



# Southeast Signal

*News, Events, and Information from Around the System*

## From the Director



My mother recently acquired some older books that had some relevance to my family's past. This would normally be great news, except we thought it actually stunk. Well,

more like it was the books that stunk. You probably have received books like this at your library; the books themselves show no sign of damage or mold, but there is a definite problem with smoke or mildew or other smells.

Here are four different methods of removing smells from books. Each of them have their pros and cons, and sometimes you may find using a combination of methods works better than any individual method does alone.

- 1) If the book is in really solid condition besides the smell, perhaps burying it in a bunch of unused cat litter for a period of time will work. I would only use this for books that are fairly sturdy and with thick pages.
- 2) Put the books in a container that you can seal tightly and put in containers of fresh baking soda or charcoal. I've seen some people make little sachets with cheesecloth and activated charcoal from a

garden center that just sit in the corner of the container. Just don't let the books actually touch the soda or charcoal. Keep the box closed for a few days and then check to see if the smell has gone. If not – back in the box it goes.

- 3) Take some fabric softener sheets and put them in between some of the pages of the books. This tends to remove mildew odor, but sometimes leaves traces of the fabric softener's smell instead.

- 4) A method that Denise Lawver from Wahoo shared recently at a CASTL meeting is to take a few of those perfume sample strips out of the various magazines your library receives and use them in a similar manner to the fabric softener sheets – stick them in between some of the pages and let them work.

There are instructions out there on building large "stink boxes" that include multiple anti-odor filters and fans to circulate air. I think that might be overkill unless you plan on having it be a permanent part of your work area and get a lot of stinky books on a regular basis.

So if you decide you need to save the book from a bad case of the stink, you have a few methods to try. If you have any other methods, or feedback on these four, please let us know!

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## Calendar

- July 12, National Pecan Pie Day
- July 13, National French Fry Day
- July 16, National Ice Cream Day
- July 17, Emoji Day
- July 19, National Hotdog Day
- July 21, CASTL, "Library Exteriors," Wymore Public Library
- July 22, National Hammock Day
- July 28, National Talk in an Elevator Day
- July 30, National Cheesecake Day
- August 1, National Night Out Day
- August 3, National Watermelon Day
- August 6, National Root Beer Float Day
- August 9, National Book Lovers Day
- August 11, National Presidential Joke Day
- August 18, CASTL, "Summer Reading Successes," Clay Center Public Library
- September 7-8, 23rd Annual Joint Youth Services Retreat, p.12



## Photo of the Month



Wahoo Public Library had Jeff and Erin Buckmaster from Buckmaster Construction in to talk about his business, what he does and the tools he uses. They did a slide show of different area buildings and landmarks that they worked on and that were recognizable to the kids. Then, the kids were able to use a power drill to put screws in a board. There were so many kids and so many screws that the board actually split in half.—*Carrie Trutna*

# CASTL Wrap-Up

## Upcoming CASTL Meetings

July 21

Wymore Public Library  
“Library Exteriors”

August 18

Clay Center Public Library  
“Summer Reading  
Successes”

September 15

Central City Public Library  
“Civilian Response to Active  
Shooters”

October 27

Bruun Memorial Library  
Humboldt  
“Helpful Databases” (in addition to NebraskaAccess)

November 16

Gilbert Public Library  
Friend  
“Genealogy Resources”

On June 23, 2017 CASTL met at Wahoo Public Library to listen to Nebraska ADA Coordinator Crystal Booker’s presentation on ADA Compliance. Using a wheelchair herself, she was able to add a personal dimension.

What exactly is a disability under the ADA? The definition used by the ADA differs from those used by disability insurance, Social Security, the FHA, and the VA. According to the ADA, a disability is a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life functions. It may be a visible impairment such as using a wheelchair or walker, white cane, hearing aid, or thick glasses. Or it may be invisible, such as chronic pain or fatigue, mental illness, PTSD, diabetes, and autism.

While the ADA requires libraries to make modifications for those with disabilities, this does not necessarily mean that a library has to make physical changes to its building or layout, although this may be the case, especially if required by the state’s main ADA enforcers, the fire marshals. Much accommodation comes naturally to librarians and can simply be considered good customer service.

Crystal noted that a library which is inaccessible for those using wheelchairs can make a reasonable modification by bringing requested books out to a person who is waiting in a car. In another example, if magazines are out of reach for a person in a wheelchair, a library may place a sign next to the magazine shelf requesting patrons to please ask staff for assistance if needed. Or, if someone looks like they may need help, library staff should be trained to go up to them and ask something like “Is there anything I may help you with?” Also, signs labeling rooms and other items should also be in Braille.

A reasonable modification can be anything that makes it possible for a person with a disability to participate in a program, service or activity.

Crystal included handouts in her presentation, [which you can find here](#).

# Upcoming Basic Skills Courses

To see the full calendar & register for classes, [click here](#). Here’s what’s coming up next:

<u>Dates of Class</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Registration</u>
July 31 —August 11	Library Policy	June 26—July 20
August 21 —September 1	Programming & Outreach	September 24 —August 10
September 11—September 22	The Community and the Library	August 14—August 31

# News Around the System

## Successful Summer Event at Fairbury Public Library

*By Linda Dux*

On Friday June 2nd, 44 Summer Reading Program kids along with several family members participated in the “Build A Better World” program at the Fairbury Public Library. The Cub Scouts showed the children how to pitch a tent, build an emergency fire, and make a bird feeder. The Extension office read *The Three Little Pigs* and built houses out of toothpicks. The children’s librarian, Linda Dux led the children in competitions to build a log cabin, connect the longest string of fish, Lego twister, JENGA played with pop boxes, building the tallest Lego towers, building three marble towers then racing with marbles, and planting seeds in little pots that were painted by the older readers!

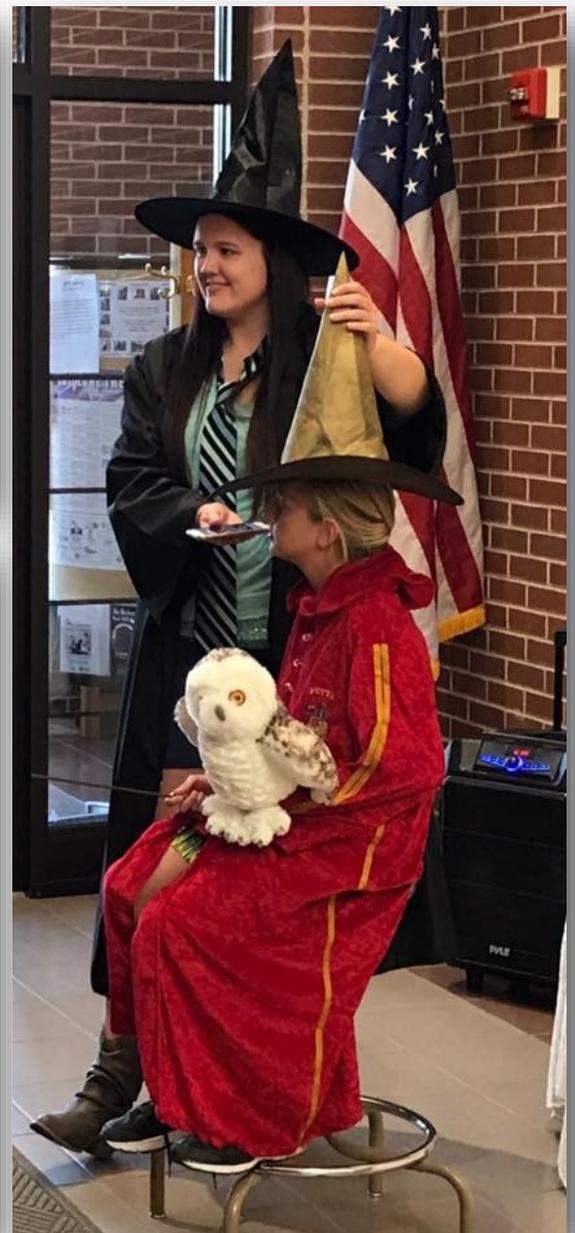


# News Around the System

## Central City Public Library Celebrates 20 Years of Harry Potter

*Photos and story by Sara Lee*

Central City Public Library was transformed into the magical world of Harry Potter on 6/22/17. In honor of the 20th anniversary of our beloved wizard's entrance into our lives, teens/tweets were invited to celebrate the event with us, in an evening of fun. The evening began with participants being sorted into their Hogwarts School "house." Throughout the evening, each house participated in a variety of challenges (including: a scavenger hunt, potions class, and trivia challenges). Everyone enjoyed snacking on yummy Harry Potter-themed refreshments. They each took home a unique wand and a golden dragon egg! (Harry Potter & the Sorcerers Stone was published on 6/26/97.)



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## Building a Better World in Fairmont

The Fairmont Public Library has been busy “Building a Better World.” Our group has been mostly preschool through 1st grade, but that hasn’t stopped us from painting bird houses, making bird feeders, and building stick houses that can’t be blown over by the big bad wolf. Our last program was on tools; we were able to use “real” tools, including a hammer, drill, and a screwdriver. They could have done this the whole hour!

We held our first Eclipse Program on Saturday, June 24th. Edward G. Schmidt, Professor Emeritus from the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Nebraska Lincoln, showed many slides of what we will be seeing and told us how to safely enjoy the eclipse. At the end of the program we all went outside to see how the glasses worked.



## Harvard Public Library has a year-round festive Tree

*By Sharon Steenbarger*

If you have been reading our newsletter, you know that Harvard Public Library’s Christmas Tree has been transformed several times to fit different occasions. Their tree is now patriotic. Patrons seem to enjoy it! The tree will remain in this form through Labor Day.



# News Around the System

## Palmyra Book Club Visits Neihardt State Historic Site

*By Glenda Willnerd*

After reading the One Book One Nebraska *Black Elk Speaks* by John Neihardt, some of the Palmyra Book Club members took a road trip to Bancroft, NE to visit the Neihardt State Historic Site and then on to Pender, NE to view the barn quilts. Pictured from left to right in front of the sculptures of Black Elk and John Neihardt are: Loretta Pallas, Gloria Hall, Mary Powers, Sharon Smith, Glenda Willnerd, Jean Knoll and Betty Royal.



## Build a Better Meadow

*Photos and story by Sara Lee*

Central City Public Library hosted a “Build a Better Meadow “ Event at Lone Tree Park on 6/21/17. Kids had a great afternoon learning about microscopes, bees, butterflies, snakes and turtles, rocks, fishing, and listening to stories about nature.



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## Summer Reading Fun

*By Terry Olson, photos by library staff*

Fun was in the making at our "Build a Better World" Summer Reading Program. Joyce Kroll, our guest reader, delighted the pre school set with stories, finger rhymes, action games, and crafts. Through out the four week programming series, the school age children enjoyed stories and creative problem solving challenges from our own " Wizard of Magic", Anne Baden. What fun we had with the Fantastic Fish Blocks. They proved to be a popular hit with both age groups. The children could piece them together in very simple, or very complex designs. We tried to incorporate color identification and counting with the younger ones. The fish blocks certainly kept all the early arrivals busy. A total of 367 children attended the programs this year.



## Crete Public Library receives CCCFF Grant

*By Joy Stevens*

Crete Public Library recently received what we hope will be the first of many grants towards our new library. The Nebraska Department of Economic Development for Community Facilities funds awarded the City of Crete \$375,000 in funding for construction. The current library was finished way back in 1915 and has served us well for over 100 years. But space is at a premium and the whole Crete community is looking forward to the new facility.



# News Around the System

## Clarks Public Library has Fun with Summer Reading Program

*By Barbee Sweet*

We've had a busy month at the Clarks Public Library. First we had The Mad Scientist show us how to build a better world. Then we had the Eggerton Center put on a show all about bubbles. Carlson Construction came and taught us about measuring and tools that are used during building. We then got to have our imagination run wild as the kids were allowed to build anything they wanted for our village. To finish June we had a challenge of using marshmallows & toothpicks only to build the tallest freestanding construction in 25 minutes. Our winning team had a height of 8"!

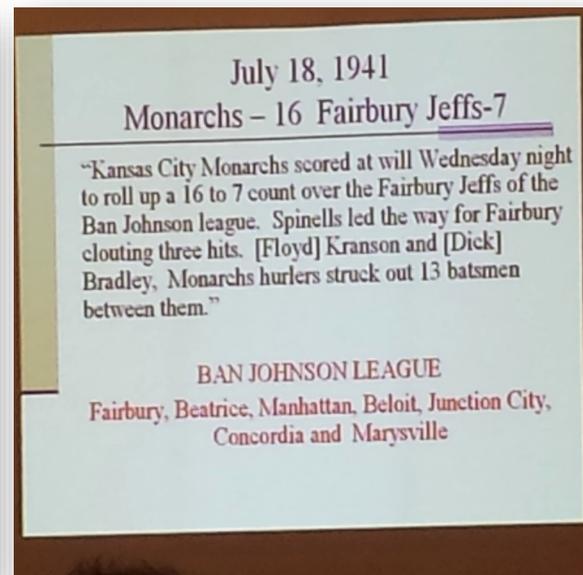


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## Kansas City Monarchs History, with Nebraska Connections

*Story by Debbie Aden, photos by Jessica Brejcha*

On June 17, award-winning author Phil Dixon came to the Fairbury Public Library, sharing the history of the Kansas City Monarchs and recalling the times they traveled to play in Fairbury. The Monarchs were the longest-running baseball team in the Negro League, and they traveled to Fairbury, and other surrounding towns on a number of occasions to play ball with local teams. In addition to the history of the Monarchs, Dixon talked about the history of the Negro Leagues and their importance to the sport and to race relations in America.



## Special Event in De Witt

*Photos and story by Liz Poessnecker*

The Burkley Library and Resource Center in De Witt hosted a presentation by members of the Herpetological Society as part of the July 1 Celebration. Both adults and children filled the library to learn more about toads, frogs, amphibians, and snakes. At the end of the presentation the members of the audience were able to touch and hold some of the animals.



# 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: August 4th!**

# 23rd Annual Youth Services Retreat

## Presentations include:

- ◆ Author Talk: Andrea Warren
- ◆ Great Books for Tweens and Teens
- ◆ Why Diverse Literature Matters for Youth Services
- ◆ Crowdfunding: “Booktalk” your favorite websites and resources
- ◆ Great Books for Children
- ◆ Technology and Textiles Meet at Your Library
- ◆ Using YA Literature to Inspire Teen Girls’ Interests in STEM
- ◆ Betwixt and Between (Tween Programming)
- ◆ Answer Time (A time to share challenges and solutions)
- ◆ Creating a Culture of Play

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## September 7-8

Carol Joy Holling Camp and Retreat Center, Ashland

For full program and

registration: <http://bit.ly/2017YSRetreat>

# 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!  
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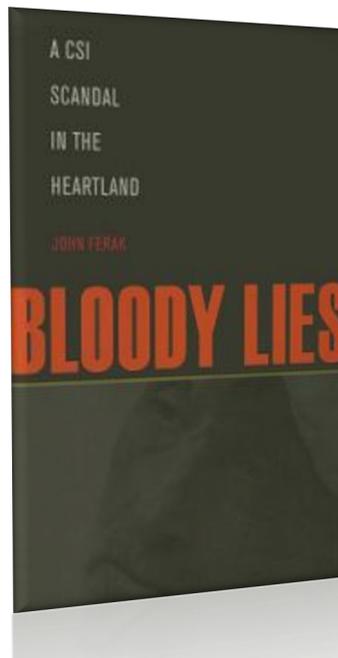
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## System Spotlight

# Two New Book Kits!

We have recently added two new book kits to our collection. One is *Bloody Lies* (set in Nebraska) and the other is the now well-known *Hidden Figures*.

For more information on these and many other book kit titles, [please visit our website](#), where we have a long list of book kits, including cover art and book descriptions courtesy of Goodreads.



## Southeast Library System

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