

T R a i L S

Spring into Spring!

by Tammi Thiem



Something about those winter months seems to cause the doldrums. Maybe it is the letdown after the holidays. Maybe it is the bone-chilling cold. Maybe it is the stark landscape of the Nebraska winter. Maybe it is the shorter days and longer nights. Whatever it is, it seems to make people seem a little less enthusiastic, a little less passionate, a little less creative, and a little less energized.

Now that April is here, Spring has officially sprung! With that, hopefully everyone will feel invigorated to do all those things that make libraries so meaningful and important to their communities. Most librarians have their summer reading programs well established by now, but, if not, do not panic. Things will come together. Remember to make use of valuable resources that are available. The Nebraska Library Commission's website is a trove of information. Chelsea and I, at the Three Rivers Library System, do what we can to help librarians. If anyone has suggestions or recommendations for what would be beneficial for libraries, please let us know. We are always open to new ideas. Librarians are known for their willingness to share, so please reach out to your fellow librarians when you need ideas, support, or just someone who understands. I, too, am always just an email, text, or phone call away if any of you need anything. I may not have the answers, but I will certainly do my best to find them.

As spring breathes new life into our surroundings, it's only natural that our reading materials and displays evolve to reflect the changing season. Decorations adorned in springtime colors and book displays featuring titles inspired by the season can captivate the imaginations of our patrons. Let's embrace this opportunity to be flexible and adaptable, ensuring that we're always ready to meet the unique needs and interests of our communities.

Springtime not only rejuvenates the world around us but also offers a timely opportunity for combating burnout and recharging our own spirits. The longer days and warmer weather provide ample opportunities for self-care and renewal. Whether it's taking a leisurely stroll outdoors, indulging in a favorite hobby, or simply basking in the beauty of nature, let's remember to prioritize our well-being. By nurturing ourselves, we can better serve our communities with passion and vitality. Let's embrace the spirit of spring as a reminder to pause, breathe, and find moments of joy and restoration amidst our busy schedules.

As we embark on this journey into spring, let's remember the importance of staying connected, sharing ideas, and supporting one another. Together, we can inspire a love of reading, learning, and discovery that blooms brightly in every season.

Remember, I am here to help, just an email (tammi.thiem.trls@gmail.com), text, or call away (402-910-7005).



Basic Skills

(* Required Class)

Library Finance

Registration Dates: 11 March 2024 - 5 April 2024

Class Dates: 15 April 2024 - 26 April 2024

Intellectual Freedom / Core Values*

Registration Dates: 1 April 2024 - 26 April 2024

Class Dates: 6 May 2024 - 17 May 2024

Readers' Advisory

Registration Dates: 29 April 2024 - 24 May 2024

Class Dates: 3 June 2024 - 14 June 2024

Upcoming NCompass Live

Improving the Quality of Childcare Through STREAM

Date: 3 April 2024 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Program Planning with a Marketing Mindset

Date: 10 April 2024 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Pretty Sweet Tech

Date: 24 April 2024 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

NLC Book Club Spotlight

Book Club Spotlight:

[A Beautiful Poison](#)

Mackenzie Marrow is the librarian in charge of book clubs at the Nebraska Library Commission and wants to share with everyone the hidden gems in the [NLC's Book Club Collection](#). Below is an excerpt, but to read the full details go to [Mackenzie's blog post](#).

In the upper echelon of 1918 New York City, everyone has secrets. In a society stuck between the Gilded Age and the Jazz Age, Americans are gripped by war, and the looming influenza outbreak, while Allene is chasing after her past. A past where she, Jasper, and Birdie were together. And finally, when they are all together again, Florence Waxworth gets herself poisoned in the middle of Allene's engagement party! As the murdered bodies continue to fall around them, their hot-headed group is the only one who can solve the mystery. Torn apart by their whims and desires, the trio must face the influenza, a killer, and each other to make it out alive.

For mature teens or adult book club groups looking for fast-paced mysteries to keep you on your toes, and mixed with the incredible setting, A Beautiful Poison is a joy to experience and try to solve alongside the characters. As a former resident and student, Kang's heart shows when describing New York City and specifically Bellevue Hospital, which features heavily in the novel and includes the real pioneers of forensic medicine as integral figures in solving the medical mystery. The characters of Allene, Jasper, and Birdie are complicated and compelling, as they try to mend a friendship and deep love that may be too far gone.

Calendar of Events

SKILLS Meeting

Springfield Memorial Library

9 April 2024

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

SKILLS Meeting

Online

30 April 2024

10:00 am - 11:00 am



At the TRaiLS Office



Library News

Northeast Community College's Seed Library

by Crys Bauermeister

As I was wearing my academic team coach hat, I was able to spend the day at Northeast Community College. Of course I couldn't help but notice the wonderful repurposing of the old card catalog. Isn't this seed display filling a wonderful need for the library? It's so eye catching as a display too. Shout out to Jennifer Ippensen and the staff at NECC for this display!



Cedar Rapids Public Library's New Books

by Shelley Towey

Spring is not quite here, so stop by the Cedar Rapids Public Library and check out these new books.

Actor Mark Harmon has penned *Ghosts of Honolulu* with Leon Carroll, Jr. (also of NCIS TV Show), a story that takes you into the remarkable true story of the leading Japanese spy in Hawaii during WWII, the American naval intelligence special agent searching for truth, and the ordinary people caught in the crosshairs of a world at war.

Starkweather is a name that causes fear in the Midwest for many days. Harry N. MacLean has used new reporting and new conclusions about the possible guilt or innocence of Caril Ann Fugate in this retelling of the murderous crime spree.

James Patterson returns in the latest *Alex Cross Must Die*, when the detective is called into action when a jet crashes, shot down by a stolen Vietnam War-era machine gun. Will time run out before the next lethal strike?

Penelope Douglas is the author of *Bully*, a racy new adult romance that toes the line between love and hate. When a brave young woman stands up to her best friend, now tormentor, the consequences go beyond anything either of them ever imagined.

Educated by Tara Westover has been named one of the best books of the year. It is an unforgettable memoir about a young woman who, kept out of school, goes on to earn a PhD from the University of Cambridge. This story gets right to the heart of what an education is and what it offers.

Alex Michaelides returns with *The Fury*, begins as Lana, a reclusive ex-movie star, invites closest friends to an island, cut off from the world. Old friendships conceal hatred and a desire for revenge, with the night ending in violence and death.

The Women, by Kristin Hannah, is set in the sixties, as Frankie joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows her brother to Vietnam. Frankie returns to a divided America who wants to forget the war. This novel shines the light on women who put themselves in harm's way and make sacrifices for their country.

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride has been on the best-seller list for many weeks. In 1972, a skeleton is discovered in a new housing development, near a dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans had lived side by side. It is clear how much the people have to struggle to survive at the margins of white Christian Americans and how damaging bigotry can be to a community.

A new fantasy book, *Sanctuary of the Shadow* by Aurora Ascher, explores the greatest show in a darkly imaginative debut novel. Harrow finds the circus a safe place to hide from those who slaughtered her entire clan, until a new stranger shows up, with no explanation for his odd yet deadly powers. As Harrow unlocks secrets from his past, luring enemies will stop at nothing to get revenge on Harrow.

The third book in the Crescent City Novel fantasy series by Sarah J. Maas is *House of Flame and Shadow*. Bryce and Hunt are brought to the brink of collapse of the world and Bryce is stranded in a strange new world, and Hunt is imprisoned, desperate to help Bryce, but his hands are tied.

Library News

Hartington Public Library's Book Signing

By Tami Anderson

The Hartington Public Library hosted a book signing with Nebraska author and former Hartington-Newcastle Public School teacher, Brody Kelley on Friday, March 1st. Kelley taught at HNPS for five years and currently teaches at Riverside School, in Spalding, Nebraska. The library had a great turnout with a reading of his book "The Best " and signing that followed (he sold out of all his copies). Mr. Kelley got a chance to visit with former students and we all wished him the "best of luck" on his author adventures. His book is available and sold at Amazon.



Cedar Rapids Public Library's Nebraska Authors

by Shelley Towey

The Cedar Rapids Senior Center hosted author Joe Small of Fullerton as he highlighted parts of his book, *Footsteps of a Soldier*. Joe became good friends with his neighbor, and heard some stories of his time overseas in WWII. Although the combat veteran became overcome with grief at the memories, Joe kept the few pages of notes he had taken; years later the widow asked Joe to finish the book. *Footsteps of a Soldier* relates the story of a farm boy behind the front lines in France. Check it out at the Cedar Rapids Public Library.

Oath and Honor -- A Memoir and a Warning by Liz Cheney tells her story of when democracy began to unravel in the U.S., taking readers inside the House Chamber during the January 6th attack. As she was one of ten Republicans who voted to impeach Donald Trump, she was removed from her leadership post. In 2021, she was appointed to the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol. Cheney takes readers into the works of the committee.

Remember to stop into the Cedar Rapids Public Library and check out the display of Nebraska Authors. Many of these outstanding authors were mentioned in a previous article, but local authors include Margaret Lukas (graduated from Cedar Rapids), Ron Dubas and Barbara Ann Dush (both Fullerton authors), Katie Kelly (Albion), Roger Welsch (Dannebrog), and Wright Morris (Central City). Midwest authors are renown in the literary field -- stop in and read one!

Fullerton Public Library's Book Signing

By Laurel Marlatt

The Fullerton Public Library hosted a book signing for Mr. Joseph Small. Joe wrote the book "Footsteps of a Soldier" about a local veteran. Joe spoke a bit about what sparked his interest in writing. Thanks to Joe and for all that attended. It was a great evening.



Library News

Cedar Rapids Public Library's Local Authors

by Shelley Towey

This week the Cedar Rapids Public Library is focusing on more local authors. Stop in and check them out!

Brody Kelley, the second and third grade teacher at the Spalding site of Riverside School, has written a children's book *The Best*. The book deals with bragging -- how to distinguish between bragging and celebrating success. Kelley self-published the book through Amazon. The illustrator, Hanif Roihan out of Indonesia, has a unique style that captured the energy he was looking for. Kelley has been busy visiting schools, signing books. People will know his mother Sherri Martinsen, a graduate of Cedar Rapids High, and his dad, Michael Kelley, a driver at the Boone County Race track.

The One Book One Nebraska reading program is entering its twentieth 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 twenty-seven titles nominated by Nebraskans from across the state. This year's book is *Dancing with the Octopus -- A Memoir of a Crime* by Debora Harding.

This memoir of native Nebraskan, Debora Harding, is all about a traumatic childhood event, the aftereffects of which would change her family forever. Harding expertly weaves the past with the present in a riveting story of survival and family dynamics. Harding's debut book has been compared to bestsellers like *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls and *Educated* by Tara Westover (available at the CR Library).

Harding was abducted at knifepoint in Omaha in 1978. Left to die in an ice storm, she escaped and survived. She returned to her dysfunctional family, where denial was the coping mechanism. Decades later, beset by PTSD, Debora met her attacker in prison in a quest for truth.

Hartington Public Library's Read Across America Event

by Tami Anderson

The Hartington Friends of the Library celebrated Read Across America with a "Ready Glow Read" event in March. The kids wore neon clothes and had fun exploring different stations throughout the library, which included stories, arts and crafts, games, sensory bins, a photo booth and ended with a dance party.



Library News

St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt Event: A Shamrockin' Success!

by Jami Adelman

We're still feeling the buzz from our recent St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt Event here at the Gretna East Library! Led by yours truly, Jami Adelman, alongside the invaluable assistance of our library para, Dean Farley, we embarked on a spirited adventure that captured the hearts and imaginations of our students.

The excitement kicked off two weeks prior to St. Patrick's Day, as we transformed our school into a leprechaun-hunting haven. Armed with 200 laminated leprechauns, each numbered for tracking, we embarked on a mission to spread the luck of the Irish throughout our halls. Not stopping there, we even enlisted the help of our dedicated teachers, who graciously hid leprechauns in their classrooms for our students to discover.

We spread the word about this event through a combination of creative advertising tactics! From lively announcements in our daily slideshow to charming leprechaun-themed emails sent directly to students' inboxes, and vibrant posts on our Instagram account (@GretnaEastLibrary), we ensured that excitement for the hunt was palpable throughout the school.

And oh, were our students eager to participate! Each day, they flooded into the library, eager to glean any hints about the whereabouts of our elusive leprechauns. As they scoured every nook and cranny of our school, the competition grew fierce. Students strategized, collaborated, and even pleaded with teachers for extra leprechauns to up their chances of victory.

Speaking of victory, the thrill of the hunt was only amplified by our ingenious leprechaun tracker. As students turned in their prized finds, they eagerly signed up on our tracker, keeping tabs on their progress and fueling the friendly competition.

The response was overwhelming, to say the least. So much so that we had to print and hide an additional 100 leprechauns just to keep up with demand! Our student newspaper even caught wind of the excitement, covering the story and further fueling the frenzy. You can read the article at:

<https://gretnaeastmedia.com/2944/news/leprechaun-hunt-sparks-craze-competition-ends-tomorrow>.

The true magic of this event, however, lies in the community spirit it fostered. Students, teachers, and staff alike came together in a shared pursuit of fun and adventure. It was heartwarming to witness the joy and camaraderie that filled our halls during the hunt.

As we reflect on this unforgettable experience, we're already buzzing with ideas for future events. From Easter extravaganzas to end-of-year celebrations, the possibilities are endless. To ensure that other librarians can capture a slice of this event's charm, I've included all of the Canva templates for use in their classrooms. These templates will help spread the magic far and wide, empowering fellow educators to organize their own exhilarating scavenger hunt events.

Event Templates

1. [Leprechauns](#)
2. [LeprechaunTracker](#)
3. [Announcement](#)
4. [Email to Students](#)
5. [Event Update Instagram Post](#)



Scholarship Experiences

ARSL Conference in Wichita

by Lesa Bargmann

The 2023 ARSL Conference was fantastic! There were so many people and from so many places. My head is bursting with all I heard and saw! My favorite part was being with others that share my passion for books and libraries. I took notes, advertisements, and business cards.

I learned that there are some "CYA" policies I need as well as "must have" equipment! My stack of people to contact is quite tall. But each of those represented could make Bancroft Public Library more enjoyable, safer, and productive. I have "reach out" information that will help with those tasks.

No more tape holding in book pages! (Has that EVER worked for anyone?) Ideas from areas I had not really thought about were shared like "Bubbles" and "Pool Noodle Roller Coaster" challenges, locked boxes in Escape Rooms (Tammi has those and creates them!), and that is just the tip of the iceberg! Hooray for notes! (Sadly "how to remember names" was not one of the workshops that I saw! Just ask the "girls at supper"! It is so enlightening to visit with others and find out that I am not the very first person that that has happened to or confronted with that situation! And it happens all over the country not just in the middle of Nebraska!

I ate too much! It was good food and great company. Fortunately it included a "jaunt of miles" from the rooms to the breakfast and lunch. It didn't take me long to imagine a sky tube from rooms to food!!!

Getting home was an adventure also! My bet is another person will recount that. It was beautiful weather day like those rare warmish/coolish fall days! The good Lord smiled on us. The Sheriff said, "I try to make a run out here to the highway to see if anyone needs help..." Well he hit the jackpot -- fourteen ladies and one bus driver!

Now for the most important thing I learned: Craig Johnson will be in Seward on Sunday and I will go!!! I even know (thanks to the Apollo/Biblionix workshops each year) where that is and how to get there! Sigh. (Thank you Tammi for the "poster".)

I urge all you folks to give conventions/conferences and the like a try! It is well worth the time to learn and share so much. Why didn't I do it years ago?!!!

Humanities Nebraska: Matt Mason

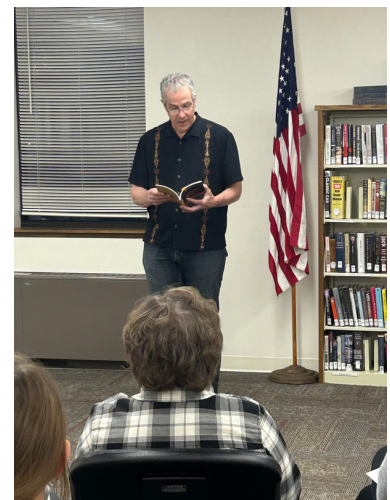
by Laurel Marlatt

The Fullerton Public Library was honored to have Matt Mason, the Nebraska State Poet, speak in the library on Monday, February 26. We had about 25 people in attendance, half being high school students. Matt read dejections of his poetry for about 30 minutes and then answered questions from the audience. Matt was funny and engaging.

Many in attendance stayed to purchase his books of poetry and have him sign them. The students even took pictures with Matt.

We are grateful to Humanities Nebraska, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, the Nebraska State Legislature, the Friends of the Fullerton Public Library, and the Three Rivers Library System for providing funding for this program.

Matt expressed interest in returning to the Fullerton Public Schools and I look forward to assisting with organizing his return to our area.



Scholarship Experiences

2023 Nebraska Fall Ed Tech Conference

by Wendy Ketelsen

The 2023 Nebraska Fall Ed Tech Conference in Kearney, Nebraska was an informative experience for educators seeking to harness the power of technology in the classroom. With a diverse range of sessions covering topics from artificial intelligence to practical tech tips, the conference offered a comprehensive look at the evolving landscape of education.

The conference kicked off with a keynote address by Jethro Jones and Kevin Morrill on "Artificial Intelligence for Educators." They talked about the potential of AI to revolutionize the way we teach and learn. They emphasized the importance of embracing AI as a tool to enhance educational practices, rather than viewing it as a threat and they outlined practical strategies for integrating AI into the curriculum. The "Tech Tips" breakout session talked about time-saving Google tools and effective communication strategies. In the session on "Using Canva," educators were introduced to the art of creating visually engaging educational materials. The presenters demonstrated how Canva could be used to design presentations, infographics, and other learning materials. The session on "Embracing AI: Working Smarter, Not Harder" Educators discovered how AI tools could automate routine tasks, allowing them to focus on more personalize instruction and student engagement. "Leveraging Your Librarian" explored the power of collaboration between educators and librarians. The session underscored the role of librarians in delivering high-quality instruction, providing valuable resources, and fostering a love for learning. Chriss Haeffner provided information on her library lesson plans that are ready to go and available to any school librarians who wish to use them. The final breakout session, "Embracing the Writing Revolution," tackled the evolving relationship between writing and AI. Educators were encouraged to see AI as a complement rather than a competitor in the writing curriculum. Attendees explored strategies for integrating AI tools to enhance the writing process, preparing students for a future where collaboration with intelligent technologies is the norm.

Thank you to the Three Rivers Library System for providing me with a grant that enabled me to attend this conference! I really enjoyed it and learned so much.

ARSL Conference

by Mae Toelle

Have you ever gone to a library convention in a party bus? It had lights and even a pole! Meeting new librarians and getting reacquainted with others. There were a lot of snacks, talking, sleeping, and of course reading.

The ARSL Convention in Wichita was the largest one that I have attended. We stayed at a big hotel with lots of walking to get to the sessions. The keynote speakers were all very interesting and diversified.

I went to a session on the eclipse. It was interesting what the librarians did and what they would do different for the next one. I also enjoyed the breakout box session. One small town librarian and one even smaller town librarian told how they each made boxes and made them work for their libraries. I also went to a session about a crafting night at the library. The librarian decided on a craft to try. She bought all the supplies and sometimes she put one together before time and sometimes they just all started together. Sometimes they turned out and sometimes they didn't, but everyone had fun trying them.

Thank you to Tammi Thiem and the Three Rivers Library System for the grant to attend the ARSL convention in Wichita.

On an end note we came back on a different party bus. We just crossed over into Nebraska by Chester and the bus broke. So, we waited for something to take us back to Genoa. Turns out we had to go on a school bus. Only about an hour later getting home than I thought it would be. What a fun trip!

Information Station

NOVA Documentary: The Secrets in Your Data

by Maggie Berndt

I wanted to make you aware of a new screening opportunity from NOVA, PBS's acclaimed science series.

The Secrets in Your Data will premiere on Wednesday, May 15 at 8 p.m. CT on Nebraska Public Media & the PBS Video App. Whether you're on social media or surfing the web, you're sharing more personal data than you realize. That can pose a risk to your privacy—even your safety. But at the same time, big data sets could lead to huge advances in health, transportation, climate science, and more. Host Alok Patel leads a quest to understand what happens to all the data we're sharing and explores the latest efforts to maximize benefits—without compromising personal privacy.

The full film will be available to screen at free public events after the May 15 broadcast premiere. Later this spring, a community outreach guide will be available to help provide resources and information for planning an event.

If you are interested potentially holding an event, please email me by Friday, March 15 at mberndt@nebraskapublicmedia.org. I will share your information with the NOVA team so that you can receive the film for screening and the other supplemental materials when they are available.

Thank you for all that you do. I look forward to hearing from those who want to learn more!

PS – Don't forget that our Nebraska Public Media book club kit featuring Great Plains Bison by Dan O'Brien and the short film Seed Warriors by Rebekka Schlichting is available for checkout from the Nebraska Library Commission and four regional library systems. Learn more at NebraskaPublicMedia.org/bookclub.



10 Copies Available at TRaiLS



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NEW

PUZZLE SPRINTS: JIGSAW ASSEMBLY RACE



New STEAM Kits are now available at TRaiLS! We now have multiple copies of puzzles for you to borrow for your patrons. They can race the clock or other patrons in this fun program. Check out the options at our Libib site.



TRaiLS





Three Rivers
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Suggest a Book Kit

Suggest a title!

Wanna teach a specific book in your classroom? Does your book club want to read a certain title?

Do you wish TRaiLS had a specific book kit?

Fill out our form at: <https://bit.ly/SuggestBookKits> and we'll take it into consideration. If we add it, we'll let you know first!

THREE RIVERS LIBRARY
SYSTEM PRESENTS:



This Quarter's Topic: Weeding

Get together with librarians near you to Share Knowledge, Ideas, Learning, and Library Solutions! You are welcome to join any or all of the meetings for networking and discussions. They will be worth 3 Continuing Education Credits each. If your plans allow, stick around for lunch afterwards.

Research has shown that networking with fellow librarians is beneficial professional development that improves professional practice, promotes shared leadership, and helps people remain in the profession. Do NOT feel guilty when you leave your library for these meetings because isolation is unproductive.

Register at: <http://bit.ly/SKILLSMeeting>

6 February 2024 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Genoa Public Library

5 March 2024 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Wayne Public Library

9 April 2024 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Springfield Public Library



This activity is supported in part with funding from the State of Nebraska and from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

THREE RIVERS LIBRARY
SYSTEM PRESENTS:



Get together virtually with librarians to Share Knowledge, Ideas, Learning, and Library Solutions! You are welcome to join any or all of the meetings for networking and discussions. They will be worth 1 Continuing Education Credits each.

Research has shown that networking with fellow librarians is beneficial professional development that improves professional practice, promotes shared leadership, and helps people remain in the profession. To attend, please use [this Zoom Link](#).

19 December 2023 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

23 January 2024 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

27 February 2024 from 10:00 am -11:00 am

26 March 2024 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

30 April 2024 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am



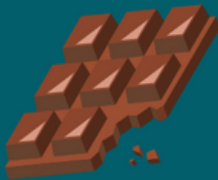
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Looking for program ideas for 2023 Summer Reading?



Remember that the Three Rivers Library System offers scholarships to pay for Humanities Nebraska programs!



Fill out an easy application at <http://bit.ly/HNScholarship>



Explore <https://humanitiesnebraska.org/> for an interesting speaker



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2024 STEM IMAGINATION GUIDES

Adventure Awaits!

ONLINE TRAINING WORKSHOPS

March 26

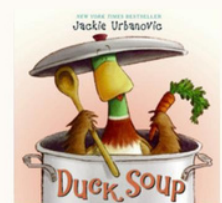
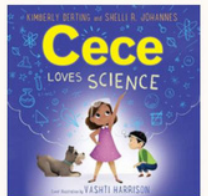
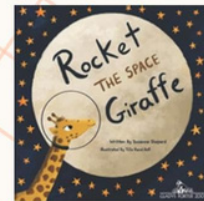
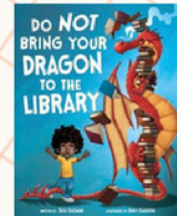
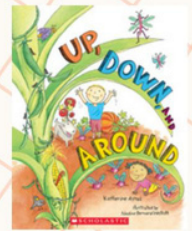
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April 29

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Early Childhood

TRaiLS Scholarships



In order to apply, you must be part of the Three Rivers Library System 21 county membership. Continuing education scholarships are available to attend state, regional, and nationwide conferences and events. These scholarships are available to any director, media specialist, staff member, or trustee at libraries in the TRaiLS service area. The list has some upcoming scholarships, but you are always able to apply for other conferences for the Scholarship Committee to deliberate on. All scholarship funds are allocated *after* the event and *after* the essay is submitted to the Library Services Assistant. The essay should focus on the experience of the event and only needs to be a few hundred words.

UPCOMING SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- Youth Services Retreat
 - Award: \$200
 - Ashland, NE from 29-30 August 2024
- ARSL (Association of Rural and Small Libraries) Conference
 - Award: \$1,500
 - Springfield, MA from 11-14 September 2024
- NLA (Nebraska Library Association) Conference
 - Award: \$600
 - Kearney, NE from 9-11 October 2024
- ALA (American Library Association) Conference
 - Award: \$1,500
 - San Diego, CA from 27 July - 2 June 2024
- MPLA (Mountain Plains Library Association) Conference
 - Award: \$1,500
 - Salt Lake City, UT from 8 May - 10 May 2024



Apply Online: <https://bit.ly/trlsScholarshipApp>

Spring Meeting

NLA Public Libraries & Trustees Section

May 2, 2024
9am - 3pm

Kilgore Library
York, NE

Rebroadcast
via Zoom

May 6
12:30pm - 4pm

PLTS Member

In-person - \$35*
Virtual - \$20

Non-member

In-person - \$50*
Virtual - \$35

*includes lunch!

Featured Speakers

"Policies of Yes"

Jennie Garner
Kellee Forkenbrock
North Liberty Library, IA

"Adults Need to Play Too!"

Dr. Melissa Cast-Brede
Erica Rose
University of Nebraska - Omaha

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