Day
- May 27, Memorial Day, SELS Office Closed
- June, National Dairy Month, LGBT Pride Month
- June 1, Say Something Nice Day
- June 3, National Egg Day
- June 5, Rick Riordan's Birthday
- June 6, National Yo-Yo Day
- June 7, [School Librarians in the Digital Age](#)
- June 8, National Best Friends Day
- June 9, Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Day

Photos of the Month



American Girl Dolls on Display at Beatrice Public Library. More on page 4.

CASTL Wrap-Up

Upcoming CASTL Meetings

May 16
 Tecumseh Public Library
 "Stress Management"

June 28
 Ashland Public Library
 "Trauma and Available Resources"

July 26
 Superior Public Library
 "Dealing with Bugs"

August 23
 Dvoracek Memorial Library, Wilber
 "Free Programs: Game and Parks and more"

Our CASTL on April 25 was hosted by Chuck Reichwein and Judy Kassenbaum at Hebron Secrest Library. It dealt with the theme "Free Digital Resources."

The first subject was free eBooks. eBooks can be obtained through Project Gutenberg and standardebks.org. There are more download choices and nicer formatting with standardebks.org. A link to either can be placed on the library's website. It should be noted that choices are limited to works published in 1924 or earlier (in the public domain). However, some authors also offer free eBooks (for example, Cory Doctorow in the Sci-Fi genre). For those, it is possible but time consuming to create unique catalog records with links to the eBooks. One of the downsides of using free eBooks is that patrons have to learn how to use the eBook files, which cannot be accessed using the Libby or Overdrive apps.

There are also free audiobooks from librivox.org. Since these are produced by volunteers, the quality varies greatly and some are a single file while others have each chapter as a file.

Libraries are limited in what they can do in presenting streaming content. They may not use a streaming service such as Netflix to show movies, for example. Also, libraries need to be alert that they do not use images available online that are copyrighted. When searching on Google for images, click on "Tools," then click on "Usage rights," and choose "labeled for reuse" as one way of finding artwork and photos that are free to use or under a Creative Commons license.

Broadcast radio picked up with an antenna may only be played if your building size totals 3750 square feet or less with no more than 6 speakers. No more than 4 TVs with a maximum screen size of 54 inches (diagonal) may be used to play over the air broadcasts. This is known as the homestyle exception. No usage of apps, cds, cable, etc. is allowed.

Upcoming Basic Skills Courses

To see the list of upcoming classes, [click here](#). Here's what's coming up next:

<u>Dates of Class</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Registration</u>
June 10—June 21	Library Finance	May 13—May 31
July 8—July 19	Reference	June 10—June 28
July 29—August 9	Library Policy	July 1—July 19

News Around the System

American Girl Doll Program at Beatrice Public Library

Provided by Joanne Neeman

The Beatrice Public Library cosponsored a program about American Girl Dolls and Books, with the Doll Lovers' Club on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Participants were encouraged to bring American Girl Dolls and share their stories. Many brought in not only the dolls but their accessories, too (see "Photos of the Month"). Young and old shared tales of their dolls. A brief history of the company was given by Laureen Riedesel, Library Director.



Retiring School Librarians Go Out in Style

Story and photo by Beth Dolnicek

Southeast Nebraska is gaining two more retired school librarians in May! Congratulations to Betty Meyer, school librarian at Thayer Central, and Carolyn Van Boening, school librarian at Southern Schools. The school librarians at Educational Service Unit #5 in Beatrice had a celebration for them at their quarterly meeting to send them out in style, as you can see from the smiles on their faces! Best wishes to Betty and Carolyn in their future endeavors!



News Around the System

Moon Landing Display at Auburn Memorial Library

Provided by Heather Koenecke

We have a display up for the 50th anniversary of the moon landing. It includes some fun and odd facts as well as a 5 question true or false quiz. For completing the quiz, patrons receive a moon pie!



Morton-James Public Library Gets Out Into the Community

Story by Donna Kruse, photo by Louann Beard

During National Library Week, Louann Beard and Amanda Winkler got out in the community to deliver story times and book talks. Story times were held at Nebraska City News Press and Chocolate Dreams and Sweet Things. The book talk was held at Moser's U-Save Pharmacy. It gave additional exposure to the Library, while still providing services from its alternate location.



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Ukelele Program Attracts a Diversity of Ages

Story by Monica Tidyman; photos by Emily Tandy

Last year the Stromsburg Public Library had David Haggadone present a ukulele program to our summer reading kids for the Libraries Rock! theme and we had so much interest in what he was doing we had him back. 20 adults and kids came on April 9 to hear about the history and origins of the ukulele, see different kinds of ukuleles and even have a short lesson on playing some simple chords. Many brought their own instrument! This was the most age diverse program we have ever had and it was exciting to see the elementary kids and our 90 year patrons participate together.

David is looking at starting ukulele lessons in town with the hopes of getting a ukulele club started in the near future.



GOLDEN SOWER READING DAY

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 9-NOON

SEWARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY

233 SOUTH 5TH STREET, SEWARD, NE

COME AND JOIN US! GET ACQUAINTED WITH 2020-2021 POTENTIAL PICTURE BOOK NOMINEES. WE WILL HAVE ALL OF THEM AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO READ!

Register at <http://bit.ly/2019GSower>



THE NEBRASKA
Golden Sower Award

**School
Librarians
In the
Digital Age**

Sponsored by



9 am Gavin Flint
Virtual Reality in the School Library

10 am Crystal Hurt
OER for School Librarians

11 am Kristen Evans
There's a Choice Board for that....well maybe not, but I can make one!


June 7

8:45 am – 12 pm

Room 101

Don Clifton Professional Learning Center
710 Hill Street, Lincoln, NE

Register at <http://bit.ly/2019SchoolLib>



University of Missouri–Columbia
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and Learning Technologies
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Virtual Open House

Saturday May 18, 2019
10-11:30 am

Zoom (<https://mizzou.zoom.us/j/820475365>)

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