



## TRAILS BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEEKS NOMINATIONS

Are you looking for a way to engage in libraryland but not sure how to get started? The Three Rivers Library System board of directors is an excellent way to become involved. As a board member you have the opportunity to guide system services and events, meet fellow librarians, and see the libraries of northeast and eastern Nebraska.

The TRAILS Nominating Committee would appreciate recommendations for candidates for the Three Rivers Library System Board of Directors 2016 election. You may nominate yourself or someone else by completing the following form <http://goo.gl/forms/bdmShWscNu>. The TRAILS board will accept nominations from February 29 through March 14. Voting will take place in June with new board members attending their first meeting in August.

### 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.

At their December 4, 2015 meeting, the TRAILS board voted to adopt a quarterly meeting schedule and change the annual meeting date.

Board meeting dates for 2016 are -  
February 5  
May 6  
August 5 (Annual Meeting)  
November 4

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- System News and Events
- Getting to know ...
- Library News
- Upcoming Event Information
- TRLS CE Scholarship Form
- Contests & Grants!

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## GETTING TO KNOW:

**Name:** Debby Whitehill Bloom

**Library and position:** Nebraska State Library Commissioner

**Favorite quotation about books or reading:** “You can make anything by writing.” C. S. Lewis

**What book has influenced you the most?** The Bible, because it offers all the answers to my life questions and is a daily word from the Lord to lift me up and point me in the right direction.

**What is your favorite spring activity?** I love the transformation from death to life that happens in spring and can't wait to see my flower bulbs spring up with gorgeous colors.

**What is one documentary or book that changed the way you thought about a topic?** George Orwell's book 1984. We are now living in such times, and when I first read it in high school it seemed to only be a fantasy book rather than a prophetic word.

### Online Resources

On the Bookshelf; reading lists to keep Downton Abbey on your brain: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/podcast-book-club/downton-abbey/on-the-bookshelf/>

The Essential Downton Abbey : <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/podcast-book-club/downton-abbey/essential-downton-abbey/>

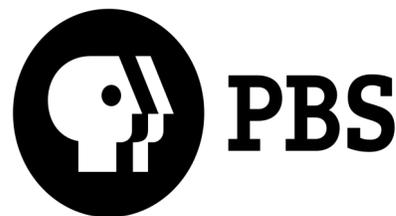
On the Bookshelf; reading lists for Sherlockian fans: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/podcast-book-club/sherlock/on-the-bookshelf/>

### PBS Masterpiece Book Club

Are you obsessed with Downton Abbey? Are you slowly sinking down into the sorrow that is the upcoming final season?

Have no fear, PBS and Masterpiece have teamed up to create a Downton Abbey book club just for you. They've got a whole list of fictional mysteries to keep those Downton Abbey fans reading as well as a list of companion books that add to the show. And if that's still not enough, there's a podcast to listen to on your daily commute to work, in case you just can't get enough of Highclere Castle. To look at all the exciting drama check out the website at <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/podcast-book-club/downton-abbey/>

PBS also didn't forget about the group of tween anglophiles devouring cold case after cold case of Arthur Conan Doyle's most



eponymous sleuth. Once they've finished all sixty Sherlock stories (four novels and five volumes of short stories) turn those sleuths to the Sherlock Bookshelf or the podcast at <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/podcast-book-club/sherlock/>

# MASTERPIECE

## AT THE TRAILS OFFICE

### Announcing Our Professional Collection!

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Looking to get your professional skills up? Look no further! The TRaiLS office is announcing our updated professional collection. We've added all of our titles onto our Libib site and are available to borrow.

The lending process is just like the process for checking out a book set. If you've already checked out a book set through the site, you can check out a professional book the same way.

However, if you're new to the site, just shoot Chelsea an e-mail to add you to our list of patrons. Then you can place a hold on the title you'd like to borrow.

For in-depth instructions, check out our PDF Guide to Libib on our

website at <http://libraries.ne.gov/trls/book-sets/>

As the TRaiLS office continues to grow, our book sets and professional development books will grow as well. So feel free to browse our site for any updates and additions to those collections.

As always, feel free to ask Chelsea any questions by e-mailing [trls.assistant@gmail.com](mailto:trls.assistant@gmail.com).



#### Did You Know:

The TRaiLS Office has a bookshelf on [trails.libib.com](http://trails.libib.com) of items we're currently giving away?

If you see something that you'd like, just e-mail Chelsea at [trls.assistant@gmail.com](mailto:trls.assistant@gmail.com) with what you would like and your mailing address. We'll mail it out as soon as we can!

## MAGAZINE ROUTING



TRaiLS is rolling out our new magazine routing program. All you need to do is go to our google form at <http://goo.gl/forms/zsFge3X1GD> and sign up to be added to our list!

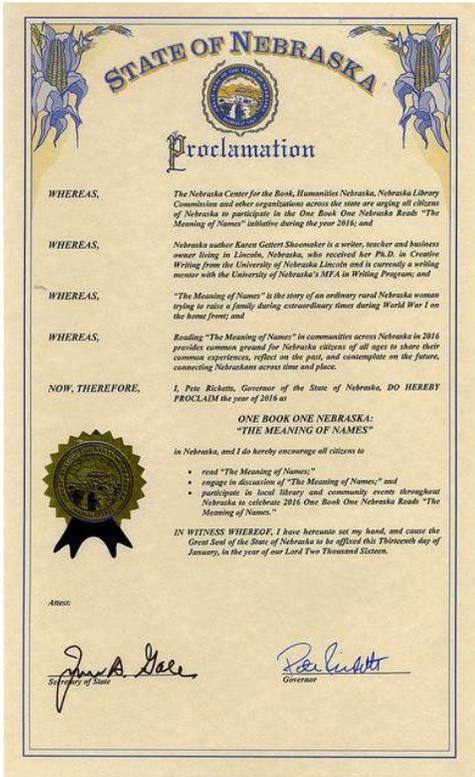
If you're already receiving PDFs of articles from us you won't need to re-sign up, we'll just add you to our list.

How it works is this: once a month we'll e-mail you the

cover and contents pages of the magazines you've signed up for. Then you e-mail us back telling us which articles you want. We'll scan those articles and e-mail them to you. It's that simple!

Naturally, if you have any feedback or questions, feel free to e-mail Chelsea at [trls.assistant@gmail.com](mailto:trls.assistant@gmail.com)

# One Book One Nebraska 2016



Above: The proclamation signed by Governor Pete Ricketts.

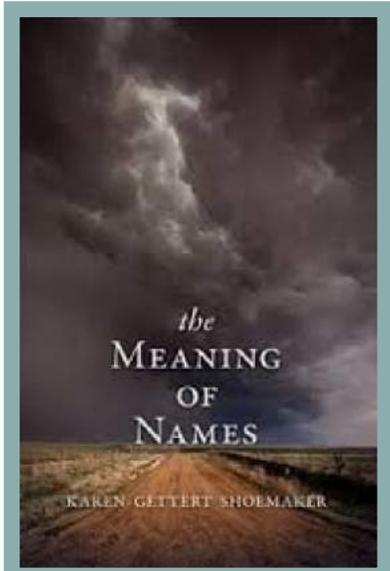
Below: Author Karen Shoemaker signing a copy of her book for Governor Pete Ricketts.



On January 13, 2016 Governor Pete Ricketts signed a proclamation honoring **2016 One Book One Nebraska: *The Meaning of Names*** by Karen Shoemaker, of Lincoln. In this year people across Nebraska are encouraged to read this Nebraska-set novel with a World War I backdrop. *The Meaning of Names* follows a German-American woman trying to raise a family in the heartland and keep them safe from the effects of war and the influenza panic, as well as from violence and prejudice. Karen Shoemaker, author of *The Meaning of Names*, presented the governor with a copy of the book.

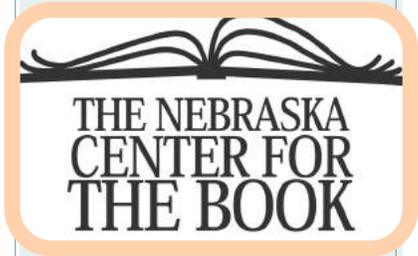
More photos of the proclamation-signing ceremony are available at: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/librarycommission/albums/72157663407721711>

The One Book One Nebraska reading program, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Library Commission, and Humanities Nebraska is entering its twelfth year. 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. Libraries across Nebraska will join other literary and cultural organizations in planning book discussions, activities, and events to 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 there and on <http://www.facebook.com/onebookonenebraska>.

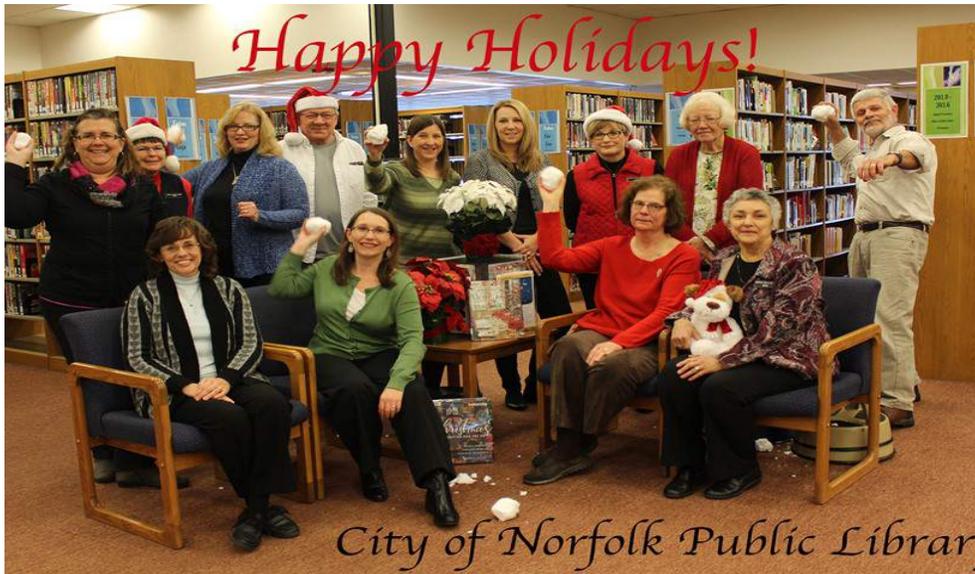


**Did You Know:**

The Three Rivers Library System has 25 copies of *The Meaning of Names* to lend for the Book Club Kit Program, so be sure to check them out with our [Libib page!](#)



## LIBRARY NEWS



### Bellevue University's New Online Library

After a year-long redesign process, Bellevue University Library's new website finally launched on Dec. 14th.

New features include:

- ◆ A new multi-search tool
- ◆ Improved 24/7 Librarian chat support
- ◆ Streamlined navigation
- ◆ Mobile-optimized website design

Don't forget to check it out at <http://library.bellevue.edu/>

For more information, check out their online walk-through at <http://library.bellevue.edu/2015/12/03/online-library-walkthrough/>



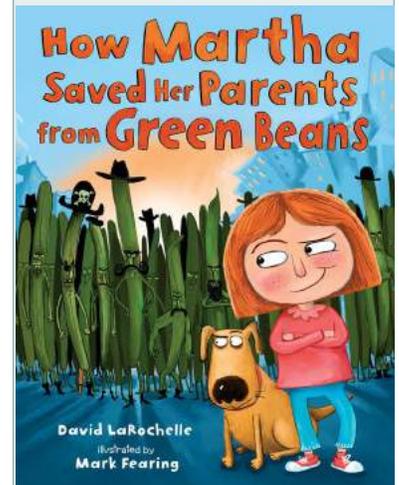
### Book Review Corner!

#### How Martha Saved her Parents from Green Beans By David LaRochelle

Recommended for K-2<sup>nd</sup> grades.

Article by Carol Tramp, Wynot

My story hour group enjoyed this book. Martha hates green beans, and they have them for supper every Tuesday night. One day a group of green bean desperadoes ride into town and cause mass destruction. Martha's parents are taken by the green beans and it is up to Martha to save them. Her method of dealing with the green outlaws takes great bravery on the part of Martha. The only thing she can do is eat them. She saves her parents and they never serve green beans again, only corn, broccoli, and leafy greens.



## LIBRARY NEWS

### Hartington Public Library Turns 100!

It's been a 100 years since the Hartington Public Library opened its doors in a Carnegie funded building in 1915. On Saturday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, the Library Staff, Board of Trustees, Library Foundation and Friends of the Library group invited the public to celebrate the library's history and service to the community over the years.

The library kicked-off the festivities with Jeff Quinn's magic show in the backyard of the library. Following the show the library served cupcakes, popcorn, and drinks as well as hosted the following fun activities: bingo with prizes, photo booth, a clown and balloon artist, face painting, bounce house, and carnival games. Also, many visited the art gallery open house, featuring local artist Ronette Lammers. In anticipation of the celebration, library staff sorted through old library archives and photos in order to share those discoveries with patrons that day.



## Reading is a HOOT

Hartington Public Library



# January 1<sup>st</sup> - Visit the library and check out your books. Log the books your child reads or you read to them. Sheets are available at the checkout desk.

# Start building your own reading owl. For every 10 picture books read or 1 chapter book, your child will get to add a part to their owl.

# Those who complete all 18 pieces or read 180 books/18 chapter books will be rewarded with an pizza party at the Library.

# Program ends on Mon. March 14<sup>th</sup>. For more information, call the library at 402-254-6245.

As well as turning 100, Hartington Public Library is putting on a winter program called, "Reading is a Hoot" complete with a pizza party! Check it out at <http://libraries.ne.gov/hartington/>

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Gretna Public Library Parties Through the Winter



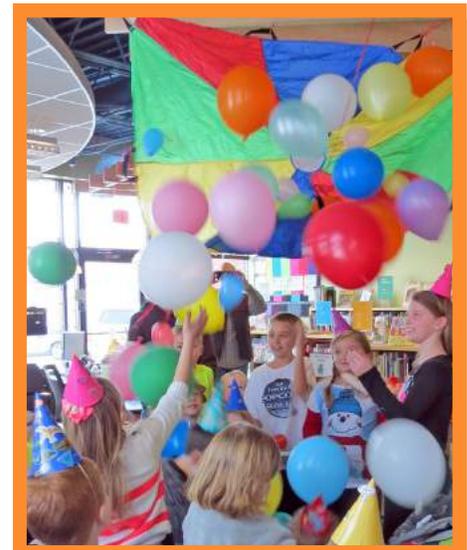
On December 6 the Children's Library was open for the Gretna Downtown Association's Greenery and Glitter event. The library had fun games and activities for the event.

Featured here is Mrs. Claus reading stories and handing out candy canes to kids.



December 29 was the Winter Break Bash! Kids from kindergarten through fifth grade watched *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* and ate snacks. The kids played games, even using toilet paper to be the fastest to turn their friends into snowmen. How Frosty!

On December 18 the Yule Ball was held for the teens, who flocked to the library to get sorted to their respective Harry Potter Houses, made bookmarks, and had a wizard's duel of trivia questions. The teen wizards drank butterbeer and pumpkin juice while munching on acid pops and licorice wands.



On December 31 kids were ringing in the new year at noon. This Noon Year celebration involved games, crafts, activities, and then counted down to noon with a balloon drop!

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Ponca Friends Are Un-bee-lievable!

**King and Queen Bee**



**National Honor Society's Spellapalooza Team - The Spelling B's!**



**Salem Saints and Sinners Team**

Friends of Ponca Carnegie Library hosted a spelling bee (with a twist) event called Spellapalooza on Sunday, January 31st at the Ponca Public School Fine Arts Center. Organized by Melissa Ruhrer (Queen Bee), and emceed by Judge Paul Vaughan (King Bee), teams competed for the championship. Teams included The Decay Destroyers (local dentist office), Salem Saints and Sinners (Salem Lutheran Church), Spelling B's (National Honor Society group), Council Spell Checkers (city leaders), and GR8 Spelerz, (students). Teams and supporters were able to purchase "Stingers" which allowed them to pass a word on to the next team, and "Pay to Stay" certificates that got them back into the game after a misspelling. Prizes, donated by local businesses) were awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners, as well as the team with the best name, best costume, lowest combined age, and highest combined age. The 1st place prize went to Salem Saints and Sinners. Money raised by the event will help with a exterior lighting project at Ponca Carnegie Library.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### TRaiLS Seeking System Peer Coordinators

The Three Rivers Library System is continuing the search for four individuals to participate in its pilot System Peer Coordinator service model. These positions are support roles to assist in the promotion of collaborative learning among colleagues through localized networking efforts. Ideal candidates will possess a strong commitment to building relationships with local librarians within their county groups\*.

Visit our website <http://libraries.ne.gov/trls/system-peer-coordinator/> for more information.

#### System Peer Coordinators job description

A System Peer Coordinator will:

- Assist the System Director in identifying training locations
- Encourage county group participation in scheduled events
- Coordinate at least one quarterly meeting for public library directors
- Recommend relevant training topics for county groups
- Coordinate car pool efforts to the annual meeting and other continuing education events when possible
- Contribute at least once a year to the system newsletter

Primary areas of networking and collaboration:

- Technology development
- Strategic planning and accreditation
- Personnel management
- Services for multicultural and diverse populations

Qualifications:

- Minimum two years of experience in a public library
- Experience in a supervisor role within a public library a plus
- Ability to work independently utilizing strong organizational skills

- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Associate's degree in Library Science or high school diploma and current Public Librarian Certification.
- Must currently work within county group assigned
- Must have valid driver's license and ability to travel up to one time per quarter or as needed

Compensation: Quarterly payments totaling \$2,504.00 annually

Positions open until filled. Please send resume and cover letter to

Three Rivers Library System  
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\*1: Knox, Pierce, Cedar, Wayne, Dixon, Dakota, Thurston

2: Antelope, Madison, Boone, Nance, Platte

3: Stanton, Colfax, Cuming, Dodge, Burt, Washington

4: Douglas, Sarpy, Cass



Promoting  
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Service

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Columbus Public Library Gets Environmental



On March 5, Saturday at 2:00 PM, New Century Environmental is coming to the Columbus Public Library to share their knowledge of the local environment. Columbus Public Library has requested a discussion about the crane migration in Nebraska. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our native environment and ask those questions you always wondered about. New Century Environmental will also cover fish, wetlands, birds, climate change, threatened and endangered species, and more. Refreshments will be provided so bring the family and friends.



### Community Connections

Annette Parde-Maass is the new Health Information Literacy Coordinator at Creighton University for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) MidContinental Region. In her role, Annette will coordinate global and community literacy outreach efforts, such as the Bringing Health Information to the Community blog. She joins Christian Minter at UNMC to coordinate Nebraska outreach for the NN/LM and replaces Monica Rogers, who is now at the University of New Mexico. Annette most recently worked at Midland University as the Librarian and, prior to that, at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

For more information about the NN/LM and its resources, see:

NN/LM MidContinental Region home page, <http://nnlm.gov/mcr>

NN/LM MidContinental Region News, [http://nnlm.gov/mcr/news\\_blog/](http://nnlm.gov/mcr/news_blog/)

Bringing Health Information to the Community blog, <http://nnlm.gov/bhic/>



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We are pleased as punch to announce the 2016 continuing education scholarships available to attend state, regional, and nationwide conferences and events. These scholarships are available to any director, media specialist, staff member, or trustee at libraries in the TRaILS service area. 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 [libraries.ne.gov/trls/calendar/event-registration](http://libraries.ne.gov/trls/calendar/event-registration)

PLA - April 5-9 in Denver, CO  
Deadline to apply March 1 2 \$500.00 scholarships

MPLA Leadership Institute - May 15 - 20 in Estes Park, CO  
Deadline to apply April 18 1 \$700.00 scholarship

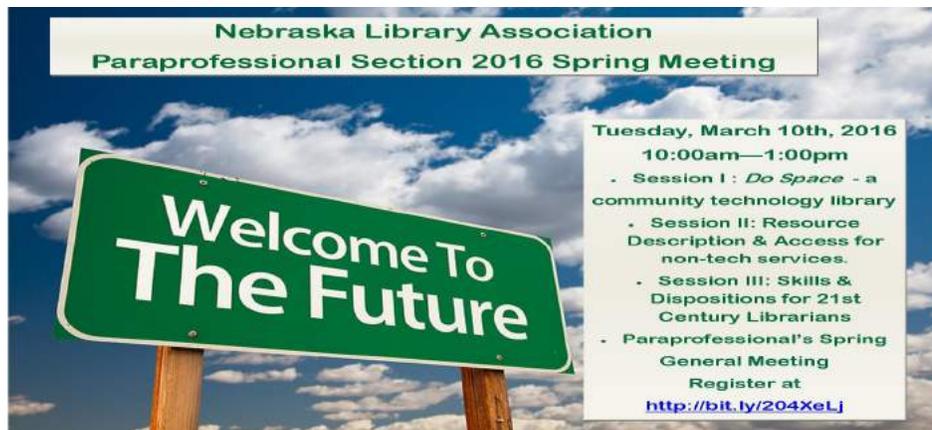
ALA - June 23-28 in Orlando, FL

Deadline to apply May 26 1 \$830.00 scholarship

NLA/NSLA - October 19-21 in Omaha  
Deadline to apply September 21 20 \$250 scholarships  
ARSL - October 27-29 in Fargo, ND  
Deadline to apply September 29 1 \$330.00 scholarship

Other C.E. Opportunities  
Please submit applications at least one month prior to event roughly \$4,133.00 available for other continuing education opportunities

TRaILS Continuing Education Scholarships  
Now offering **two \$500 scholarships** to attend the  
Public Library Association Conference in Denver, CO  
Deadline to apply is March 1, 2016  
Find the scholarship application at [libraries.ne.gov/trls/calendar/event-registration/](http://libraries.ne.gov/trls/calendar/event-registration/)



### UPCOMING BASIC SKILLS COURSE AND REGISTRATION DATES

Class Dates:	Class Title:	Registration Dates:
2/8 - 2/19	Customer Service*	12/30/15 - 1/29
2/29 - 3/11	Library Governance	1/19 - 2/24
3/21 - 4/15	Organization of Materials*	2/12 - 3/11
4/25 - 5/6	Readers' Advisory	3/18 - 4/15

\* Required class

## Calendar of Events

NNLM Free AIDSource Webinar

2:00pm  
24 February

Big Talk from Small Libraries

8:45am-5:00pm  
26 February

NLA Paraprofessional Registration Deadline

8 March

NLA Advocacy Day

8 March

NLA Paraprofessional Section Spring Meeting 2016

10:00am-1:00pm  
10 March

TRLS Summer Reading Workshop

La Vista Public Library  
12:30pm-3:30pm  
16 March

Policies for Results

Seward Memorial Library  
10:00am-3:00pm  
17 March

TRLS Budget Workshop with Sharon Osenga

Columbus Public Library  
10:00am-3:00pm  
17 March

NSLA School Librarians' Day

19 March

USAC E-Rate Form 470 Deadline

1 April

Makerspace Workshop

Bancroft Public Library  
12 April  
10:00am-3:00pm

USAC E-Rate Form 471 Deadline

29 April  
11:59pm

Bully Proofing Your Library with Pat Wagner

La Vista Public Library  
3 May  
10:00am



# **How to manage the green: Working with your library's budget**

Presented by  
Sharon Osenga,  
Central Plains Library System Co-director

**March 17, 2016**

10 am—3 pm

Columbus Public Library  
Auditorium

No registration fee  
4 CE possible  
Lunch provided

To register: <http://goo.gl/forms/Zl0bJ31g21>  
or contact Chelsea at [trls.assistant@gmail.com](mailto:trls.assistant@gmail.com)

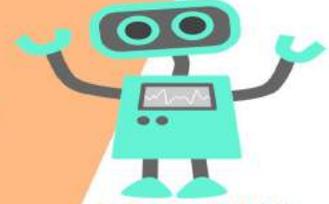


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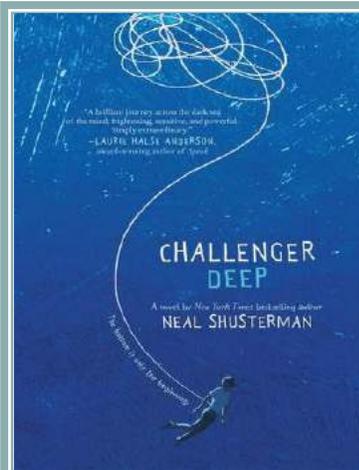
12 April 2016

Makerspace  
Workshop with Craig  
Lefteroff!



At Bancroft Public  
Library from  
10:00am–3:00pm.

Any questions, e-mail Chelsea at  
trls.assistant@gmail.com



### Did You Know:

The TRaILS Office has added a new title to our book kits?

Neal Shusterman's newest book *Challenger Deep* is a captivating novel about mental illness.

We currently have 5 hardcover copies and 1 audio book version for anyone to enjoy!

Check it out at [trails.libib.com!](http://trails.libib.com!)

## Ides of March

A poem by Debby Whitehill Bloom  
Nebraska Library Commissioner

### Ides of March

Rain, thick and encompassing.  
Grey, brooding and moody.

Clouds, low and dreary.  
Wind, gusty and chilling.

Puddles, black and gravel-filled.  
Spatters, muddy and annoying.

Roads, slippery and dangerous.  
Direction, uncertain and unknown.

Grass, brown and matted.  
Trees, bending and barren.

Starlings, gliding and tossed.  
Lion, wild and stalking.

Sun, warm and comforting.  
Yellow, upbeat and hopeful.

Sky, blue and open.  
Breeze, soft and gentle.

Reflections, crystal and shimmering.  
Clarity, sharp and satisfying.

Paths, promising and adventurous.  
Meaning, directed and purposeful.

Lawns, green and thick.  
Arbors, emerald and budding.

Robins, nesting and singing.  
Lamb, content and guileless.

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