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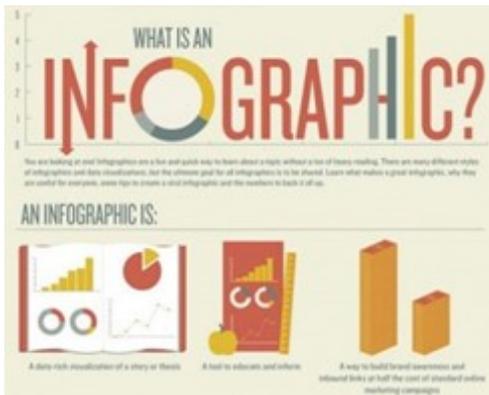
Central Plains Library System

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## A Picture is Worth...



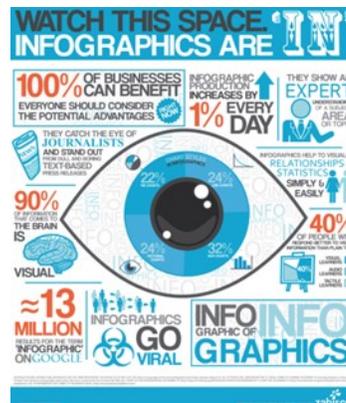
**It is nearly time to prepare your public library's Annual Report.** According to state statutes "The library board shall, on or before the second Monday in February in each year, make a report to the city council or village board or to the county or township board. The report shall show all money received and credited or expended; the number of materials held, including books, video and audio material, software programs, and materials in other formats; the number of periodical subscriptions on record, including newspapers; the number of materials added and the number withdrawn from the collection during the year; the number of materials circulated during the year; and other statistics, information, and suggestions as the library board may deem of general interest or as the city council or village, county or township board may require." Whew! That is

a lot of data. Handing your city's councilmen a sheet with a list of numbers is sure to make their eyes glaze over.

Try to go beyond pie charts and bar graphs this year. **Consider preparing an infographic.** Using images and icons make the information easier to understand. There are a number of (free) tools online to help you. Canva ([canva.com](http://canva.com)), Piktochart ([piktochart.com](http://piktochart.com)), and Infogram ([infoqr.am](http://infoqr.am)) have a variety of templates and illustrations to give you a head start. You can even use Power Point to prepare infographics.

A well-prepared infographic will keep decision-makers from slogging through a text-heavy report. Councilmen will appreciate receiving a one-page datasheet that shows clearly what the library does for the community.

**Review all the statistics and highlight the ones that tell your library's story the best.**



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## Folkmanis Puppets

Would you like to infuse extra excitement into your storytime? Add puppets to your routine and see the sparkle in the little ones' eyes.

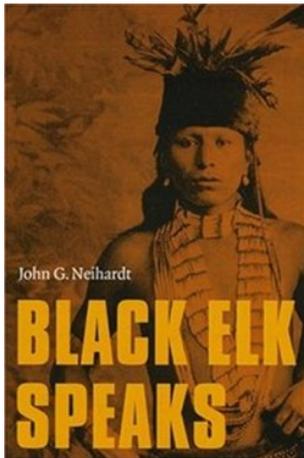
Folkmanis has more than 250 puppets of all sizes available. The company has been making the most innovative and engaging specialty puppets in the world since 1976, delighting imaginations and winning nearly every industry, child development, and kid-tested award - many repeatedly.



We will be placing a Central Plains Library System group order on Tuesday, December 20, 2016. If you would like to order puppets for your library, go to <http://www.folkmanis.com> to see pictures and videos. Our group rate is 50% of the price listed on the website, plus 15% for shipping. For example, the new Baby Koala puppet's retail price is \$23.99. We pay \$12.00 plus \$1.80 for a total of \$13.80.

If you would like to order any puppets, please call Kay at 1-800-569-4961 or email her at [cplsasst@gmail.com](mailto:cplsasst@gmail.com) by **Monday, December 19, 2016.**

## ***Black Elk Speaks* Chosen as One Book One Nebraska**



Wouldn't it be great if people across Nebraska read an inspirational, redemptive story in 2017—and then talk about it with their friends and neighbors? That is exactly what will be happening throughout the state, with *Black Elk Speaks* by John G. Neihardt (1881-1973) selected as the 2017 One Book One Nebraska. *Black Elk Speaks*, the story of the Oglala Lakota visionary and healer Nicholas Black Elk (1863–1950) and his people, offers readers much more than a glimpse of a vanished time. Black Elk's searing visions of the unity of humanity and Earth, conveyed by John G. Neihardt, have made this book a classic that crosses multiple genres and generations. Black Elk met the distinguished Nebraska poet, writer, and critic John G. Neihardt in 1930 on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, and he asked Neihardt to share his story with the world.

Support materials to assist with local reading/discussion activities will be available after January 1, 2017 at <http://onebook.nebraska.gov>. Updates and activity listings will be posted on the One Book One Nebraska Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/onebookonenebraska>. One Book One Nebraska is sponsored by Nebraska Center for the Book, Humanities Nebraska, and Nebraska Library Commission.

**Central Plains Library System Meeting  
October 4, 2016  
Lexington Public Library  
Lexington, Nebraska**

**PRESENT:** Tony Anderson, Dixie Codner, Jody Crocker, Judy Hagan, Kristi Hagstrom, Pat Hughes, Tim Johnson, Shawna Lindner, Lori Long, Linda Nickel, Kathy Thomsen, Matthew Williams

**ABSENT:** Jane Hilton, Rochelle Krueger

**ALSO PRESENT:** Denise Harders (CPLS Director), Sharon Osenga, (CPLS Director), Richard Miller (NLC Rep)

**Agenda**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Jody Crocker called the meeting to order on 10/4/16 at 9:58am. Roll call followed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** There were 3 minor typos to be fixed. Judy Hagan moved to accept the corrected July 22, 2016 minutes, Pat Hughes seconded. The motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The last RVLS bank account was closed and \$8,114.32 was deposited in the CPLS checking account. A check for a \$100.00 scholarship had to be re-sent. Sharon will follow up with the scholarship recipient for a conference report. Sharon was asked a question about the Kearney office. Does the System have a lease or is it month-to-month? The answer: No lease for the Kearney office. The budget is in good shape. Kathy Thomsen made a motion to approve the financial report, Linda Nickel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** From Sharon –Lisa Irwin at YRTC thanked Sharon for introducing her to NebraskAccess databases. From Denise –Debby Moninger thanked the Board for her gift and Amazon gift card; Sky Seery thanked the Board for her gift and gift card; Marty Magee thanked Denise for agreeing to be interviewed by the CCC Foundations Class; David Seay thanked Sharon for inviting him to present at the CPLS Annual Meeting.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Youth Services Workshops in Cozad and Camp Carol Joy Holling went well. Attended a Quarterly Meeting with NLC at North Platte; Pat Gross, retired School Librarian is filling the position of System Director temporarily while the search continues; Attended the state-wide leadership day with the topic "Leading Through Times of Change"; Attended a meeting with the UN-K attorney about copyright; a new phone System was purchased for the Hastings Office; Worked the Booth in the Exhibits area for the League of Municipalities Conference.

**ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS:** Based on the CPLS By-Laws, the Board elects the Officers at the first meeting following the Annual Meeting of the Membership. Board members must have served at least one year before they are eligible to hold an office. Officers may hold a particular office for 2 consecutive one-year terms. Once all the eligible candidates were established, nominations ensued. Only one person accepted the nomination for each office. Following are the CPLS Officers for 2016-2017:

President: Judy Hagan

Vice President: Shawna Lindner

Secretary: Kathy Thomsen

Past-President Jody Crocker handed the meeting over to the newly elected President Judy Hagan.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Proposed Workshops:** An updated list of proposed workshops for 2016-2017 was presented to the Board. Topics include E-Rate; Pioneer Users Group with an additional session for those interested in joining the Consortium; Strategic Planning and Library Accreditation; NebraskAccess Database Training; Makerspaces, Technology, and Diverse Populations; Summer Reading Workshops at McCook on January 6, 2017 and St. Paul on March 27, 2017. The Board agreed to accept the workshops as written.

**\*CPLS Financial Compilation:** This long document was handed out to each Board Member at the Meeting. Two bound copies were presented to Richard Miller for the Nebraska Library Commission's files. Accountant Gary Riggs prepared an additional page this year that provides the break-down of state and federal funds. Kristi Hagstrom moved to accept the Financial Compilation; Pat Hughes seconded. Richard Miller suggested that since the Board did not have ample time to review the documents, they retain the option of asking questions about it at a later date. The motion and second were amended to include the option of questions. The motion carried.

**Board Meeting Schedule:** The CPLS Board meets four times per year—two in person and two telephone conference calls. After some discussion, the Board wanted to consider having meetings in person three times per year. The next Board Meeting in January will be a telephone conference call due to the possibility of inclement weather. The Board may call an in-person meeting in April if necessary. The July meeting is in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Membership, so it is in-person.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Donation of a full set of Louis L'Amour Books:** The Hastings Office received a generous donation of the full set of Louis L'Amour hardback books in matching brown bindings. Jeff O'Donnell, an insurance agent in the Landmark Center, also donated a Time-Life set of books titled "The Old West." He asked that we give these books to a library that wants them. We plan to advertise a drawing for these sets in addition last year's Golden Sower Kits.

**Proposed By-Laws Change:** Sharon and Denise suggested a change in the System's By-Laws. The Board may change the By-Laws by a majority vote of the Board members present at any regular meeting, if at least one month's written notice is given to the members. If the Board decides to change the By-Laws, it will be published in the October-November *Plain Speaking* newsletter. The final vote of the Board would be at the regular January meeting.

Article V. Section 3A

The current wording says, "Membership on the Board shall consist of no less than twelve and not more than fifteen members..." Fifteen is a very large Board and it might be easier to manage (meeting dates, quorums, etc.) if it were a bit smaller. Suggested wording is "Membership on the Board shall consist of no fewer than nine and no more than twelve members." Tim Johnson moved and Linda Nickel seconded to make this change in the By-Laws.

Article VI. Section 2

The current wording says, "The Board Members shall elect officers of the Board at the Board Meeting following the Annual Meeting of the general membership." Sometimes an officer that is leaving office is also leaving the Board due to Election results or term limits. Any Board Member newly elected at the Annual Meeting of the general membership is not eligible to be elected to an office. The System needs Board officers in place at all times. Suggested wording is, "The Board Members shall elect officers of the Board at the Board Meeting immediately preceding the Annual Meeting of the general membership." Matthew Williams moved and Kristi Hagstrom seconded to make this change in the By-Laws.

**Director Transition Plan/Job Descriptions:** Past-President Jody Crocker requested that Sharon and Denise leave the room while this topic was discussed by the full Board. A short time later, Sharon and Denise were invited back to the Board Meeting. The Board prepared a succession plan for when Sharon retires in 2017.

(October, November, December 2016): Denise and Kay learn Quick Books and all actions related to finances.

(January, February, March 2017): Denise handles all purchasing for the System and handles the CPLS website.

(April, May, June 2017): Denise and Kay make all arrangements, flyers, and registration for workshops.

(July, August, September 2017) Sharon visiting libraries and transporting cutting equipment.

Kearney Office will be closed by Fiscal Year end, June 30, 2017. The System will not pay for Continuing Education for Sharon following the MPLA Conference scheduled for October 20-22, 2016.

A Task Force was established to oversee the Succession Plan. Members include: Dixie Codner, Jody Crocker, Judy Hagan, Tim Johnson, and Matthew Williams.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**NLC COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:** The Nebraska Book Festival is set for October 29, 2016 at the State Historical Society (Lincoln). Karen Gettert Shoemaker, winner of the 2016 One Book One Nebraska award for *The Meaning of Names*, will speak, and state-wide awards will be given. The celebration will run from 2:30 – 6:30 pm.

Public Library websites must be up-to-date to be useful for their patrons. The Nebraska Libraries on the Web project (<http://www.libraries.ne.gov/>) allows librarians to have an easy to change webpage—no coding necessary. If interested contact Craig Lefteroff at the Commission at 402-471-3106.

STARnet and the 2017 Solar Eclipse—Start now to plan events around the August 21, 2017 total eclipse of the sun. Many libraries in Nebraska have already signed up to have a special event, since the path crosses through our state. For more information go to: <http://www.starnetlibraries.org/2017eclipse/>.

Youth Grants for Excellence applications due October 5, 2016.

NCompass Live Programs:

- September 28—Pokemon Go and Your Library
- October 5—How to Build an Escape Room in Your Library
- October 12—Circulating the Internet: How to loan WiFi Hotspots
- October 19—No NCompass Live during NLA/NSLA Conference
- October 26—Library ComiCon

The Basic Skills class schedule can be seen at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBScalendar.aspx>.

In 2016, forty-seven public libraries in Nebraska are due to renew their Accreditation. There are usually a few currently unaccredited public libraries that apply for accreditation each year as well. For questions about the Accreditation process, contact Richard Miller at the Commission.

There are two upcoming opportunities to apply for Grants from the Nebraska Library Commission. A second round of **CE & Training Grants** will be released (Likely in early spring 2017). **Library Improvement Grants** will be available on December 6, 2016 and due January 24, 2017. A focus for this grant will be joining the Pioneer Consortium.

Amanda Sweet joined the Commission on August 1 as the new Library Reader's Advisor for the Talking Book and Braille Service.

It is time for **Letters About Literature**. Each year the Nebraska Center for the Book invites young readers (and writers) in grades 4 through 12 to write a personal letter to an author for this contest. See the **Plain Speaking** newsletter <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/systems/newsletters/cpls10112016.pdf> for October – November (page 11) for complete entry information.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: Telephone Conference Call, January 12, 2017 Time—(TBD)**

Linda Nickel moved to adjourn the Meeting. Tony Anderson seconded.

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Judy Hagan adjourned the meeting.

A pot luck luncheon was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Harders  
Temporary Secretary

**T**hank you so much for the scholarship that you gave me to attend the NLA/NSLA conference in Omaha. I was able to attend Wednesday and Thursday sessions, as well as the reception and tour of the Criss Library—an amazing facility! My favorite sessions were the Story telling preconference, Tech it Up, and, of course, the Best New Children's Books of 2016. It was great to get new ideas, and spend time visiting with other librarians. Thanks again,

Teresa Shearer/Atkinson Public Library

## Grants Available for Community-Wide Reading Programs



A Big Read is a month-long series of programs centered around one NEA Big Read title. Programs should include a kickoff, a keynote, book discussions, and other artistic events to foster engagement with the selected title and encourage reading.

NEA Big Read is accepting applications from libraries to develop community-wide reading programs between September 2017 and June 2018. 13 new titles are available! Organizations selected to participate in the NEA Big Read receive a grant, access to educational and promotional materials, and online training resources and opportunities. Approximately 75 organizations from across the country will be selected.

### Application deadline: January 26, 2017

Review the guidelines and application instructions, and discover all 28 titles available for selection at [www.neabigread.org](http://www.neabigread.org).

Not sure where to start?  
visit [neabigread.org/grantsfaq.php](http://neabigread.org/grantsfaq.php)

Questions? Call Arts Midwest at 612-238-8010 or email [neabigread@artsmidwest.org](mailto:neabigread@artsmidwest.org)

## Winter Workshop

February 10, 2017 at Kearney Public Library from 10:00 a.m.-2:45 p.m.

2020 First Avenue, Kearney

\$15/person; includes lunch

Schedule	Track One—South Platte Room	Track Two—Niobrara Room
10:00-11:15	Strategies for Makerspaces	Dealing With Difficult People
11:30-12:45	Coding	Libraries on the Edge: Technology Assessment Toolkit
1:30-2:45	Google Forms	Outreach Strategies to Latino and Spanish-Speaking Families

### Session Descriptions:

#### **Strategies for Makerspaces** - Craig Letteroff, Nebraska Library Commission

What is a makerspace? A makerspace is a place where people can gather and use resources to create something new. It can involve technology as cutting-edge as 3D printers or as established as looms and woodworking. In this session, we'll examine the elements of a makerspace, discuss possible policies and problems, and get some hands-on experience with a few makerspace items.

#### **Dealing With Difficult People** - Tina Walker, Keene Memorial Library, Fremont

Ever find yourself at the end of your rope? As many librarians can attest to, the everyday life of a librarian often includes that ONE patron or staff member that just WILL NOT cooperate or goes above and beyond to ruin everyone else's day. Or the one customer that likes to yell and curse at you for absolutely no reason.

This presentation spends 75 minutes going over some basic ways to work with these kinds of patrons and staff members. From defining difficult people to learning why they may be difficult people to learning what your best response should be, you can learn how to more responsibly and professionally deal with these situations.

#### **Coding** - Jennifer Thoegersen, UNL

Technical skills, including computer programming/coding, are becoming more critical, and libraries offer a creative and educational environment ideal for exploring coding. In this session, participants will learn key reasons to host coding events in their libraries and will gain experience with existing resources available for such events. The objectives are to break down perceived barriers and to increase attendees' knowledge of and confidence in coding and coding events.

#### **Libraries on the Edge: Technology Assessment Toolkit** - Scott Childers, Southeast Library System

Join Scott Childers to learn about Edge, a set of tools that can be used to assess your libraries technology levels in equipment, staff skills, and policies. These tools identify areas to work on and specifically focuses recommendations on working with the community decision makers. Edge is designed for public libraries, but there are parts that could be used by any type of library of any size.

#### **Google Forms** - Megan Boggs, Seward Public Library

Learn how to use Google Form for surveys or polls, program registrations, planning a meeting time and more. You can even collaborate on a form with others. The best part? It's free and easy to use!

#### **Outreach Strategies to Latino and Spanish-Speaking Families**—Gema Ramirez, Omaha Public Library

"In order to meet the changing and growing needs of our communities, it is becoming a basic service to reach out beyond our walls and make library services not only accessible but also relevant to diverse populations." - Camila Alire

We will discuss successful strategies that can be used for outreach to Latino and Spanish-Speaking Communities. We will also talk about barriers that libraries have or continue to face in their efforts to reach out and brainstorm solutions for breaking down these barriers.

Register at: <https://goo.gl/forms/5v9DYeESmDwu6E2D2>

It was wonderful being able to attend the **NLA/NSLA Conference** in October. Our school system put the school librarians on a rotation system last year...The scholarship was very helpful, as I took care of all the expenses out of my pocket. My favorite parts of the Conference are the Golden Sower award sessions. I always learn so much from the winning authors. I have already discussed what Chris Grabenstein and Bethany Wiggins told us, with the students at school. I show them the authors' pictures. Autographed copies of the winning books will be given away in a monthly library contest. I also attended the following sessions: the Keynote, Wearable Technology Programs at Your Library and A Box with Locks and Reading Docs Totally Rocks, plus viewed the exhibits...**Thank you** very much for offering the scholarships. It is a good way to support our continuing education and networking efforts.

Sincerely yours,  
 Claudette Wielechowski  
 Adams Middle School Librarian  
 North Platte



## **Fifteen Nebraska Children Win \$529 Each in NEST 529 College Savings Read to Win Drawing**

Nebraska State Treasurer Don Stenberg, First National Bank of Omaha, and the Nebraska Library Commission presented 15 children with **\$529 NEST College Savings scholarships** today for the annual Read to Win \$529 Drawing. The scholarships were presented at the Nebraska State Capitol Rotunda in Lincoln.

Children between the ages of 3 and 18 who registered for Summer Reading Programs at their local libraries and who completed local requirements for the programs were automatically entered in the drawing. Five winners were chosen in the random drawing from each of Nebraska's three U.S. Congressional Districts. Each winner was awarded \$529 in a NEST 529 College Savings Plan account, and the child's respective library branch received \$250 from First National Bank of Omaha, program manager for NEST.

This summer's Read to Win Drawing received almost 11,000 entries.

### **Winners from District 3 are:**

**Addison Chapman**, 12,  
 Grand Island, Grand Island Public Library

**Angel Sotelo**, 11,  
 Grand Island, Grand Island Public Library

**Anthony Griffin**, 7,  
 Grand Island, Grand Island Public Library

**Jaxon Stahlnecker**, 6,  
 Grand Island, Grand Island Public Library

**Mallory Springer**, 8,  
 Cambridge, Butler Memorial Library

## 2017 Nebraska Library Internship Grants

The Nebraska Library Commission will make grant funds available to accredited Nebraska public libraries for internships through the [2017 Nebraska Library Internship Grant Program](#). This project is supported in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

The 2017 grant process mirrors the 2016 internship grant program. This internship program works to introduce high school and college students to the varied and exciting work of Nebraska libraries. The internships are intended to function as a recruitment tool in helping the student to view the library as a viable career opportunity while providing the public library with the finances (**up to \$1,000 per library or branch**) to provide stipends to the student(s). In the past student interns have helped the libraries expand programs, complete projects, improve websites, and expand social media use, while bringing in fresh ideas to the library. Grant applications are being accepted electronically. **All applications must be received no later than 5:00 PM Central Time, December 21, 2016.**

Questions? Go to: <http://nowhiringatyourlibrary.nebraska.gov/Internships.asp>. You may also view the archived NCompass Live session about applying for an internship grant by going to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgID=15746>.

The **Western Library System Members and office** would like to personally thank a **very terrific lady** for all her hard work doing three of our system newsletters while we were in transition.

**A BIG SHOUT OUT TO: Denise Harders**, Co-Director for the Central Plains Library System, and Kay Kloppenborg, Assistant. I would like to extend the sincerest thanks for the time and effort you volunteered to provide us with the newsletters.

**Pat Gross, WLS Interim Director**



## Cutting Machines

These handy machines cut out letters and shapes from paper, felt, cloth, thin cardboard, magnetic sheets, and foam. CPLS owns two Ellison machines—one Original and a Prestige Space Saver—plus one Mark IV Accu-Cut Machine, and dies (including a 2" alphabet/numbers and a 4" alphabet/numbers). System members may check the desired machine and/or dies out for a month at a time. See the reservation schedule online at: <http://libraries.ne.gov/cpls/die-shapes/>. Call the Hastings CPLS office to reserve this equipment for your library.

## Cover One Book Repair Service!

The System has purchased a binding repair machine that fixes a variety of types and sizes of books. This machine easily binds up to a 2½" thick book and it has a sliding wall to hold smaller books in place. It will also work with legal size and well as regular 8½ x 11" size items. Repaired books will be ready to use in just 20 minutes! Go to <http://www.coverone.net> and click on the link for Book Repair Demo on the left-hand side of the page to see it in action.

This machine is perfect to repair books with glued bindings that have "popped" and split into several big chunks, paperbacks that have come out of their covers, and books where individual pages are coming loose.



**Mail or bring your books to the Hastings System Office.  
We will repair them for \$1 per book plus actual return postage.**

## Disc Cleaning and Repair

The System Office has the ECO AUTO-SMART Fully Automatic Disc Repair System. It is not just a buffer, but a full-service machine, to both clean and repair your valuable discs. Save those discs that won't play! As long as they are not cracked, we can fix them.

From July 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017, each CPLS member library has 10 free disc cleanings.



- If you have more than 10 discs that need fixing, you may send them to us and we will repair them and send them back with an invoice for 50 cents per disc plus return postage.
- If you come to the CPLS Office in Hastings and pick up the repaired discs, the charge is 50 cents per disc. A similar service at a retail video outlet costs more than \$5.00 per disc!

## Audiobook Collection

CPLS owns over **800 circulating audiobook titles**. System member libraries may borrow audiobooks (CD, MP3, and Playaway formats) for a loan period of 90 days.

*Bones of Paradise* by Agee, Jonis

*House At The Edge of Night* by Banner, Catherine

*The Bells of San Filippo* by Brand, Max

*Books of a Feather* by Carlisle, Kate

*Among the Wicked* by Castillo, Linda

*Home* by Coban, Harlan

*The Hamilton Affair* by Cobbs, Elizabeth

*Julian Fellowes's Belgravia* by Fellowes, Julian

*The Magnolia Story* by Gaines, Chip and Joanna

*Three Sisters, Three Queens* by Gregory, Philippa

*The Badass Librarians of Timbuktu* by Hammer, Joshua

*Born to Conquer and Other Short Stories* by Haycox, Ernest

*Downfall* by Jance, J.A.

*Mischling* by Konar, Affinity

*Arrowood* by McHugh, Laura

*The Unseen World* by Moore, Liz

*Truly Madly Guilty* by Moriarty, Liane

*Vanishing Point* by Muller, Marcia

*The Last One* by Oliva, Alexandra

*Killing the Rising Sun* by O'Reilly, Bill

*Commonwealth* by Patchett, Ann

*First Star I See Tonight* by Phillips, Susan Elizabeth

*Crystal Gardens* by Quick, Amanda

*Rushing Waters* by Steel, Danielle

*Just One Damned Thing After Another* by Taylor, Jodi

*An Irish Country Love Story* by Taylor, Patrick

*The Woman in Cabin 10* by Ware, Ruth

*The Underground Railroad* by Whitehead, Colson



View the list of titles on our website under Services and then call or email the System office to borrow or

## Central Plains and Western Library Systems Summer Reading Workshops

**Date: January 6, 2017**

McCook City Library  
802 Norris Ave.  
McCook, NE 69001

(Registrations due December 30th)

**Same Great  
Workshop  
2 Great Dates  
And Locations**

**Date: March 27, 2017**

St. Paul Library  
1301 Howard Ave  
St. Paul, NE 68873

(Registrations due March 20th)



### AGENDA

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| <p>9:30 -10:00 am</p> <p>10:00 -11:00 am</p> <p>11:00 - 12:15 am</p> <p>1:15 - 1:30 pm</p> <p>1:30 - 3:30 pm</p> | <p><b>Registration</b></p> <p><b>Extension Educator</b></p> <p><b>Book reviews by Sally Snyder, NLC</b></p> <p><b>LUNCH—1 Hour (included in registration fee)</b></p> <p><b>Sharing Time</b></p> <p><b>Activities and Crafts with Sandra Wallick, Lincoln City Libraries</b></p> | <p>4.5 CEU's</p> |  |
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Please Register on-line — <https://goo.gl/forms/OF2lxKgc2V827zEx1>

\$20.00 Registration fee may be sent to:

Central Plains Library System Office  
2727 W 2nd Street, Suite #233  
Hastings, NE 68901

or payable at the door on the day of the workshop.

**In case of inclement weather please contact the CPL System office to see if the workshop has been rescheduled (800-569-4961, 308-708-1688, or 402-705-1409)**

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.

# CPLS Has Scholarship Money Available

Up to \$100.00 per event for registration, mileage, meal, etc.

Only one scholarship per person per year.

Each Library Agency shall be limited to two scholarships per year.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Library \_\_\_\_\_

Event \_\_\_\_\_

Date of event \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship requested for \_\_\_\_\_ (meal, room, etc.)

Amount requested \_\_\_\_\_

Other information: \_\_\_\_\_



**Send your request to:** Central Plains Library System  
2727 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street # 233,  
Hastings, NE 68901

I attended many sessions at the **NLA/NSLA Conference** that were very informative and fun, such as “More than Potlucks”, “Advisory Beyond Lists”, “Down and Dirty Weeding”, “These Acquisitions are Rigged”, and especially the Pre-Conference Session “Storytelling Tips and Techniques” by Sandra Wallick. A great part of the conference is visiting with other Librarians, the Exhibits, and the Keynote Speakers. **Thanks for the scholarship** to help with conference costs.

Judy Hagan  
Atkinson Public Library Director

## Public Library Statistical Report



The Nebraska Library Commission collects statistical data about public libraries and produces a variety of data products. Library Data Services is responsible for implementing the annual Public Library Survey, assisting Nebraska libraries in submitting the data, and reporting some of this information to the appropriate federal agencies. Library Data Services also provides information and data in support of Library Commission administrative, planning, and evaluation activities.

The next **Public Library Survey** will close on **February 17, 2017**.  
For more information go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/stats/>.

## Teens' Top 10

1. ***Alive*** by Chandler Baker.
2. ***All the Bright Places*** by Jennifer Niven.
3. ***The Game of Love and Death*** by Martha Brockenbrough.
4. ***Six of Crows*** by Leigh Bardugo.
5. ***Everything, Everything*** by Nicola Yoon.
6. ***Every Last Word*** by Tamara Ireland Stone.
7. ***The Novice: Summoner: Book One*** by Taran Matharu.
8. ***Illuminae*** by Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff.
9. ***When*** by Victoria Laurie.
10. ***Suicide Notes from Beautiful Girls*** by Lynn Weingarten.

For more information and to find a link to an annotated list of the winners, go to:

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten>

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Lifelong learning isn't just for patrons—on-demand continuing education is **free** for all library staff at <http://WebJunction.org>.

WebJunction is the place where public library staffs gather to build the knowledge, skills and support needed to power relevant, vibrant libraries.

Topics include Customer Service, Funding, Library Management, Marketing & Messaging, Programming, Training & Development, Youth Services and so much more!

# 2016 Nebraska Book Award Winners

The Nebraska Book Awards Competition is sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book and the Nebraska Library Commission.

## **Anthology**

*A Sandhills Reader: Thirty Years of Great Writing from the Great Plains* by Mark Sanders

## **Chapbook**

*Hard Times* by Lin Brummels

## **Children/Young Adult**

*This Strange Wilderness: The Life and art of John James Audubon* by Nancy Plain

## **Cover/Design/Illustration**

*Rodeo Nebraska* by Mark Harris

## **Creative Nonfiction**

*The Ordinary Spaceman: From Boyhood Dreams to Astronaut* by Cayton C. Anderson

## **Fiction**

*The Fishermen: A Novel* by Chigozie Obioma

## **Nonfiction: Current Biography**

*Nebrasketball: Coach Tim Miles and a Big Ten Team on the Rise* by Scott Winter

## **Nonfiction: Historical Biography**

*A Sister's Memories: The Life and Work of Grace Abbott from the Writings of Her Sister, Edith Abbott* by Edith Abbott and John Sorensen

## **Nonfiction: Nebraska as Place**

*New Prairie Kitchen: Stories and Seasonal Recipes from Chefs, Farmers, and Artisans of the Great Plains* by Summer Miller

## **Nonfiction: Reference**

*The Fishes of Nebraska* by Robert A. Hrabik, Steven C. Schainost, Richard H. Stasiak, Edward J. Peters

## **Nonfiction: True Crime**

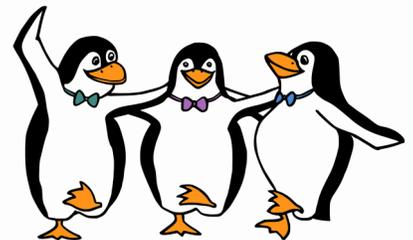
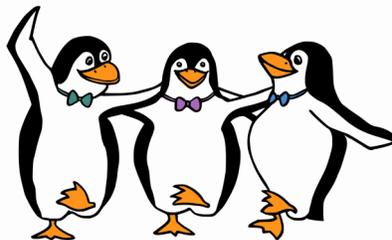
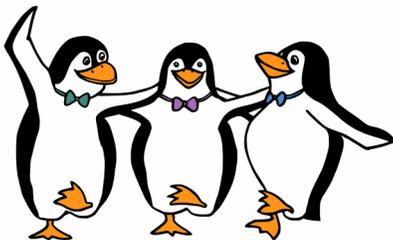
*In Cold Storage: Sex and Murder on the Plains* by James W. Hewitt

## **Nonfiction: Wildlife**

*A Chorus of Cranes: The Cranes of North America and the World* by Paul A. Johnsgard and Thomas D. Mangelsen

## **Poetry**

*Breezes on Their Way to Being Winds* by Charles Peek



# CPLS News

## Butler Memorial Achieves Accreditation

Central Plains Library System has one less unaccredited library! **Butler Memorial Library** in Cambridge is now accredited through September 30, 2019.

Congratulations to Deb, Maria, the staff, and the Library Board!

## Successful Open House

Election Day is a busy day for the **Logan County Public Library**. The library is located inside the Logan County Courthouse, so the staff and Library Board invite voters in for coffee and cookies. Of course, there were door prizes, as well. They had a record-breaking 80 visitors this year!



**March 21, 2017**  
**NLA Advocacy Day**

## Consumer Health Information Resource Service (CHIRS)

Do you have patrons looking for health information?

**CHIRS is here to help you help them!**

- Ask for information about health issues, disease, treatment, clinical trials and more
- Information will be sent directly to the patron by mail or email
- Free for Nebraska residents
- Make a request by phone, email, or online form
- <http://unmc.edu/library/consumer>
- A librarian will research health questions and prepare packets of information
- Consumer health books available for checkout with a valid NE driver's license

*Disclaimer: This service is intended to provide general information for patients to share with their specific health professional (doctor, nurse, etc.). Please consult a health professional on specific medical questions.*

Monday – Friday  
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

McGoogan Library of Medicine  
Wittson Hall, Sixth Floor  
(42<sup>nd</sup> St. between Dewey and Emile)

402-559-6221  
866-800-5209  
[askus@unmc.edu](mailto:askus@unmc.edu)



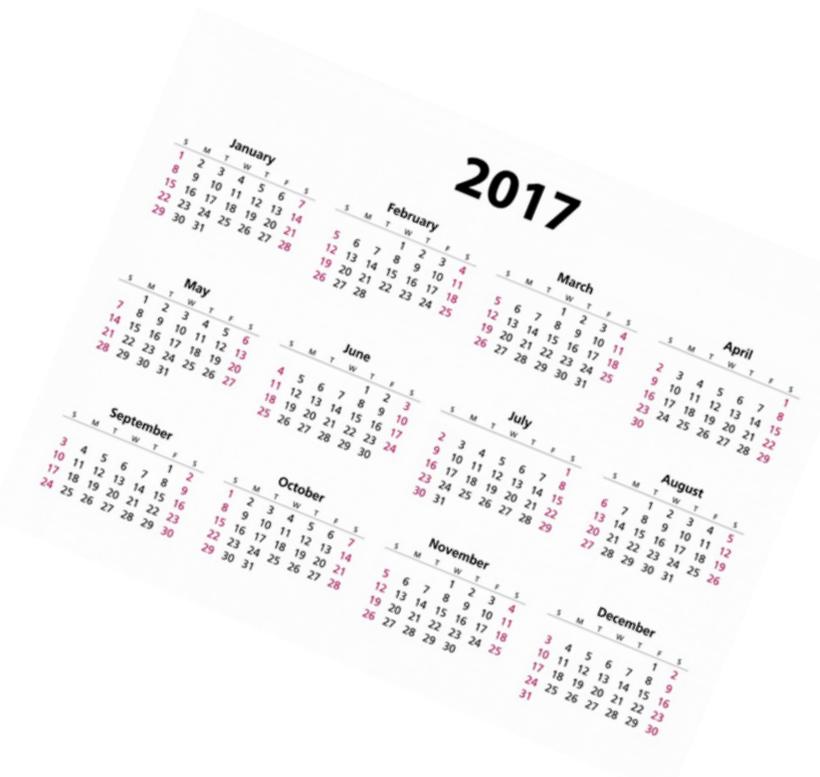
# Central Plains Library System

## Mark Your Calendar

December 2	NebraskaAccess Database Training, Kearney Public Library
December 5-17	Basic Skills—Library Services to Children & Youth, Sally Snyder
December 12	Doing More with WordPress, 10 – 11 a.m., Online
December 19	Folkmanis Puppet Order due (see page 2)
December 21	Nebraska Library Internship Grant Applications due (see page 8)
December 26	System Offices Closed, Christmas Holiday
January 2	System Offices Closed, New Year’s Holiday
January 6	Summer Reading Program Workshop, McCook (see page 11)
January 9 – 20	Basic Skills—Communication, Mary Jo Ryan
January 23 – February 3	Basic Skills—Library Technology, Holly Woldt
January 24	Library Improvement Grant Applications due
January 26	NEA Big Read Grant Applications due (see page 5)
February 6 – 17	Basic Skills—Customer Service, Christa (Burns) Porter
February 10	Winter Workshop, Kearney Public Library (see page 6)
February 17	Public Library Statistical Report due (see page 12)
February 24	Big Talk From Small Libraries 2017, 8:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Online
February 27 – March 10	Basic Skills—Library Governance, Denise Harders
March 21	NLA Advocacy Day, Lincoln
March 27	Summer Reading Program Workshop, St. Paul (see page 11)

Google can bring back a hundred thousand answers. A librarian can bring you back the right one.

~Neil Gaiman



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