



Supporting libraries serving our communities

July ~ August, 2022

SUNdries Nebraska~The Good Life is Calling~ Nebraska Authors - Fiction

In honor of Tosca Lee's Author Tour in October, this issue of the Western Sun showcases current fiction authors with Nebraska ties. Ms. Lee lives in Nebraska with her husband, three of four children still at home, and her 160-lb. German Shepherd, Timber.

Ms. Lee will be visiting three locations in the Western Library System. Each location will include:

6:00 Meet and Greet with Book Signing

6:30 Author Talk

October 11, Sidney High School Auditorium

October 12, Kathleen Lute Library, Ogallala

October 13, Alliance Public Library



She specifically chose Sidney and Ogallala for speaking locations

as her latest book, *A Single Light*, takes place in Western Nebraska. She references landscapes and locations from Sidney to North Platte. *A Single Light* is the second book in this duology. The *Line Between* is the first book. See page 22 for more information about Tosca Lee and her publications.

Author Tour Committee members: Sarah Alfred (chair), Ethan Nelson, Judy Buhr, Sherry Preston, Cindy Osborne.



Rock 'n' Wine

Western Library System Annual Meeting 2022

Papa Moon's Winery, Vineyard and Ciderhouse



By the Numbers:

19th of July

0 Cost to attend (wine and cider tasting is on your own)

1 Continuing Education for each Library Staff and Board Attendees

Invitations to:

40 Public Libraries

95 School Libraries

3 Academic Libraries

3 Special Libraries

Details and registration information for the annual meeting are on pages 20 and 21

Scholarship money is available to assist with mileage costs. See page 23

Mark Your Calendar

Mountain Time for all listings

July 19: Western Library System Annual Meeting - Papa Moon Winery & Ciderhouse, Scottsbluff (pages 20 and 21)

August 3-6: MLA/MPLA/PNLA Tri-Conference "Building Bridges~ Renewing Community" Missoula, MT

September 1-2: Nebraska Youth Services Retreat; Camp Carol Joy Holling. Ashland, NE (pages 15-17)

September 14-17: ARSL Annual Conference "Connecting at the Crossroads: on Track to Real Change" Chattanooga, TN

October 5-7: Nebraska Library Association (NLA) Annual Conference, Kearney, NE



Author Tour

2022: Tosca Lee

October 11:
Sidney High School Auditorium
6:00—Meet and Greet
6:30 Author Talk

October 12:
Kathleen Lute Public Library, Oshkosh
6:00—Meet and Greet
6:30 Author Talk



October 13:
Alliance Public Library
6:00—Meet and Greet
6:30 Author Talk

"Chat" Opportunities: Energizing discussions with other library staff—Open to all:

- ◆ Third Thursday @10:00, NLA Chat
- ◆ Fourth Wednesday @Noon Chew and Chat, MPLA

Nebraska Fiction Authors



[Alex Kava](#) is a master of psychological suspense, and is the bestselling author of 18 thriller novels that have been published in more than 34 countries. She grew up in the country outside of Silver Creek, Nebraska, and now splits her time between Omaha and Pensacola. Best known for her Maggie O'Dell and Ryder Creed Series.

[Brandon Sanderson](#)

Brandon Sanderson was born in December 1975 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

On his website, Mr. Sanderson explains his writings this way. "I write science fiction and fantasy stories that focus on complex characters and innovative settings.

He is best known for the Cosmere fictional universe, in which most of his fantasy novels, most notably the Mistborn series and The Stormlight Archive. He created Sanderson's Laws of Magic and popularized the idea of "hard magic" and "soft magic" systems.



[Chigozie Obioma](#)



Chigozie Obioma was born in Akure, Nigeria. His two novels, *The Fisherman*, and *An Orchestra of Minorities* were shortlisted for the Booker Prize. His novels have been translated into more than 28 languages. Mr. Obioma has won the inaugural FT/Oppenheimer Award for Fiction, the NAACP Image Award and the LA Times Book Prize and nominated for many others. He was named one of Foreign Policies 100 Leading Global Thinkers of 2015. He is an associate professor of Creative Writing at the University of Nebraska Lincoln.

John Rector

According to the Nebraska Authors [website](#). Rector seems to have made his initial literary reputation with short stories. He has since become a very successful writer of novels in the mystery/thriller genre.

Rector initially self-published *The Grove* in 2008 as a Kindle Book, a kind of first, because in the depths of the recession, publishers were not taking anything. It was a great success, and was picked up by Simon and Schuster and Kindle Encore. Simon and Schuster are the publishers of his 2010 original hardback, *The Cold Kiss*, and Tor/Forge has attempted to buy paperback rights. He golfs and talks shop with writer Sean Doolittle. (next page) Books written by Mr. Rector include:

The Grove. 2008.
The Cold Kiss. 2010.
Already Gone. 2011.
Out of the Black. 2013.
The Ridge. 2017.
The Broken. 2020



Mr. Rector lives in Omaha



[Kwame Dawes](#) has authored 35 books of poetry, fiction, criticism, and essays, including, most recently, *Bivouac* (Akashic Books, 2019) and *City of Bones: A Testament* (Northwestern, 2017). *Speak from Here to There* (Peepal Tree Press), co-written with Australian poet John Kinsella, appeared in 2016. He is Glenna Luschei Editor of *Prairie Schooner* and Chancellor’s Professor of English at the University of Nebraska. He is also a faculty member in the Pacific MFA Program. He is Director of the African Poetry Book Fund and Artistic Director of the Calabash International Literary Festival. Dawes is a Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets.

[Matt Mason](#)

Mr. Mason is the Nebraska State Poet. The 3rd person to have this honor.

He has run poetry programming for the State Department in Nepal, Romania, Botswana and Belarus. He is the recipient of a Pushcart Prize for his poem “Notes For My Daughter Against Chasing Storms” and his work can be found in numerous magazines and anthologies, including Ted Kooser’s *American Life in Poetry*. His books include *Things We Don’t Know We Don’t Know* and *The Baby That Ate Cincinnati*.



[Rainbow Rowell](#) Rowell was a columnist and ad copywriter at the *Omaha World-Herald* from 1995 to 2012 and still lives in Omaha.

According to her website she “writes all kinds of stuff. Sometimes she writes about adults (Attachments, Landline); Sometimes she writes about teenagers (Eleanor and Park, Fangirl, Sometimes – actually, a lot of the time – she writes about lovesick vampires and guys with dragon wings (The Simon Snow Trilogy) She lives in Omaha.

[Sean Doolittle](#)

was an Omaha resident and American author of crime and suspense fiction. His novels have accumulated a handful of prestigious awards over the years, including Amazon’s Best Books of the Year (*Dirt*), ForeWord Magazine’s Book of the Year Award (*Burn*), The Barry Award (*The Cleanup*), and the ITW Thriller Award from International Thriller Writers (*Lake Country*). *The Cleanup*, a noir thriller which follows the mishaps of an Omaha police officer, received gushing accolades from critics at *The New York Times*, *The Chicago Tribune*,



Timothy Schaffert



[Timothy Schaffert](#) grew up on a farm in Hamilton County, Nebraska. He is The Susan J. Rosowski Professor and Director of Creative Writing. He is known as the founder and organizer of the Omaha Literature Fest as well as director of the Nebraska Summer Writers’ Conference. He is a critically acclaimed novelist who has been reviewed in *The New York Times* for his *Devils in the Sugar Shop* which was a 2007 *New York Times Sunday Book Review* Editor’s Choice selection. He received a grant from the Plains Humanities Alliance to put materials from the 1898 Trans-Mississippi Exposition online (2012). His 2014 novel, *Swan Gondola*, takes the Trans-Mississippi Exposition for its setting. Schaffert’s 2003 novel *The Phantom Limbs of the Rollow Sisters* is currently in development as a feature film.



[Victorine Lieske](#) self-published her first book, *Not What She Seems*, in April of 2010. In March of 2011, *Not What She Seems* began its six-week run on the *New York Times* best-selling eBook list. By May 2011 she had sold over 100,000 copies. Victorine’s first romantic comedy novel hit the *USA Today* bestselling books list in January 2015.

Victorine and her husband live in Nebraska with their four children and two cats. She loves all things romance and watches *While You Were Sleeping* about once every six months. When she’s not writing, she’s designing book covers for authors or making something with her extensive yarn collection. She also does graphic design work in the publishing industry.



Several libraries in the Western Library System participated in National Pollinators Week. Many of those hosted a showing of [My Garden of a Thousand Bees](#). The PBS website describes this documentary as “ A story of surprise and revelation. A wildlife filmmaker spends his time during the coronavirus pandemic lockdown filming the bees in his urban garden and discovers the many diverse species and personalities that exist in this insect family. A story of surprise and revelation. Read how the Crawford Public Library celebrated.

Crawford Public Library ~ Marcella Thompson



We had our event on June 1st with a local beekeeper. We had about 30 people attend from the elderly to the very young. We had plants to repot in dirt, we had games and a presentation by Cody Gibbons on “How Bees Work” He had a live hive, protective gear and his sons were dressed as beekeepers... It was a fun day! The packets of seeds were handed out with the Activity books. The library yard will have some new spots to plant these seeds.



Celebrations

LIBRARY OFFERS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

COURTESY OF BECKY KUNTZELMAN, THE IMPERIAL REPUBLICAN, MAY 12, 2022



Becky Kuntzelman | the imperial republican
Library Director Beth Falla, right, and Lisa Fortkamp, assistant director, maintain the public library and its functions and are familiar faces to the community.

The Imperial Chamber of Commerce has selected Lied Imperial Public Library as May's Business of the Month.

The library had its beginnings in 1925 when it was called the Women's Club Library and was located in the courthouse temporarily before moving to an existing building near Adams Bank.

In 1927, the Kilpatrick brothers funded a new building, which was completed in 1930 at its current location.

In 2005, the Lied Foundation provided some funding to add on to the library.

Beth Falla began working at the library in 1996 and became the director around 2004.

Lisa Fortkamp started working at the library when she was a freshman at Chase County Schools.

After graduating high school, she continued working at the library during summers while attending Chadron State College.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in business administration, Fortkamp has been a full time asset to the library.

The library offers so many things to the public, Falla said.

"We have library programs and services for all ages which include story hour and TASK which is a creative exploration with arts, crafts, games and LEGOs for grades K-6," Falla said.

The library also holds jigsaw puzzle tournaments, summer reading programs for all ages and help with starting book clubs, she added.

"I also love helping children learn to love books, gain knowledge and find their creative side," she added.

Falla also expressed the importance of watching children blossom when learning something new or feeling successful.

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Other amenities provided by the library are interlibrary loans, online services, information services like genealogy and maps, military records, CCS yearbooks, local history and microfilm.

There are technology conveniences offered including free WiFi access 24/7, free library computer use, printing and copying, laminating, scanning and faxing services.

Items available to check out are books, audiobooks, DVDs and magazines.

“During June and July, we offer occasional ‘Lawn Chair Theatre’ family movies outside on the wall of the library. These are free to everyone,” Falla said.

“Another program we have is 1,000 Books B4 Kindergarten,” she said.

For more information contact the library at 308-882-4754.

Brochures are available with complete information on the 1,000 Books program and a listing of all services, programs, activities and item loan information the library provides.

Personal view

Since Falla has been working at the library, she said the biggest changes have been the technology and conveniences available to visitors.

“I like that the library lets me help people find what they are looking for as well as helping people make connections,” she said.

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“I can’t say there is really one important moment I have had while working here. It’s the little things that all add up—helping people find information, developing a love of reading, solving problems, finding old things and exploring new things and ideas,” she said.

“The library is an incredible asset to any community. If you have not been here for awhile, stop in and see what’s new and renew your library card,” said Falla.

She added, “If you have never been here, come and see us, bring your friends and family and get a library card. We have something for everyone, and May is Get Caught Reading Month,” she added.



“A seed is a dream encased in hope”

Paulina Borrego

Slide from the Seed Library Webinar sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Seed Alliance and the Western Library System, April 28, 2022

Recognition



Chadron Public Library partnered with community members to bring awareness to May as Mental Health Awareness Month. This picture shows Library Director, Rosella Tesch with the display of mental health and brain health books available at the Chadron Public Library.

Additionally, the library was instrumental in promoting the community kick-off events of lighting C-Hill followed by a Mental Health Awareness Walk from C-Hill to City Hall. At City Hall, members of the Middle School HOPE Squad presented the mental health proclamation at the city council meeting.

Submitted by Terri Haynes, ESU 13 Aware Project Manager, Chadron Public Schools

Internship Program News

Reprinted from the Palisade Library Facebook page with permission from Ella Malcom and Stephanie Malcolm.

My first month as a Library Intern...

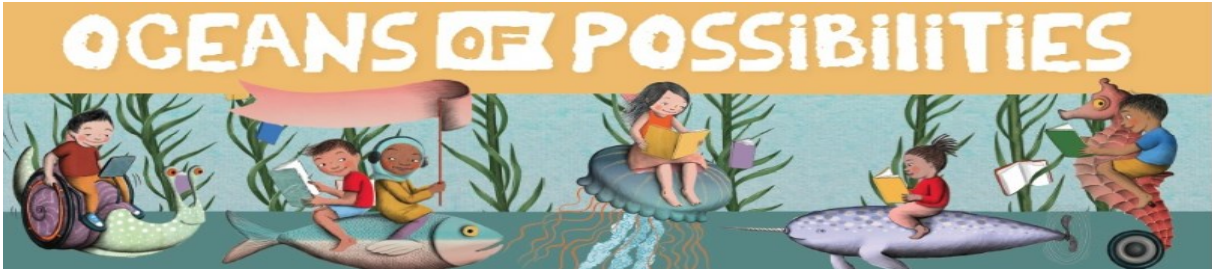
Posted on [June 24, 2022](#) by [Elle](#)

Greetings from the Palisade Public Library, I have been working as a Library Intern for almost a month now and I can't believe how fast the time has gone by. In this last month I have learned so much from how to check in and out books to fun things to do with kids. Most of my time as a library intern has been spent with the amazing kids from the library reading program but I still have time to do things like learn how to enter new books into our library system. One of my favorite things about this job is getting to spend so much time with kids. It is so much fun to see them get to learn new things, make new friends, and be creative with the crafts we do. This year for Pioneer Days the summer reading program entered into the parade and the kids got to walk and blow bubbles while singing Baby Shark. My favorite thing we did with the kids is take them to the park to measure out the size of a real whale, with this they were able to get an idea of just how big the ocean and the creatures in the ocean really are. I'm so thankful to the Nebraska Library Commission for this opportunity to do all of these amazing things.



Library Intern,
Ella Malcom

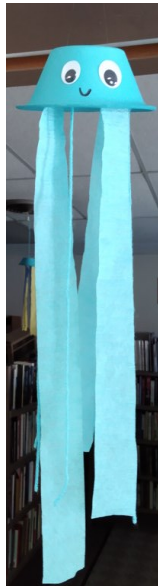
Around the Sun



Lyman Public Library –Wyndee Green

With the Summer Reading Scholarship money, the Lyman Public library used the funds for supplies, games and decorations. The kids did sidewalk chalk and drew ocean creatures or whatever they felt like drawing. We always do this on the First day. Then we made A jellyfish craft. Here are pictures from the first day and crafts from the following programs.





Sidney Public Library –Larami Baggs

Larami Baggs reports that the Sidney Public Library has had some great turn outs for our Summer Reading Program events and our summer bookmobile stops.

"Lunch at Sea Splash Park" - All Ages - Bring a sack lunch for a picnic and listen to stories. Located at the Sidney Public Library on the front lawn.



"Marine Reptiles" - All Ages - Learn about sea turtles, sea snakes, etc. Craft activity.



"Sea Stars" - Ages 2 & 3 - Story Time Program themed story with related fingerplays.



"Marine Mammals" - All Ages -Discover fun Facts about dolphins and whales



"Bookmobile" - We are excited for our summer bookmobile stops around Sidney and the surrounding communities! Julie Stokes, Adult Services and Bookmobile Librarian (lower left hand corner) ,is pictured with the group who are all-smiles.



On June 24th, the Library hosted Keith West and Miss Kitty "The Library Lady" - Three time international award-winning magician Keith West has over 20 years of experience presenting programs in libraries nationwide. He chose children from the audience to assist with different magic tricks. It was a great time for all children, teens, parents, and library staff.



THE JUNE, 2022

SUMMER PROGRAMMING IS MORE IMPORTANT NOW THAN EVER!
YOU ARE MAKING A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!
THANK YOU!

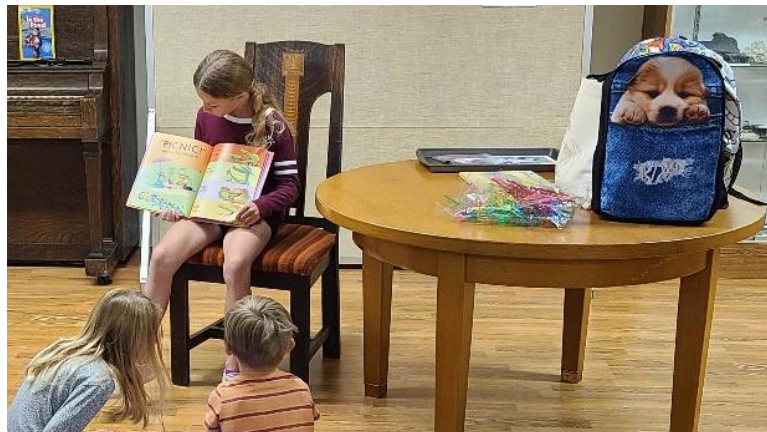
COLLABORATIVE SUMMER
READING PROGRAM
NEWSLETTER REMINDS US:



Chappell Memorial Library and Art Gallery - Linda Breazeale

The Chappell Library Summer Reading Program was “Ocean’s” of fun this year!

Our Summer Reading kids learned all about the Ocean, Animals the call it home and sand. We had Storytime with all new books purchased for this theme, that now are in our collection. One of our girls, Monroe, asked if she could do Storytime on day and we were more than happy to let her showoff her reading and leadership skills! She did a great job, way to go Monroe!



The kids had a “whale” of a time doing all the fun crafts. They made an ocean scene on scrapbook water pages using their own cut outs and stickers. The kids got “Hands” on with the sand craft, it was fun making their handprints in sand, then decorating with seashells. Everyone got to take home a “Build your own Sandcastle”. Our staff cut out sandcastle pieces from sandpaper and adhesive magnetic sheets then put a mixture of pieces in Ziplock bags to hand out. Many of the kits started building before they even left, we hope they enjoy them for



For the last gathering everyone met at the Chappell Lake, just outside of town, for outside fun. The group did a science experiment, that showed them how water gets polluted and how it changes the water.

“Shark Day” all the kids were so excited to find out they could actually see a shark’s tooth! WOW who knew the library’s Rock Collection had so much more than rocks, the Summer Reading kids!

At the end of every session each child received a treat that went along with what they learned that day. Then at the last gathering every child went home with their very own story book to keep.

We had 13 new kids join our group, we are so excited to see our program grow after the Covid pandemic.



A huge Thank you to our Staff and Board members who work so hard to put the Summer Reading Program together every year, they do an amazing job! A big Thank You to all the Parents, Grandparents and Babysitters who always jump in and help every time!

Hooker County Library - Julie Pfeiffer

The June Summer Reading Program provided events at the library and and pick up packets to do at home. The kids loved their Build-a-Whales. We read " Henry and the Buccaneer Bunnies" by Carolyn Crimi, had snacks while we watched a video and then made boats out of foil to whose could hold the most pennies. The grant money was used to purchase the whales.



WNCC dives into Summer Reading

WNCC launched Summer Reading for what may be the first time.



We encouraged staff and students to read for personal enjoyment along with learning more about our library.

A Student Worker created several turtles for pipe cleaners . We used these as part of our “Turtle Tour” to help show students and staff find key areas of interest in the library.



Participants created art with magnets and markers.

Our original goal was to have five participants since this was a first attempt at a Summer Reading Program. There were more than 40 participants



We had an Arty Party so participants could show off their talent.



Resources for our communities

Beginning July 1, 2022



When you have a medical emergency, you may call your doctor or go to a clinic, urgent care or an emergency room. You may call the police, fire department or ambulance/rescue emergency, you may call 911.

When you have a mental health or substance use emergency, do you call your doctor for advice, 911, go to an emergency room or call the 1-800-273-TALK (8255) Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Beginning July 1, 2022, you will be able to call 988 for assistance. This three digit number will make it easier for Americans in crisis to access the help they need and decrease the stigma surrounding suicide and mental health issues.

Beginning July, 1 2022, 988 will become the national three-digit code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. 988 is a national effort, organized at the state level to meet the growing need for crisis intention and save lives.



Additional Resources:

Reach out to the Nebraska chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention <https://afsp.org/> and the Nebraska State Suicide Coalition <http://www.suicideprevention.nebraska.edu/index.htm> for additional resources. For those with a loved one who has completed suicide, visit <http://nelossteam.nebraska.edu/> to be connected with services.

QPR (Question, Persuade and Refer). Qualified trainers are available across the state and are ready to present to your group. The presentation is about 1.5 hours and is appropriate for all group sizes. Like CPR, QPR equips you to save lives. For more information on QPR and other training classes, visit

<http://www.suicideprevention.nebraska.edu/resourcesandlinks.htm> .

Resources for Library Staff

University of Nebraska at Lincoln (UNL) For Families (and libraries too)

A Beautiful Day website provides a safe, fun, virtual play space with ad-free videos with fun activities for families and children in Nebraska and across the world . UNL created this space as a way to share ideas, to foster learning and play, and to support caregivers experiencing physical distancing. Their hope is for people to enjoy playing with us! #abeautifuldayUNL

The creators are deeply grateful for everyone who contributed to the project. Their inspiration came from Fred Rogers who said, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." It took a deeply committed and caring group to create and share these fun, creative, and playful videos. Thank you to David von Kampen for composing beautiful music for many of our videos which captures the spirit of Fred Rogers and to Ruby Miller (age 9) who created the sun picture for A Beautiful Day. For more ideas, check out Sesame Street's Caring for Each Other resource!

This project involves the following collaborators: Child, Youth and Families Studies, Ruth Staples Child Development Laboratory, College of Education and Human Sciences, Nebraska Extension, and the Buffett Early Childhood Institute.



The Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) sent out a request for libraries to participate in the 2022 Senior Services Outreach Week by submitting a photo of your staff performing outreach with our aging communities and brag about programs that you are proud of! Senior Services Outreach Week will take over ABOS social media platforms the week of July 18-22, 2022. The deadline for submissions is Saturday, July 9, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Mountain Time. To submit your information: <https://docs.google.com/form...>

28th Annual Joint Youth Services Retreat

Camp Carol Joy Holling
27416 Ranch Rd, Ashland, NE 68003
September 1st and 2nd



The registration form includes options for length of stay and costs. Please [register here](#) by August 17th. The entire schedule follows.

Please contact the Western Library System office if you are interested in carpooling! Apply for a scholarship to attend on page 23. Western Library Staff has a wonderful opportunity to learn and to share all your innovative, educational and fun services and programs.

Thursday, Sept. 1	28 th Annual Youth Services Retreat	Camp Carol Joy Holling
7:30-8:30	Breakfast for those who arrived on site Wed. evening	
8:30 - 9:00	Registration	
9:00 – 9:15	Icebreaker <i>Introduce yourselves with your names, library, and the greatest mistake you ever made in programming!</i>	Participants
9:20—10:10	Great Books for Tweens and Teens <i>There's always some new treasure to be discovered during Sally's showcase of books!</i>	Sally Snyder
10:20—11:10	Storytimes with ASL <i>In this session we will cover the basics of American Sign Language and Deaf culture and the benefits of using ASL in Story Times. Then participants will learn techniques and tips for incorporating ASL into Library Story Times for preschool through elementary aged students.</i>	Amanda Winkler
11:20—11:50	Illustrator Visit with Aaliya Jaleel <i>Find out what motivated Aaliya to become an illustrator, what inspires her in her work, and what techniques she uses in her art.</i>	Aaliya Jaleel
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	
1:15—2:05	"Booktalk" your Favorite Ideas, Resources, or Solutions <i>In this session, retreat participants will be the presenters. Each person will have a few minutes to present their favorite websites, resources, program and craft ideas, or solutions to challenges or problems.</i>	Participants
2:15—3:05	Gaming With the Library <i>Starting a board game collection in your library can be an exciting, yet potentially expensive endeavor. But it doesn't have to be! Learn about writing the perfect donation request letter to game companies and some other creative ways of building your game collection on a small budget. Interested in starting a trivia night and partnering with a local business? Learn how to create themed trivia quizzes for in-person and online formats that will serve your entire community.</i>	James Tidei and Jacquelyn Schranz
3:15—4:05	Technology Kits from the Nebraska Library Commission <i>Technology kits are great to have but can get expensive. Fortunately, now available from the NLC are sets of Oculus Quest 2 virtual reality headsets, DJI Tello EDU Drones, Finch 2.0 robots, Sphero BOLT robots with accessories, and more! Amanda will demonstrate kits and talk about ready-made activities and supplementary resources available for use in your library.</i>	Amanda Sweet
4:15—5:50	Play Time! <i>During this time, you have a chance to try out the technology kits at each of 10 stations that are set up in the adjoining Dillon Room. You have other options as well, including playing games, networking, walking, etc.</i>	Amanda Sweet and Participants
6:00 - 7:00	Dinner for those staying overnight	
7:00 – 10:00	Play games, exchange ideas, hang out, walk, relax.	

Friday, Sept. 2		
Friday, Sept. 2	28 th Annual Youth Services Retreat	Camp Carol Joy Holling
7:30 – 8:30	Breakfast for those who stayed overnight	
8:30--9:00	Registration	
9:00-9:50	Best New Children’s Books 2022 <i>A lot gets published each year--find out what two librarians from Lincoln City Libraries consider to be the top of the top in 2022. This will include materials from board books to middle grade titles and everything in between!</i>	Ali Bousquet and Garren Hochstetler
10:00-10:50	Finding the Right Words When Someone Does Not Like a Book <i>This presentation will contain suggestions and tips for how to hold a productive conversation with someone who is displeased with material in the library and perhaps would even like to see it removed. Knowing how to hold these conversations is not a substitute for sound policies or reconsideration forms. However, an educational and civil conversation may lead to a better overall outcome and avoid the need for the use of a reconsideration form.</i>	Vicki Wood
11:00-11:50	Introduction to Personal Storytelling <i>Ira Glass of This American Life says, “Great stories happen to people who know how to tell them.” Help your patrons cultivate the skills they need to engage listeners on stage, in a college interview, or at the family table. Join professional storyteller Terry Wolfisch Cole of Tell Me Another as she teaches you how to choose a story to share and craft it for delivery, then bring your new skills home to your library. The session will include an opportunity to hear Terry tell a story as well as tips and techniques for effective storytelling.</i>	Terry Wolfisch Cole
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	
1:15 – 2:45	Keeping the Peace During Children's Events with Take 5 <i>Sheila will share with us techniques from Take 5 which serve to calm and center children.</i>	Sheila Palmquist
2:45-3:15	Book Giveaways, Evaluations We must leave the premises by 3:45 pm. (Checkout time is 10 am due to incoming guests, so you will not have a problem leaving by this time. You can use the time between breakfast and the first session to check out.)	

“Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life.
Libraries change lives for the better.”

SIDNEY SHELDON

Nebraska Library Commission

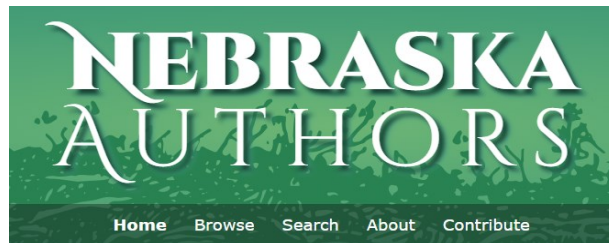
Featured Resource 1

Book Club Spotlight

Have you been reading the latest Blogpost Book Club Spotlight series on the Commission's website? The newly hired employee at the Nebraska Library Commission, Mackenzie Marrow, has enthusiastically added a weekly series promoting the Book Club Kits. When asked about the books they enjoy, Mackenzie says, "I love any book that has an ensemble cast that is really fleshed out, especially if it's sci-fi or fantasy." Mackenzie's two favorite series right now are "The Locked Tomb" by Tamsyn Muir and "Wayfarers" by Becky Chambers. Here is the [June 21, 2022 blogpost](#) for the H is for Hawk book club kits. Request a Book Club kit from the Commission [here](#)

The Western Library System is adding circulating collection. See page 26 for the link to the list of bookkits and other books available to check them out.

Featured Resource 2



The second Nebraska Library Commission Featured Resource is the robust [Nebraska Authors](#) database referenced in the Nebraska Fiction Authors article. The Home Page eloquently describes the purpose of this valuable resource.

Nebraska has a diverse literary landscape, spanning from the diaries of our first explorers and pioneers, through the columns of Nebraska's earliest newspapers, to modern poets and best selling novelists. We inherit a literary tradition informed and nurtured by Nebraska as a place, a people, a heritage. It is a tradition of striking quality and scope for a state relatively sparse in population.

The literature of Nebraska exemplifies our state and our website is an opportunity for readers everywhere to experience Nebraska through the voices of our great writers. NebraskaAuthors.org celebrates individual writers and the community of Nebraska authors; it is a tribute to the creative

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Upcoming NCompass Live

Upcoming NCompass Live events: Sessions count for Continuing Education credits.

NCompass Live is broadcast live, every Wednesday, from 9am - 10am, Mountain Time. For more information, to register for NCompass Live, or to listen to recordings of past events, go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/NCompassLive/>

NCompass Live Webinars	Wednesdays 9am-10am (Mountain)
Bring Free Tech Programs to Older Nebraskans	July 6
Talking Book and Braille Services: Continuously Evolving	July 13
Learning Opportunities and Resources from WebJunction	July 20
Pretty Sweet Tech: CES 2022 and Libraries	July 27
Building a Reading Community through Podcasting	August 3
Reinventing Programming Kits	August 10
Team Up with Your Community	August 24
Retirement: Time to Ease on Down Ease on Down the Road	September 7



Archived Shows

Need additional information on Future Ready Librarians? Would a refresher on MakerSpaces would be helpful. I need uplifting and a Sally Snyder Book Talk on the "Best Of" for Children and Teens will do the trick. Check out the archived [Ncompass Live Sessions](#) AND receive continuing education credits.

Basic Skills for Nebraska Librarians

Course Dates	Course Title	Instructor	Registration Dates
7/25 - 8/5	Library Policy		6/20 - 7/15
8/15 - 8/26	Collection Management*	Denise Harders	7/11 - 8/5
8/19 - 9/9	Programming and Outreach	Christa Porter	7/25 - 8/19
9/19 - 9/30	Community & Library*	Sam Shaw	8/15 - 9/9
10/17 - 10/28	Management/Supervision	Holli Duggan	9/12 - 10/7
11/7 - 11/18	Leadership	Holli Duggan	9/26 - 10/21
11/28 - 12/9	Library Services to Children's & Teens	Sally Snyder	10/24 - 11/18
*Required Class			



Western Library System
Annual Meeting
~ July 19, 2022~



Rock 'n' Wine

Discover the History of Rock' n' Roll
Explore Wine Making
Indulge with a delicious Mexican meal

Papa Moon Vineyards, Winery
& Ciderhouse
230975 County Road J, Scottsbluff

One Continuing Education Credit

Enjoy the free festivities and food

9:30 a.m. Registration with coffee, tea and continental breakfast

10:00 a.m. **It's Only Rock & Roll** presented by Randall Snyder

11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting

followed by buffet catered by El Charrito

After-Lunch Tours of the Winery Available.

Board Meeting follows at Riverside Business Plaza

By July 12, [Register here](#) or complete the paper form (next page)
and e-mail to wls@westernlibrarysystem.com or mail to:

Western Library System
615 S. Beltline Hwy. West
Scottsbluff, 69361

In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held at the
Elite Health Center 840 W. 42nd Street, Scottsbluff



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July 19, 2022

Registration Form

Due by July 12th



Library/Entity: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Name of attendee(s):

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TOSCA LEE

“**TOSCA LEE** is the *New York Times* bestselling author of eleven novels. Her work has been translated into seventeen languages and optioned for TV and film. She is best known for her nuanced prose, unexpected points of view, meticulous research, and high-octane thrills.

“Tosca Lee infuses every speaking engagement and presentation with a compelling mix of **wisdom and heart.**”

Nicole Baart, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Little Broken Things*

Tosca Lee’s books:

- ◇ *A Single Light*, September 17, 2019, Simon & Schuster
- ◇ *The Line Between*, January 2019, Simon & Schuster
- ◇ *Firstborn*, May 2017, Simon & Schuster
- ◇ *The Progeny*, May 2016, Simon & Schuster
- ◇ *The Legend of Sheba: Rise of a Queen*, September 2014, Simon & Schuster
- ◇ *Ismeni*, August 2014, Simon & Schuster
- ◇ *Iscariot: A Novel of Judas*, February 2013, Simon & Schuster
- ◇ *Havah: The Story of Eve*, 2008, NavPress; re-released by B&H Publishing 2010; re-released by Simon & Schuster 2014
- ◇ *Demon: A Memoir*, 2007, NavPress; re-released by B&H Publishing 2010; re-released by Simon & Schuster 2014

The Books of Mortals with Ted Dekker

- ◇ *Forbidden*, September 2011, Hachette Book Group
- ◇ *Mortal*, June 2012, Hachette Book Group
- ◇ *Sovreign*, June 2013, Hachette Book Group

Ms. Lee’s speaking bio provides a list of accolades. She has received the following kudos for her duology alone.

- 2020 International Book Award – Mystery (*The Line Between*)
- 2020 International Book Award – Science Fiction (*A Single Light*)
- 2020 Killer Nashville Silver Falchion (*The Line Between*)
- 2020 Killer Nashville Silver Falchion finalist (*A Single Light*)
- 2020 High Plains Book Award finalist (*The Line Between*)
- 2020 Nebraska Book Award (*The Line Between, A Single Light*)
- 2020 Virginia People’s Choice Awards finalist (*The Line Between*)
- 2019 Literary Titan Gold (*A Single Light*)
- 2019 Goodreads Choice Awards Semifinalist (*The Line Between*)
- 2019 Library Journal Starred Review (*The Line Between*)

"A Single Light" by Tosca Lee—Nebraska Public Media All About Books Podcast Hosted by Pat Leach, Director of the Lincoln City Libraries.

Air Date: 09/26/2019

Best-selling Nebraska author Tosca Lee has written a sequel to her thriller, “A Line Between.” Her latest novel is set in Western Nebraska where survivors of a global pandemic emerge from an abandoned missile silo into a world they didn’t expect to find. Hear an interview with author Tosca Lee about her new book, “A Single Light”

Here is the [link](#) to the podcast.

The Western Sun thanks Nebraska Public Media for generously giving permission to provide the readers the link to the podcast.



Western Library System Scholarship Application

- Up to \$300.00 per event for registration, mileage, meals, etc.
- All member libraries are eligible.
- One scholarship per person every two years.
- Scholarship recipients will provide a brief article for the Western Sun Newsletter as a form of resource sharing within one month of completion of the activity. Submit articles to the WLS office.

Submit electronically [here](#).

Name:	
Library/School Agency:	
Phone and Email:	
Event Date:	
Requested Amount:	

Please describe the activity, why you want to attend this activity, and how it will contribute to your professional growth. Be as specific as possible with the date, location, and function of the activity:

Send your request to: Western Library System
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Scottsbluff, NE 69361 Email: wls@westernlibrarysystem.com

Western Library System Board



The Western Library System is pleased to announce the 2022-2023 Board Members.
Your representatives are:

Board Member	Representing	Term
Amber Sweetland	At Large	07/01/21-06/30-24
Beth Falla	District E: Chase, Dundy, Hayes, Hitchcock, Perkins Counties	07/01/20-06/30/23
Cheryl Hamilton	Academic-Special	07/01/22-06-30-25
Elaine Lake	Public Libraries	*07/01/22-06/30/24
Ethan Nelson	District B: Banner, Morrill, Scottsbluff	*07/01/20-06/30/23
Jennifer Holthus	District D: Arthur, Garden, Grant, Hooker, Keith, McPherson	07/01/22-06/30/25
Judy Starke	School Libraries	07/01/22-06/30/25
Matt McLaughlin	School Libraries	07/01/20-06/30/23
Rossella Tesch	District A: Box Butte, Dawes, Sheridan, Sioux	07/01/21-06/30/24
Sarah Alfred	Public Libraries	07/01/20-06/30/23
*Finishing term of previous Board Members		

The Officers for 2022-2023 will be:

Amber Sweetland, President

Beth Falla, Vice-President

Sarah Alfred, Secretary

Committee Sign-up will begin at the July 19th Annual Meeting followed with an online signup, if you cannot attend the meeting. Library staff connected with a academic, public, school or special library in the Western Library System may participate on a committee. Consider joining one of the following committees:

Annual Meeting

Awards/Scholarships

Nominations

Pubic Relations (includes special events)

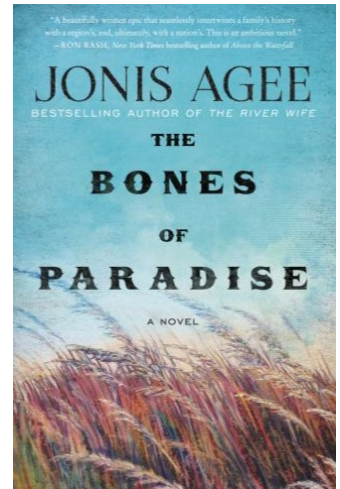
Summer Reading Workshop

Technology

2022 One Book One Nebraska ~ *The Bones of Paradise*

During 2022, join fellow Nebraskans by reading and discussing *The Bones of Paradise: A Novel* (William Morrow, 2016). The novel was written by Jonis Agee, a native Nebraskan and was selected for the 2022 One Book One Nebraska.

The press release announcing the selection stated “The Bones of Paradise” is a multigenerational family saga set in the unforgiving Nebraska Sand Hills in the years following the massacre at Wounded Knee—it is an ambitious tale of history, vengeance, race, guilt, betrayal, family, and belonging, filled with a vivid cast of characters shaped by violence, love, and a desperate loyalty to the land. The One Book One Nebraska selection committee enjoyed the intricate plot development and well developed characters. They felt that the novel was a compelling read and contained a variety of themes that would engage discussion on a number of topics. Jonis Agee is an award-winning author of twelve books. Her awards include the John Gardner Fiction Award, the George Garrett Award, a National Endowment for the Arts grant in fiction, a Loft-McKnight Award, a Loft-McKnight Award of Distinction, and two Nebraska Book Awards. A native of Nebraska, Agee teaches at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln.

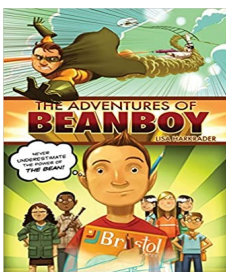


Libraries across Nebraska will join other literary and cultural organizations in planning book discussions, activities, and events that will encourage Nebraskans to read and discuss this book. Support materials to assist with local reading/discussion activities are available [here](#). Updates and activity listings will be posted on the One Book One Nebraska Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/onebookonenebraska>.

One Book One Nebraska is sponsored by Nebraska Center for the Book, Humanities Nebraska, and Nebraska Library Commission. The Nebraska Center for the Book 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 Nebraska Center for the Book is housed at and supported by the Nebraska Library Commission.

A bookkit with ten copies is available to check out from the Western Library System.

Kids: *The Adventures of Beanboy* by Lisa Harkarder



Activities

[Author Information](#)
[Teacher Guide](#) from Reading to Kids
[Book Club Kit](#)
[Blank Comic Template](#) from Scholastic
[Read-alikes](#)

Puzzles

[Tile Puzzle](#), [Answers](#)
[Crossword](#), [Answers](#)
[Letter Drop Puzzle](#), [Answers](#)
[Word Search](#), [Answers](#)

Teens: *Stupid Fast* by Geoff Herbach

Activities

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Western Library System Resources

Golden Sower and Professional Book Collection

The Western Library System is now offering the Golden Sower nominated books from 2021 and 2022 for check out. Here is the [list](#) which includes bookkits (set of eight) for the following.

- ◇ Because of the Rabbit—Cynthia Lord
- ◇ Dragon Hoops—Gene Luen Yan
- ◇ Dragon Ops—Mari Mancusi
- ◇ Lion of Mars—Jennifer L. Holm
- ◇ News of the World: A Novel—Paulette Jiles
- ◇ Roll with It—Jamie Sumner
- ◇ Strike Zone—Mike Lupica
- ◇ Twins—Varian Johnson, Shannon Wright

Contact the WLS offices if you are interested checking out these books. Later in 2022, the items will be available to check out using.



The Western Library System has a binding repair machine that restores a variety of types and sizes of books. Take advantage of this useful service to save your valuable books and avoid the cost of replacements.

Bring your books into the WLS office to make your own repairs! Call the WLS office for an appointment. 308-632-1350, Toll-Free 888-879-5303.

The ECO AUTOSMART DISC REPAIR SYSTEM is a full service machine, not just a buffer. It cleans and repairs your valuable discs. Bring or mail your discs to the WLS Office



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