

# TRAILS

## COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

*Article by Eric Jones, TRAILS Director*

Last week, Christa Porter completed the last of the live Nebraska Library Commission sponsored workshops about the Community Needs Assessment process. The assessment is an important first step in the accreditation process and should never be left to the end.

I'll admit that if you've never completed the assessment before, the process to develop a community needs analysis can be time-consuming.

While a little time-consuming, the process is not as daunting as it seems. The Community Needs Assessment isn't difficult and can be educational. Finding out and knowing what your community is lacking and how your library can help to fill those holes is valuable. No community is perfect and every little bit helps to create the best version of your community.

If you need help with the process of developing the steering committee or conducting, collecting, and

reviewing data, I'm here to help. During the months of April and May I'm available to schedule a visit to your library to assist you and your community team. Of course, if there's enough interest, I'm available to schedule a video conference or some face-to-face sessions with a group of directors in your area. As always, I'm available by phone or email, so feel free to get in touch.

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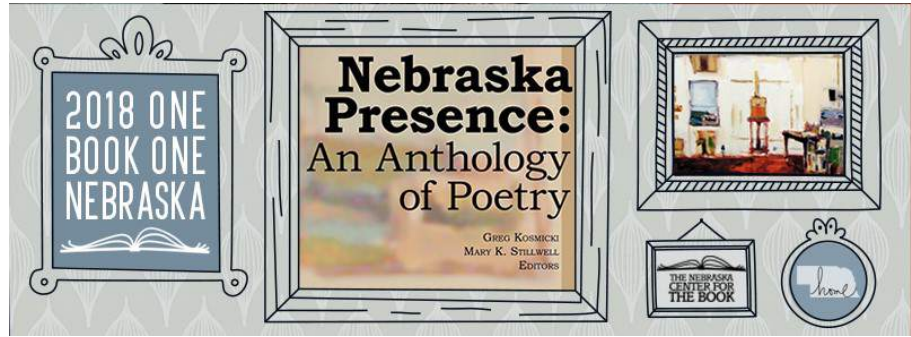
Watch the Community Needs Response Planning workshop online at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/LibAccred/planning.aspx#Workshop>

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Review Corner
- One Book One Nebraska
- E-Rate Funding
- Succession Planning Workshop

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## ONE BOOK ONE NEBRASKA & NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

### Did you know:

The TRaiLS Office currently has 10 copies of *Nebraska Presence: An Anthology of Poetry* available for your book club or national poetry month project.

National Poetry Month each April is the largest literary celebration in the world, with tens of millions of readers, students, K-12 teachers, librarians, booksellers, literary events curators, publishers, bloggers, and poets marking poetry's important place in our culture and our lives.

While we celebrate poets and poetry year-round, the Academy of American Poets was inspired by the successful celebrations of Black History Month (February) and Women's History Month (March), and founded National Poetry Month in April 1996 with an aim to:

- \* highlight the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets,
- \* encourage the reading of poems,
- \* assist teachers in bringing poetry into their classrooms,
- \* increase the attention paid to poetry by national and local media,
- \* encourage increased publication and distribution of poetry books, and
- \* encourage support for poets and poetry.

This year's One Book One Nebraska selection offers a great opportunity for participation. The 2018 One Book One Nebraska: *Nebraska Presence: An Anthology of Poetry* (The Backwaters Press, 2007) edited by Greg Kosmicki and Mary K. Stillwell includes poems by more than eighty contemporary Nebraska poets, including Pulitzer Prize winner and former Poet Laureate of the United States Ted Kooser, Nebraska State Poet Twyla

Hansen, former State Poet William Kloefkorn, and many others. Nebraska libraries are encouraged to organize groups to read the book in your library (book club kits available at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/ref/bookclub/index.asp> or from your Regional Library System) and to plan programs to celebrate Nebraska poetry (ideas for programs at <http://onebook.nebraska.gov/2018/get-involved.aspx>).

The One Book One Nebraska reading program, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Library Commission, and Humanities Nebraska is entering its fourteenth 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>.

The Nebraska Center for the Book is housed at the Nebraska Library Commission and brings together the state's readers, writers, booksellers, librarians, publishers, printers, educators, and scholars to build the community of the book, supporting programs to celebrate and stimulate public interest in books, reading, and the written word. The Nebraska Center for the Book is supported by the Nebraska Library Commission.

## AT THE TRAILS OFFICE

### Call for System Peer Coordinators

*Article by Eric Jones, TRaiLS Director*

**Did you know:**  
**The Man Booker Prize Longlist was published. To check it out, go to the website at [themanbookerprize.com](http://themanbookerprize.com)**

Before coming to the Three Rivers Library System, I spent 30 years in the flats of the Platte River Valley and the Sand Hills of Central Nebraska. Every day I was struck by the vastness and beauty of the land, the diversity of the communities and willingness of the citizens to help each other.

Northeast Nebraska is also diverse in it's land and communities. In the 60 days since I began as Director of the Three Rivers Library System, I've been greeted by friendly library professionals stepping forward to help each other.

Before Anneka left, she developed the System Peer Coordinator (SPC) roles, which the TRaiLS Board and I are committed to continuing. The goal of the SPCs is to support local library staff by meeting quarterly with the public library directors; encouraging county groups to develop and participate in continuing education and professional development events; and bring together the directors and staff for support, brainstorming, and program development. The SPCs will function as a coordinator for at least one quarterly meeting in their county group. The person will commit to helping build professional and community relationships with the area library staff.

SPCs should have two years in a library supervisory role, can communicate, have the Public Librarian Certification or equivalent education, want to lead, and are committed to building professional relationships with area librarians. Do you know someone like that? Are *you* someone like that?

We're not looking for a lifetime commitment, but someone who will help me and the board build better libraries in the TRaiLS area for a contract year. Oh yes, and would you like to earn a little extra money? The SPCs get a quarterly stipend for all their help.

We're looking for someone in the Knox, Cedar, Wayne, Dixon, Dakota, and Thurston county area as well as someone in the Douglas, Sarpy, and Cass county area.

If you're interested or think you may be interested, give Eric a call or send an email.

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Read more about the System Peer Coordinator job description on our website at: <http://libraries.ne.gov/trls/system-peer-coordinator/>

## AT THE TRAILS OFFICE

### Scholarships Available for Continuing Education and Conference Attendance

*Article by Laura England-Biggs*

#### **Did you know:**

Luke Kralik, the Collaborative Summer Library Program's Organizational Coordinator, created a flyer that helps demonstrate the importance of summer reading. Check out the link: <https://www.csllpreads.org/flyer-why-is-summer-reading-at-the-library-important/>

Did you know that Three Rivers Library System has over \$4,000 in the scholarship fund waiting to be claimed? And you could be one of the lucky recipients!

Each year a portion of our budget is earmarked to support the educational needs of the librarians and boards in our system. See the list below for opportunities and deadlines:

- ⇒ 25 scholarships for the annual Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska School Librarians Association conference in the amount of \$250 each. Applications are due August 14, 2018 and the scholarship can be awarded prior to attendance. Attendees are required to submit a short report for the newsletter.
- ⇒ 2 scholarships for Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference in the amount of \$500 each. Applications are due June 15, 2018. The scholarships are reimbursed following attendance at the event. Attendees are required to submit a short report for the newsletter.
- ⇒ Other C. E. Opportunities can be funded at a 90%/10% split (10% coming from the applicant's library) up to \$500. Applications need to be submitted at least 6 weeks prior to the event and the scholarship is reimbursed following attendance at the event.

For more information, contact the Three Rivers Library System office at [trls.director@gmail.com](mailto:trls.director@gmail.com) or [trls.assistant@gmail.com](mailto:trls.assistant@gmail.com). You can also contact the Scholarship Committee members (Laura England-Biggs, [laura.biggs@fremontne.gov](mailto:laura.biggs@fremontne.gov) or Aimee Morlan, [ww60031@windstream.net](mailto:ww60031@windstream.net)).

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

## 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](http://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](mailto:trls.assistant@gmail.com) and she can help figure out a pickup or drop-off date.



## YOUNG NEBRASKA SCIENTISTS ORGANIZATION

### The Young Nebraska Scientists

Organization offers camps across the state for Summer 2018. The Young Nebraska Scientists is a way for Nebraska middle and high school students to try out colleges while doing hands-on science. This program is conducted by Nebraska EPSCoR with support from the National Science Foundation. Need-based scholarships are available. For information and online applications, see <http://yns.nebraska.edu>.

Applications close April 15th for YNS (Young Nebraska Scientists) camps, which includes:

- \* CyberCamp, June 6-9th at the University of Nebraska at Kearney for middle and high school students.
- \* Soil and Plants in Agriculture, June 11-15, is a day camp at the University

of Nebraska at Kearney for middle schoolers.

- \* Algae and Biofuels, June 17-21, at Doane University in Crete for middle schoolers.
- \* Life Underground: The Unseen Power of Microbes, June 17-20, at UNL for high schoolers.
- \* Biodiversity Field Science, June 17-23, at UNL Cedar Point Biological Station (Ogalalla) for high schoolers.
- \* Secret Life of Metals is an inorganic chemistry day camp, July 16-18 at Creighton University.

Questions about YNS should be directed to [yns@nebraska.edu](mailto:yns@nebraska.edu) or 402-472-8944.

### E-rate Funding

Do you need help completing your forms? Do you have questions about E-rate? You're in luck!

USAC has Form 471 resources on their website.

- Basic information about Applying for Discounts: <http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step03/default.aspx>
- User Guides: <http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step03/form-471.aspx>
- Training Videos: <http://www.usac.org/sl/about/outreach/fcc-form-471-video-series.aspx>

And more recorded webinars, demos, and training materials are available on the NLC E-rate webpage at: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/erate/>

For help or questions, contact Christa Porter at 402.471.3107 or email at [christa.porter@nebraska.gov](mailto:christa.porter@nebraska.gov)

### UPCOMING BASIC SKILLS COURSE AND REGISTRATION DATES

Class Dates:	Class Title:	Registration Dates:
3/5 - 3/16	Library Governance	2/5 - 2/23
3/19 - 3/30	Library Technology	2/19 - 3/9
4/2 - 4/27	Organization of Materials*	3/5 - 3/23
4/23 - 5/4	Readers' Advisory	3/26 - 4/13
5/21 - 6/1	Intellectual Freedom / Core Values*	4/23 - 5/11

\* Required class

### Calendar of Events

Fresh Look at Teaching with JSTOR

#### Webinar

16 March 2018  
12:00pm-12:40pm

#### E-rate Form 471 Deadline

22 March 2018

#### SELS Succession Planning Workshop

Ashland Public Library  
22 March 2018  
10:00am-3:00pm

#### DiSPEL Meeting

John A Stahl Library  
13 April 2018  
9:30am-12:00pm



## LIBRARY NEWS

### Hartington Public Library's Blind Date

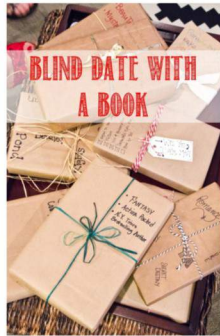
Article by Tami Anderson

Just in time for Valentine's Day, Hartington Public Library helped some great reads find true love with the program *Blind Date with a Book*. The program went through February and took off immediately with five books getting checked out on the very first day! Patrons could fill out a date rating card for a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate.

Do You Judge a Book by its Cover?

During the month of February...

Try a Blind Date with a Book at the Hartington Public Library



Our display table of books are Single and ready to Mingle  
We're only letting you judge them based on a few Keywords  
because it's about trying new things  
Stop by the library to pick yours up today  
P.S. We made sure all the BOOKS are Good!



#### Did You Know:

The NLC posts a BookFace Friday on their blog? Check out the great posts on the [NLC's website](#).  
[#BookFaceFriday](#)

### Book Club Survey for ALA

Does your library offer a book club that's a little outside the box? Does it have a creative theme or meet in a unique location? Do you read unusual titles or dabble in interesting activities?

Tell ALA about it!

The American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office is compiling a list of creative book club ideas for a forthcoming book project with ALA Publishing. If your book club is featured in our book, you will be acknowledged in the publication.

To share your book club with us, please fill out this brief, 12-question online survey. The survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete and is online at

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/bookclubreboot>.

Questions? Contact:

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## LIBRARY NEWS

### **Bellevue University Library to Host Poetry Reading April 4**

*Submitted by Joel Hartung*

#### *Nine Area Poets Are Taking Part in One Book One Nebraska Reading Program*

BELLEVUE, Nebraska – Nationally recognized poet Clif Mason and other area poets will conduct a poetry reading on Wednesday, April 4, from noon to 2 p.m., at the Freeman Lozier Library on the Bellevue University campus, 1000 Galvin Road South, Bellevue, Nebraska. The free public event is being held in conjunction with the One Book One Nebraska Reading program.

Dr. Mason, who is the Dean of Bellevue University's College of Arts and Sciences, will read his poems that were selected for "Nebraska Presence: An Anthology of Poetry." The other poets who will read poems include Marge Saiser, Marilyn Coffey, James Solheim, Lucy Adkins, Hannah Clark, Matt Mason, Michael Skau, Jan Chism Wright and Shelly Clark.

Event organizer Chrystal Dawson said "Great poetry takes on a whole new meaning when it has a great audience." All of the poems included in the anthology, she noted, explore aspects of Nebraska's unique history, landscape and people. "This is a rare opportunity," she said, "to hear some of our community's most accomplished poets read poems that bring the Nebraska we all know and love to life."

The One Book One Nebraska reading program is in its 13th year. The program 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 Presence" book was selected for 2018 from a list of 27 titles nominated by citizens from across the state.

Dr. Mason's poems have appeared or are forthcoming in a number of magazines and journals in

the United States and England. His poetry has been awarded prizes from the Academy of American Poets, Plainsongs and the Midwest Writers' Conference, among others. His poetry has also been nominated for the prestigious Pushcart Prize.

#### **About Bellevue University**

Founded in 1966, [Bellevue University](#) is a non-profit, fully accredited university with more than 50,000 graduates worldwide. The University is a recognized national leader in preparing students for lifelong success with career-relevant knowledge and skills, while making college affordable. Routinely ranked among the nation's top military-friendly and open access institutions, the University serves students at its main campus in Bellevue, Nebraska, and everywhere online. The University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission through the U.S. Department of Education.

#### **About the Freeman Lozier Library**

The [Freeman Lozier Library](#) provides Bellevue University students, faculty and staff, as well as other area college students, with a comprehensive collection of tens of thousands of academic resources, including databases, journals, print and e-books, DVDs and research guides. The library also provides support services such as interlibrary loan, document delivery, a copyright center, and other learning resource tools. The Library serves students at the University's main campus in Bellevue, Nebraska and everywhere online.

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#### **Did you know:**

Author Kwame Alexander will be launching his own imprint at Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Books for Young Readers, called Versify, to print 'risky, unconventional' books. Read all about it in this [NYT article](#). Kwame Alexander writes novels-in-verse for young readers with huge success.

Also, did you know that the TRaiLS Office has copies of Kwame Alexander's novel-in-verse, *Booked*, to borrow for you book club? Go to [trails.libib.com](https://trails.libib.com) to see everything we have to offer.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### *Lied Pierce Public Library's Annual Chocolate Lover's Day*

*Submitted by Dawnn Tucker*



Lied Pierce Public Library held their 18th Annual Chocolate Lover's Day! This yummy program is a fundraiser to benefit children's programming.



#### **Did You Know:**

*The Hate U Give* is getting a film adaptation and some photos have been released. [Check them out here!](#)

Also, did you know that the TRaiLS Office has copies of [The Hate U Give](#) to borrow for your book club? Go to [trails.libib.com](http://trails.libib.com) to see everything we have to offer.

### **Library Shelving from Bellevue University**

*Submitted by Joel Hartung*

Bellevue University's Freeman-Lozier library is preparing for future renovations by removing some of our extra shelving. Units will be sold to respondents with the best offer at or above the suggested minimum.

Pickup and transport of the purchased shelving will be the responsibility of the buyer. Photos are available by request.

The units available for sale are as follows:

A) Five (5) stationary cantilever shelving units, approximately 15' long x 7'6" tall x 1'6" deep.  
Each individual shelf in a unit is 3" long; vertical spacing between shelves is adjustable and independent on each side of the unit.

Minimum price per unit : \$100

B) Three (3) compact cantilever shelving units, approximately 15'6" long x 7'6" tall x 1'9" deep.

Each individual shelf in a unit is 3" long; vertical spacing between shelves is adjustable and independent on each side of the unit.

Full compact shelving capability would require special installation by Midwest Storage Solutions. Otherwise, the units can be used as stationary shelving.

Minimum price per unit : \$200

C) One(1) periodical shelving unit, approximately 15' long x 7'6" tall x 2'5" deep.

Each individual shelf in the unit is 3" long. The shelves display current periodical issues face out, and lift up to reveal storage for back issues.

Price of unit : \$100.00

For additional details or to make an offer, please contact Pam Fanelli, at [pfanelli@bellevue.edu](mailto:pfanelli@bellevue.edu) or (402) 557-7309. Thank you!



## INFORMATION STATION

### Health Information for Public Librarians Symposium

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May 22-23, 2018 – Atlanta, GA

The Medical Library Association, Public Library Association, and the National Network of Libraries of Medicine invite you to attend a new symposium designed to bring public health librarians, health sciences librarians, and health professionals together to learn from each other on how best to serve the diverse health needs of our community.

Why attend the Symposium?

- ⇒ Learn about educational, financial, and community engagement resources for health literacy outreach
- ⇒ Meet colleagues with the same concerns about barriers and challenges in providing literacy services
- ⇒ Understand national initiatives on reducing disparities in health

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine is offering stipends of up to \$500 to support travel and lodging to attend the Health Information for Public Librarians Symposium. Stipends are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis with an emphasis on equal distribution across the nation. A deadline of March 1st is in place for first consideration. To learn more about the symposium and apply for a travel stipend please visit: <https://nnlm.gov/gmr/mla-symposium-2018>. We hope to see you there!



### NNLM MCR K-12 Partnership Award

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The NNLM MCR will be making available funding for the K-12 School Partnership Award. We will fund four awards up to \$2,500 each.

The purpose of this funding is to support new or enhance existing collaborative projects between a library (public, community college, or health sciences) and a K-12 school entity (school library, school nurse, health/science teacher) to promote and/or introduce NLM biomedical resources that could serve as a model for other partnerships.

Examples of projects include raising awareness of NLM health information resources, participation in health fairs, or developing media resources

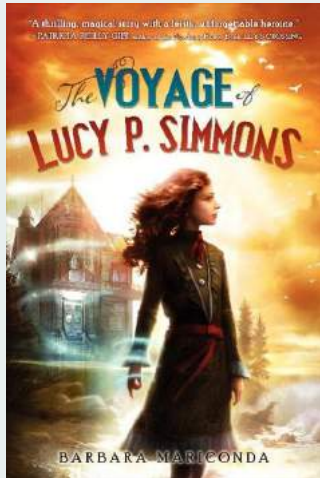
featuring NLM health information resources.

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.

Please visit the [MCR funding page](#) for more information and links.

## REVIEW CORNER



Submit news, articles, pictures, or resources for the newsletter to Chelsea at [trls.assistant@gmail.com](mailto:trls.assistant@gmail.com).

Please feel free to email or call with suggestions and comments for the newsletter or system.



### The Voyage of Lucy P. Simmons

By Barbara Mariconda

Recommended for 3rd-5th grades

Article by Diane Limoges, Crofton NE

The year is 1906 along the coast of Maine. While Lucy and her parents are out for a sail they are caught in a storm. As they head back to shore they hear a cry for help and Lucy's father is determined to save the man. Now both her parents are dead and Lucy's uncle and aunt are put in charge of caring for her. The problem is they are only interested in getting their hands on the property that was all left to Lucy. When trouble starts to occur, the flute that Lucy's father owned seems to have magic to help protect Lucy. The flute, along with a magical sparkling cloud, seems to protect Lucy every time danger seems near.

The book seems to have promise, but way too much happens that is not truly explained. Even though the story continues, the story does not seem to stand on its own.

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### The 5th Wave

By Rick Yancey

Recommended for upper middle school or junior high students who enjoy science fiction or alien apocalyptic books.

Review by Deb Daehnke, Wayne NE

In this alien apocalypse, the Others have invaded Earth and issued four waves of destruction that have almost obliterated the Earth's population. And since the Others have taken on human form, it is almost impossible to determine who is real and who is an alien, and who you can trust. When her brother is taken away and her father killed, Cassie finds herself trying to survive alone, often reflecting on Ben Parish, the hot kid from high school who didn't know she existed. While scavenging for supplies one day, she is shot in the leg by what she thinks is a

Silencer (one of the Others, Evan, who seek out remaining humans to kill them). Unknown to her at first, she is rescued by Evan and with a change of conscience, he takes care of Cassie and agrees to help her rescue her five-year-old brother from the soldier training camp/death camp where he was sent. Also in the camp is Ben, who has developed a relationship with the young boy, leading to a meeting between Ben and Cassie in the camp.

Not one of the greatest books I've read but still interesting. If you didn't appreciate the children killing children premise in the *The Hunger Games*, you won't appreciate five-year-olds being rained as soldiers and expected to kill in this book. Part of the 5th Wave is the alien's use of children as soldiers to destroy the remaining humans. That part of the plot didn't make a whole lot of sense to me, but young readers might not mind that.



# MARCH 22

## PAY IT FORWARD: LOOKING AT SUCCESSION PLANNING

### What this FREE workshop is about....

Like any other organization, libraries need to plan for staffing transitions. Pay It Forward suggests practical approaches that help pave the way for new personnel. Attendees will discuss succession planning questions like: What are the library's annual routines? What guidance do we have on budget prep...policy review...job evaluations...and where are those documents found? What vendors does the library use for print purchases? For digital subscriptions? Is there an instruction manual for the ILS system...for the public computers? Answering these questions helps light the path for incoming staff.

Staffing changes can be expected or surprising—workshop participants are sure to have “new hire” stories to share. Plus, library boards should work on their own brand of succession planning—Pay It Forward talks about that, too!

*This program 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.*

Presenter: Bonnie  
McKewon

Learn how to help  
ensure successful  
transitions

Protect your library  
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(including sudden  
departure of a staff  
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