

Sargent Township Library

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Accreditation Accomplished!



Library director, Gayle Mattox, and the library board are pleased to announce that the Sargent Township Library is now accredited with the Nebraska Library Commission at the bronze level. This is an accomplishment to be proud of and to celebrate. Of the nine public libraries in Custer County, only Sargent and Broken Bow are currently accredited.

There are a number of steps required to becoming accredited.

First, the library director needs to be certified by taking at least 45 hours of continuing education classes every three years. The library board also must become certified by collectively taking 20 hours of continuing education classes every three years.

Next, the library is required to develop a Community Needs Response Plan. Our planning committee consisted of five members of the community who surveyed Sargent to learn the characteristics and needs of our area. We also looked at the strengths and weaknesses of the library. After compiling our information, we developed a five year plan on how our library could help address some of these community issues. This response plan can be accessed on our webpage at <http://libraries.ne.gov/sargent/> under the policies tab.

Finally, the Nebraska Library commission has a list of 67 guidelines that are helpful for excellent library service. We didn't have to meet every guideline, but each standard is worth a certain number of points. In order to be certified at the bronze level, we needed 175 points.

There are many benefits of library accreditation. The first is of course, bragging rights. We will also get some additional state aid – not a large amount, but every bit helps. The biggest advantage will be that we are now eligible for more grants. Our facilities are over 100 years old, and hopefully we will be able to get some grants to make improvements.

Thanks to the director, board, and community members for all of the work required to make this happen. We had great teamwork.

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comfort of your home.**



On October 2, we had a night for pumpkin decorating. It was a big success and so much fun. Close to 60 people attended. Thank you to Friends of the Sargent Township Library for planning, supplying, and doing most of the work. Also, thank you to Karl Davis, Sargent Corner Market for donating the pumpkins. Finally thank you to the Sargent community for your great support!



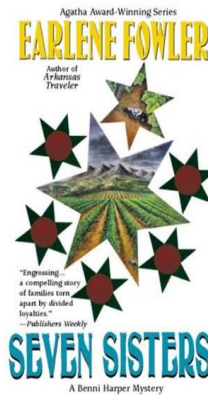
New Fiction Books

Comics Squad: Lunch	Holm
None of This is True	Jewell
Never Lie	McFadden
Holly	King
Identity	Roberts
The Baxters	Kingsbury
The Trackers	Frazier
Firestorm	Moore
Dark Angel	Sandford

New Non-Fiction Books

Werewolf	Hedges
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The Sargent Library Book Club



Come join the book club at the Sargent library. For the month of October, everyone is reading *"Seven Sisters"* by Earlene Fowler. There are multiple copies available for check out at the library.

New Lamppost

Have you seen the beautiful, new lamppost in front of the library? The library board was concerned about how dark and shadowy our building was at night. Safety issues needed to be addressed as well as the need to see more clearly. The result is this beautiful lamp. Joann Mosier Memorial funds funded our project, and a grant from the Custer County Foundation helped with the electrical installation.

Thank you to everyone involved.

