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NLC AWARDS GRANTS FOR YOUTH LIBRARY SERVICE

Article by Nebraska Library Commission

The Nebraska Library Commission recently awarded \$25,000 in grants for Excellence in Youth service. Of the grants awarded to nineteen Nebraska public libraries, several addressed the need for Science Technology Engineering Art Mathematics (STEAM) programming in libraries and some will design programs for specific age groups: babies, toddlers, preschoolers, teens, and tweens. The Nebraska Library Commission congratulates the public libraries listed below as they develop new and innovative programs to ensure excellence in library service for Nebraska young people.

The recipients are:

- ✦ Atkinson Public Library, *Music and LEGO®*
- ✦ Bennington Public Library, *Summer of STEAM*
- ✦ Blue Hill Public Library, *Summer of STEAM*
- ✦ Broadwater Public Library, *Summer Reading Program*
- ✦ Central City Public Library, *STEM in Music and Reading*
- ✦ Hruska Memorial Public Library, David City, *Afterschool Makers Clubs*
- ✦ Keene Memorial Library, Fremont, *Teen Advisory Board*
- ✦ Genoa Public Library, *Adventure Club*
- ✦ Grand Island Public Library, *Teen Program*
- ✦ La Vista Public Library, *Preschool Musical Movers and Shakers*
- ✦ Lincoln City Libraries, *Makerspace Kits and Programming*
- ✦ Morrill Public Library, *Afterschool Program*
- ✦ Norfolk Public Library, *Book-to-Film Club*
- ✦ Plattsmouth Public Library, Ralston, *Monthly Mini Makers*
- ✦ Ravenna Public Library, *Baby and Me*
- ✦ South Sioux City Public Library, *1,000 Books before Kindergarten*
- ✦ Dvoracek Memorial Library, Wilber, *Celebrate Books and Reading*
- ✦ Kilgore Memorial Library, York, *Starlings for York Encouraging Parents of Babies, Toddlers, and Preschoolers*

Read more about it on the [NLC site!](#)

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Libraries Transform in Action
- Information Station
- Reviews!

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AT THE TRAILS OFFICE

Scholarships

TRaiLS 2018 continuing education scholarships are available to attend state, regional, and nationwide conferences and events. Any director, media specialist, staff member, or trustee at libraries in the TRaiLS service area may apply. Applications will be reviewed by the scholarship committee after the deadline to apply for each specific scholarship has passed. Scholarship recipients will be notified prior to the event with money awarded after attendance of the event.

An application to apply can be found at <http://libraries.ne.gov/trls/calendar-2/scholarship-opportunities/>

Did you know:

The January [free webinar list](#) presents a subject guide of library-related webinars with program descriptions and links to registrations. Many webinars are archived, so you can view them later if you didn't catch the initial broadcast. Below is a subject list of some upcoming webinars.

This list and more information can also be found at: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/webinars.aspx>.

Magazine Routing

In case you didn't know, the Three Rivers Library System has a professional development magazine routing system to get you the articles you want. With each new magazine issue we'll email you the cover and contents pages. After that, you let us know which articles interest you, and we'll email them along.

We're currently subscribed to:

- ◆ School Library Journal
- ◆ Library Journal
- ◆ Voya
- ◆ Teacher | Librarian

To sign up, go to bit.ly/MagazineRouting

Giveaway Items

At the office, we're parting with our professional development collection as well some titles from our book kits, so head on over to trails.libib.com/i/give-away and see if there's anything your library may need.

If there is, send Chelsea an e-mail at trls.assistant@gmail.com and she can help figure out a pickup or drop-off date.



TRAILS BOARD NOMINATIONS

The Three Rivers Library System Board of Directors is accepting nominations for the upcoming election of new board members. In an effort to offer a slate of candidates which represent the diversity of the field and the geography of the service area, nominations will be accepted through March 12th. The board strives for representation of its diverse 21-county area. Candidates may be from school, academic, special/institutional, or public libraries.

Board responsibilities:

- ⇒ Oversee the governance of TRaiLS
- ⇒ Evaluate executive performance
- ⇒ Set long range vision and goals

Board meetings: Though in-person attendance of board meetings is ideal, occasional virtual attendance is an option. Meetings are held quarterly with the annual meeting in August.

Submit nominations at <http://bit.ly/TRLSBoardNominations>

Questions? Contact board members Karen Drevo (Norfolk Public Library) at kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us or Rebecca Sims (Sump Memorial Library-Papillion) at rsims@papillion.org

UPCOMING BASIC SKILLS COURSE AND REGISTRATION DATES

Class Dates:	Class Title:	Registration Dates:
1/22 - 2/2	Communication*	12/11/17 - 1/12/18
2/12 - 2/23	Customer Service*	1/8 - 2/2
3/5 - 3/16	Library Governance	2/5 - 2/23
3/19 - 3/30	Library Technology	2/19 - 3/9

* Required class

Calendar of Events

J.R.R. Tolkien's Birthday
3 January 2018

[Strategic Planning Workshop](#)
Walt Branch—Lincoln City Libraries
26 January 2018
1:00pm—4:00pm

World Read Aloud Day
1 February 2018

Black History Month
February 2018

[Strategic Planning Workshop](#)
O'Neill Public Library
7 February 2018
1:00pm-4:00pm

[Strategic Planning Workshop](#)
Grand Island Public Library
20 February 2018
1:00pm—4:00pm

[Strategic Planning Workshop](#)
Sidney Public Library
21 February 2018
1:00pm—4:00pm

[Strategic Planning Workshop](#)
North Platte Public Library
22 February 2018
10:00am-1:00pm

[Big Talk From Small Libraries 2018](#)
@ GoToWebinar
23 February 2018
8:45am-5:00pm

[Strategic Planning Workshop](#)
John A. Stahl Library—West Point
1 March 2018
1:00pm—4:00pm

[Strategic Planning Workshop](#)
@ GoToWebinar
6 March 2018
1:00pm—3:00pm

LIBRARY NEWS

Clarkson Public Library Stays Warm This Winter

Article by Debra Nadrchal

This winter, Clarkson Public Library displayed the top three winning quilts and six honorable mention quilts during November for the NE150 Quilt Competition. The quilts were all beautiful and Clarkson Public Library loved being able to display them for everyone to stop in and check them out.

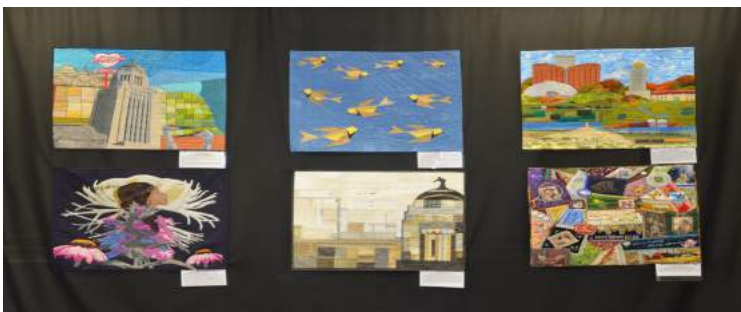


1st Place Winning Quilt by Dorothy Heidemann-Nelson from Lincoln.



2nd Place Winning Quilt by Lynn Greer from Edgar.

3rd Place Winning Quilt by Marilyn Rembolt from Lincoln



NE150 Honorable Mention quilts being displayed at Clarkson Public Library



Did you know:

On Thursday Nights at NET you can watch a new season of Nebraska Stories? The episodes start on January 11th and explores characters, places, and history that makes Nebraska unique.

For more information, check it out at netNebraska.org/nebraskastories

LIBRARY NEWS

Hartington Public Library's Winter Reading Program

Article by Tami Anderson

**Duck, Duck, Moose
Winter Reading Program**

Challenge your child(ren) this winter!

- Starting January 1st. Log the books your child reads or you read to them.
- Start building your own reading moose in the library. For every 10 books or 1 chapter book you read, you will get to add a piece.
- Winners who have completed all 18 pieces, will be rewarded with a pizza party sponsored by the Friends of the Library. More details to follow at a later date.
- Program ends on Friday, March 16th.



On January 1st, Hartington Public Library began their annual winter reading program, *Duck, Duck, Moose*. The program ends on March 16th, but for the last five years has been a rousing success. Typically, their picture book circulation increases by 60% during these months. Also, check out the [Duck, Duck, Moose Winter Reading Log](#).

Hartington Public Library also has a weekly storytime with their children's librarian, Miss Kim. Her story times are very interactive and the kids love to come by and participate in them. At right, is Miss Kim reading *Mrs. McNosh Hangs Up Her Wash* by Sarah Weeks.



Did you know:

StoryCorps has DIY resources to help organizations develop their own interview collection projects to help document and preserve local stories and histories of the community. Learn more about [StoryCorps DIY](#). Libraries can sign up for a free trial at bit.ly/StoryCorpsDIY by using the key FALL2017.

To learn more about StoryCorps check it out at StoryCorps.org.

2017 Star Libraries by *Library Journal*

- ★ Eleven Nebraska Libraries were given the *Library Journal's* Star Library rating. Read all about [tenth edition of Star Library Ratings!](#)
- ★ Saint Paul Public Library with Angela Blankenship, Director **awarded 4 stars.**
- ★ Creighton Public Library with Lisa Macke, Director **awarded 3 stars.**
- ★ Congratulations to all the dedicated Nebraska library directors and staff!
- ★ Louisville Public Library with Darla McDonald, Director **awarded 3 stars.**
- ★ Atkinson Public Library with Judy Hagan as Director **awarded 5 stars**
- ★ Gardner Public Library with Elizabeth Carlson, Director **awarded 3 stars.**
- ★ Hartington Public Library with Tami Anderson, Director **awarded 5 stars.**
- ★ Weeping Water Public Library with Aimee Morlan, Director **awarded 3 stars.**
- ★ Neligh Public Library with Jennifer Norton, Director **awarded 5 stars.**
- ★ Central City Public Library with Sara Lee, Director **awarded 4 stars.**
- ★ John A. Stahl Library with Mary Jo Mack, Director **awarded 3 stars.**
- ★ Hastings Memorial Library with Robin Quinn, Director **awarded 4 stars.**

Library Innovation Studio in Action

Plattsmouth Public Library has been busy with the Innovation Studio Equipment resulting in nine staff members and 47 community members being trained mostly on the laser cutter, 3D printer, CNC router, vinyl cutter, and embroidery machine. Check out all the cool projects that have been completed on the [Plattsmouth Public Library webpage](#).

The project allows 30 small libraries to use a variety of equipment to determine the need and interest in the community. At the end of the project, the library will evaluate what has garnered the most interest and plan to acquire that equipment on a permanent basis. The Plattsmouth Library will have the equipment until the end of March 2018.

This project was made possible with a grant of \$530,732 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded to the Nebraska Library Commission in partnership with University of Nebraska—Lincoln, Nebraska Innovation Studio, Nebraska Extension, and Regional Library Systems. Read all about it on [Plattsmouth Public Library's website](#).

Made with the CNC Router



Made on Embroidery Machine



Made with 3-D Printer



Did you know:

You can read more about the Library Innovation Studio on the [next page](#), as well as on the [NLC's Library Innovation Studios website](#).

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Innovation Studios: Transforming Rural Communities

Nebraska Library Commission



The Nebraska Library Commission along with partners University of Nebraska—Lincoln, Nebraska Innovation Studio, Nebraska Extension, and Regional Library Systems, are excited about a project that was recently awarded a National Leadership Grant of \$530,732 by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the Federal library agency. The project will launch July 1, 2017 and conclude June 30, 2020.

The project will use makerspaces, community engagement tools, and training to develop a model for rural libraries to expand their role as community anchor organizations that facilitate economic and community development. This multi-faceted effort will 1) establish local Community Action Teams in 30 rural communities; 2) purchase equipment and related materials for four rotating Innovation Studios; 3) develop instructional materials and equipment certification processes; 4) employ sustainability strategies for permanent studios; 5) provide training on the use of the equipment, including Train the Trainer strategies; 6) assist with local marketing efforts and programming/events, including Open Houses and Maker Showcases; and 7) host annual Inventors Showcases in Lincoln. The strengthening of the maker culture in rural areas will increase community buoyancy by solidifying services and facilitating local economic development and entrepreneurship. Three goals will guide the project:

- Rural community residents will be empowered with the tools and guidance to explore, collaborate, create, learn, and invent.
- Libraries will transform their rural communities through participatory learning spaces, while establishing themselves as strong community catalysts for community change.
- Libraries (and communities) nationwide will have access to a replicable model.

Thirty Nebraska public libraries will be selected and will activate community action teams to host a Library Innovation Studio with makerspace equipment for up to five months. Each studio collection will have components in the following

categories:

- Digital fabrication (3-D printing/scanning/copying, laser cutting, CNC router)
- Electronics (prototype kits, microcontrollers, robotics)
- Textiles (soft circuits, wearable technologies, sewing/embroidery machine, vinyl cutting)
- Digital media creation (filmmaking/digital photography)
- Music technology
- Specialized software and subscriptions
- Basic hand tools and other accessories.

The deadline for the first of two cycles is scheduled for July 10, 2017. Twelve to twenty libraries will be selected in the first cycle. The deadline for the second cycle will occur in 2018. The Nebraska Library Commission will consider any rural or small accredited public library to host a Library Innovation Studio. IMLS considers libraries with a legal service area of less than 25,000 as a small library. Using July 2015 U.S. Census estimates, all but six communities in Nebraska would qualify based on size. Those excluded from participation are the public libraries in Bellevue, Fremont, Grand Island, Kearney, Lincoln, and Omaha and libraries that are not accredited. Interested public libraries should refer to the "Invitation to Submit an Application" document for complete application details.

For more information contact: JoAnn McManus, Library Innovation Studios Project Manager, Nebraska Library Commission, 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023, 402-471-4870, 800-307-2665, joann.mcmanus@nebraska.gov

INFORMATION STATION

Upcoming Public Library Program Award

Article by NNLM MCR

The NNLM MCR will be making available funding for the Public Library Programming Project Award. We will fund five awards up to \$1,500 each.

The purpose of this award is to fund public library programming to increase the awareness of and education on health topics incorporating NLM and/or NNLM health information resources (e.g., MedlinePlus, Genetics Home Reference), relevant to their service community, with a particular focus on the public health priorities of their community and programs for underserved populations. Examples of programming projects include hosting a health fair, healthy cooking classes, mind/body programming (e.g., yoga, meditation), chronic illness self-management, and supporting health initiatives such as the [All of Us Research Program](#).

To be eligible for funding your organization must be an NNLM MCR member. Membership(s) may be confirmed by visiting the [NNLM Member Directory](#). Not a member, [join](#) today, it's free.

Funding Period: Tuesday, May 1, 2018 to Tuesday, April 30, 2019.

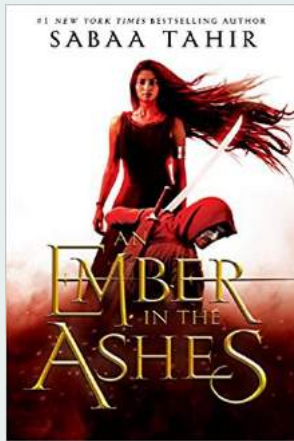
The award will open January 12, 2018. Please visit the [MCR funding page](#) for more information and links.

Examples of programming projects include:

- ⇒ Hosting a health fair
- ⇒ Healthy cooking classes
- ⇒ Mind/body programming (e.g., yoga, meditation)
- ⇒ Chronic illness self-management
- ⇒ Supporting health initiatives such as the [All of Us Research Program](#)

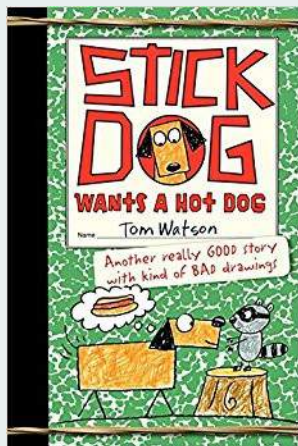


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An Ember in the Ashes: A Novel

By Sabaa Tahir

Article by Deb Daehnke

Summary: In an empire similar to Rome there are Martials who rule and the Scholars who often become slaves. Unknown to seventeen-year-old Laia, her older brother, Darin, has been helping a secret organization who hopes to overthrow the Martials. When the Martials raid their home, her brother is captured and her grandparents, who have raised them, are killed. Laia finds her way to Rebels who agree to help free her brother if she will become a slave for the Commandant of Blackcliff, the Martials' elite military academy and spy for them. At the same time, Elias, Blackcliff's best soldier and illegitimate son of the Commandant, is about to graduate, along with his best friend Helene. But Elias is nothing like his mother who abandoned him at birth or the Martials who rule by

fear, violence, and brutality. Through circumstances in the story Elias and Laia's paths cross and they eventually join forces to find Laia's brother and hopefully change the course of the Empire. The friendship and loyalty Elias and Helene have for each other plays an integral part of the story.

The chapters alternate between Elias and Laia's stories. It took a little for me to get into this story (the book is 446 pages long) but once I did it was hard to put down. I would recommend for mature junior high or high school readers. There is violence, both implied and real, and references to prostitutes and other sexual innuendos. There is also a love triangle, which for me did work in this book. It is definitely not for immature or reluctant readers. There are flaws in the writing and character development but for me it was highly entertaining and action packed. A sequel appears to be in the works as well as a movie adaptation.

Stick Dog Wants a Hot Dog

By Tom Watson

Recommended for grades 3rd–5th

In this amusing sequel to *Stick Dog*, the five strays, Stick Dog, Karen, POO-POO, Mutt, and Stripes, still have a one-track mind and are on a quest for food. In this book, the food of choice is hot dogs, and the aroma is wafting through the air. Using their phenomenal sense of smell, they locate a hot dog vendor in the park and raise numerous far-fetched and hilarious schemes to get the hot dogs away from the vendor. In the process of spying on the hot dog vendor, Karen gets trapped inside the house of a human, so the dogs' schemes must change from acquiring hot dogs to rescue Karen.

Once Karen is back with the pack, they accidentally manipulate the perfect hot dog stealing scheme, which creates quite

the surprise of an ending to the story! I highly recommend this book because its humor is contagious, and the animals are brought to life by revealing the inner-workings of their minds. It would make a nice addition to school and public libraries, and even a private collection. Even adults will enjoy the book if they will allow themselves to be a kid again. Some special features I found in this book are the highly expressive stick drawings, and a chapter dedicated to brining the readers up-to-date by describing the characters and storyline of the previous book, so *Stick Dog Want a Hot Dog* can be read without having first reading *Stick Dog*. Some lessons to be learned from this book are: patience, coping with frustrations, accepting challenges, contending with reality, loyalty to friends, teamwork, rational thinking, and the value of humor while working.



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University of Nebraska State Museum (Morrill Hall) Summer Reading Program VFT!

“Libraries Rock!” just got a new building block! The University of Nebraska State Museum of Natural History has created a *virtual field trip* just for your summer reading program!

“Steady As A Rock?” Did you know rocks change?? Your library audience will learn fun facts about the science of geology with hands-on activities and lots of movement. By the end of 30-minutes your library full of “geologists” will know how a rock forms, changes, and gets classified. A rock is not just a rock! The program also includes several rock-oriented science experiences you can do in your library before or after the VFT. We also suggest you read The Magic School Bus – Inside the Earth as part of this program.

This virtual field trip (VFT) is a live, interactive video conference with your library audience and a UNSM Educator based at Morrill Hall in Lincoln. To connect to the museum for your VFT all you need is an internet connection, a computer with video conferencing software (we suggest the free app Zoom) and a webcam/microphone. We are happy to help you figure out the simple logistics.

The programs costs \$80.

To register or for more information please contact elephant@unl.edu.

