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# CPLS ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019



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Central Plains Library System will assist libraries and media centers to meet community needs by serving as an advocate for libraries through facilitation, training, and consultation.

CPLS is a multi-type library network including academic, public, school, and special libraries. We are part of the Nebraska Regional Library Systems serving Nebraska libraries since 1982. The focus of activities is library development, with the ultimate goal, the improvement of library services to the residents of Nebraska.

CPLS is a non-profit corporation governed by a local System Board serving 31 counties including Adams, Blaine, Boyd, Brown, Buffalo, Cherry, Custer, Dawson, Franklin, Frontier, Furnas, Garfield, Gosper, Greeley, Hall, Harlan, Holt, Howard, Kearney, Keya Paha, Lincoln, Logan, Loup, Phelps, Red Willow, Rock, Sherman, Thomas, Valley, Webster, and Wheeler.

The number  
of square  
miles in the  
CPLS area!

31,960



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## HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE YEAR

59 Book Club Kits circulated  
Saving Nebraska Librarians

**\$12,000+**

1300 Aliens purchased in a  
group order

Saving Nebraska Librarians

**\$4,012**

13 Sphero's purchased in a  
group order

Saving Nebraska Librarians

**\$389.87 + shipping**

145 Puppets purchased in a  
group order

Saving Nebraska Librarians

**\$1,605.98**

30 Blocks Rock! Sets  
purchased in a group order

Saving Nebraska Librarians

**\$599.70 + shipping**

82 Professional Journals cir-  
culated

Saving Nebraska Librarians

**\$4,500+**

**\$4,079.60 awarded in Scholarships**

- 14 Professional Articles Emailed
- 68 Periodicals Routed
- 112 Discs Cleaned
- 20 Books Repaired
- 18 Cutting Machine Uses
- 715 Audio Books Circulated
- 59 Book Kits Loaned
- 4 Golden Sower Book Kits Loaned
- 7 Breakout EDU Kit Uses
- 20 Button Machine Uses
- 5 Laminator Uses
- 8 Embroidery Sewing Machine Uses
- 15 Cricut & Heat Press Uses
- 8 littleBits Uses
- 6 Bloxel Uses
- 7 Sphero Uses
- 5 Blocks Rock! Uses
- 3 Oversized Game Uses
- 1 Microscope & Telescope Uses
- 2 Robotics Kit Uses
- 3 Virtual Reality Kit Uses

## WEEK OF WEEDING

AUGUST 5-11

16 Participating Institutions

2100+ items weeded

APRIL 21-27

24 Participating Institutions

16,000+ Items weeded

## SCHOOL SCIENCE DAYS WITH S.T.E.A.M. EQUIPMENT

- January 8th McCook Elementary School (K-3)  
"Science is Fun" Night  
200+ Students
- May 6th Atkinson Public Library (K-8)  
"Science Day at School"  
175+ Students



- JULY 31 School Librarians in the Digital Age  
(NE School Libraries Assoc.) Lexington Public Library
- JULY 28 Norfolk Public Library Literature Festival
- AUG 23 Kapco Book Repair Workshop  
North Platte Public Library — 29 Participants
- AUG 25 NE Book Festival  
Lincoln
- AUG 26 Maker Showcase at the Nebraska State Fair  
Grand Island
- SEP 6-7 Youth Services Retreat  
Ashland
- OCT 27 Missouri Open House  
Hastings CPLS Office
- NOV 29 E-Rate Workshop  
Lexington Public Library
- DEC 7 “Make”ing Time for Fun Workshop  
Kearney Public Library— 26 Participants
- DEC 18 Statistical Reports Demo with Sam Shaw  
Holdrege Public Library — 11 Participants

- JAN 25 Summer Reading Workshop  
McCook City Library — 37 Participants
- FEB 6 Full “S.T.E.A.M.” Ahead  
Atkinson Public Library — 6 Participants
- FEB 12 Full “S.T.E.A.M.” Ahead  
Hastings Public Library — 15 Participants
- FEB 28 Full “S.T.E.A.M.” Ahead  
Wilson Public Library — 12 Participants
- MAR 29 Summer Reading Workshop  
Ravenna Public Library — 37 Participants
- MAY 1 Teen Nights (aka After Hours)  
Jensen Memorial Library — 15 Participants
- MAY 1 First Impressions Matter—A Customer  
Service Workshop  
Minden Opera House
- MAY 23 Accreditation Workshop — 12 Participants  
Elwood Public Library
- JUNE 7 Golden Sower Reading Day  
Kearney Public Library — 36 Participants

## BASIC SKILLS CLASSES FACILITATED

JULY 30-AUGUST 10  
Collections

DECEMBER 2-17  
Library Services for  
Children & Teens

MARCH 3-18  
Library Governance

MAY 13-24  
Intellectual Freedom

## CONFERENCES

SEPTEMBER 13-16  
Association of Rural &  
Small Libraries  
(Springfield, IL)

OCTOBER 4-6  
NLA/NSLA Annual  
Conference  
(Lincoln, NE)

JUNE 21-25  
ALA Annual Conference  
(Washington, DC)