



# Nebraska Governor's Mansion Library Project

*A collaboration of the  
Nebraska Center for the Book,  
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Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors,  
and the Nebraska Governor's Mansion.*

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## *Yesterday*

**I**n 1958, Nebraska libraries contributed books to the Governor's Mansion construction effort. The Nebraska Public Library Commission sponsored a project that filled the shelves of the beautiful new Mansion library. During National Library Week 1959, the library was dedicated by First Lady Darlene Brooks.

## *Today*

**F**orty years later, the Governor's Mansion has undergone a much-needed renovation, resulting in a place of beauty and pride for Nebraska's first family, visitors and guests. As part of the 1998 Governor's Residence Restoration Project, First Lady Diane Nelson initiated a rejuvenation of the Mansion library. To help complete this project, libraries, library foundations and library friends groups contributed books to update the Mansion library. They donated books for display and reading that showcase the best of books by Nebraskans, books about Nebraska, or the book arts made in Nebraska.

## *Tomorrow*

**T**he ongoing effort to display examples of the best of Nebraska culture to the public continues. Nominations of works by representative Nebraska authors are welcome. Nebraskans interested in nominating a book for acceptance in the Mansion library, or in further information concerning the Nebraska Governor's Mansion Library Project, can contact the Nebraska Library Commission, 800-307-2665 or 402-471-2045.

**F**or additional information about Nebraska authors, see  
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