

# NSLA NEWS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

NSLA Board Meeting  
Sept. 24, 2014  
7:00 pm  
Teleconference

NLA/NSLA State Conference  
Oct. 8-10, 2014  
South Sioux City

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## President's Message



What a summer this has been. Once again there are new faces on the NSLA board ready to use their leadership skills and continue to take the organization to the future. Board members: Audrey Loosvelt from Madison Public School and Kim Jones from Elkhorn Middle School are the new board members; Laura Pietsch, President-elect and Betty Meyer, AASL Liaison. Thank you all for committing your time and skills to NSLA. I am honored to represent this organization in the presidential position for 2014-2015. I hope that I can continue the vision that was created and developed from those I am following.

At our summer retreat, board members agreed to continue the goals identified last year:

- 1) Provide professional development opportunities for NSLA members;
- 2) Cultivate collaborative relationships with school librarians, educators, administrators, students, and community stakeholders to enhance

awareness of the 21st Century school library programs;

3) Promote and advocate for quality school library programs.

These three items have committees working to further develop the objectives and to meet the ongoing needs of NSLA members. The committees are looking for additional members to add to their group. If you are interested in any of these committees, please contact me and I will pass on your information to the group.

It is an exciting year as we look to the fall conference October 9 - 10.

**motivate  
innovate  
integrate**

This year's conference, *Motivate, Integrate, Innovate* will be held in South Sioux City. I urge

you to submit your registration and plan to attend the conference. Be sure to review the conference highlights on the website - <http://nebraskalibraries.org/conference2014/>. We have 80 sessions shared between public librarians and school librarians all speaking about motivation, integration or innovation. Please join us for this opportunity to share among ourselves as well as with public librarians.

Beth Kabes,  
NSLA President

"Before you sleep, read something that is exquisite, and worth remembering."

-Erasmus

## Mentoring Vision and Planning Committee

“Come, and  
take choice  
of all my  
library, and  
so beguile thy  
sorrow.”

-William  
Shakespeare

The mission statement of the Nebraska School Librarians Association (NSLA) is to advocate for school library programs, provide professional development opportunities for school librarians, and develop leaders in the school library field. As a component of providing professional development opportunities and

developing leaders in the school library field, NSLA would like to develop a mentoring program for those that are new to the profession or who may need some additional positive support. If you have an interest in becoming a part of the Mentoring Vision and Planning Committee, have ideas and

suggestions that you would be willing to share, or would like to be a mentor or mentee in the future, please contact Kim Jones ([kimberlysue33@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlysue33@gmail.com)) or Angie Richeson ([angiericheson@gmail.com](mailto:angiericheson@gmail.com)).

Angie Richeson,  
NSLA Treasurer

## Nebraska State Advisory Council on Libraries

Nebraska State Advisory Council on Libraries met on July 18. I reported on NSLA's Board Election results, NSLA's increased presence at the 2014 NETA Conference and our collaboration with NETA, and how excited we are for the work that Kristina Peters is doing on our behalf at NDE.

Nebraska Library Commission (NLC) Rod Wagner reported:

- the NLC approved reducing the number of Regional Systems from six to four by January 2015.
- NLC and UNL Extension are collaborating on offering digital learning training opportunities for public library staffs.

- The Laura Bush 21st Century Library grant ends October 31. The NLC website has a story bank page with personal stories about the impact of this grant for Nebraska libraries.
- 2015-17 biennium budget requests are due on September 14 and he is asking for recommendations from libraries. Nebraska will have a new governor and many new state legislators and new members on the appropriations committee. The good news is that the state has a healthy economy and state funds.

The next meeting will be in Lincoln on November 21.

Jean Hellwege, Advisory Council Liaison



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### **FREE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Looking for great, free, flexible professional development opportunities? Look no further than the NSLA webpage. Here you will find a list of FREE webinars that are updated weekly from trusted sources like edWeb, *School Library Journal*, *Library Media Connection*, AASL, state library associations, and much more! Don't have time to participate in the webinar at the time of the broadcast--no problem. Most webinars will provide a direct link to the archived session for attendees to watch at their leisure. Stop by to see the latest offerings at

<http://www.neschoollibrarians.org/upcoming-webinars.html>

## Nebraska Library Commission

This year's **One Book One Nebraska** selection, Bob Greene's *Once Upon a Town*, has been a popular choice and has resulted in programming related to WWII subjects. Nominations for the 2015 One Book One Nebraska selection are currently under consideration with an announcement of the finalists to be made in October.

Education related organizations are at work planning for activities and

events for **Nebraska's sesquicentennial** in 2017. There will be many opportunities for schools and libraries to contribute to the celebration of Nebraska's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. The Library Commission is among the education partner organizations.

The Library Commission will submit its 2015-2017 **biennium budget request** in mid-September. The Commission was

successful this current biennium in obtaining \$150,000 per fiscal year to supplement local public library funds for eBook and digital audio book purchases (**Nebraska eReads program**). Yet to be decided is what the Commission will include in its next biennium request.

Rod Wagner, NLC

"My best friend is a person who will give me a book I have not read."

-Abraham Lincoln

## Learning4Life

The AASL L4L State Coordinators Community had a conference call meeting and also met as a group at the ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas in June. I could not attend either of these meetings, but from the minutes, the group discussed advocacy of L4L.

The group brainstormed ways to reach a different audience in advocating for the value of strong school library programs. Jennifer Maurer, School Library Consultant from the Oregon State Library, recommended a book on the topic. *The Principal's Guide to a Powerful Library Media Program: A School Library for the 21st Century* (2nd edition) was

authored by Barbara Jansen, a nationally-known school librarian, and Dr. Marla McGhee, a former principal and curriculum director and current professor in the Educational Administration and Leadership program at Texas Christian University.

Maurer said, "It's a great book to help school and district administrators understand the potential of school library programs."

Judy Henning,  
Learning4Life Liaison

## NE Dept. of Education

Draft English Language Arts (ELA) standards will be submitted to the State Board in September for approval. Multiple Literacies are now organized by Information Literacy and Digital Citizenship, which will be a great area in which school librarians can work with classroom teachers.

School librarians helped with the ELA Standards Instructional Tool to develop strategies to meet

9-10 ELA standards and help contextualize these strategies in various content areas (Ag, Business, Science, Math, etc). The teachers involved in this project were very impressed with the school librarians involved and saw the value in collaborating with them.

Kristina Peters,  
NDE



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**AASL Report**

The Nebraska School Librarians were represented at the AASL Affiliate Assembly during the 2014 ALA National Conference in Las Vegas in June. During the two AASL Affiliate Assembly sessions that I attended representatives from across the United States discussed Concerns that were to be addressed by the AASL state representatives. Each of the 14 Concerns was discussed in small groups and an action plan was established for each concern to be presented at the Sunday morning meeting. A common recurring concern was the elimination of school librarians and library programs in various states, as well as how to promote the school library.

The 12 Commendations approved by the executive Committee were also discussed, and also were presented at the Sunday morning meeting. School Librarians Day held at the University of Nebraska Omaha by the Nebraska School Librarians Association (NSLA) was recommended for commendation and was accepted by the AASL committee as Commendation #11.

President Gail Dickinson announced the new mission statement adopted by the Board of Directors:

"The Mission of the American Association of School Librarians is to empower leaders to transform teaching and learning," with the tag line "Transforming Learning". President-elect Terri Grief spoke about leadership development opportunities coming at midwinter as well as a retiree's initiative.

The AASL Fall Forum, being held October 17 and 18 in St. Louis and 10 other satellite sites was also discussed. News from around the states was discussed. Regional Caucuses were held to elect Regional Representatives and alternates at the Sunday morning meeting. I will be the new Region IX representative with David Sanger as the Alternate.

The final drafts of the Concerns were reviewed after much discussion and a motion was made to send the Concerns forward. All the commendations that were endorsed by the Executive Committee were approved. A list of Concerns and Commendations that were presented to the AASL

assembly can be found on the AASL web site. Merlyn Miller reviewed the affiliation process and a list of current affiliations will be provided at Midwinter 2015.

**Upcoming AASL events:**

**AASL Fall Forum:**  
October 17-18, 2014  
St. Louis, Missouri  
Theme: "School Librarians in the Anytime Anywhere Learning Landscape"

**AASL at ALA Midwinter Meeting:** January 30-February 3, 2015  
Chicago, IL  
Theme: "The Conversation Starts Here..."

**AASL at ALA Annual Conference:** June 25-30, 2015  
San Francisco, CA  
Theme:  
TRANSFORMING Our Libraries Ourselves.

Betty Meyer,  
AASL Liaison





2014 NLA/NSLA Annual Conference  
Oct. 8 - 10  
South Sioux City

**Registration Information**

First Name	<input type="text"/>	Last Name	<input type="text"/>
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Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> NLA <input type="checkbox"/> Nonmember <input type="checkbox"/> NSLA <input type="checkbox"/> Iowa/South Dakota Library Association Member		

**Pre-Conference Events**

*Preconferences will be held Wednesday, Oct. 8th in the afternoon. Please refer to the conference website for complete descriptions and locations.*

Nightmare in the Media Center - \$30.00  
 Family Programs that Make Sense - \$30.00

**Conference Events**

These events are COMPLIMENTARY of the NLA/NSLA Conference. Transportation is not provided.

Renaissance Reception - S. Sioux Public Library - 7-10 pm (Wed)  
 Lewis and Clark Interpretative Center - 2 pm (Wed)

**Registration Fees**

*All requests for refunds must be made before September 15, 2014. NO requests will be filled after that date. Requests prior to September 15th will be filled following the conclusion of the event.*

**POSTAL registration rates are higher than electronic registration rates. ELECTRONIC registration allows payment by Check, Cash or Money Order and includes registration confirmation.**

*Member rates apply to all current members of NLA and NSLA as well as members of the Iowa and South Dakota Library Associations.*

Early POSTAL Registration (Received before Aug 1)	Late POSTAL Registration (Received before Sept 20)
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference (Member) - \$140.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference (Member) - \$150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference (Non-Member) - \$175.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference (Non-Member) - \$190.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference (Students/Retirees) - \$80.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Conference (Students/Retirees) - \$90.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday only (Member) - \$90.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday only (Member) - \$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday only (Non-Member) - \$130.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday only (Non-Member) - \$140.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> Friday only (Students/Retirees) - \$55.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday only (Students/Retirees) - \$65.00
<input type="checkbox"/> E-Conference \$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> E-Conference \$25.00

**Menu Selection**

**Please Indicate Your Attendance**  
**Luncheon buffets are provided at no additional cost for all attendees, with meat and vegetarian entrees available.**  
*Note: Meal admission will not be available with on-site registration. Please refer to the conference website for complete menu descriptions.*

Thursday Luncheon Attendance	Friday Luncheon Attendance
<input type="radio"/> NLA Annual Meeting	<input type="radio"/> SCYP/Mad Hatter
<input type="radio"/> NSLA Thursday Lunch	<input type="radio"/> College & University
	<input type="radio"/> Paraprofessional
	<input type="radio"/> Public Library/Trustees

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