

# **Straight** *talk*

News For And About The Libraries Of Northeast Nebraska

## Be a Part of the Veterans History Project

Supported by the Library of Congress and AARP, the Veterans History Project of the American Folklife Center has a goal of collecting, preserving, and making accessible personal accounts and artifacts from American war veterans. The project is collecting accounts from World Wars I & II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, and the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts. While the primary aim is veterans, citizens who played an active role in supporting war efforts, such as medical volunteers or war industry workers are also encouraged to share their stories.

This is an ongoing project that will continue to accept materials that meet the submission requirements. There are three options for submitting materials to the project. The first is a minimum 30 minute interview with a veteran. A veteran may also submit a minimum 20 page memoir, diary, journal, etc. or at least 10 photographs, letters, maps, artwork, etc. It is important to note that submitted materials must be original and will not be returned to their owner.

It is recommended for students in grades 10-12 or adults because of the specific guidelines and requirements which will require significantly more supervision and guidance for students in lower grades. If an interview is being conducted by a student under the age of 18, the interviewer release form must be signed by a parent or guardian.

This is an excellent opportunity for both school and public libraries. Not only can it help engage students about U.S. history, it can also help them see the impact and effect these American wars had on people from their communities firsthand.

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## 2014 One Book One Nebraska Selected

***Once Upon a Town*** by **Bob Greene** is Nebraska's reading choice for the 2014 One Book One Nebraska statewide reading program.

In this nonfiction story, bestselling author and award-winning journalist Bob Greene goes out in search of "the best America there ever was," and finds it in a small Nebraska town few people pass through today--a town where Greene discovers the echoes of a love story between a country and its sons. During World War II, American soldiers from every city and walk of life rolled through North Platte, NE, on troop trains en route to their ultimate destinations in Europe and the Pacific. This small town, wanting to offer the servicemen warmth and support, transformed its modest railroad depot into the North Platte Canteen. Every day of the year, every day of the war, the Canteen-staffed and funded entirely by local volunteers-was open from five a.m. until the last troop train of the day pulled away after midnight. *Once Upon a Town* tells the story of how this plains community of only 12,000 people provided welcoming words, friendship, and baskets of food and treats to more than six million GIs by the time the war ended.

The One Book One Nebraska reading program, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book, is entering its tenth year. It encourages Nebraskans across the state to read and discuss one book, chosen from books written by Nebraska authors or that have a Nebraska theme or setting. A committee of the Nebraska Center for the Book selected this book from a list of 71 titles nominated by 141 Nebraskans from across the state. The Nebraska Center for the Book board announced the choice for the 2014 One Book One Nebraska at the Celebration of Nebraska Books on October 26, 2013, in Lincoln.

Libraries across Nebraska will join other literary and cultural organizations in planning book discussions, activities, and events that will encourage Nebraskans to read and discuss this book. Support materials to assist with local reading/discussion activities will be available after January 1, 2014, at <http://onebook.nebraska.gov>. Updates and activity listings will be posted on the One Book One Nebraska Facebook group at <http://www.facebook.com/onebookonenebraska>.

One Book One Nebraska is sponsored by Nebraska Center for the Book, Humanities Nebraska, Nebraska Library Association, and Nebraska Library Commission. The Nebraska Center for the Book is housed at and supported by the Nebraska Library Commission and brings together the state's readers, writers, booksellers, librarians, publishers, printers, educators, and scholars to build the community of the book, supporting programs to celebrate and stimulate public interest in books, reading, and the written word.

The NELS office owns 15 copies of *Once Upon a Town*. If you would like to borrow all or part of it, email Sarah at [nelsdirector@gmail.com](mailto:nelsdirector@gmail.com). The Nebraska Library Commission also has a set that is available for checkout. To request it, you can use the form [here](#). You can also contact Lisa Kelly at 402-471-4015 or [lisa.kelly@nebraska.gov](mailto:lisa.kelly@nebraska.gov).

## Take the New Accreditation Guidelines for a Test Drive

By Richard Miller, Nebraska Library Commission

A number of Nebraska public library directors have asked if they could try out the new Accreditation Guidelines even though their libraries are not up for reaccreditation this year. In particular they were interested in seeing how their libraries stack up against their “peer libraries,” that is, libraries with populations 15% lower and higher than theirs. NLC staff has now made this possible. The comparative statistics are now drawn automatically from Omnibase, on which the annual data submitted via Bibliostat Collect are displayed. Please keep in mind a few things:

If your library did not submit statistics for the last full year - i.e., 2011—2012 —there will be no comparable statistics for you to look at.

You should not submit the application form itself if your library is not up for re-accreditation in 2013 (or if you are an unaccredited public library that did not submit statistics for 2011 —2012 (see the first point above).

These data change each year, reflecting the statistics submitted for that year. Therefore, you cannot necessarily draw conclusions from the data for this year if your library is applying for accreditation in a different year.

## Veterans History Project Cont.

Before participating, be sure to review the materials in the Veterans History Project Field Kit, which is available on the project’s website. It contains important information about required information, submission formats, and the veteran’s release form.

More information about the Veterans History Project, how to participate, as well as browsing the project itself can be found at <http://www.loc.gov/vets/vets-home.html>.

## The Accreditation Guidelines and Strategic Planning Workshops For Nebraska Public Libraries January/February 2014

**Topics:** Nebraska's Public Library Accreditation Guidelines (new in 2013), and Strategic Planning

**CE Hours:** 3.5

**Outcomes:** Participants will:

- Understand the importance of strategic planning in helping to ensure the future of public libraries in their communities by being responsive to identified community needs.
- Learn the steps involved in developing a strategic plan that will help them provide needed library services to their communities.
- Become familiar with the Public Library Accreditation Guidelines and how these can help in planning local library services.
- Understand that the accreditation guidelines offer benchmarks to help measure their libraries.

### Locations/Times/Etc.:

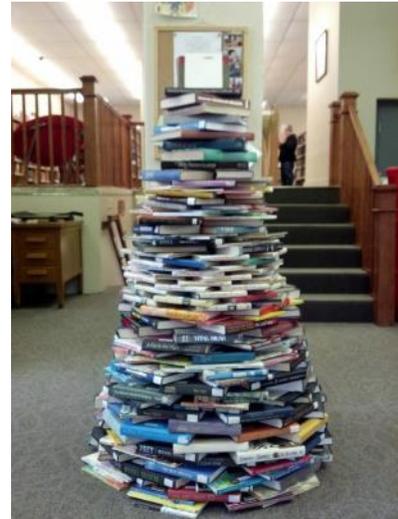
<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>System</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
1/6/2014	Mon.	PLS	PLS Office	9:00 to 12:30 MT
1/9/2014	Thur.	Online	GoToMting	1:00 to 4:30 CT
1/14/2014	Tue.	RVLS	Hastings PL	1:00 to 4:30 CT
1/16/2014	Thur.	SELS	Beatrice PL	10:00 to 2:30 CT
1/21/2014	Tue.	ELS	Keene Mem.(Fremont)	9:30 to 2:00 CT
1/22/2014	Wed.	NELS	<a href="#">Randolph PL</a>	1:00 to 4:30 CT
1/29/2014	Wed.	NELS	<a href="#">Columbus PL</a>	1:00 to 4:30 CT
1/30/2014	Thur.	Online	GoToMting	9:00 AM to 12:30 CT
2/19/2014	Wed.	MLS	Wilson Mem.(Cozad)	10:00 to 2:30 CT

Please use the links above to register for either of the NELS workshops or call the office at 402-564-1586. If a time or location for one of the other systems works better for you, please contact the respective office for registration information.

# Library Happenings



Three parakeets made their home in the children's room at the Columbus public library.



Albion public library celebrated Christmas by making a tree out of books.



Lindsay Nelson from the Creighton public library read to children during a special visit from Santa.



Osceola celebrated Christmas by having a snowman reading a book from the library.



Carol and Laura from the Stanton public library regularly visit children at one of the daycares in town.



Rising City public library held a Christmas gathering for its library board member and staff.



Santa also took some time to visit the Atkinson public library.



# NELS Winter Workshop



**February 4, 2014**

**\$25**

**Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk**

**4.5 C.E. Credits**

**9:30-10:00**

Registration and Refreshments

**10:00-10:50**



**Pinterest—Sarah Warneke & Judy Marco**

Sarah and Judy will show you how to get started using Pinterest and how to use it for programming in your library.

**Accreditation 101**

Richard Miller will host a discussion of new guidelines and strategic planning and how the two relate.

**11:00-11:50**

**Books are just the Beginning**

Richard Miller will show you how to make use of the tools and resources

**Review of 40 iPad apps—MeMe Smith**

Learn about iPad apps such as World Fact Book, IMDB, WebMD, lawyers.com and

**12:00-12:30**

Lunch (included)

**12:30-1:20**

**Lunch Speaker—Nancy Johnson “Myths of Women’s Madness on the Plains”**

This presentation examines the myths of Plains women—as they are promoted by authors of fiction and history—and the realities, based on recently published works, including diaries and journals. Nancy will show that the lives of Plains women were as varied as the pieces of a crazy quilt and will focus on Nebraska women 1870-1900 .

**1:30-2:20**



**Conferences Review—Sarah Warneke & Shelia Cermak**

Sarah and Shelia will go over some of their favorite sessions from the MPLA,

**Passive Programming for Tweens and Teens —Rachelle McPhillips**

Engage young patrons who hang out at your library with programs that run themselves. Rachelle Library will share several ideas libraries can adapt to year-round programming. These passive programs are great for libraries that have a thriving young adult program as well as those that are looking to reach out to

**2:30-3:00**

Closing, Evaluations, & Drawings

Contact the office or click [here](#) to register.

Registrations must be received by **January**

**24, 2014.**

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## Library & Information Services

Online Course Offerings

Spring 2014

January 13, 2014 – May 8, 2014

### ***LIBR 2150 Managing Collections in Libraries and Information Agencies***

*Patty Birch, Instructor*

**This course will provide students with an understanding of managing collections in libraries and information agencies, including:**

- Basics of Collection Management (terminology, models)
- 21st Century Literacies
- Selection (All resources, for all age levels)
- Acquisition
- Deselection/Weeding
- Intellectual Freedom
- Copyright

*Prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library & Information Services*

*For information regarding course content, contact the instructor at [pbirch@esu16.org](mailto:pbirch@esu16.org)*

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### ***LIBR 2210 Cataloging and Classification***

*Ruth Carlock, Instructor*

**This course will include theories, concepts and activities for cataloging and classifying materials in the 21st Century. It includes the following topics:**

- The bibliographic record
- Sears and Library of Congress subject headings
- Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress classification systems
- The MARC record
- Resource Description and Access Instructions

*Prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library & Information Services*

*For information regarding this course, contact the instructor at [rcarlock@cccneb.edu](mailto:rcarlock@cccneb.edu)*

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### ***LIBR 2940 Library and Information Services Capstone Practicum***

*Erica Rose, Instructor*

**This capstone course is the last course in the Library & Information Services program. Students will complete 40 hours of service learning in a host library. The course also includes a review of the principle pieces of learning from the LIS program.**

*Prerequisites: LIBR 1010, 2100, 2150, 2210, & 2250*

*For information regarding this course, contact the instructor at [erose@cccneb.edu](mailto:erose@cccneb.edu)*

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*For information on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Librarian Scholarships, see: Nebraska Library Commission website at: <http://nlc1.nlc.state.ne.us/NowHiring/Scholarships.asp>*

*For information concerning Admissions or Registration, contact: Dee Johnson [djohnson@cccneb.edu](mailto:djohnson@cccneb.edu), 402-562-1418 or Toll Free at 877-222-0780 ext. 1418*

## America's Star Libraries 2013

Each year, Library Journal release a report titled "America's Star Libraries". For 2013, Nebraska has nine libraries on the list, four of which are new this year. The Oakland and Creighton public libraries both received 3-star ratings while the Bloomfield and Genoa public libraries both received 5-star ratings. Those four libraries join Hartington public library, Atkinson public library, Central City public library, Neligh public library, and the Falls City library and arts center as the state's star libraries. Atkinson, Central City, Hartington, and Neligh have all been star libraries since the ratings began .

The ratings are based on data collected from data collected in 2011 by the Nebraska Library Commission, which is then sent to and compiled by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Star libraries are categorized by their annual expenditures.



## Upcoming Events

**December 25:** Office closed

**January 1:** Office closed

**January 22:** Accreditation/strategic planning workshop,  
Randolph public library, 1-4:30pm

**January 29:** Accreditation/strategic planning workshop, Columbus public library

**February 4:** Winter Workshop, Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk

**February 5:** Legislative Day, Lincoln

**March 24:** Summer Reading Workshop, Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk

If you have a book review, piece of news, or photo that you would like to share with your fellow Northeast Nebraska libraries, email it to Sarah at the NELS office.

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## Northeast Library System Board Minutes Draft

Wednesday, November 20, 2013

The Northeast Library System Board met on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, at the Orchard Public Library. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President Judy Hagan, and roll call showed board members Judy Hagan, Beth Foulks, Dawnn Tucker, Dee Johnson, Judy Hilkemann, Sara Lee, and Mary Austin present. Also present were Director Sarah Warneke, and Richard Miller from The Library Commission.

The July and September minutes were read and approved. (M) – Johnson, (2) Austin.

Director Sarah Warneke shared various cards and letters.

A financial report prepared by Shelia Cermak was previewed. The report was approved by roll call.  
MCU

Reports and handouts from the Nebraska Library Commission were presented by Richard Miller. He also shared a pamphlet and information about the Veterans History Project and answered questions and concerns about the accreditation process.

Director Sarah shared a written Director's Report and spoke of the three updated goals of the new technology plan. Winter Workshop will be in Norfolk on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The Summer Reading Workshop planning is underway.

The strategic planning committee meeting was postponed until a later date.

**Unfinished business** included a discussion of possible by-law changes to board member numbers. A motion was made to 1) reduce the number of members from 11 to 9; 2) change the small library parameter from "1000 and under" to "3000 and under" and thus the middle denomination to "3000 to 10,000" (M) Johnson; (2) Lee. A roll call vote caused the motion to fail. Sarah will do further research regarding the effects of such a change.

Board officers were confirmed as Judy Hagan, President; Dee Johnson, Vice-President; Beth Foulks, Secretary.

Motion was made by Hilkemann and seconded by Tucker to go in executive session to discuss the Administrative Assistant position at 11:30.

Motion was made by Hagan to end executive session at 12:15. MCU

Dee Johnson will put together a job description for the temporary, part-time position and compile other duties that will be learned and covered by the director. The position will pay \$12.33/hour.

Claims of the day will be paid. (M) – Johnson; (2) – Hilkemann. MCU

The next meeting will be January 15<sup>th</sup> online at 11:30 AM.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM. (M)- Hilkemann (2) Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Foulks, Secretary

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The Northeast Library System serves the counties of Antelope, Boone, Boyd, Butler, Cedar, Colfax, Dakota, Dixon, Holt, Knox, Madison, Merrick, Nance, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Stanton, Thurston, Wayne and Wheeler.

“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies,’ said Jojen. ‘The man who never reads lives only once.”

George R. R. Martin, *A Dance with Dragons*

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