“Mark Twain Comes to Norfolk”

Huckleberry Finn, rafts on the Mississippi River. What a better time to have Mark Twain visit Norfolk than in the middle of summer? Mark Twain impersonator, Wally Seiler of Alliance, Nebraska, will present a program, “Mark Twain on the Lecture Circuit” on Tuesday, July 24th, 2012 at the Norfolk Public Library. The presentation is being sponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Council, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, and the Norfolk Public Library. The program is open to the public and free of charge as part of the library’s summer lecture series.

Seiler, who recently retired as a Vice President of Bank of the West in Alliance and manager of its Wealth Management Department, has presented his program throughout the United States. He once won a nationwide Mark Twain Look-a-like contest and, as a result, served as the host of the Calaveras Jumping Frog Jubilee in Angels Camp, California. This event capitalizes on one of Twain’s best-loved stories, The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County.

Seiler is a member of the Board of Directors of the Mari Sandoz Heritage Society, the Carnegie Arts Center, Post Playhouse at Ft. Robinson and a member of the Alliance City Council. In 2002, he received the Nebraska Library Association’s Trustee Citation and in 2005 was recognized at the American Library Association’s convention in Chicago as one of the nation’s outstanding library advocates.

As part of his presentation, Seiler will give portions of the presentations that Twain performed for audiences around the world.