

NSLA NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

NSLA Board Retreat
July 9, 2014
10:00 am
Columbus

President's Message



I was fortunate to attend the 40th Annual American Library Association National Library Legislative Days May 5-6, 2014 in Washington, D.C. with Rod Wagner (NLC) and Manya Shorr (NLA), both also representing Nebraskan librarians. 420 librarians and library supporters from across the country converged to meet with members of Congress to discuss key library issues. The event focused on supporting federal funding for the nation's libraries of all kinds.

The Nebraska contingent was able to meet with Senator Mike Johanns, and Senator Deb Fischer, and the various aides of Representatives Adrian Smith, Jeff Fortenberry, and Lee Terry. Rarely are the ALA representatives able to meet with the elected officials themselves, so we were thrilled to meet with two of them in person! We stressed the importance of increasing and continuing monetary funding for libraries through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), as well as the inclusion of effective school library programs in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

(ESEA) Reauthorization. Other important issues discussed that day were the continuation of the e-rate, and open access to taxpayer-funded research.

This week's legislative activities even included a dance rally. On Tuesday, students, librarians and parents gathered in front of the U.S. Capitol for a "Happy" flash mob dance to support public libraries. Sponsored by the North Carolina Library Association (NCLA), K-12 student ambassadors led the flash mob dance. Here's the URL if you want to see the fun <http://www.districtdispatch.org/2014/05/hundreds-library-champions-gather-washington-40th-annual-national-library-legislative-day/> (I really was there; fast forward to 1:45 and you'll see me waaaaaay in the back with Barbara Stripling. We were both trying to not make fools of ourselves or throw our backs out!).

Manya Shorr and I also attended the Nebraska Constituency Breakfast.

This Nebraska tradition is a super way for all Nebraska citizens who happen to be in Washington to meet and rub elbows with their elected officials. It is wonderful to look these people directly in the eye and tell them stories about how libraries affect the everyday lives of Nebraskans. The Nebraska Constituency Breakfast is a wonderful example of doing things "the Nebraska way."

Does this type of event really make any difference for libraries? Well, it is hard to say whether anything makes a difference in Washington; however, the "experts" in congressional persuasion say that consistent reminders of personal stories relating to real people from the elected officials' home districts make an impact on their voting record (Vance, 2012). This was my fourth time to participate in NLLD, and I have to

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“Libraries made me a writer, but more importantly, they made me a thinker.”

-Sarah Darer Littman

say I am impressed with the organization and process. I enjoyed visiting with our elected officials about library issues and sharing something I'm passionate about from my heart. I feel I made a difference and I hope to participate again.

Dr. Sherry Crow
NSLA President



Senator Deb Fischer and Dr. Sherry Crow at the Nebraska Constituency Breakfast, May 7, 2014

Nebraska Department of Education News

The Nebraska Language Arts Standards have been undergoing a rigorous review over the last year and a draft of newly revised standards was released for public comment in April by the State Board of Education. Members of NSLA joined other educators from across the state in the revision process. AASL and ISTE standards were consulted as the team made revisions to the Multiple Literacies strand which includes information fluency and digital citizenship. Thanks to the efforts of Kristina Peters, school library liaison at the Nebraska Department of Education, school librarians will be included in a curriculum writing project this summer.

The overall goal for this project is to improve student mastery of the

Nebraska English/Language Arts (ELA) Standards by providing content-specific teaching strategies that support the ELA standards across all disciplines at the secondary level. The Standards Instructional Tool (SIT) is a searchable database of lessons which support the standards. http://www.education.ne.gov/AcademicStandards/SIT_Intro.html

If you need ideas or strategies for teaching the multiple literacies standards, be sure to check this handy tool. There are also plans to build resources into Safari Montage that will support teachers as they plan instruction.

Gail Formanack
NDE Liaison



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>

NSLA Board Election Results



**President-Elect:
Laura Pietsch**



**Board Member-at-
Large: Kim Jones**



**Board Member-at-
Large: Audrey
Loosvelt**



**AASL Liaison
(Board Appointed):
Betty Meyer**

"LIBRARY:
Accessible
storage for all
human
knowledge
and wisdom."

-John D. Waterman

NETA 2014: Mission Possible

NSLA had a strong presence at the NETA (Nebraska Educational Technology Association) two-day conference April 24th and 25th! Included among the almost ten breakout sessions every hour, were multiple "library media" sessions. Many of the presenters of those sessions were School Librarians! Way to advocate for School Libraries!

In addition, conference attendees had the opportunity to listen to inspirational key-note speakers such as Angela Maiers, Erin Klein and Dean Shareski... all speaking on the conference theme of "Mission Possible".

For the first time, NSLA also had a booth in the vendor area. Those who "manned" the booth made

some wonderful connections with educators all over the state and most importantly, felt as though NSLA was both seen and heard by fellow librarians, teachers, technology coordinators and specialists, and administrators! Thank you to everyone who manned the booth and to those who stopped by to say hello!

Hands down, the biggest hit of the NSLA booth was the "I Love Inquiry" t-shirts! Many educators will be sporting them throughout the state... even the science teachers were impressed!

We hope to see all of YOU at NETA next year!

Angie Richeson
NSLA Treasurer

NSLA Board Meeting

The April 26, 2014 meeting was called to order by President Crow. Thirteen members were present.

The agenda had no additions and was approved by a motion from Carrie Turner, seconded by Angie Richeson. Motion carried. Minutes from the February 3, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Beth Kabes moved to approve the minutes and Carrie Turner seconded. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was given and approved with a balance of \$22,592.44.

Executive Secretary's Report - Membership update - 274 active, Summer Newsletter deadline- May 15, 2014.

Committee Reports:
AASL - The Declaration for the Right to Libraries signatures will be presented at the Library Legislative Day in Washington D.C. May 4-6th. The ALA Annual is June 27-30 in Las Vegas, NV. Go to <http://ala14.ala.org/> for more information.

State Advisory Council on Libraries - The council met March 14, 2014 at the Kearney Public Library. Beth Kabes was elected as the Nebraska State

Advisory Council's Vice-Chair. Funding for regional libraries along with possible changes in regional boundaries was discussed. The next council meeting is July 18, 2014.

AFCON Liaison - AFCON has been closely following the NSAA (Nebraska State Activities Association) censorship issues that have come to light this year. AFCON is hoping that the NSAA will evaluate and rewrite their vague standards.

NLC - A Regional Library Systems Configuration Task Force developed proposals for two options in regional organization as alternatives to the current six regional library systems. The TF has presented options for a four or five region arrangement. The options were presented at the March Library Commission meeting and will be on the May Commission meeting agenda. If changes are made in the regional structure the implementation details will be worked out with representatives of the current regional library systems. Changes are not expected to be made before January 2015. The Library Commission's

NCompass Live weekly webinars are held each Wednesday and recorded for viewing/listening any time after. A list of scheduled webinars can be found on the Commission's website.

NDE - School librarians are benefiting from the work of Kristina Peters, the e-Learning specialist at NDE who is working on behalf of school librarians. She lobbied for NDE to develop an ELA Standards Toolkit for School Librarians. A toolkit will be developed this summer with the help of some school librarians.

Awards and Scholarships - Deanna resigned her position and a replacement will be found this summer.

Learning 4 Life - Nina Kemps is the chairperson of the L4L State Coordinators. She said an important objective this year was to determine where the L4L committee stands in meeting the objectives from the L4L National Implementation Plan.

Old Business - There were 16 media strands at NETA this spring. The NSLA had a booth at NETA and was very successful with new

memberships, renewals, and 21 t-shirts sold. NSLA is working with NETA to develop a liaison or a SIG (Special Interest Group). A committee was assigned to develop guidelines for this new opportunity. Region IX AASL/CAEP Reviewer Training was held on March 8 in Kearney. There were 12 participants and 5 who have been accepted as reviewers so far.

New Business - Potential meeting dates, possibly accepting electronic payments for dues, and the AASL Liaison Appointment were discussed.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Dannehl
NSLA Secretary



Michaela Braun has been appointed chair of the NSLA Scholarship and Awards Committee



Diane Sands will serve as a member of the NSLA Scholarship and Awards Committee

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AASL Report

Currently AASL is accepting proposals for the 17th Annual National Conference. The conference will take place November 5-8, 2015 in Columbus, Ohio. The deadline for concurrent session proposals is November 7. Visit the following website for more information: www.ala.org/aasl/rfp Start planning now, to attend this information-filled conference!

A new publication entitled *Developing Collections to Empower Learners* was released May 9. This book is intended to help librarians move their collections toward the 22nd century. The timely publication offers advice on digital collection development as well as

how school libraries collect and disseminate information. It is available in print (\$36) and electronic formats (\$18) and can be purchased through the ALA online store at alastore.ala.org/aasl

Finally, Betty Meyer, former NSLA President and current liaison to the State Advisory Council on Libraries, has been selected as your next AASL Liaison. If you see her congratulate her as I know she will do an outstanding job! Her three-year tenure will begin July 1st.

Thank you again, for allowing me to represent your interests with AASL the past three years. It has been an honor and a

privilege. I am delighted to say I will be able to show Betty the ropes at next year's Affiliate Assembly meetings in Chicago and San Francisco as the AASL Affiliate Chair.

Carrie Turner
AASL Liaison



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innovate
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NLA/NSLA 2014 Conference

Oct. 8-10 – South Sioux City

<http://nebraskalibraries.org/conference2014/>