

SUNdries ~ Libraries Around the World

LIBRARY ARCHITECTURE IN THE UNITED STATES

An article in the online architecture newsletter Architizer, described libraries as “the ultimate temples of knowledge which have continually changed in nature over the centuries. The architecture of libraries has undergone several evolutions, often depending on their use, the architectural trends of the era, and the technology available to build them. Libraries are symbols of cultural wealth and knowledge. The construction, restoration and renovation of libraries are significant to architects as well as the public.

“There’s no architect who doesn’t want to build a library—and I am no different. With so much scrutiny now attached to reading—because of technology and how we approach it as a social activity—that is a very exciting area in architecture.” Annabelle Selldorf

Inquiring Minds: Decoding the Design of America’s Libraries is the title of an article written by Wendi Maloney featuring Kenneth Breisch and his book “**American Libraries 1730-1950**” (Available through Interlibrary Loan from the Nebraska Library Commission). The book “celebrates the history of library architecture, from classical temples to ivy-covered campus citadels to modern glass boxes—whose roofs now house more than just books, as technology continues to reshape our ideas about what a library can be. “

History of Libraries

[History Magazine](#), writes that “the oldest library in America began with a 400-book donation by a Massachusetts clergyman, John Harvard, to a new university that eventually honored him by adopting his name. Another clergyman, Thomas Bray from England, established the first free lending libraries in the American Colonies in the late 1600s. Subscription libraries – where member dues paid for book purchases and borrowing privileges were free – debuted in the 1700s. In 1731, Ben Franklin and others founded the first such library, the Library Company of Philadelphia. The initial collection of the Library of Congress was in ashes after the British burned it during the War of 1812. The library bought Thomas Jefferson’s vast collection in 1815 and used that as a foundation to rebuild. It wasn’t until waves of immigration and the philosophy of free public education for children that public libraries spread in the United States. The first public library in the country opened in Peterborough, New Hampshire, in 1833. Philanthropist Andrew Carnegie helped build more than 1,700 public libraries in the US between 1881 and 1919.”

Carnegie Libraries

James Bertram, Mr. Carnegie’s secretary, approved all of the library building construction plans. Each community could choose a style ranging from Beaux-Arts, Baroque, Classical Revival, Italian Renaissance and Spanish Colonial . Mr. Bertram’s architectural criteria included a lecture room, reading rooms for adults and children, a staff room, a centrally located librarian’s desk, twelve-to-fifteen-foot ceilings, and large windows six to seven feet above the floor. Buildings were not required to put Andrew Carnegie’s name on the front. There were no strict requirements about furniture, however, most of it came from the Library Bureau, established by Melvil Dewey in 1888.

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Spanish Colonial Style—former McCook Public Library, now part of the High Plains Museum

Mark Your Calendar

September:

[Library Card Sign-Up Month](#) (page 8)

September 8: [International Literacy Day](#)



September 12: Western Library System Board Meeting; 10:00 Riverside Business Plaza and Zoom

September 19: [National Voter Registration Day](#)

September 20-23: [Association of Rural and Small Libraries](#).(ARSL) Unite and Ignite, Wichita, KS (page 13)

October: [TeenTober](#)—ALA

October 15-21: [National Friends of the Library Week](#)

October 19-21: [American Association of School Libraries Conference](#), “Learning Together Standing Together”, Tampa Bay, Florida (page 14)

Statute Savvy

The [American with Disabilities Act \(ADA\)](#) includes a section on service animals.

Service animals are working animals, not pets. The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person’s disability. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA.

What Service Animals Are: According to the ADA, service animals are defined as dogs (and, as a modification, miniature horses) that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities.

Where Service Animals Are Allowed: Under the ADA, businesses and nonprofit organizations that serve the public generally must allow service animals and dogs in training to accompany people with disabilities in all areas of the facility where the public is normally allowed to go. Allergies and fear from other people is not a valid reason to prohibit service animals from being in the library.



What Service Animals Do:

Service dogs can help people with a wide variety of visible and invisible disabilities.

- Opening and closing doors, and holding a door open for someone
- Retrieving dropped items, such as keys, and handing them back to the person
- Alerting someone if their blood sugar is becoming too high or too low (diabetic service dog)
- Waking someone up from a nightmare (PTSD, psychiatric service dog)
- Reminding someone to take their medication
- Making sure someone with autism doesn’t get lost
- Pulling a wheelchair
- Guiding someone who is blind across a busy street
- Providing balance and stability for someone who is living with mobility challenges
- Alerting someone who is hard of hearing to certain sounds, such as doorbells, phone calls, or smoke alarms
- Finding an elevator, and pressing the button
- Carrying bags from a grocery store

<https://theservicedogs.com/service-dog-laws-nebraska/>

What Services Animals Are Not:

Emotional Support animals.

Required to wear a vest or other identifying clothing

Required to have documentation (nor their owner) stating that they are a certified service dog.

Exempt from licensing and shots if they are required for dogs in your village or town.

Exempt from being in control. The ADA requires that they be harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless these devices interfere with the service animal’s work or the individual’s disability prevents using these devices. In that case, the individual must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal, or other effective controls.

Service animals must be housebroken.

Library Staff’s Role:



If the disability is not apparent there are **only two questions** staff may ask.

1. Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability?
2. What work or task has the dog been trained to perform?

It is a good idea for staff to have the questions written down to say the exact wording and practice asking the questions so the words are communicated effectively with kindness. It is imperative that questions such as “what is your disability?” “where is your documentation or vest?” “could your dog show us the task it performs?” are never asked.

Resources:

Consider a service animal policy if your library does not have one.

If there is an issue with service dogs, consider a sign for the door or a postcard size document to provide the owner. The sample from the Veterans Affairs is a nice example of positive wording. The message for the library is that a well-behaved and in control service dog is welcome

SERVICE DOGS WELCOME

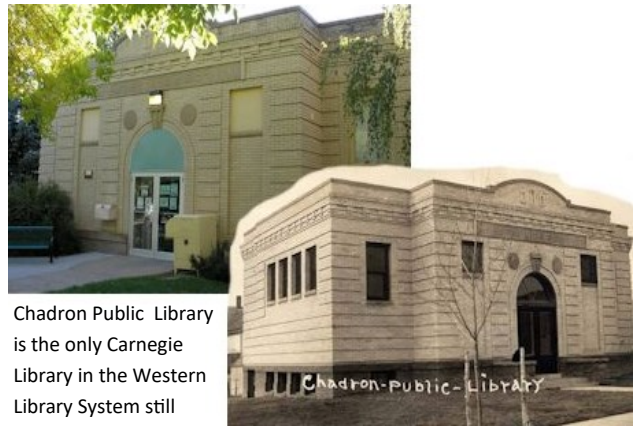
Please Remember:

- Only trained Service Dogs are allowed on VA property. They must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered and under the handler’s control at all times. Service Dogs “in training” are not Service Dogs.
- Pets, companions, emotional support dogs or other species of support animals are not permitted on VA property. Animals registered in VA’s AT/AAA programs are permitted on VA property.
- Service Dogs must be trained to eliminate their waste outdoors. Handlers are responsible for any accidents and for removing waste.
- Service Dogs are not permitted in operating/surgical rooms, acute in-patient care, or areas that would affect patient care, safety, or infection control standards.
- Service Dogs not house broken, aggressive towards people or other Service Dogs, engaging in running, excessive barking, jumping on people or furniture, etc., may be removed from the property.



Nebraska and Carnegie Libraries

Available on the Nebraska Library Commission is a [typed manuscript](#) written by Marguerite Nesbit in 1930 which “tells a colorful, personalized story of the history of Nebraska and the development of its libraries from the creation of the State Library in 1854 to 1929”. The manuscript includes a list of organization and building dates for 68 of the 69 Carnegie Libraries. Also included is a collection of library photographs, most of which are of Carnegie libraries.



Chadron Public Library is the only Carnegie Library in the Western Library System still operating as a public library.

LIBRARY BUILDINGS WITH SIGNIFICANT ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES

Library of Congress

The Library of Congress occupies three buildings on Capitol Hill. The Thomas Jefferson Building (1897) is the original separate Library of Congress building. The John Adams Building was built in 1938 and the James Madison Memorial Building was completed in 1981.



Clockwise from upper left hand side corner.

Thomas Jefferson Building - The Beaux-Arts style building is known for its classicizing facade and elaborately decorated interior.

John Adams—Designed in a restrained yet very detailed Art Deco style¹ and faced in white Georgia marble

James Madison Memorial— politely described as “a tall colonnade of unadorned piers the design attempted to capture the spirit of classical architecture while remaining faithful to the canons of modern innovation.”



The library at the Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, New Hampshire is the largest grades 9-12 school library in the world. The Class of 1945 Library opened in 1971 and is considered to be an architectural gem. The American Institute of Architects honored it with the Twenty-five year award in 1977 calling the building "an outstanding collaboration of design and technology, this icon of cleanly articulated structure is a cultural center and modern architectural masterpiece. The massive block of dark-red brick reveals a surprising delicacy. It is artistically ahead of its time and will continue to enlighten as a spiritual touchstone of great design for generations of architects."



Kansas City Library (Missouri, USA)

One of the most striking features of the downtown Kansas City library, is the community book shelf which hides the garage. The bookshelf covered in signboard mylar, shows 22 spines with 42 book titles. The spines measure approximately 25 feet by nine feet. The Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees in 2004 selected the titles. The bookshelf was completed in the fall of that year.

Seattle Central Library

Dutch architect Rem Koolhaas American architect Joshua Prince-Ramus of REX collaborated with Seattle-based LMN Architects to create the library completed in 2004. They designed a stunning, modern library with open space, a large auditorium, meeting rooms and a stack system known as the books spiral. Four floors of stacks are connected by gentle ramps. The light-filled reading room is nearly 12,000 square feet. The library features 400 computer terminals. The building's diagonal grid system of concrete, steel, and glass was designed to withstand lateral forces of wind or earthquakes



Energy Efficient Libraries

Located in Gilcrest Colorado, the Nantes Public Library is one of the most energy efficient in the United States. Inspired by the Passive House movement and certification program, the design was to create an energy efficient, affordable, comforting ecological and welcoming library. The library was dedicated in 2017 and was developed in collaboration with MainStream Corporation and the firm Halcyon Design & Architecture.

A passive house design is a construction concept easily applied to any building. The Passipedia Passive House Resource [website](#) provides definitions and information on passive housing.



Among the many energy efficient highlights of the Nantes Library includes:

- Heating the 3,800 square foot building requires the energy of four to six hair dryers.
- The building is oriented to achieve maximum daylight for natural lighting and maximum solar potential.
- The Energy Recovery Ventilation (ERV) system provides continuous filtered fresh incoming air using the ERV, creating healthy indoor air quality and balanced building pressure.
- Motion detecting LED lighting.
- Use of 13,000 recycled newspapers for insulation.



Another significant architectural design is the use of ceiling and wood beams made from Colorado beetle killed pine. This wood is highly durable when used within five years of being infected. It also reduces the danger of devastating fires if the tree is left to decay.

This picture shows the beetle killed pine ceiling and wood beams, the windows allowing natural light and the LED light fixtures.

Collaborative Spaces

Examples of school and public libraries sharing a building has been common for years. Other collaborations are becoming more popular such as the [Omaha Central Library](#) expected to open in 2026. The 96,000 square-foot building is the shared vision between the City of Omaha, Omaha Public Library, Omaha Public Library Foundation, Do Space, Heritage Omaha, and the Omaha community.



In May 2023, the new LINC (Library Innovation Center) opened in Greeley, Colorado. The former Greeley Tribune building was transformed and expanded to 62,000 square feet.

The building is designed to be a center for workforce development, innovation and STEM learning and features:

- Gallery Space that will display works by local artists.
- Makerspace (3D printers, laser engravers and UV printer)
- Recording Studio for video, audio and podcasting production
- Industrial Space for woodworking equipment, (CNC router, table saw, lathe and more)
- Virtual Reality units to support skills-based training.
- Hands-On Interactive Exhibits
- Teen gaming room
- Meeting, study and collaboration rooms
- 60 public computers
- 100,000 item collection



Featured Resource #1 from the Nebraska Library Commission

DNS Filtering

The Nebraska Library Commission (NLC) is pleased to announce it is now offering a DNS filtering solution, DNSFilter, to Nebraska's public libraries. This solution will provide the Internet filtering technology required for E-Rate CIPA compliance. Even if your library is not utilizing E-Rate, this versatile solution can also provide cybersecurity protection for your library's computers and customers. The NLC will cover the expense of this service and assist with its implementation.

DNS filtering utilizes the Domain Name System (DNS) protocol, referred to popularly as the "phonebook of the internet". When applications make domain-name requests, these requests are sent to DNSFilter's DNS servers, where they are matched against threat feeds and policy settings. If a request is to a malicious/blocked domain, the access is blocked. This ensures that unwanted activity is cutoff at the root because the request never makes it to the blocked/infected domain. For example, a user tries to access the website www.nastystuff.com in a browser and the domain [nastystuff.com](http://www.nastystuff.com) has been added the block list. The DNSFilter block screen will appear on the browser instead of the website.

To utilize DNSFilter, it is preferred that the library attain a static IP address from their ISP. If a static IP address can not be provided by the ISP, the library's router will need to support Dynamic DNS and/or a Dynamic DNS client can be installed on one of the library's computers. Libraries that have a firewall in place are likely using the DNS filtering it provides. At a minimum, libraries are encouraged to use a free cybersecurity DNS filter like Quad9.

To ensure the DNSFilter "block" screen works properly, the DNSFilter SSL Certificate will need to be installed on the library's computers. This informs the user the domain has been blocked and allows the password protected "bypass button" to be available to library staff.

Participating libraries must also complete this Services Agreement.

To request support from the NLC for DNSFilter, please submit this form. Remember, DNSFilter can be disabled by entering the provided Bypass Block password on the Block screen. This will disable DNSFilter for the duration of the active browser session.

This link provides an overview of DNS filtering and how it works.

[NCompass Live: Pretty Sweet Tech: Internet Filtering For E-Rate CIPA Compliance And Cybersecurity](#)

For questions about this solution and implementing it at your library, please contact:

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Featured Resource #2 from the Nebraska Library Commission

Scams, Spam, Fraud, Phishing Emails, Junk Email

Here Are Six Things You Can Do To Stay Safe (from the NPERS "Retirement News"):

1. Don't share your personal information with people you've only met online. Would you share your bank credentials or Social Security number to a stranger? Of course not.
2. Never send money to anyone you haven't met in real life or don't personally know and trust. Scammers will often build trust via "love bombing" people they just started talking to, this is a huge red flag.
3. Don't join any investment site, or download an app, at the behest of someone you have only met online. Even if it looks and seems real, it could be a fraudulent app that scammers are controlling to give the impression that you're earning profits.
4. You shouldn't believe any person or investment site that promises or "guarantees" returns — or requests minimum investment amounts.
5. Search online for third-party reviews and known scams related to any exchange, app, or investment platform before you get involved.

How do I know if an e-mail is a phishing attempt? (from the State of Nebraska Chief Information Officer)

1. Generally, there are several clues in the email itself indicating a phishing attempt. Clues are: Greeting – in a Phishing attempt, the sender does not take the time to address the email to a specific person. You will often times see greetings such as "Dear User" or "Hi". Or there is no greeting at all.
2. Bad Grammar and Punctuation – The first line of the email is a great example of bad grammar and punctuation: There are capital letters on words that do not require capitalization, and the sentence does not make sense. I've never heard of re-validating mailbox quotas to get a new webmail upgrade.
3. Bad Web Links – I've removed the link in the example above, but it did go to a data collection website and not an official State of Nebraska website. Typically, if you "Hover" (don't click!) over the link with your mouse cursor, you will see the web address you will be going to. If it is not an official State of Nebraska website, it is probably a phishing attempt.

What can you do to help and prevent this from happening?

1. Educate yourself about e-mail phishing scams, there are lots of resources online that discuss it.
2. If you have opened an attachment or clicked on a link and provided your account credentials and then realize you shouldn't have done that, immediately change your password, If you have a village or city IT or school department report the incident.

Following these safety tips can help to prevent you from falling victim to a scam or phishing attempt.



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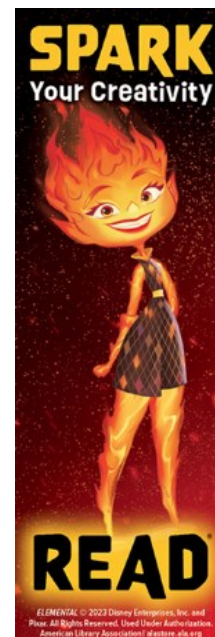
A Library Card is ELEMENTAL!

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month—Check out [these resources](#) to market the month in YOUR library.



Dive into a new hobby
with a library card.
Get yours today!

September is
LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH



Celebrations and Milestones

Celebrating new Library Directors

Amanda Ziegler ~ Wauneta Public Library

Kate Parrish ~ Palisade Public Library

Congratulations to the winners of the READ posters from the contest in the July~August Western Sun

Becky Henkel - Bayard Public Library chose Channing Tatum and Dianne Jay selected Dolly Parton.

E-Rate Recipients as of May 26 to August 6, 2023

Library	Amount	Type	Percentage
Stratton Public Library	\$1,122.62	Internet	80



Annual Meeting ~ 2023

Trailblazing New Frontiers Bobbi Jo's Branding Iron ~ Bayard ~August 1

Library staff and Board members gathered at Bobbi Jo's Branding Iron in Bayard on August 1st for the Western Library System's annual meeting. The location and theme honored the pioneers who traversed the country using the Oregon, California and Mormon Trails. Chimney Rock was a promising landmark for these travelers. Attendees received free admission to visit Chimney Rock National Historic Site Museum after the meeting, if they chose.



Registration table with first table of attendees from Morrill Public Library



The group attentively listening to Holly Woldt from the Nebraska Library Commission enthusiastically explaining the benefits of digital equity for our libraries.



Andrew Sherman, from the Commission, listening to Holly along with the rest of the attendees.

Deb Carlson, Lied Scottsbluff Public Library Children’s Librarian and Pat Gross, former School Librarian and Western Library System Interim Director , presented delightful “new Mom” scenarios to illustrate how the Cradle Catchers program works.



Standing in front of the Chimney Rock mural at Bobbi Jo’s.
 On the left: Attendees dressed in clothing the pioneers wore on the trail. Prizes included Oregon Trail games, and books written about the journeys on the trails.
 On the right: Members of the Western Library System Board, Logan and Cindy. Judy Starke was not able to attend.



Please send your ideas for Annual Meeting 2024 to the Western Library System Office for the Committee to consider!!!!

Books! Books! Books! Workshop—August 1, 2023

How can you creatively recycle books?

Sherry Preston, Colleen Garner and Linda Petersen shared their creative projects. There was a handout on how to create a book bench from recycled books.. The handouts also included places to recycle books to other locations.



On the left: Sherry Preston, Public Services Library at the Gering Public Library works with a table of attendees working on their butterfly book folding project.

On the right: Colleen Garner, Director at the Hemingford Public Library and Linda Petersen, Board Member show their wreath and shadow box projects made with recycled books.

Around the Sun

The All Together Now Summer Reading Program events “around the sun” are featured in a special supplement of the September~October Western Sun newsletter.



Watch the trailer here: <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/librarystories>

According to the promo: “Library Stories: Books on the Backroads, an hour documentary film by Mary Lance.

“The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library” Albert Einstein.

No doubt Einstein was confident about the locations of many libraries, but so too are the folks who live in rural New Mexico in the villages of Vallecitos, Dixon, El Rito, Abiquiu, Magdalena Datil, Glenwood, the Jemez Pueblo and other small communities across the state and the country.

Rural libraries mean books, but so much more. They offer free internet access in areas that have no service. They provide GED, STEM, coding, tutoring and after school programs. Rural libraries host community events and meetings, help folks with computer access for jobs, health insurance, voter registration and citizen applications, and to arrange medical appointments during the pandemic. They have seed banks, genealogical records and they even sponsor archeological digs.

Semper Disco - Always Learning

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/>

Title	Date
NLC Grants for 2024	September 20
Pretty Sweet Tech:	September 29
Pretty Sweet Tech:	October 25

Basic Skills for Nebraska Librarians

One of the requirements for [Public Librarian Certification](#) is training in the basic skills of librarianship. This requirement may be fulfilled by completion of formal education in an institution of higher learning or completion of approved continuing education or certification courses, including the Nebraska Library Basic Skills Training Courses.

Why participate in the Public Librarian Certification program?

- Improves library service throughout the state
- Motivates librarians to acquire, maintain, and develop skills through basic and continuing education
- Provides guidelines for public library boards to use in selecting and retaining personnel

Recognizes public librarians who update their knowledge and skills on a continuing basis to provide better library service for the community

Basic Skills training is presented as a series of online asynchronous courses through *NCampus*. Basic Skills participants are required to complete at least thirteen modules - six requisite modules and seven electives. These must be completed during the provisional (first) three-year certification period.

For each course successfully completed, participants will earn 2 CE credits. These count toward the 45 CE credits that all participants must earn during each three-year recertification period.

Basic Skills for Nebraska Librarians 2023 Schedule

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Class Dates	Class	Instructor
9/18 - 9/29	Community & Library*	Sam Shaw
10/16 - 10/27	Management/Supervision	Cindy Osborne
11/6 - 11/17	Leadership	Tammi Thiem
11/27 - 12/8	Library Services to Children & Teens	Sally Snyder

*= Required Class



ARSL Conference 2023 ~ Wichita, Kansas ~ September 20 through 23, 2023

On the ARSL website the conference is described as: “the conference for rural and small libraries. Our conference planners and presenters understand the constraints of shoestring budgets, small spaces, and limited staffing within small and rural libraries, as well as the unique opportunities for innovation and collaboration. Our conference is packed full of information you can take right back to your library—no scaling down required. “

The ARSL Conference is a wonderful opportunity to meet with like-minded library staff who understand what it is like to operate in a small and/or rural library. Learn new advancements, collaborate with people across the nation and enjoy a time for personal and professional growth and fun.

[Conference Information:](#)



CALCON 2023: A Confluence of Ideas
October 12-14, 2023
Embassy Suites Loveland

This conference is open to libraries from different states. The Colorado Association of Library’s promotes the conference as “Colorado’s premiere event for library staff from libraries of all types throughout the state. Attendees learn from one another and hear from current experts in trending fields. Additionally, participants may meet with vendors to checkout their latest products and services and attend networking events to create new contacts and strength relationships.”

[Here is the schedule](#) for CALCON 2023, A Confluence of ideas.



The AASL National Conference is the only national conference devoted solely to the needs of school librarians

The America Association of School Librarians invites you to the “Learning Together ~ Standing Together National Conference in Tampa Bay.

Information with active links to register and submit idea lab and poster proposals is available on the [AASL Conference page](#). The Registration link also provides a template for writing convincing requests to administrators to attend.

The AASL Board of Directors wrote an [inspiring letter](#) .

[2023 THRIVING CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE](#)

September 19th ~ 8:30 to 4:30 Central Time.

Join hundreds of community leaders from Nebraska—and beyond—at the sixth annual Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference in Kearney. The conference is a place where people can connect, share success stories and solutions, and highlight the importance of implementing quality birth to Grade 3 care and education. Walter Gilliam, a national expert in early childhood development and education and the executive director of the Buffett Institute, will deliver the keynote address.

Deb Robertson, Nebraska Library Association Committee Chair and Library Director of the Kilgore Memorial Library in York, encourages librarians to attend the conference. In the recent NLS Newsletter she writes. “This conference “informs, engages and motivates Nebraskans to support and implement quality early childhood programs and services in their community. Does this sound like something you do in your community?”

If you are attending, Deb would love to hear from you. nlaadvocacy@nebraskalibraries.org. Here is the [registration](#) information.

[Western Nebraska Early Childhood Conference—Gering Civic Center Registration here:](#)

Friday, October 13— Free 9:00-4:00

Title	Time	PD Hours
Option A: Early Learning Guideline: Math	9:00-3:00	6
Option B: ELG: Approaches to Learning	9:00-3:00	6
Option C: Trauma-Sensitive Approach in Early Care and Education	9:00-3:00	6
Option D: Safe With You	8:00-12:00	4
Option E: Taking the Lead (for Directors)	9:00-12:00	3
Option F: Eat the Rainbow	1:00-4:00	3
Option G: Understanding Lead	1:00-3:00	2
Option H: Safe With You & Eat the Rainbow	8:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:00	7
Option I: Safe With You & Understanding Lead	8:00-12:00 & 1:00-3:00	6
Option J: Taking the Lead & Eat the Rainbow	9:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:00	6
Option K: Taking the Lead (Directors) & Understanding Lead	9:00-12:00 & 1:00-3:00	5

Saturday, October 14—\$45.00

8:30—4:30

Keynote Speaker: Kristen RB Peterson

Morning Session: “Always Trust Your Cape and Yes, Yes, Yes

Afternoon Session: Messy Play



FALL 2023 WESTERN NEBRASKA SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

Over 2,000 research studies have shown that hope is the #1 predictor of future well-being outcomes. Simply stated, high hope individuals are more likely to be healthier, happier in their jobs, and more fulfilled in life than their lower hope peers. Hope is easily defined, easily measured, and easily taught and practiced. In school settings, hope is a predictor of attendance, school engagement, achievement, and staff productivity. We will learn how to define hope and apply hope science to our own lives and to those around us.



KEYNOTE: LIZ BARTELS

Liz Bartels is a Training Specialist at Project Harmony. In her role as Training Specialist, Liz trains professionals and community members about child abuse laws, trauma, methods to engage youth and families, and prevention strategies. Prior to working at Project Harmony, Liz spent 8.5 years at a local foster care agency providing in home support, crisis management, training foster parents, licensing foster homes, and walking with youth and families through the foster care system. Liz is passionate about empowering those who work with and care about kids by providing trainings that are engaging and relevant.

OCTOBER 17, 2023

CHADRON STATE COLLEGE STUDENT
CENTER
1000 MAIN STREET, CHADRON, NE 693375

[Register Here:](#)

APA CE's pending

Resources for Librarians and their Communities

Grant Opportunities

Creative Aging Through the Arts (CAAP) As seen on NCOMPASS LIVE, April 19

Celebrating lifelong learning in the arts with older adults. Grants are now available! CAAP grants cover the entire cost of artist residencies including plan time, supplies, artist travel and lodging and a sponsor stipend. No matching funds are required. First time applying? The Nebraska Arts Commission staff is available to help you get started. Creative Aging Arts Program (CAAP) grants pay for programs with teaching artists trained in best practices of creative programming with older adult participants. During CAAP residencies, artists share their expertise through skill-based, sequential arts lessons in a variety of disciplines. Sessions also foster intentional social engagement among participants, ending with a culminating event to showcase participants' work. Sponsor organizations, including senior centers, local agencies on aging, libraries, and nonprofits that work with seniors may apply. Grant applications have a rolling deadline - apply at least six weeks ahead.

Watch the April 19th [NCompass Live](#) to learn more.



Apply now for a 'Thinking Money for Kids' Program Kit

Application deadline: September 8.



We all need to master the knowledge and skills to make smart financial choices and prepare for whatever the future brings. [Thinking Money for Kids](#), an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, strives to teach children and their parents, caregivers and educators about financial topics – like saving, spending, sharing and budgeting – in a way that is both meaningful and fun. Approximately 200 public libraries will be selected to receive a Thinking Money for Kids Program Kit (estimated kit value: \$2,000). Libraries will keep all kit contents, including the Launchpads, after the grant period ends. The programming period will run from September 2024 through December 2025.

Each selected library will receive the following:

- All materials needed to host five different in-person children's programs – such as ready-to-use games, props and other physical materials – for children ages 3 to 12.
- A set of Playaway Launchpad tablets pre-loaded with digital content that aligns with the in-person program offerings.
- Program instructions, talking points, related book lists and other resources to assist library workers in planning and hosting the in-person programs.
- Template promotional materials and digital graphics to assist library workers with marketing the programs and Launchpad tablets to the public.
- Access to virtual training and a community of practice.

Shipping is free for libraries and coordinated by ALA.

Selected libraries are required to attend two brief virtual trainings; host each of the five in-person children's programs at least once during the 16-month programming period; add Launchpad tablets to library circulation and collect circulation data; and complete a brief final report form (estimated completion time: less than 30 minutes)



[Link to the grant information:](#)

As one of the largest cement companies in the United States and one of the oldest still in operation, Ash Grove plays an important part in the foundation and infrastructure of our country. And with plants from coast to coast, being a good neighbor in the communities in which we live and serve is a priority and part of our DNA. We believe in active participation to improve the existing and future quality of life in the communities we serve. We aren't just focused on building highways and buildings – we are also helping to build better communities.

Grant Guidelines

- The Foundation awards grants to charitable, educational, and scientific organizations, which are public charities.
- **The Foundation prefers to make monetary grants for capital and special projects rather than operational expenses. Grants for construction, renovation, repairs, and restoration of facilities are given primary consideration.**

Applicants will be required to answer narrative questions and provide documentation, which may include:

- Information supporting public charity status;
- Organization mission and purpose;
- Organization financial information;
- Project or program purpose;
- Project or program budgets;
- Project funding sources secured and pending; and
- Listing of current Board of Directors
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- Requests submitted between November 16 and December 31, 2023 will be reviewed and responded to by April 30, 2024

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CONNECT WITH NEBRASKA PUBLIC MEDIA

Nebraska Public Media established a family engagement pilot. Their description of this pilot is “The program is a bimonthly initiative to curate free, high quality family engagement resources and activities for regular family events. Our goal is to support Nebraska children, families, and caregivers learn and grow together. We are actively seeking library and community partners interested in piloting this program.”

Bimonthly the pilot provides:

- Event guide with learning goals that support intergenerational learning
- Suggested book list
- Electronic resources, games, and activity guides
- 30-minute Zoom training on upcoming themes

As a part of our family engagement pilot libraires are asked to track and share with us the following information during and after your event:

- Date and time of your planned event shared in advance of the event
- Attendance numbers
- Photos to share with us! We want to celebrate your great work. With permission to share the photos on social media.
- Share the audience survey with attendees.
- Complete a short event report to share attendance numbers, feedback, and your favorite photo.

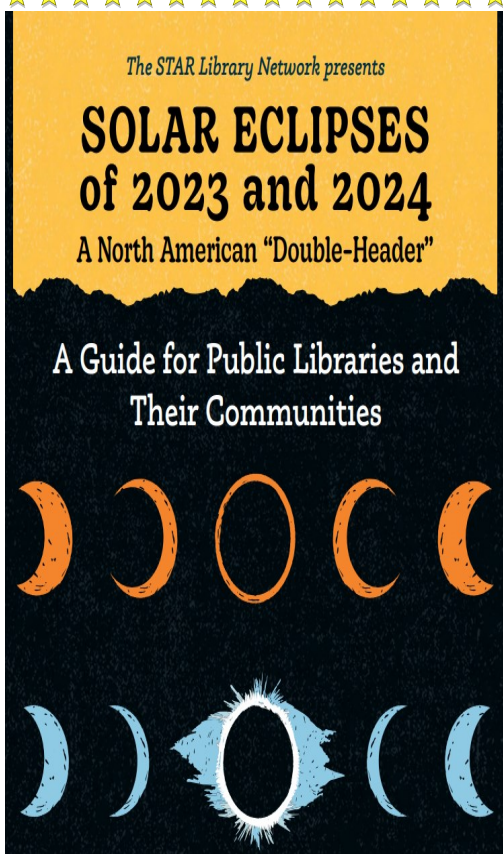
Family Math was the subject for September and October.

Here is the [resource page](#) for all the resources for children and their parents.

Contacts with this program:

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Mike Modrcin, Outreach Coordinator with the [Omaha Astronomical Society](#), contributed this information in preparation of the “double-header” solar eclipse in October and April.

[Download this free booklet](#) prepared specifically for libraries to “prepare our patrons to safely observe these rare events. The next eclipse to be visible from North America will be in 2045.

Mike is one of the few NASA Partner Eclipse Ambassadors in Nebraska that can help provide eclipse programming.

[Starnetlibraries.org](#) has large number of resources available specifically tailored to library staff and patrons including a list of available eclipse experts. Libraries can receive up to 500 free glasses. I believe they are also still sending out free solar viewing glasses.

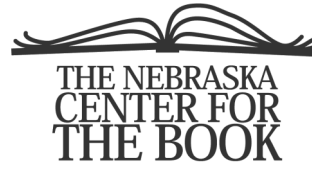
If more glasses are needed, the Omaha Astronomical Society will have a number of them available for purchase at \$1 each. Email info@omahaastro.com for more information.

You may also contact Mike who wishes everyone “Clear Skies”

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One Book One Nebraska ~ 2023

The Mystery of Hunting's End by Mignon G. Eberhart

People across Nebraska are encouraged to read the work of a Nebraskan — and then talk about it with their friends and neighbors. *The Mystery of Hunting's End* (Bison Books, 1998) by Mignon Eberhart is the 2023 One Book One Nebraska selection.

In a recent featured story for the Flatwater Free Press, Carson Vaughan wrote a delightful story on Mignon Eberhart titled. ["New Mystery: Remembering Nebraska's forgotten 'whodunit queen' "](#)

The Nebraska Center for the Book offers this information on the book.

"The Mystery of Hunting's End is a 1930s chiller, inspired and set in the Sand Hills of Nebraska, where Mignon G. Eberhart lived as a newlywed. Smack in the middle of the rolling desolation is Hunting's End, a weekend lodge owned by the rich Kingery family. To that place socialite Matil Kingery invites a strange collection of guests — the same people who were at the lodge when her father died of "heart failure" exactly five years ago. She intends to find out which one of them murdered him. The selection committee for the 2023 One Book One Nebraska enjoyed the concept of a mystery. This is a book that keeps the reader guessing as to who is behind the murders taking place in a lodge outside of Valentine during a blizzard. Why were these murders committed, are any of the guests staying at the lodge safe, and who is the killer? The book is full of colorful characters, including Nurse Sarah Keate and detective Lance O'Leary. The reader is challenged to find clues that will lead to the discovery of who is the guilty party. Mignon G. Eberhart was born and raised in Lincoln, NE. She had a long and celebrated career, writing a total of 59 novels, earning her the Grand Master Edgar Award from the Mystery Writers of America. She died at the age of ninety-seven in 1996.

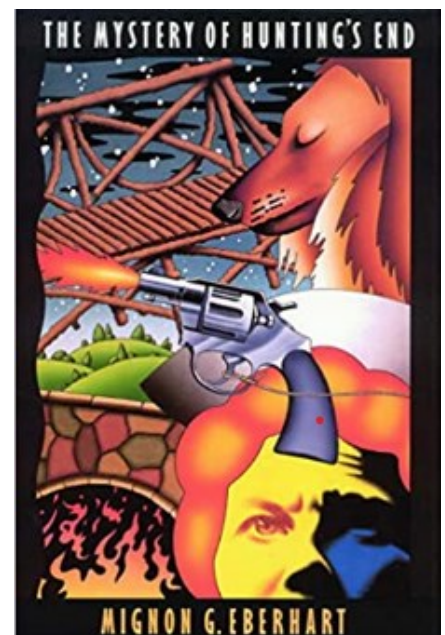
Libraries across Nebraska will join other literary and cultural organizations in planning book discussions, activities, and events that will encourage Nebraskans to read and discuss this book. Support materials to assist with local reading/discussion activities are available at <http://onebook.nebraska.gov>.

Updates and activity listings will be posted on the One Book One Nebraska Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/OneBookOneNebraska/>

2023 will mark the nineteenth year of the One Book One Nebraska reading program, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book. 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. The Nebraska Center for the Book invites recommendations for One Book One Nebraska book selection year-round at:

<http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/obon-nomination.asp>.



One Book For Nebraska Kids and Teens ~ 2024

Kids: *Parachute Kids* by Betty C. Tang

A middle-grade graphic novel that follows Feng-Li and her siblings as they navigate life alone in a new country. After a fun-filled vacation in California, Mom and Dad announce that the family is staying and enroll the children in school. When their parents' visas expire, the children are left in their rental house while their parents return to Taiwan to sort out a legal reentry to the United States.



Teens: *Between the Lines* by Nikki Grimes

This 2018 companion to Grimes' *Bronx Masquerade* combines verse and prose to explore the thoughts, feelings, and struggles of a diverse class of poets as they prepare for their school poetry slam. In addition to honing their writing skills, they find friendship and support in each other.



Western Library System New Book Titles

Bless Your Hearts: The North Platte Canteen, Charlotte Endorf, Ethan Nelson, illustrator, Outskirts Press, 2012

The Last Thing He Told Me, Laura Daves, Simon & Schuster, 2021 (10 copies)

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Between the Lines, Nikki Grimes Nancy Pauslen Books, 2018 (Teens) (10 copies)

Parachute Kids, Betty Tang, Scholastic Graphix, 2023 (Children) (10 copies)

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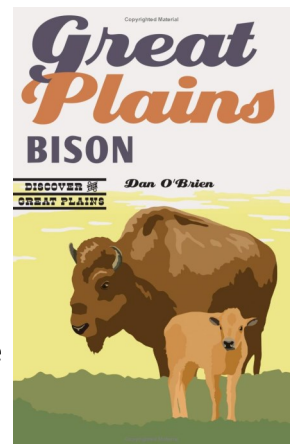
Birchbark House, Louise Erdrich, Hyperion, 1999 (Children) (10 copies)

Not If I Save You First, Ally Carter, Scholastic, 2018 (Teen) (10 copies)

Coming this fall! Nebraska Public Media will be sending the Regional Library Systems and the Nebraska Library Commission each:

A book club kit inspired by Ken Burns's upcoming documentary *American Buffalo* which premieres October 16 and 17. The documentary is based on the Dan O'Brien book *Great Plains Bison* (published by University of Nebraska Press) with the short film "Seed Warriors" by Rebekka Schlichting. It is directed and executive produced by Ken Burns, written by Dayton Duncan, and produced by Julie Dunfey and Burns.

- 10 copies of *Great Plains Bison*; these will have information on the inside cover with the URL/website to direct people how to download resources and watch the film.



Contact the Western Library System if you would like to check out items from the collection.

Golden Sower Awards

On top of the Nebraska State Capitol in Lincoln, stands a 19,000 pound, bronze statue known as the **Sower**. He stands barefoot and without hat, sowing seeds. He is symbolic of the state of Nebraska as a major agricultural state. He is not merely sowing seeds of grain, but something much greater. He is the symbol of sowing the seeds of agriculture, life, hope and prosperity. The Sower, sculpted by Lee Lawrie, was chosen as the symbol of the Nebraska children's choice literary award for similar reasons.



The award's sponsor, Nebraska Library Association, hopes the program will sow seeds which:

- stimulate children's thinking
- introduce different types of literature
- encourage independent reading
- increase library skills
- foster an appreciation for excellence in writing and illustrating.
- Whether student are seeking information or reading for pleasure, quality literature presented through the
- Nebraska Golden Sower Award program will enrich the lives of Nebraska's children and sow seeds of the future. Nebraska's young readers are encouraged to visit their local public library or school library to find out how they can participate and vote in the Nebraska Golden Sower Award program.

HELP US NAME OUR NEW READING LEVEL FOR YOUNG ADULTS!

The Golden Sower Award committee has added a brand new reading level for Young Adults! Submit your vote for what we should name this category at goldensower.org.




LITTLE BLUESTEM

Formerly the Picture Book level, the Little Bluestem is




HONEYBEE

Formerly the Chapter Book level, the Honeybee is



MEADOWLARK

Formerly the Novel level, the Meadowlark is intended for



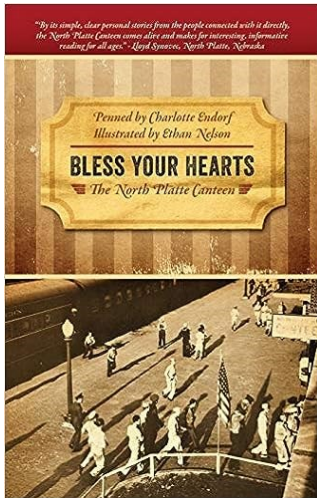
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We're adding a NEW level for Young Adults, intended for

Since 1982, Nebraska Golden Sower Award has sought to sow seeds which stimulate children's thinking, introduce different types of literature, encourage independent reading, increase library skills, and foster an appreciation for excellence in writing and illustrating. Submit on [this form](#) before September 15, 2023



Western Library System Board News



Ethan Nelson, member and Secretary of the Western Library Board (WLS) illustrated the book Bless Your Hearts: The North Platte Canteen. Charlotte Endorf is the author.

One reviewer says “This true story, Charlotte Endorf brings to life how one persons idea coupled with the efforts of few can benefit millions. Set in the beginning days of World War II, at a seemingly inconsequential train station in North Platte, Nebraska miles from military bases or the war, 26-year-old Rae Wilson decides to welcome the US Troops crossing the country on the Union Pacific troop trains. Her gesture quickly spreads to counties across the state and war brides, mothers and daughters create the North Platte Canteen.”

Ms. Endorf is also a speaker with Humanities Nebraska.
The Western Library System has a copy available to checkout.

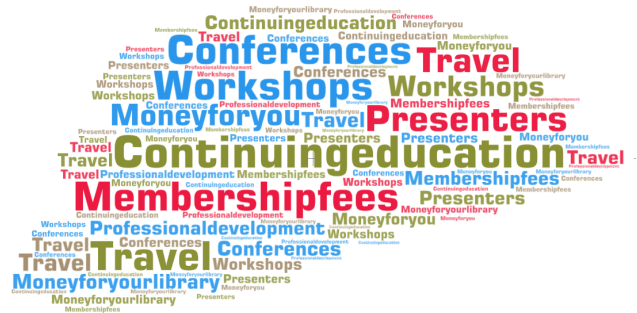
A companion book on the subject is Tom Brokaw’s Once Upon a Town: The Miracle of the North Platte Canteen that brought the story of this patriotic movement to a large audience.

Money for You or Your Library

Funding from the Western Library System

All member libraries and staff are eligible.

- Eligible requests include: Dues for library association membership; registrations and travel expenses for conferences, workshops and presenters.
- Up to \$300.00 per person every two years. (More than one person in a library can apply if applying for their own professional development.)
- Up to \$300.00 per library for library events every two years.
- Scholarship recipients will provide a brief article for the Western Library System’s Western Sun within a month of completion of the activities.



E-mail or mail a request or complete this [Application Form](#) providing the following information:

- ◇ Name:
- ◇ Library/School/Institution
- ◇ Phone and Email:
- ◇ Describe the activity providing information on why you want to attend this activity and how it will contribute to the library profession or your professional development.

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