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## ***New World War I Chautauqua Planned for North Platte in June***

Hastings and North Platte have been selected to host a brand new Chautauqua that will provide entertainment, historic presentations, exhibits, youth camps and more, all of which will be based on World War One. Presented by Humanities Nebraska (HN), this free festival will be held in North Platte June 8-12.

The Nebraska Chautauqua theme is **World War I: Legacies of a Forgotten War.** "As we near the 100th anniversary of the United States' entrance into World War I, we are inviting Nebraskans to come together and develop a fuller understanding of its lasting influences," said Kristi Hayek Carley, Humanities Nebraska program officer. "Many people don't realize how much of an effect the Great War had, both in terms of international relations and domestic issues right here in the U.S."

Many of the Brown Bag Luncheon series topics between February and June will be focusing on different aspects of WWI and will lead right into Chautauqua.

Kicking off the series is the **Candy of WWI** by Cecelia Lawrence. This program will also explain more about the upcoming Chautauqua program.

Mark your calendars and don't miss this Chautauqua!

## ***Brown Bag Series***

### **Candy of WWI and Introduction to the Chautauqua**

**By Cecelia Lawrence  
12:00 PM  
Friday, February 12th**



Cecelia Lawrence has previously done presentations on the Candy of the 1930's and the Candy of the 1940's. This time around, she is focusing on Candy that was invented 1900-1920. Just like in WWII, candy production and invention was limited by the lack of sugar. Nevertheless, candy was critical to the war effort. Come learn about the candy invented during this time period, sample a little candy, and the impact WWI had on candy production.

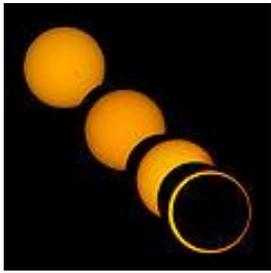
After the candy presentation, Cecelia will introduce what a Chautauqua is and showcase the characters that will be portrayed at this year's Chautauqua.

As in previous Chautauquas, historic scholars will appear as key WWI figures to discuss how the War led to changes in America's role in international relations, its impact on race, gender, and class issues, and how technology shaped the War. These include President Woodrow Wilson, Nebraska politician William Jennings Bryan, humanitarian Jane Addams, author Edith Wharton, and sociologist/activist W.E.B. Du Bois.

Audiences will gather each evening to enjoy local music or theatrical entertainment, followed by a presentation by one of the Chautauqua scholars, moderated by Woodrow Wilson.

*All Brown Bag Luncheon programs are free and open to the public.  
Attendees are welcome to bring their lunches. Coffee, tea and water will be provided.  
Seating is limited so please call the library at 535-8036, Ext. 3310 to reserve a seat.*

## Brown Bag Series



### Eclipses Past By Derryl Barr 12:00 PM Thursday February 25th

“Eclipses Past, Present and Future” is a three-part series that will look at the role solar eclipses have played in human history. The first program, “Eclipses Past,” explores both early and contemporary eclipse mythologies and considers how the course of history has frequently been altered by the unexpected occurrence of a solar eclipse. In over 25 years of pursuing eclipses around the globe, Derryl, the presenter of the series has gathered many documents, much art work and a lifetime of firsthand experiences that will be at the core of all three presentations. The series is designed to coincide with preparations for and the experiencing of the total solar eclipse that will pass over North Platte on the 21<sup>st</sup> of August, 2017.



### The North Platte World War I Canteen

*That's right, World War ONE!*

By Jim Griffin

12:00 PM, Thursday, March 3rd

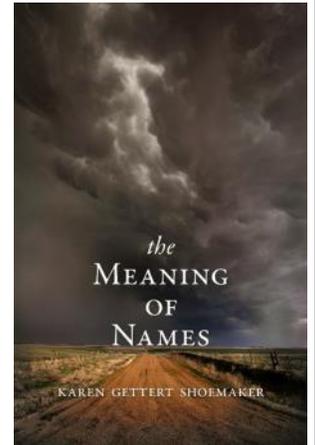
Most people have heard of the North Platte World War II canteen, but few know about North Platte's effort during World War I. The United States was involved in World War I from April 1917 through November 1918. Thousands of troops were transported by rail and North Platte's local Red Cross was there to meet them in a canteen established near the railroad tracks. Who were these women, how did they run their canteen, and what kind of an impact did they have on the war effort? Answers to these questions are among this presentation's effort to bring about a new appreciation for our ancestors and how their efforts played a part in both World Wars.

## Behind The Meaning of Names

by Karen Gettert Shoemaker

12:00 PM, Friday, March 18th

Karen Gettert Shoemaker, the author of the One Book One Nebraska 2016 selection, reads from and discusses the role of family stories and historic research in the writing of her historic novel *The Meaning of Names*. The novel's setting is Nebraska. This presentation includes discussions of World War I, the Influenza Pandemic of 1918, the experiences of immigrants and first-generation Americans in the early 1900s, and the role of men and women in a changing society, as well as the many subjects readers bring to the conversation. Karen's presentation is sponsored by Humanities Nebraska and the Friends of the Library.



## America and the Great War: 1914-1918

by David Wells

Humanities Nebraska Speaker  
12:00 PM, Thursday, May 19th

The role of America in “the war to end all wars” is misunderstood. Most people think only of the 1917-18 period when U.S. soldiers marched off to save the world, not realizing that from 1914-17 the nation was opposed to the war. Songs of the



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period show the changing attitude of the American public, from neutrality to anti-war sentiments to entry in the war and the ultimate defeat of Germany. World War II and the Cold War make more sense when you understand what happened between 1914-18. Wells features a special section of patriotic songs written by Nebraskans from Chadron to Omaha. A 45-minute slide program and a large display of sheet music are included.



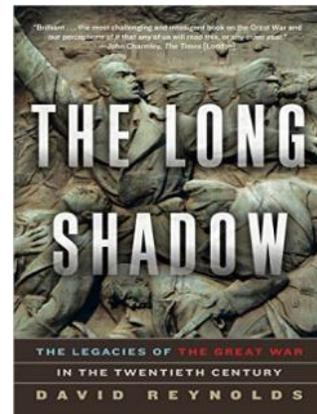
## Chautauqua Book Club Discussion series begins in April!

Join North Platte Public Library Director Cecelia Lawrence and NPCC Learning Resource Center Supervisor Sky Seery as they guide you through book discussions related to the upcoming Chautauqua!

Twenty copies of each book will be available to checkout at the North Platte Public Library after January 27th. **Just check out the book and come discuss it over coffee and a sweet treat!!**

Sky will be leading the discussion on *The Meaning of Names* by Karen Gettert Shoemaker at 7:30 PM on April 21st at North Platte Community College (South Campus), 601 West State Farm Rd. Call 535-3727 to reserve your seat and get the classroom location.

Cecelia will be discussing *The Long Shadow: the Legacies of the Great War in the Twentieth Century* by David Reynolds on Saturday, May 21, 2016, at 1:00 PM in the library.



A full list of books related to this year's Chautauqua will be available on the Library's website and at the Library in the coming months!



## It's Puzzle Tournament Time Again!

The Library Foundation is looking for both puzzlers and sponsors.



Online registration and Printable PDF registration forms are available online at [www.nppfoundation.org](http://www.nppfoundation.org) or at the library. Call 308-535-8036 X 3321 for more information

**Pre-Registration to Puzzle is Required by January 21, 2016 OR CALL FOR TEAM OPENINGS!**

When: **Saturday, January 30, 2016**

Where: **Bethel Evangelical Free Church (2700 W Philip ST, North Platte NE)**

### Elementary 2nd & 3rd Grades (2 person team)

Puzzler check in starts at 8:30 am

Puzzling Starts: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

[1 HOUR Puzzling Time Limit]

### Elementary 4th & 5th Grades (2 person team)

Puzzler check in starts at 10:00 am

Puzzling Starts 10:30 am – 12:30 pm [2 HOUR Puzzling Time Limit]

### Middle School 6th through 8th Grades (2 person team)

Puzzler check in starts at 12:30 pm

Puzzling Starts: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm [4 HOUR Puzzling Time Limit]

### Adult Divisions (4 person team, 2 person team, individual)

Puzzler check in starts at 12:30 pm

Puzzling Starts 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm [4 HOUR Puzzling Time Limit]

2016  
**JIGSAW  
PUZZLE**  
TOURNAMENT  
Saturday  
January 30th  
Bethel Evangelical Free Church  
2700 W Philip Ave  
North Platte, NE 69101

Entry Forms and Information Available  
at the **North Platte Public Library**  
120 W 4th Street, North Platte, NE  
**308-535-8036**  
Registration due by 5:00 PM Thursday, January 21, 2016  
For registration forms, rules, and more information go to  
[www.nppfoundation.org](http://www.nppfoundation.org)

**AARP Tax Aide Assistance:** Volunteer tax aides will be at the library again to assist people with income tax filing. The schedule will be slightly different this year. The volunteers will be here each Wednesday, 12:00 PM-3:00 PM, from February 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 13<sup>th</sup>; the first Friday and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month until April 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Spring Book Sale



**April 28-30, 2016**

**Thursday, April 28, 12pm—8pm.**

*Friends of the Library Members only Sale!*

**Friday, April 29, 9am—5pm.**

Open to the general Public

**Saturday, April 30, 9am—12pm.**

Open to the general public

*Note: The sale will close from 12pm to 1pm to get ready for the Bag Sale.*

**Saturday Bag Sale: 1 PM—5 PM.**

Fill provided bag or bring your own recyclable bag. Cost per bag \$2.00+tax. Fill as many bags as you want!

*Remember, Current Friends of the Library members get first pick of items, so make sure your membership is up to date!*

## Evening Concert

@ Your Library

**Peter Fletcher**

**Classical**

**Guitarist**

**Tuesday, May 3**

**7:00 PM**



We welcome the return of Fletcher for this performance, sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Fletcher has played to packed houses at Carnegie Hall. His repertoire is varied and may include pieces by Bach, Grieg, and pieces by Spanish composers. This free concert will be popular so be sure to make seat reservations when reservations open in mid-April.

## Has your Friends of the Library Membership Expired?

Your membership dues support special programming, newsletter costs, and other special projects. Newsletters are published every 3-4 months and will be delivered electronically to members with e-mail and mailed to those without e-mail access. E-mailing helps our organization greatly by keeping costs down. If you have e-mail but still WANT a paper newsletter, please let Cecelia Lawrence know at 308-535-8036 X3321.

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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