



Southeast Signal

News, Events, and Information from Around the System

From the Director



Back in April I wrote about marking and labeling your books, specifically about potential decisions for how to implement call numbers, genre markings, or other identifiers. I want to add a

little bit more to that discussion now, especially as I have visited many new librarians recently and have seen their reactions to the systems they inherited.

First and foremost is to put your system, whatever it is, in writing. Eventually, someone new will take over the task of handling the collection. It would also be helpful to write down why these decisions were made as well. There has been more than one occasion over the past few months where I had to help decipher what the various abbreviations, color coding, or other book markings meant to a new librarian who didn't have the benefit of having their predecessor around to explain what they all meant.

This is also helpful when deciding to split up a collection into subgroups, like genre sections or by topic. What guidance do you give to another person to help them figure out where a book may be located? For example: some of our libraries

have a "Nebraska" section. What does that entail?

You also need to be consistent in the usage, mainly so new staff and customers aren't confused. There was a collection recently I helped with that used 4 different abbreviations on the spine label for books that all went into the same section. 4 different ways of marking the same thing.

This isn't to discourage your use of marking and labeling to help people have a better idea of what a book is about, but for it to continue to be useful for customers, volunteers, and new staff now and in the future, make sure there is some guidance on what it all means and how it is implemented.

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Calendar

July 14, National Mac & Cheese Day

July 16, World Snake Day

July 19, Global Hug Your Kids Day

July 23, National Parents' Day

July 25, National Merry-go-round Day

July 28, [CASTL, Bruun Memorial Library, Humboldt, "Summer Reading Successes"](#)

August, National Wellness Month

August 2, National Coloring Book Day

August 3, National Watermelon Day

August 4, National Water Balloon Day

August 8, Global Sleep Under the Stars Night

August 9, National Book Lovers Day

August 31 and September 1, [Joint Youth Services Retreat](#)



Photos of the Month



At Wahoo Public Library they had a very cool and popular summer event when the VR game truck from Norfolk paid a visit. For more, see p. 4.

CASTL Wrap-up

Upcoming CASTL Meetings

July 28
Bruun Memorial Library
Humboldt
"Summer Reading
Successes"

August 25
Superior Public Library
"Book Disposal"

September 29
Wahoo Public Library
"Library Law"

October 27
Wymore Public Library
"Document Retention
Policy"

Our June 23rd CASTL was held online only with the main theme of "Open Meetings Act Refresher" with Scott Childers as the presenter. Andrew Sherman, known widely as "Sherm", also introduced us to his role at the NLC working on technical matters. He is happy to work with libraries to ensure their technology needs are met.

State statute requires that public policy is done in a transparent and public manner. All government entities, including governing and advisory library boards must give reasonable advance notice if their meetings. A rule of thumb is 10 days, but local ordinance or practice may differ. In communities under 5,000, library boards can put a notice in a newspaper or post a physical notice in three different locations in the community. If you are larger than 5,000, notice must be placed in a newspaper that covers the community. Locations of where and when the notices were placed should be recorded in the minutes.

The notice should include the time and place of the meeting and an agenda of the meeting (or a location where the agenda can be viewed in person). The agenda can be changed up to 24 hours before the meeting. It must have enough detail so citizens can understand what topic is being discussed. Cities of first class and larger must place the agenda no later than 24 hrs. before the start of the meeting on the website and it must continue to be available for at least 6 months. The website does not count as one of the three physical locations for posting.

Emergency meetings may be held without reasonable public notice. The reason shall be stated in the minutes. Complete minutes of the emergency meeting shall be made available to the public no longer than the next regular business day.

The public has the right to attend, record, and make comments. A board can create rules such as setting time limits on comments. They can require someone to disclose their name and address. It is fine to have some meetings without time for public comment, but a board shouldn't go a long time without time for comment. More information can be found [in the recording and Scott's slides](#).

Upcoming Basic Skills Classes

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

<u>Dates of Class</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Registration</u>
August 14 —August 25	Collection Management	July 11—August 5
August 28—September 8	Programming and Outreach	July 25—August 19
Sept. 18 - Sept. 29	Community and Library	August 15—September 9

News Around the System

VR Game Truck is very Popular in Wahoo

Story and photos by Carrie Trutna

One of Wahoo Public Library's most popular programs for the summer happened on June 29th. VR Game Truck from Norfolk, NE came to visit the library! We had over 50 kids in attendance spread out over three 1 hour time slots to play video games and use a VR set for the first time. We chose the theme "Walk with the dinosaurs", but there are several fun ones to choose from. We had to take a vote from the kids on which one to do and it was a tough choice between dinosaurs and a moon walk. Some of the older kids were not impressed with the VR. They were expecting a Jurassic Park experience but the younger kids had a blast with it, with only one child grossed out by the dinosaurs eating prey. We will have them back again sometime to try the moon walk and maybe the Titanic adventure once the news stories settle down. We highly recommend the experience. The contact information for the VR truck is as follows:



<http://www.vrgametrucknebraska.com/>, Michael Dale, Owner of VR Game Truck Nebraska, (402)-992-4278, "We Bring the Party to You!"

Escape Rooms, Scavenger Hunts, String Beans, and Ice Cream!

Provided by Sherri Payne

As the Seward Memorial Library celebrates "All Together Now Seward," we continue the festivities with a scavenger hunt around the City's central square. The library's "Act of Kindness" scavenger hunt begins July 10. Patrons will have until July 31 to find posters hidden around Seward's central square businesses and write down the clues that they find. Each poster includes a unique way to display an act of kindness to the people around us. For example, one might "let someone go ahead of you in line," "donate a book to someone" or "help a neighbor."

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News Around the System

Carpooling to ARSL

A number of librarians in the Southeast Library System are planning on carpooling to the Association for Rural and Small Libraries Conference September 20-23 at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita, Kansas. To help coordinate this effort, Scott set up an online tool where, if you want, you can enter your vehicle for people to ride in to Wichita. You can also join an existing carpool opportunity. Providers of vehicles have been providing additional details in the “Comments” section. To offer your vehicle for a carpool, or to join a carpool, [click here](#).



Escape Rooms, etc.! *(Continued from p. 4)*

As an added bonus, patrons who collect all the acts of kindness can turn in their score sheet to try to win a prize at the end of the month.

Another fun activity for the summer is the family escape room. This summer, patrons will be challenged to unravel “The Mystery at the Rivoli.” Agent Axel, a soon-to-be hit movie, is about to have its feature premiere at the Rivoli Theater. The star of the show, a husky, is scheduled to attend the extravagant festivities planned for the premiere. Catastrophe strikes right before the show, and the show’s star husky disappears. He has been kidnapped! Only our patrons can help us out as they work to solve the clues to find and rescue the movie star before the grand celebration takes place. Our escape room will run through the end of the month and our summer will culminate in a grand finale with a real movie at the true Rivoli theater on the city square.

The library also held a String Beans concert on June 29. Even though heat mandated a change of venue to an inside location, patrons still had a good time. The Friends of Seward Library showed up to help serve ice cream and sprinkles to an energized crowd!

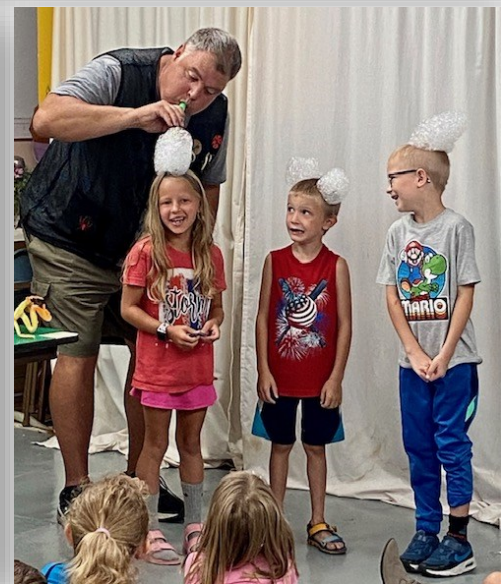


News Around the System

Summer Activities in Clarks

Story and photos by Barbee Sweet

This summer Strobel Motorsports brought their #94 Baja Trophy Truck for every one to check out. We learned how important reading is even in the racing world and to keep



reaching for your dreams.

Keith West and his assistant Miss Kitty put on an afternoon magic show for all ages to enjoy. There were lots of laughs and amazed audience members.

Dr.Oxygen came to teach us all about the science of bubbles. There was lots of hands on learning and many volunteers to get on the bubble action! This week will be Christmas in July with a special visit from The Grinch. Next week we will wrap up Summer Reading with the annual water fight put on by the Clarks Volunteer Fire Department!



From the NLC

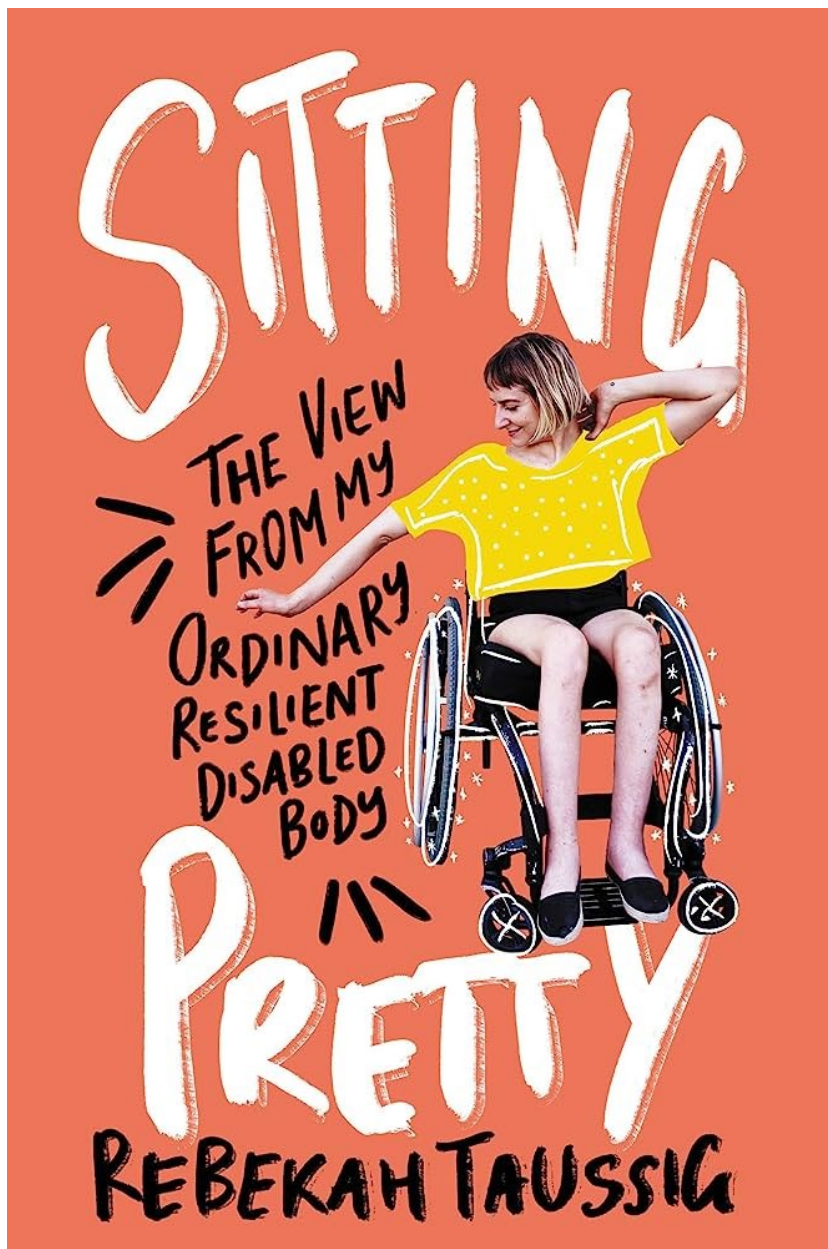
Book Club Spotlight – *Sitting Pretty* by Rebekah Taussig

By MacKenzie Marrow (edited)

Sitting Pretty is a memoir in essays focusing on Dr. Taussig’s experience as she navigates the world in her disabled body. When Taussig was four months old, cancer attacked her spine, leaving her paralyzed from the waist down. By age two, Taussig is cancer-free and going about her life as any other kid would; only after noticing how disabled people were portrayed in media and movies (*The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Forrest Gump*, etc.) did she realize she was different. Seeing how disabilities were represented, mocked, and othered, she learned to resent her body and the special accommodations it needed. Throughout her life, Taussig has had to work immensely hard to unlearn all the negatives she was taught about her body and handle people treating her differently because of her disability, from teaching her first class to navigating how strangers want to comment on her love life.

While Taussig’s knowledge and ideas come from a place of well-researched and thoughtful academia, her language and ideas are accessible to anyone and show a nuanced approach to the societal “otherness” placed on disabled people. Group discussion will benefit from being able to talk about these themes together and share their own experiences with disabilities, the disability community, or any moment of “otherness” felt from inaccessibility or social stigma.

If you’re interested in requesting *Sitting Pretty* for your book club, you can find the Book Club Kit Request form [here](#). **There are 11 copies available.** (A librarian must request items)



Library and Information Services

Fall 2023 Online Course Offerings

Aug. 21, 2023 – Dec. 15, 2023

Enrollment for Fall Semester 2023 opens

Monday, April 10, 2023



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 Straatmann, 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 and Information Services program. Students will complete 40 hours of service learning in a host library. The course also includes a review of the principal pieces of learning from the LIS program.

- Prerequisites: LIBR 1010, 2100, 2150, 2210, & 2250

<i>Fall 2023</i>	<i>Spring 2024</i>
Libr 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services	Libr 2100 Reference Resources and Services
Libr 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies	Libr 2210 Develop and Organize Collections
Libr 2940 Library Science Capstone Practicum	

New changes...

Beginning Fall 2023, the LIBR 2210 Cataloging & Classification course has been merged with the LIBR 2150 Managing Collections in Libraries & Information Agencies class. The new combined class is LIBR 2210 Develop and Organize Collections to be offered in Spring 2024.

And the Library & Information Services Certificate has been reduced from 18 credit hours to a 15-credit hour program.



For more information on the Library and Information Services program, see:

<https://www.cccneb.edu/lis/>

For information concerning Admissions or Registration,

contact: Dee Johnson djohnson@cccneb.edu,

402-562-1418 or Toll Free at 877-222-0780

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29TH ANNUAL JOINT YOUTH SERVICES RETREAT



August 31 and September 1

Some Retreat Highlights:

- Grants for Youth Services
- The Nebraska Golden Sower Award: Information and Updates
- Fun, Easy, and Inexpensive ways to Organize a Successful Teen Night
- No Zombies Were Harmed in the Making of this Teen Event (includes Zombie make-up demo)
- Taking STEM off the Shelf: Incorporating Informal STEM Learning Experiences into Library Programming
- Creative Problem Solving with Group Brainstorming
- Author Presentation and Discussion with Bidong Tot

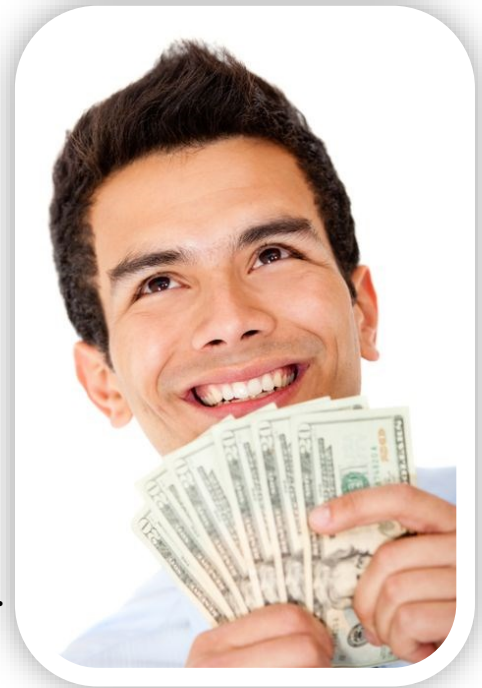
[Register Here!](#)

System Spotlight

Scholarships

Did you know that the Southeast Library System provides scholarships to pay for registration and/or travel costs for continuing education events, course work in library science, and webinars?

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 never received a scholarship from SELS in the past, and to first-time attendees at the event requested. [Click here for more information.](#)



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