

SUNdries ~ Libraries Around the World

LIBRARY ARCHITECTURE AROUND THE WORLD

EARLY LIBRARY ARCHITECTURE

Libraries date back to ancient Mesopotamia, coinciding with the advent of the written word. This issue will review architectural highlights from the ancient to the modern.

The Royal Library of Alexandria, 3rd century BC, Alexandria, Egypt



Nineteenth-century artistic rendering of the Library of Alexandria by the German artist O. Von Corven, based partially on the archaeological evidence available at that time

The Royal Library of Alexandria, Egypt is recognized as being the most important library of the Ancient World and the model of academic libraries with books and rooms to study. Scholars traveled far and wide to study in Alexandria. The library suffered several attacks including one by Julius Caesar. It was eventually destroyed by a fire.

First proposed in 1974, the idea to rebuild a library was supported by several governmental agencies along with UNESCO and the United Nations Development Programme. This modern library and cultural center was completed in 2002. The Bibliotheca Alexandria commemorates the rich history of the original. See page 5 for details and an image.

Biblioteca Marciana, 1564, Venice

Named for St. Mark, the patron saint of Venice, and located on St. Mark's Piazza, the Biblioteca Marciana is one of the oldest surviving libraries in Italy and contains one of the greatest collections of classical texts in the world. During the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, books were secured by long iron chains to the lecterns arranged in rows like school desks to prevent them from being stolen.



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Mark Your Calendar

August 1: Western Library System's Annual Meeting, Bayard (page 22)

August 6-12: Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) Book Bike Week

August 31-September 1: Joint Youth Services Retreat for Nebraska Librarians serving Youth. Sponsored by the Nebraska Regional Systems. Camp Carol Joy Holling, Ashland, NE (page 24)



September:
[Library Card Sign-Up Month](#)

September 8: [International Literacy Day](#)

September 20-23:
[Association of Rural and Small Libraries](#).(ARSL) Unite and Ignite, Wichita, KS (page 26)

October: [TeenTober](#)—ALA

October 19-21: [American Association of School Libraries Conference](#), "Learning Together Standing Together", Tampa Bay, Florida (page 27)

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Childhood Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

[Code of Federal Regulations 47 CFR §54.520](#)

CIPA Basics: CIPA was enacted by Congress in 2002 to address children's access to obscene or harmful content over the Internet. In order for libraries and schools to receive federal funding, they must comply with CIPA.

These requirements include:

1. Internet safety policy
2. Filters to block Internet access to pictures that are:
Obscene, child pornography, harmful to minors with access to those computers

Schools are also required to:

1. Monitor the online activities of minors
2. Educate students and faculty on being digital citizens with proper online behavior and how to be aware and respond to cyberbullying.

Misconceptions about CIPA

- If a school or library is receiving discounts only for telecommunications service, following CIPA is not required.
- An authorized person may disable the blocking or filtering measure by an adult to accessing research for other lawful purposes.
- CIPA does not require the tracking of Internet use by minors or adults.

Federal funding :

Funding is provided by the Universal Service Administration through the E-rate program. In their consumer guide, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) they describe the E-rate program. "E-rate provides discounts for telecommunications, Internet access and internal connections to eligible schools and libraries. Discounts range from 20% to 90% and are based on the poverty level of the schools. Rural schools and libraries may receive a higher discount. Recipients must pay some portion of the service costs."

What services will E-Rate provide discounts?

There are two levels of services that can receive a discount. The list of eligible services is published yearly in the Federal Register can be found on the FCC Center ([FCC website](#)) An overview list can be found on page 3. E-Rate complements the efforts of states and localities to bring modern technology to schools and libraries

Selection versus Censorship

Some Library Boards choose to forego E-Rate as they view CIPA as censorship. CIPA allows for the disabling of the blocking or filtering by authorized staff for adults for lawful purposes. CIPA may be viewed as being similar to selection of materials to house in the library. Items may not be in the collection for various factors. It may not fit under the criteria of the local collection development policy or the budget considerations. When items are not in the collection, they might be available on Libby or Interlibrary Loan. Similarly, if the research request is filtered, the filter can be overridden.

Note: CIPA Compliance is also required for public libraries to receive Library Improvement Grants. These federal grants are awarded through the Nebraska Library Commission.

E-Rate Category 1 and 2 Eligible Service List Overview

Category 1

Data Transmission and/or Internet Transmission

- ◇ Asynchronous Transfer Mode (ATM)
- ◇ Broadband Over Poser Lines
- ◇ Cable Modem
- ◇ Digital Subscriber Line (DSL)
- ◇ DS-1 (T-1), DS-3 (T-3) and Fractional T-1 or T-3
- ◇ Ethernet
- ◇ Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN)
- ◇ Leased Lit Fiber
- ◇ Leased Dark Fiber (including dark fiber infeasible rights use [IRUs] for a set term)
- ◇ Self-Provisioned Broadband Networks
- ◇ Frame Relay
- ◇ Multi-Protocol Label Switching (MPLS)
- ◇ OC-1, OC-3, OC-12, OC-n
- ◇ Satellite

Category 2

Internet Connections, Managed Internal Broadband Services (MIBS), Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections (BMIC) Internet Connections Equipment/Services

- * Routers
- * Switches
- * Wireless access points
- * Internet cabling racks
- * Wireless controller systems
- * Firewall equipment/services
- * Uninterruptable power supply
Equipment that supports eligible
Equipment
- * Caching services
- * Software that supports eligible equipment
- * Installation of eligible equipment
- * Cloud-based functionality of this equipment,
For example, cloud-based wireless controllers

For the 2023 recipients of E-rate to date, see page 8.

Ncompass Live on July 27th is offering a Pretty Smart Tech on Internet Filtering for E-Rate CIPA Compliance and Cybersecurity Online.

Below is a description and link to the resources on CIPA and E-Rate from the Nebraska Library Commission.

Featured Resource from the Nebraska Library Commission

[E-rate Discounts for Nebraska's Public Libraries](#)

This page has information on:

- * About the E-Rate program
- * Training
- * Forms requested by E-Rate participation
- * CIPA
- * Contacts
- * E-Rate Funding Recipients (from 1998)



**Nebraska
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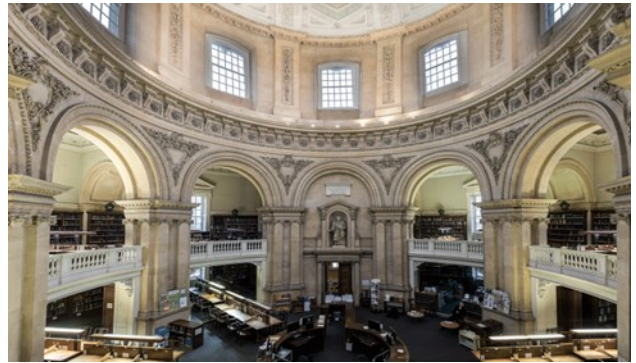
**Get your
library's piece of
the E-rate pie!**

Trinity College Library, 1732, Dublin



The Trinity College Library is the largest library in Ireland. Construction of the building started in 1712. In the early 1800's, the library received legal deposit rights or copyright. Publishers in the Republic of Ireland are required to send a copy of every book to the library. To accommodate the growing collection, the library underwent a major reconstruction in 1856. It is well known for housing one of the Book of Kells.

Radcliffe Camera, 1749, Oxford, England



The Radcliffe Camera, in the heart of Oxford University was the first circular library constructed in England. The library is centered around a dome. The library is known for its classical details including Corinthian columns.

Bibliothèque Sainte-Geneviève, 1850, Paris



The main library for the University of Paris that is open to the public too. The Bibliothèque Sainte-Geneviève is considered Paris's grandest library. Using an iron frame was innovative in the architecture at that time. In addition to bearing heavy loads, cast iron can create delicate patterns. From that time on, iron frames were used in libraries and other buildings.

"A library is a house of hope. It's a place where we all, whatever our situation, can feed our ideas and develop our dreams."

Doug Wilhelm

"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

FROM ANCIENT ARCHITECTURE TO THE MODERN

Bibliothèque Nationale de France François Mitterrand, 1994, Paris



In 1989, then-President of France François Mitterrand announced an international design competition for a new library that would be a part of the Bibliothèque Nationale de France. The library was commissioned in 1996 and joined three other libraries in the National Library of France. Patrons and residents admire the modern and minimalist design. The reading rooms are sunken below and arranged around a garden courtyard containing full-size trees.

Tianjin Binhai Library, China



Designed by Dutch architects MVRDV's the Tianjin Binhai Library opened in 2017. It was designed to resemble a giant eye from the outside. Tagged the "Eye of Binhai" the original plan for the atrium area was to be filled with books. Due to codes and a fast construction timeline, the books on the upper shelves are aluminum sheets printed to look like books. Most of the collection is housed on traditional bookshelves in the back.

Calgary Central Public Library, Alberta, Canada

Snøhetta designed this unique building which is elevated one floor above sea level to cover a light rail and open plaza. The inspiration from the building came from the area's arched Chinook cloud formations. Every side of the building can be considered the front of the building. The library opened in 2014.



The Library of Alexandria



Located on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea in Egypt, the \$220 million rebuild of the Royal Library of Alexandria does not resemble the ancient library. The library comprises eleven stories with four underground. The building, designed by Snøhetta, opened in 2002. The library resembles the lighthouse of Alexandria. The cylindrical design and Egyptian hieroglyphics represent the Egyptian culture.

Spijkensse Public Library, Netherlands

Known as Book Mountain, the library located in the town's market square opened in 2012. The pyramid shape showcases the stacked shelving that are made from recycled flowerpots. Designed by MVRDV, a café sits at the top and the transparent glass allows the mountain of books to remain visible from the outside.



Bishan Public Library, Singapore



Opened in 2006, the Bishan Public Library was designed to resemble a treehouse. LOOK Architects constructed the building with cubicles of glass punched out from the main exterior, skylights, colored glass, and trellises that mimic how a tree filters light in a tree house. The spaces are cantilevered which provides a unique view from the outside.

The Sir Duncan Rice Library, Aberdeen Scotland

The vertical-styled stripes, made with insulated and clear glass maximizes the natural light. Schmidt Hammer Lassen Architects designed the library for the University of Aberdeen. Opening in 2011, the building, made using Scottish stone, wraps around the eight-story central atrium. One of the oldest English-language schools in the world was originally founded in 1495.



Oodi Central Library, Helsinki, Finland



The architect firm ALA designed this library to match Finlandia Hall and the other buildings in the vicinity. The design is reminiscent of an iceberg and features the timber of Finland in the interior. The Oodi, as it is commonly called, receives 10,000 visitors every day.

The Oodi, is known for the use of robots that allow the librarian staff time to focus on professional tasks. Robots are used for shelf reading, giving directions to patrons and placing books in order for easy shelving.

The September-October, 2023 Western Sun will feature Library Architecture in the United States.

Celebrating Willa Cather

In 2023, Willa Cather is being celebrated for her 150 birthday, December 7, 2023 and the 100th anniversary of her Pulitzer Prize for *One of Ours*. It also honors the 100th anniversary of the publication of *A Lost Land* and *April Twilights and Other Poems*.

On June 7th, a sculpture of Willa Cather was unveiled at the National Statuary Hall Collection at the U.S. Capitol Building. It is one of two statues dedicated to the State of Nebraska. Standing Bear is the other statue that was unveiled earlier in 2023. Littleton Alston, a professor of sculpture at Creighton University in Omaha, created the bronze statue of Ms. Cather.

The Willa Cather Foundation, a not-for-profit organization, was created in 1955. The Foundation owns and operates the [National Willa Cather Center](#) which is the nation's largest collection dedicated to an American author. The Center is also a nationally-designated historic site and is headquartered in Red Cloud, Nebraska. There are other centers honoring Ms. Cather around the United States. Detailed information on the 150th celebration is located on the Center's [website](#).

A bibliography of Willa Cather's writings can be found [here](#). The Western Library System owns a book kit for *My Antonia*. (a former One Book ~ One Nebraska) to lend to libraries. Contact the Office if you are interested.

A sampling of events across the United States honoring Ms. Cather:

- July 6-10 — The National Willa Cather Teacher Institute, Red Cloud, NE
- July 16-28 — National Endowment for the Humanities Institute for Higher Education Faculty "Willa Cather: Place & Archive"
- July 19–September 9 — *Cather and Material Culture*, an exhibition by Betty Kort, on display at the National Willa Cather Center
- August 11 — Amos Fortune Forum Lecture, "Willa Cather as Creator: Breaking the Mold and Carving a Place in History," with Littleton Alston and Ashley Olson, Jaffrey Meeting House, Jaffrey, NH, 8:00 p.m.
- October 15-29 — Inaugural Willa Cather Residency in Red Cloud, NE
- November 9-12 — Willa Cather and the Counterculture: An Immersive Weekend in Taos, New Mexico. Back by popular demand and sponsored by the National Willa Cather Center
- December 7 — Virtual Book Launch for Benjamin Taylor's *Chasing Bright Medusas: A Life of Willa Cather*
"There are some things you learn best in calm, and some in storm." Willa Cather "The Lark"



Celebrations and Milestones

Richard Landreth ~ New Library Director ~ Lied Scottsbluff Public Library

Mr. Landreth brings experience in education, school and public libraries to Scottsbluff. Most recently he was the Director of the Lincoln County Library System in Western Wyoming. The Rushville native also worked as a library media specialist and as a math teacher. We welcome Richard to the Western Library System.



SUMMER READING GRANTS

2023 Grant recipients from the Western Library System are:

Bayard Public Library

Friends of the Sidney Library

These grants support the creation or expansion of summer reading programs. Local nonprofit organizations, schools and libraries are eligible to apply if their programs meet the following criteria:

- Target Pre-K – 12th grade students who are new readers
- Target below grade level readers
- Assist readers with learning disabilities

E-Rate Recipients as of May 25, 2023

Library	Amount	Type	Percentage
Bayard Public Library	\$1,440.00	Internet Access	80
Hastings Memorial Library	\$1,428.00	Internet Access	70
Hayes Center Public Library	\$764.40	Internet Access	70
Kimball Public Library	\$1,680	Internet Access	80
Lied Imperial Public Library	\$1,386.00	Internet Access	70
Nancy Fawcett Memorial Library	\$1,151.52	Internet Access	80
Paxton Public Library	\$1,228.42	Internet Access	70
Sidney Public Library	\$1,008.00	Internet Access	70
Trenton Public Library	\$959.52	Internet Access	80

“I think if I’ve learned anything about friendship, it’s to hang in, stay connected, fight for them, and let them fight for you. Don’t walk away, don’t be distracted, don’t be too busy or tired, don’t take them for granted. Friends are part of the glue that holds life and faith together. Powerful stuff.”

Hemingford Public Library Turns 100

Hemingford Ledger, June 16, 2023

Kay Bakkenhaug

Happy 100th Anniversary to the Hemingford Library!!
"100" Years of Service

- October 19, 1923**
 First Library in front room of The Ledger. Started by Women's Club with 50 books donated to start. Miss Blenne Rohbaugh volunteered for two years.
- 1929**
 Moved to 900 block of Niobrara. Building between telephone co. and Burlew's store on the north side where old fire hall was located.
- 1939**
 Over 2,000 books
- 1962**
 Present building at 212 Box Butte rented from Mrs. Lila Iverson for small monthly fee. Formerly Post Office. Village inherited building when Mrs. Iverson died.
- 1977**
 Ceiling lowered by Jim Olson. New coat of tar put on roof.
- 1978**
 Hours expanded to five more per week. April 6, Town 'n County Extension Club started children's story hour with Linda K. Petersen the first reader.
- 1979**
 Adult Education classes held here.
- 1981**
 Librarian, Leona Stull started getting a salary.
- 1986**
 9,000 books and loanable items available to checkout.
- 1993**
 WNCC held a summer theater
- 1999**
 Local artists had an art show and sale. 20% of sales were donated to the library.
- April 2010**
 Duhon memorial mural unveiled created by artist Aaron Wade with State Senator, Leroy Loudon in attendance. Gates Foundation donated computers.
- 2012**
 Library Broadband Builds Nebraska Communities donated six Hewlett Packard computers.
- 2022**
 Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired donated new monitor with magnifier.
 New furnace and air conditioner unit put in.
 New front door with automatic opener for handicap accessibility.
 Donation of five new computers.
 New movable shelving, front desk, computer chairs, and LED ceiling lights put in.
- 2023**
 Brownstone Foundation donated an assortment of 100 books.
 New back door installed.

Board Members-Serve 5 Years

- 1930 — Regina Burlew
- 1977 — Elna Sampy, Donna Schekall, Pat Burri, Hattie Pipitt, Sue Volkaner
- 1998 — Theron Jensen, Marie Cervantes, Floyd Counts, Richard Hank
- 1999 — Ruby Hewitt
- 2010 — Barb Nikott, Brenda Robb, Carol Benett, Twila Albright, Barb Kris, Jean Long, Ed Lucas, Shirley Keane, Peggy Moser, Joni Frahm
- 2020-Present — Sue Hennings, Linda K. Petersen, Deb Finley, Robyn Armenta, Peggy Cattin

Librarians

- 1923-29 Women's Club — Blenne Rohrbaugh, Grace Olds, Helen Bosley
- 1977-84 Leona Stull
- 1984 Sheryl Roberts
- 2004-18 Deb Finley
- 2018-21 Marly Pehoviack
- 2021-present Colleen Garner



Hemingford Librarians:
 Mary Ann Gordon, Library Director-Colleen Garner and Cheryl Kaman



Current Hemingford Public Library Board Members:
 Robyn Armenta, Peggy Cattin, Sue Hennings and Linda K. Petersen. Not pictured is Deb Finley

All Together Now Sharing our Summer Reading Program Stories



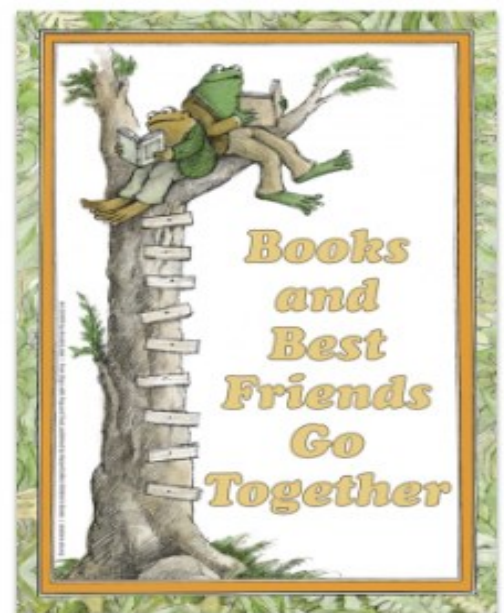
Hooker County Public Library, Julie Pfeiffer



Julie Pfeiffer reports that with swimming lessons and bible camps the library chose an early date and have one program. The children are encouraged to read books to collect prizes for the rest of the summer. This year was a great success! We read the book Hom by Jeanne Willis, played some outdoor games that promoted team building, ate snacks while watching a movie (well at least part of a movie) and then built our frogs. These turned out so cute and the grant money from our library system helped make it possible



The September~October Western Sun will feature more All Together Now stories and articles from around the Western Library System.



International Day of Friendship ~ July 30th

In keeping with the All Together Now theme, the Western Sun celebrates International Day of Friendship on July 30th.

International Day of Friendship started as a “Hallmark Holiday” in 1919. The Company created the day to celebrate friendship by sending cards to friends. By 1940, the tradition disappeared.

In 1998, Mrs. Nane Annan, wife of then United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, designated Winnie the Pooh as Ambassador of Friendship on the occasion of International Day of Friendship. The International Day of Friendship was not officially proclaimed until 2011. United Nations General Assembly was promoting the idea that friendship between peoples, countries, cultures and individuals can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities. The resolution emphasizes involving young people, as future leaders, in community activities that include different cultures and promote international understanding and respect for diversity. The Day is celebrated on July 30 or the First Sunday in August.

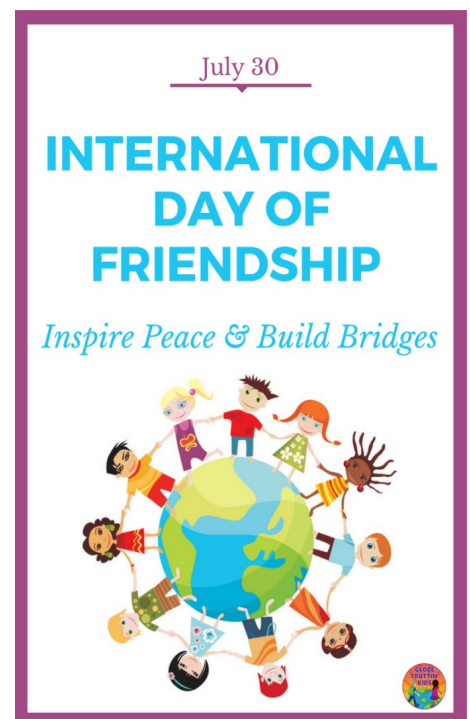


The Day follows the Culture of Peace resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1997. The Culture of Peace is defined as “a set of values, attitudes and behaviors that reject violence and endeavor to prevent conflicts by addressing their root causes with a view to solving problems. According to the International Friendship Day declaration, people are invited to “observe this day in an appropriate manner, in accordance with the culture and other appropriate circumstances or customs of their local, national and regional communities, including through education and public awareness-raising activities. The power of friendship is an international one that reaches out to all corners and cultures of the globe. International Day of Friendship is all about promoting togetherness and kindness, bringing people together.”

Benefits of Friendship

Daysoftheyear.com lists the following benefits of having friends:

- **Friendship Enhances Emotional Resilience.** Sharing good times with people you love and having a network of friends to help you through those bad times makes it easier for you to navigate the ups and downs that life inevitably throws at us.
- **Friendship Boosts Brainpower.** The University of Michigan has found that hanging out with other people – even just for ten minutes – will improve your ability to solve problems and your brainpower.
- **Friendship May Improve Sleep.** Did you know that friendship even helps improve your sleep? In a study, the University of Chicago found that people are more restless during sleep if they don’t socialize.
- **Friendship Makes People Healthier.** A study carried out at the University of North Carolina found that people without strong connections have higher abdominal obesity rates and increased blood pressure.



[Globe Trottin' Kids](http://GlobeTrottinKids.com)

Ways to Celebrate International Day Of Friendship:

The beauty of friendship is that whether new friends , friends for a specific time in your life or forever friends, each one is unique. Celebrations can be the same way, new and different every year or traditional.

Do something nice for your friend(s)

Anything from a text to someone you have seen or talked with in a while to having coffee or tea. A card or letter is nice and it is fun to receive in the mail.

Make new friends.

Go or schedule to attend a community event and make it a point to talk with someone you do not know. If you are not part of an organization with shared interests or beliefs commit yourself to trying it out.

If your community does not have an International Day of Friendship event look into establishing one for your community.

Spend time with your friends that matches their interests.

Whether family friends or individual friends, spending time can range from little cost to more costly

Hiking or visiting a park

Coffee/Tea

Hosting Lunch or Dinner

Potluck Lunch or Dinner

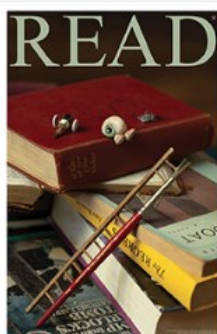
Treating your friends to a restaurant, play or concert (can be a shared cost, too)

Information for this article came from the [United Nations International Day of Friendship](http://www.un.org/en/events/observances/2017-international-day-of-friendship) website and [daysoftheyear.com](http://www.daysoftheyear.com)

There are four quotes about friendship in the Western Sun in Cambria Font. The first four people who e-mail the Office wls@westernlibrarysystem.com with the four correct writers names will receive an [American Library Association READ poster](http://www.ala.org/advocacy/reading/american-library-association-read-poster) of their choice. There are 41 choices on the ALA website. Writers names only, quotes are not required.



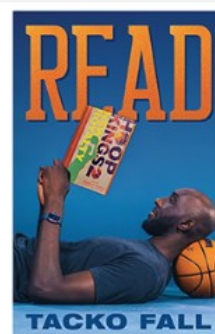
Dolly Parton Poster



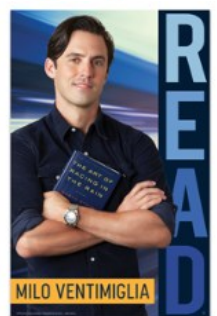
Marcel the Shell Poster



Idina Menzel Poster



Tacko Fall Poster



Milo Ventimiglia Poster



Fantastic Beasts Leta St. John Poster



Constance Wu Poster



Misty Copeland Poster

Around the Sun

Sparkling Interest Among Teens—NSpire Today! June 2023 by Carole Amateis,
Reprinted courtesy of Jeff Fielder, NSpire Today! Co-owner/editor

★ Sparkling Interest Among Teens ★

Melissa Butler is in her second year as the Bridgeport Public Librarian, and one of her goals has been to help increase the number of offerings to teens at the library.

Bridgeport—Most people are familiar with storytime for elementary kids at the library. But one city librarian is sparking interest among teens to spend more time there, too.

Bridgeport Public Librarian Melissa Butlere is in her second year at the town’s library, located along Bridgeport’s growing Main Street.

“My biggest goal for the library, before I was even offered the position was to plan and implement a teen program,” she said. “The library had great children’s programs for PreK and elementary aged patrons, but I needed something offered specifically for teens. Now that those programs have just barely begin, we are working on renovating a space specifically for those programs.”

And that space is becoming a reality as the library continues to grow.

“The previous library was half the size it is now,” Melissa explained. “In 2014 a large renovation project was completed which added about 1,500 square feet to the existing 2,500 square feet. This new spaced provided a children’s section, program room and office.”

The library board is currently raising funds for a 24X24 foot space that the City of Bridgeport has provided the library for a teen area. The space will be divided into two separate rooms.

“One will permanently house our audio and video equipment, essentially becoming a small studio.” Melissa said. “The larger section will be specifically for teens to use both during and outside of planned programs. That room will be only for teens, though adults will be allowed to use it when school is in session.”

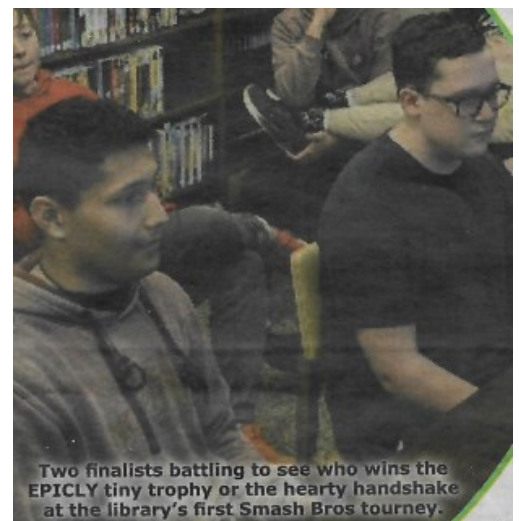
The is the fi rst time the city library has had a teen section and reflects Melissa’s goals for youth in the community.

“Libraries provide an ideal environment for all teens to engage in connected learning activities—hands-on, teen-driven activities that enable teens to learn while exploring their passions and interests,” she said. “It is so important to connect to teens in a meaningful way, so they continue to develop into literate adults. And literacy is not just reading and writing, but competency in other areas, including but not limited to media and technology.”

The programs the library hosted this spring included artistic ones like the Cricut Vinyl Design class and “Design Day with Lori” where participants transferred images on to wook to make ornaments or wall hangings. New the end of April, drinks and snacks were provided for teens in grades 7-12 at a Dungeons and Dragon game night held from 5-7 p.m. The library also hosted a Super Smash Bros tournament for teens.



Bridgeport Public Librarian
Melissa Butler



Two finalists battling to see who wins the EPICLY tiny trophy or the hearty handshake at the library’s first Smash Bros touney.

Regular patrons include seniors, K-4 grade children and young parents with young children. A “Storytime is held each Thursday for little ones from 10-10:30. The Maker Club is a STEAM-based school program for kindergarten through sixth graders from 3:45-4:15. The K-2nd graders meet on Wednesday, and 3rd-5th graders meet on Thursday. The program encourages participants to learn using science, technology, engineering, arts and math. Melissa said they have hosted some unique programs during the last year.

“We had a viewing party of the PBS documentary My Garden of a Thousand Bees with free seeds, take home activities and snacks for all ages and a paper quilling class for adults.” she said.

Book Clubs also meet at the library each month The Fiction Book Club meets on the first Tuesday at 6 p.m. and the Non-Fiction Book Club meets on the fourth Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

One of the Book Club members, usually me, comes with a set of questions to help us discuss the book each month. Other members often bring their own questions,” Melissa said. “Book Club is not highly regimented, but we do spend most of the time talking about the book in question.”

Generally, the club members choose a book each month to discuss.

“But sometimes we skip reading a book during the holiday season or summer “depending on how busy members are during that time.”

There are other groups that help keep the library running.

“A Board of Directors is responsible for the governing of a library.” Melissa explained, adding that they create policies which allow the director to run the library efficiently.

“The Friends of the Library” are another small group of supportive citizens who care about the success of the library.

“They work together to help the library meet their needs through fundraising, advocating for growth, and volunteering.

Melissa started working at the Bridgeport Public Library on Nov. 2, 2021.

“Before this I had not been a librarian, let alone the director of a library,” she recalled. “I believe the board chose me for the position because of my background with children and education.”

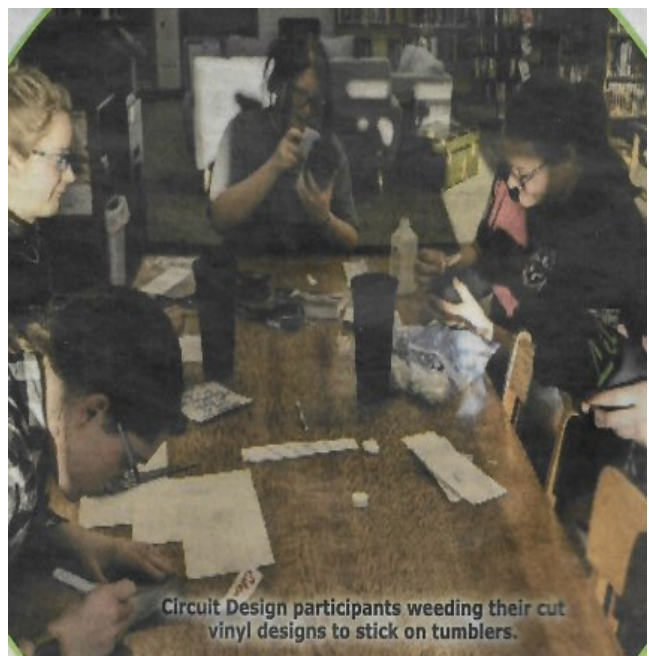
In 2009, she earned her certificate of education from Eastern Wyoming College to substitute teach grades K-12 in Wyoming. During the next 11 years she continued the education. “I took college credits each year to keep my certification.” she said.

Melissa taught school at Platte County School District in Guernsey, Wyoming.

She and her husband, Lou and daughter Izabelle, moved to Bridgeport in 2021. The Wyoming natives also have a son, Zavier, who is 22 and daughter Jayden, 20. Both are in college in Laramie, Wyoming.

The move and new career have been a good fit.

“I love being the director of the library because it is much more than just ordering and organizing books, which I do love. I can be a community educator, bringing my own passions and creativity to our community.”



Melissa says she loves to read and enjoys inspiring others who may not.

“It is a joy to me to find a book, author or series for someone who thinks they don’t like reading and turn them into a reader.” she said.

She also finds a lot of joy teaching others.

“I love it when I can give someone confidence to complete something on their own, whether it be something on the computer, one of our great Design Center machines, or even just connecting the right circuits to make a lightbulb light up during Maker Club,” she said.

Melissa describes herself as a fiber artist. She knows how to crochet, knit, sew and do macramé it is crafty, I will probably learn how to do it. I take great pleasure in learning new things.” she said. Other interests include photography, playing video games—both console and on her personal computer—and enjoying tabletop games. She also loves to put her organizational skills to beneficial use.

She said the move to Bridgeport has been very positive.

“Bridgeport and surrounding areas are extremely supportive, which was really a nice surprise. I am in awe of the number of extracurricular activities available at the school considering the size. The people here have been very welcoming, and I couldn’t be happier having decided to move to Bridgeport.”

She noted her appreciation for the people in the area who have been so encouraging of any efforts the library pursues.

“Having enough money is always a challenge,” she said. “We are so fortunate to have a supportive community in that regard. Some of our programs are almost completely funded through community donations.”

She added, “We have been search for a Children’s Librarian to focus on the under sixth grade programs for some time now. The position is part-time and permanent. Anybody who would like more information can call or email the library.”

Melissa concludes, “My thanks go to the community for their support of not only me, but the programs we offer each month.”



Crab Orchard Public Library is celebrating 40 years of service this year. We’re having a Birthday Party for the library at our Summer Reading Program Finale on July 20th including a Birthday Cake and Ice Cream, a Foam Party and a DJ Dance Party! We’d love to receive Birthday Cards from other libraries that we can display at our celebration! Thanks! Please send cards to this address by July 10th:

Crab Orchard Public Library
20012 Crab Orchard Rd.
Marion, IL 62959
Attn: Stephanie Mall

“Friendship is the hardest thing in the world to explain. It is not something you learn in school. But if you haven’t learned the meaning of friendship, you really haven’t learned anything.”

Muhammad Ali

Recipients of the \$30.00 incentive to promote May ~ Mental Health Awareness Month



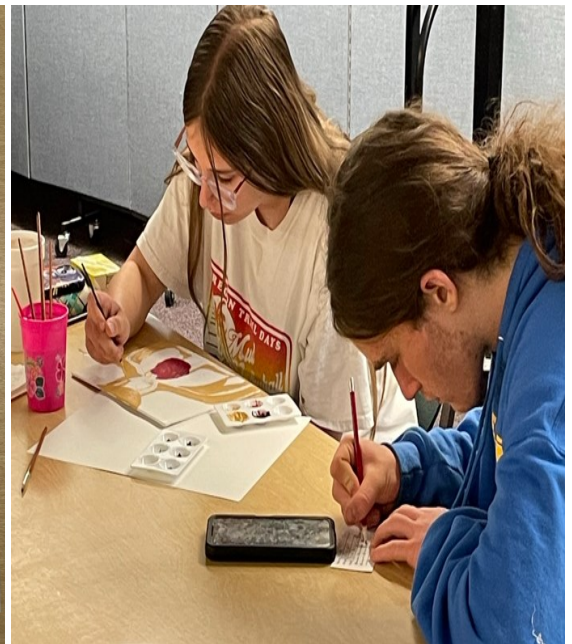
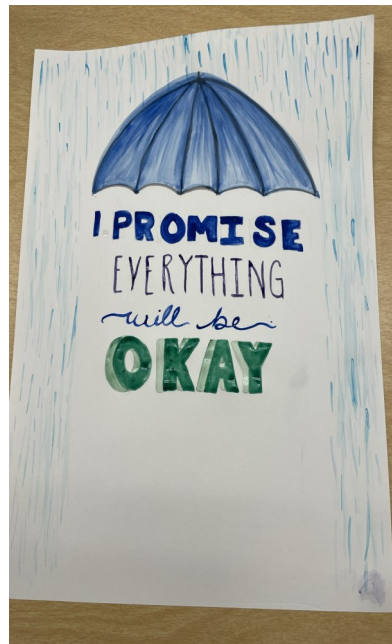
Gering Public Library—Sherry Preston

Gering Public Library offered patrons a chance to catch their breath during an evening of calming activities in a low-key atmosphere. We provided water color paints, stamps, and other materials for patrons to use. Some made vision boards or collages, some used the adult coloring pages while others took advantage of the new watercolor paints. We created a handout of mental health resources and made a small display of some books on the topic as well. Snacks included tea or cocoa and pretzels.

Fifteen people attended the program, ranging in age from middle schoolers to grandmothers.

This was a lot of fun," said one attendee. Another said, "Can I come back next week to finish this? You have more colored pencils than I do."

Librarian, Sherry Preston said, "I always like to review what I learned after a program, and this time, I learned I need to provide left-handed scissors (how could I forget, I have three left-handed kids?). We also forgot a speaker for our music, which would have been a nice touch." "I would love to do an art program again. Next time we should start earlier to give people more time for their projects!" said Library Assistant Hayley Grams.



"A friend is someone who gives you total freedom to be yourself—and especially to feel and not feel. Whatever you happen to be feeling at the moment if find with them. That's what real love amounts to—letting a person be what he really is."

Jim Morrison



Western Nebraska Community College—Cheryl Hamilton

The Western Nebraska Community College Library created a display of mental health materials from the library. The Library opted out of receiving funding for their display.



The [Mental Health Awareness Toolkit](#) is available year round.

August 1 is the date for the Western Library System’s Annual Meeting . Celebrate with your fellow library staff across the 21-counties.

Wear your best Oregon Trail outfit and you will be eligible to win a prize. See page 22 for details.

Semper Disco - Always Learning

Upcoming *NCompass Live*

Upcoming *NCompass Live* events: Sessions count for CE 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/>

<u>NCompass Live: One Book For Nebraska Kids & Teens 2023</u>	July 5
<u>NCompass Live: A Library Centennial Celebration in Photos and Memories</u>	July 12
<u>NCompass Live: Nebraska Open Meetings Act: 2023 Overview and Update</u>	July 19
<u>NCompass Live: Pretty Sweet Tech: Internet Filtering For E-Rate CIPA Compliance And Cybersecurity</u>	July 26

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
7/3 - 7/14	Reference	Christa Porter
7/24 - 8/4	Library Policy	Holli Duggan
8/14 - 8/25	Collection Management*	Denise Harders
8/28 - 9/8	Programming & Outreach	Christa Porter
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

Nebraska Library Association Leadership Training

SAVE THE DATES: Have you ever wanted to get more involved with NLA? Would you like to get more information about the various ways to do that? Then the NLA Leadership Training Camp is for you! Coming in August, this series of three online sessions will allow you to hear from NLA leaders about what their positions involve. There will also be plenty of time for Q&A. If you can't make the live sessions, recordings will be available

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Thursday
8/10
11am - 12pm

SESSION 1: ELECTED NLA POSITIONS

President, President-Elect, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Mountain Plains Library Association Representative, American Library Association Councilor

Thursday
8/17
11am - 12pm

SESSION 2: SECTIONS AND ROUND TABLE LEADERS

College & University; Intellectual Freedom; New Members; Public Library & Trustee; School, Children's, & Young People; Technical Services

Thursday
8/24
11am - 12pm

SESSION 3: COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Advocacy; Auditing; By-Laws & Handbook; Communications; Elections; Finance; Professional Development; Scholarships & Awards

Stay Tuned for more information on registration. For questions, please contact Emily Nimsakont at nlapastpresident@nebraskalibraries.org



Central Community College announces classes for the Library and Information Services program for Fall 2023.

Registration is open and classes will begin August 21, 2023.

All classes are online and can be applied to a Central Community College Associate Degree.

See details of classes and registration information at: <http://www.ccneb.edu/library/> Beginning Fall 2023, The LIBR 2210 Cataloging & Classification course has merged with the LIBR 2150 Managing Collections in Libraries & Information Agencies class. The new combined class is LIBR 2210 Develop and Organize Collections to be offered in Spring 2024. The Library & Information Services Certificate has been reduced from 18 credit hours to 15.

Library and Information Services
Fall 2023 Online Course Offerings
Aug. 21, 2023 – Dec. 15, 2023
Registration is open now!

LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services

Marty Magee, Instructor

This course, the recommended first in the Library and Information Services curriculum, provides introductory information in multiple areas.

- Library history and organizations
- Foundation Principles/Code of Ethics
- Information databases and Internet usage

LIBR 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies

Michael Straatmann, Instructor

This course includes the theories, concepts and activities integral to leading and managing 21st Century libraries and information agencies.

- Leadership principles
- Management strategies
- Policies and procedures

LIBR 2940 Library and Information Services Capstone Practicum

Patty Birch, Instructor

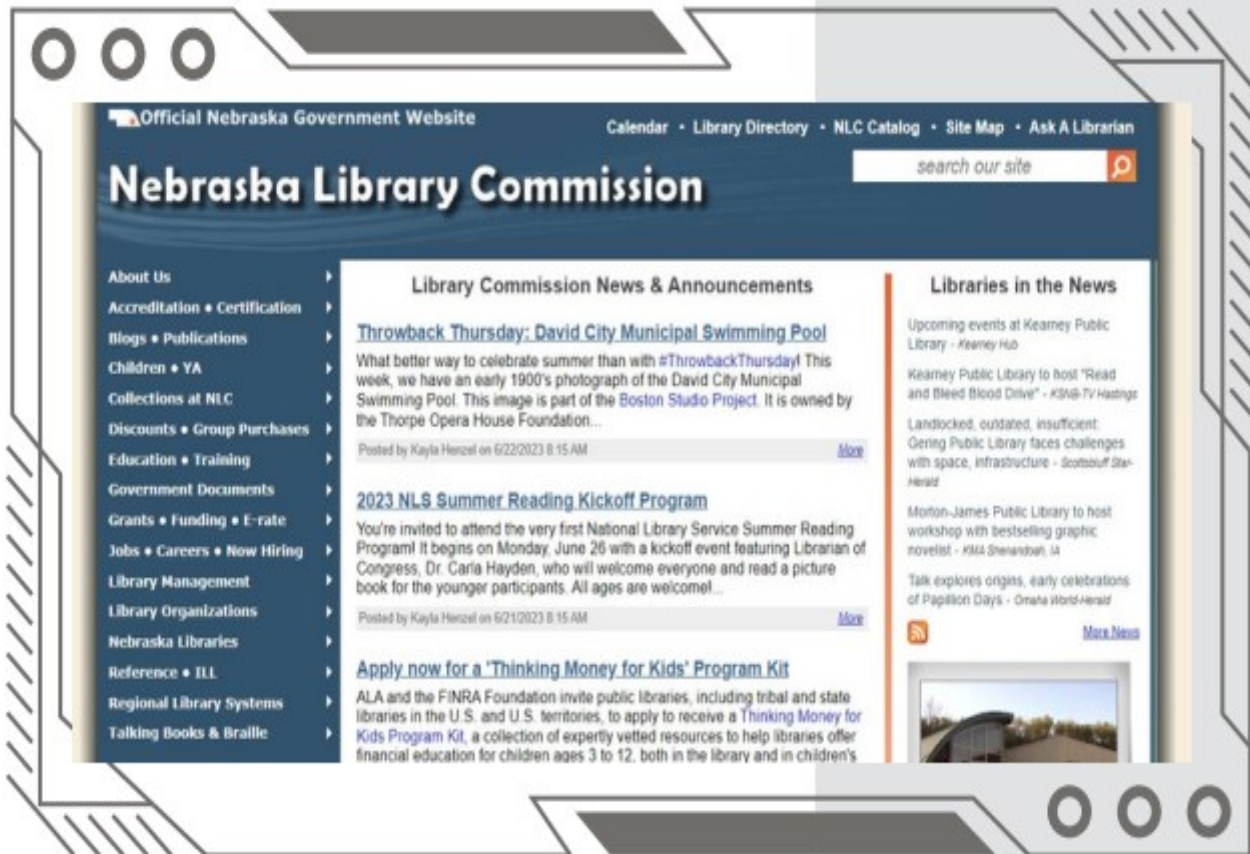
This capstone course is the last course in the Library and Information Services program. Students will complete 40 hours of service learning in a host library. The course also includes a review of the principal pieces of learning from the LIS program.

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

<i>Fall 2023</i>	<i>Spring 2024</i>
Libr 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services	Libr 2100 Reference Resources and Services
Libr 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies	Libr 2210 Develop and Organize Collections
Libr 2940 Library Science Capstone Practicum	

“A friend is one that knows you as you are, understands where you have been, accepts what you have become, and still, gently allows you to grow”

William Shakespeare



WEB WALKTHROUGH

A Step-by-Step Exploration of the Vast and Valuable Resources of the Nebraska Library Commission Website

In-person • Virtual • Recorded

*Registration not required

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

July 18, 2023

**10 a.m. Mountain Time
Western Library System
615 S. Beltline Hwy. West
Scottsbluff, NE 69361**

1 CE Credit



Your Zoom Link to the Web Walkthrough Webinar is [here](#).

All library workers and boards are welcome to attend your Annual Meeting and celebrate your work for our communities.



TRAILBLAZING NEW FRONTIERS

Annual Meeting

August 1, 2023

9:30 Registration

10:00 Meeting

Bobbi Jo's Branding Iron
537 Main Street in Bayard

- Register by July 24
- Featured Speaker:
Loren Pospicil of the
Chimney Rock
National Historic
Site and Visitors
Center. (1 CE Credit)
- Lunch provided

Optional Activities

- **Dress like a pioneer for a chance to win a prize!**
- ***Books, Books, Books* workshop to follow at 1 p.m. (1 Extra CE Credit)**
- **Enjoy a nature walk around Chimney Rock!**

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

Books, Books, Books

You have weeded...now what?

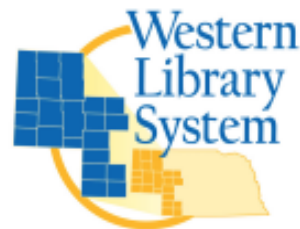
August 1
1 - 2 p.m.
In-person

Following
the Annual
Meeting

CE Credits:
1 hour

**Join Sherry Preston,
Gering Public Library,
and the Hemingford Public
Library, to learn new ways
to recycle and repurpose
weeded books.**

Learn to make
a book bench!



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



**Joint Youth Services Retreat
August 31- September 1,
2023
Camp Carol Joy Holling
Ashland**



The 29th Annual Joint Services Retreat sponsored by the four State of Nebraska Regional Library Systems is scheduled before Labor Day weekend. School and public librarians are encouraged to experience the rich benefits of learning, sharing and camaraderie in the bucolic setting of Camp Carol Joy Holling.

Thursday, August 31 and Friday, September 1

[Register Here!](#)

Thursday (August 31)

8:30 Sign-in

9:00-9:50 Fund Your Program with a Youth Grant for Excellence with Christa Porter

Do you have an idea for a youth or teen program, but you lack the funds to make it happen? The Nebraska Library Commission's Youth Grants for Excellence could be the answer! Christa Porter will provide an overview of the grant, including eligibility requirements and grant guidelines, the application process and grant review, timelines and deadlines. She will also share other youth and teen services grant opportunities that can make your programs and projects a success.

10:00-10:50 "Booktalk" Your Favorites (But Not Books).

We invite you to come to the retreat ready to share a favorite website, craft, resource, program, etc. Usually we are able to allot about 5 minutes to each person who "booktalks," depending on how many have something they would like to share.

11:00- 11:50 The Nebraska Golden Sower Award with Kelly Warehime and Aura Sewell.

This presentation will address the nature of the award, describe the award process, and provide updates.

12:00 Lunch

1:15-2:05 Bring Your Creativity to Life...for Free.

Central Plains Library System will show you how to find a plethora of free images, fonts and sublimation ideas to use in your makerspace for tween, teen and adult programming. Then Geneva Public Library will give us the downlow on how to use the Extension/UNL offices to your advantage when programming tween/teen food program activities as well as different games and activities they do for teen nights that won't break the bank. And finally, Ashland Public Library will help you harness the power of Canva to promote your library and your programs. Unlock Canva Pro for free as a non-profit.

2:15-3:05 Fun, Easy, and Inexpensive ways to Organize a Successful Teen Night with MaryJo Froid.

Fun, Easy, and Inexpensive ways to keep teens returning to your library again and again.

Hopefully keeping your sanity all at the same time!

**3:15-4:05 No Zombies Were Harmed in the Making of this Teen Event
with Amanda Winkler and Chelsea Foust.**

After Covid restrictions further beleaguered engagement with tweens and teens, we wanted to put on an event that would reach this demographic and strengthen the library's relationship with the neighboring middle school. Enter zombie prom! We expected an attendance of around 50, but 120 teens showed up. Amanda and Chelsea will describe their highly successful experience and one of the retreat participants will get a Zombie makeup wound before our eyes.

4:10-5:50 Activity Possibilities:

Participate in a digital scavenger hunt at Ashland Public Library.
Get made up as a Zombie (limited to about 5 people)
Bring your favorite board game and rope some other librarians into playing it with you
Take a walk
Network

6:00 Supper

(For those staying overnight)

Friday's Schedule (September 1)

For those staying overnight, please check out of your room before 9 am

8:00 Breakfast

(for those who stayed overnight)

8:30 Sign-in (for Friday-only participants)

**9:00-10:50 Taking STEM off the Shelf: Incorporating Informal STEM Learning Experiences into
Library Programming with Dr. Ren Renke**

Librarians will learn best practice for the seamless integration of STEM initiatives into their existing services. We'll explore the value of STEM education, examine successful STEM library programs, discuss potential resources, and delve into the importance of inclusivity and accessibility

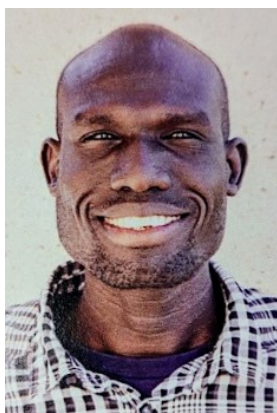
11:00-11:50 Creative Problem Solving with Group Brainstorming:

As part of your registration, you can submit one problem you struggle with at your library. At the retreat we will break into small groups and use the submitted problems for group brainstorming. Then the small groups will report back to the large group on possible solutions.

12:00: Lunch

1:15-2:45 Author Presentation and Discussion with Bidong Tot.

Bidong recounts a portion of his childhood in the book *A Boy in Akobo, South Sudan*. He is working on an additional book about the 5 years he spent in a refugee camp in Ethiopia before immigrating to the United States. During his presentation, Bidong will read his book(s) and speak about his work, talk about his experiences, and answer questions. He will also be available for conversation and to sell and sign books (depending on his current supply) throughout the day on Friday.



2:45-3:15 Time to finish evaluations, last chance to buy books from, and talk to, Bidong.



SATURDAY, JULY 29TH 2023

9 AM - 4:15 PM

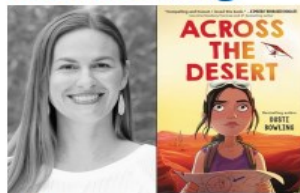
FEATURING

Alice B. McGinty



2024 Golden Sower Award Nominee for *Bathe the Cat*

Dusti Bowling



2024 Golden Sower Award Nominee for *Across the Desert*

Makiia Lucier



2024 Golden Sower Award Nominee for *Year of the Reaper*

Here is the [full information](#) and registration form for the 28th Annual Golden Sower Literature Festival



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. Contact the WLS office if you are interested in connecting with the Eastern Nebraska libraries to ride together. There may be several options.



The Nebraska Library Commission extended the deadline date to receive a Continuing Education Grant for this conference. Staff and board members at accredited Nebraska public libraries or state-run institutional libraries are eligible. Apply for the NLC CE Grant by July 7.



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.

2023 AASL National Conference



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](#) encouraging School Librarians to be "Learning Together ~ Standing Together.

Watch this motivating [YouTube](#).-



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)



WanderNebraska is a program created by the Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation that supports historically focused non-profit organizations throughout the state. The Foundation's mission has promoted the preservation and exploration of Nebraska's unique history and cultural heritage for more than 80 years. In 2023, 150 museums, historical societies are participating. Explore the website to learn about the history places, people and hidden gems. The [WanderNebraska website](#) proclaims "It's time to WanderNebraska"!



Chadron Public Library

Chadron, NE

These libraries in the Western Library System are participating in the WanderNebraska program.



Chappell Memorial Library & Art Gallery

Chappell, NE



Cravath Memorial Library

Hay Springs, NE



Crawford Public Library

Crawford, NE



Gering Public Library

Gering, NE



Hemingford Public Library

Hemingford, NE

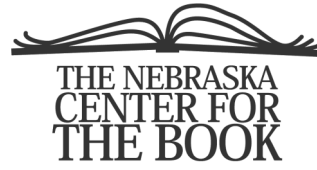


Kimball Public Library

Kimball, NE



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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.

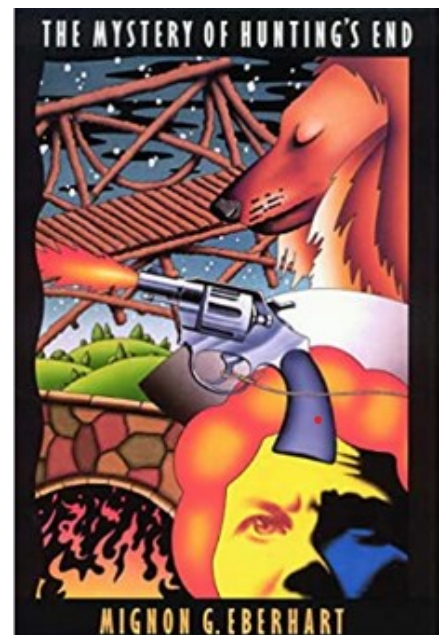
Libraries across Nebraska will join other literary and cultural organizations in planning book discussions, activities, and events that will encourage Nebraskans to read and discuss this book. Support materials to assist with local reading/discussion activities are available at <http://onebook.nebraska.gov>.

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:

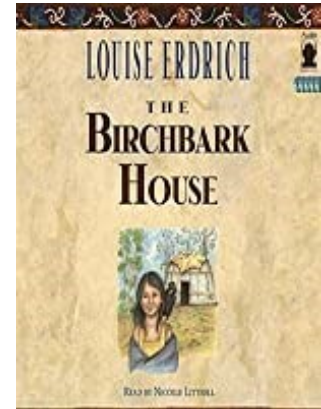
<http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/obon-nomination.asp>.



One Book For Nebraska Kids and Teens ~ 2023

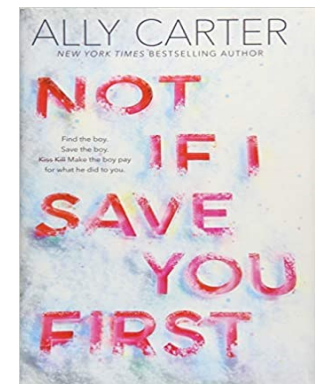
Kids: *The Birchbark House* by Louise Erdrich

Links	Activities
Author Information	Alphabet Soup
Discussion Prompts from Scho- lastics	Snowball Fight
Book Club Kit	Indigenous Tribes of Nebraska
Sounds of The Birchbark House	Mini Book Review Sheet



Teens: *Not If I Save You First* by Ally Carter

Links	Activities
Book Website	Mad Libs
Author Information	Headbands Game
Discussion Guide from The Little By Little Home	Snowball Fight
Book Club Kit	Mini Book Review Sheet
	How to Make an Axe Throwing Game from I Like To Make Stuff



New additions to the Western Library System circulating collection

Send your requests to borrow books and bookkit selections to the Western Library System Office. The number of copies varies with each kit.

[Education of a Wandering Man: A Memoir](#), Louis L'Amour (10 copies)

[A Handbook of History, Theory and Practice of the Dewey Classification System](#), M. P. Satija and Alex Kyrios, 2023 (arriving late July) (1 copy)

[Lady Clementines: A Novel](#), Jane Marie Benedict (10 copies)

[Let's Roll: A Guide to Setting up Tabletop Role-Playing Games in your School or Public Library](#), Lucas Maxwell (arriving mid-July) (1 copy)

[One False Move](#), Alex Kava (10 copies)

[Switchboard Soldiers: A Novel of the Heroic Women Who Served in the U. S. Army Signal Corps During World War I](#), Jennifer Chiaverini (8 copies)

[Watching Eagles Soar](#), Margaret Coel (7 copies)

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

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Chapter Books

Title	Author
A Duet for Home	Karina Yan Glaser
A Place to Hang the Moon	Kate Albus
One Small Hop	Madelyn Rosenbert
Rez Dogs	Joseph Bruhac
Six Feet Below Zero	Ena Jones
Time Villains	Victor Piñeiro
What Comes Next	Rob Buyea
Willodeen	Katherine Applegate, Charles Santoso, (illustrator)

Novels

Alone	Megan E. Freeman
Amari and the Night Brothers	B. B. Aston
Daughter of the Deep	Rick Riordan
Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War Showdown	Steve Sheinkin
Paradise on Fire	Jewell Parker Rhodes
The Shape of Thunder	Jasmine Warga
Starfish	Lisa Fipps
Year of the Reaper	Makiia Lucier
Too Bright to See	Kykle Lukoff
Ten Thousand Tries	Amy Makechnie

Picture Books

Across the Desert	Dusti Bowling
Bathe the Cat	Alice B. McGinty, David Robers (illustrator)
Bear is a Bear	Jonathan Stutzman, Dan Santat (illustrator)
Chester van Chime Who Forgot How to Rhyme	Aver Monson, Abby Hanlon (illustrator)
Chez Bob	Bob Shea
Imaginary	Lee Bacon, Katy Wu (illustrator)
Knight Owl	Christopher Denise
Milo Imagines the World	Matt de la Peña, Christian Robinson (illustrator)
Norman Didn't Do It!: (Yes, He Did)	Ryan T. Higgins
Not Yeti	Kelly DiPucchio, Claire Keane (illustrator)
Something's Wrong! A Bear, a Hare, and Some Underwear	Jory John, Erin Kraan (illustrator)
Time for Bed, Old House	Janet Costa Bates, A. G. Ford (illustrator)



Western Library System Board

The Western Library Board (WLS) personifies the mission, vision and values of the WLS Regional System. By setting policy and fiduciary responsibilities, the WLS is an effectively managed 501(c)3.

Mission: The Western Library System (WLS) provides the leadership, training and support necessary to enable our member libraries to be essential and valued resources in their communities.

The election results for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 were posted on the wslistserv in early May.

The elected board:

District B: Ethan Nelson

District E: Beth Falla

Public Library Representative

Elaine Lake

Sarah Alfred

School Library Representative: Sharon Schluterbusch

The Board will have their first meeting on July 11 with an official installation of officers at the Annual Meeting on August 1 (page 22)



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.
- One scholarship per library every two years.
- Scholarship recipients will provide a brief article in the System The Newsletter as a form of resource

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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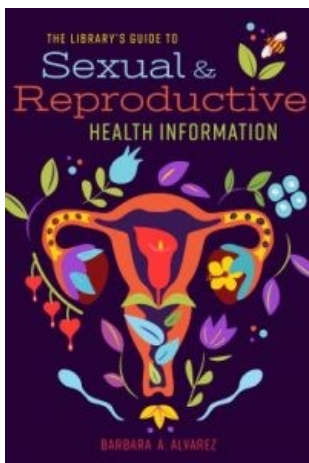
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Western Library System Resources

“Check out” a recent addition to the professional development circulating collection. *The Library’s Guide to Sexual and Reproductive Health Information* authored by Barbara Alvarez.

The publisher, American Library Association Editions, provides a summary of this valuable resource printed in 2023.

“This practical, user-friendly manual will demystify the process of providing sexual and reproductive health information to patrons and will provide strategies for building fact-friendly reference and program services around these topics”



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