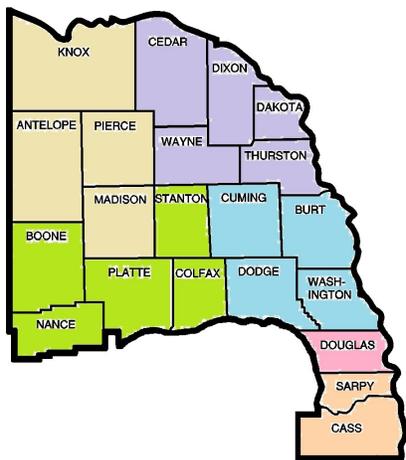


# TRaiLS

## TRaiLS Office Location

The board understands the location of the TRaiLS office is an important decision and will take the time necessary to make the choice that is right for the system. Due to various logistical concerns, the TRaiLS office will stay in Omaha for another year. The director will set Omaha office hours for two or three

days each week. The remainder of her week will be spent working remotely within the system, either from home or on the road. The director will remain available from any location via email and phone.



At the next board meeting, scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup>, we will come prepared to discuss part-time staffing models (either clerical or consultants ready to assist with the work of the system). We appreciate your support and understanding as we continue to build up TRLS to best serve the area.

## TRaiLS Community Survey

In an effort to understand how our new system can best serve you and its libraries we have devised a community survey. Many of the questions are open-ended to allow for as much descriptive input as possible. Please answer as candidly as you like with constructive criticism, new ideas, concerns, thoughts for the future, etc. You are not limited by the size of text box; it will expand as needed. All responses are anonymous. If you have any questions about the survey please contact the office: 402.330.7884, [trls.director@gmail.com](mailto:trls.director@gmail.com)

Click the link or copy and paste in to your browser:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BNSK23C>

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- System News and Events
- Professional Development Opportunities
- TRaiLS Community Survey
- Getting to know TRLS
- Nebraska Libraries Journal

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## NEW WAYS TO “MEET” THE TRLS COMMUNITY

Lots of you may already know each other or perhaps you have heard someone’s name but just can’t remember what they look like from conference to conference or maybe you are brand new to our system and have not met many people yet. Whatever the case may be we want to get to know one another in our system and share in the delight of libraryland! So I am introducing the “Getting to Know...” newsletter feature. Each issue will feature a different person from around the system with their picture and answers to some (mostly) goofy questions. No pressure; nothing serious. I thought since this is my idea, I better go first !

Another fun way to put names and faces together is the ‘On the TRaiLS’ Pinterest board. This board will show off all the libraries and librarians I visit on my travels around the system. So, if I’m coming to your neck of the woods, you’ll know I have my camera ready! Or, if I happen to forget on my first visit, you know I’ll be back around again. Find Three Rivers Library System and follow us at [www.pinterest.com](http://www.pinterest.com).



### GETTING TO KNOW.....

Name: **Anneka Ramirez**

Library & position: **Three Rivers Library System, Director**

Next on your reading list: **Middlemarch by George Eliot**

Your ideal Saturday: **a slow morning just reading and enjoying so many cups of coffee and then game/craft night with friends**

The last game you played: **I’m not really into video games but for some reason not too long ago I picked up the sticks and got into Dead Island (it’s a zombie game). That lasted for two days...then I was over it.**

Favorite quotation about books or reading: **"A book, too, can be a star, a living fire to lighten the darkness, leading out into the expanding universe." – Madeleine L'Engle**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES



**Skillsoft Courses—Brush up Your Skills or Learn New Ones!**

From the NLC website and Laura Johnson:

The Nebraska Library Commission has contracted with WebJunction to provide online Skillsoft courses to library staffers in Nebraska.

Take self-paced classes in for example, Word, Excel, Computer Security, or Operating Systems. Choose from over 450 courses.

**Earn C.E. credits at Your Own Pace, When and Where Works Best for You!**

These online, interactive classes take about an hour to complete. The Nebraska Library Commission will receive periodic reports of activity from Skillsoft, and will record your credits when the reports indicate you have successfully completed a course.

There's a "jumping off" page on the NLC Website at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/skillsoft.aspx> that explains how to get started.

Contact Laura Johnson with questions - [laura.johnson@nebraska.gov](mailto:laura.johnson@nebraska.gov), 402-471-2694

**Upcoming Basic Skills course and registration dates**

Dates of Class	Class Title	Registration Dates
4/27 - 5/22	Organization of Materials (required)	3/20 - 4/17
6/1 - 6/12	Library Finance	4/23 - 5/22
6/15 - 6/26	Library Technology	5/8 - 6/5

**Calendar of Events**

**April 12-18**  
National Library Week!

**April 17, 1:00 p.m.**  
NLA/NMRT meeting  
UNO-Kaneko

Spring PLTS Meetings  
**April 22**—Alliance PL  
**April 23**—Kearney PL  
**April 24**—Columbus PL

**April 25, 9:30 a.m.**  
Nebraska Book Festival  
UNO's Weitz Community Engagement Center

**April 28, 1p.m.-4:30p.m.**  
Strategic Planning Workshop  
Bellevue Public Library

**May 1, 12:00 p.m.**  
TRLS Board meeting  
Wayne Public Library

**May 23, 1 p.m.—4 p.m.**  
University of Missouri MLS Information Session  
Three Rivers Library Syst. Office



# Strategic Planning Workshop

Facilitated by Richard Miller, Nebraska Library Commission

**April 28th @ 1pm-4:30pm**  
**Bellevue Public Library**

This free workshop will provide training for libraries applying for or renewing accreditation this year. Visit the Nebraska Library Commission website for more information about strategic planning guidelines for accreditation. [http://](http://nlc.nebraska.gov/LibAccred/planning.aspx)

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3.5 C.E. credit hours

**Please contact Three Rivers Library System by April 27th to register.**



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## LIBRARY NEWS

Stephanie Heinemann, began as the new director of the Karlen Memorial Library in Beemer on April 1st. Stephanie has eight years of experience in academic library work in Indiana. She and her family have just moved to Beemer.

William Dooling has joined the Reinert-Alumni Library staff as Reference and Instructional Services Librarian. Will holds an M.A. in Library and Information Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a B.A. in both History and Mass Communication from St. Louis University.

Valley Public Library has two professionals who have joined the ranks of VPL volunteers this year: Wendy Anderson, retired from Bess Johnson library in Elkhorn, and Gail Formanack, formerly of the Eastern Library System. Wendy has launched a monthly Story Time for the younger set (preschool and early elementary ages) and Gail is bringing stories and activities to our monthly after-school that we offer in partnership with the Twin Rivers YMCA.

## GETTING PUBLISHED IN *NEBRASKA LIBRARIES*

by: **Rachel Kenny**, *Interim Editor for Nebraska Libraries*

In the beginning of 2013, the Nebraska Library Association established a quarterly, online practitioner journal entitled *Nebraska Libraries*. Since its inception, *Nebraska Libraries* has been completely redesigned into a competitive, professional platform that is the ultimate source for everything innovative and current in libraries around the state. This year, the journal is issuing themed publications. We debuted the themed issue in February with programming. In May, we'll meet with digitization, August with small libraries, and November with access topics.

The *Nebraska Libraries* team is always soliciting new content from current and emerging library professionals. New content can be anything and everything library related. Typically, each issue includes feature articles (600-1800 words), opinion pieces (300-600 words), news briefs and announcements (50 words or less), and material reviews (200 words or less). Each issue features a library in Nebraska with an 8-10 question interview accompanied by photographs. There is also a featured historical photograph from an institution in Nebraska that is presented as the back cover of the issue. There are ongoing column pieces such as the "Digital Watercooler," formally "How I Roll," and "Knee Bones Connected to the..." Material reviews, presented

at the end of each issue, encompass reviews of library material both on the shelf and on the web, as well as library products and tools utilized in the workforce. If you have any ideas for an article, or new content in general, do not hesitate to pitch your ideas for approval before composing your piece. Past issues and current submission guidelines can be found on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln digital repository at <http://digitalcommons.unl.edu/neplib/>.

*Nebraska Libraries* is also in search of new editorial board members. We are looking for current and emerging library professionals with a passion for networking and spreading the word about library services in Nebraska. The roles of an editorial board member include soliciting new content, assisting in the editorial process, and attending quarterly meetings to address upcoming issues as well as the overall journal mission and guidelines. All are welcome to join!

If you are interested in writing an article, column, or review or would like to become part of the *Nebraska Libraries* editorial board team, please do not hesitate to contact me at [NLAeditor@gmail.com](mailto:NLAeditor@gmail.com).



Rachel Kenny  
Interim Editor  
*Nebraska Libraries*



**Ancient Chinese skull  
printed in the Library**

Look at the sweet new Digital Design Center at Reinert-Alumni Memorial Library. The Center offers 3D printing to faculty, staff, and students and was made possible through donations from the university's Physics Dept. and the award of technology fee funds.



**Elmwood Public Library Presents:  
Shakespeare in the Streets**



The Elmwood Public Library invites you to a very special event in honor of William Shakespeare on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 between the hours of: 11:00 – 3:00

There will be Shakespeare reenactments and Sonnet readings, musicians, including Deborah Greenblatt; fiddler, Peter Brunette; juggler, Nebraska Girls Shakespeare, The Society for Creative Anachronism, a petting zoo, games, street vendors, battle demonstrations, period clothing and lots and lots of activities for the kids!

William and Anne will even be here @ 2:00 to serve birthday cake, in honor of his 451<sup>st</sup> birthday!

Please bring your lawn-chair and partake in the festivities!

Sponsored in part by: American Exchange Bank  
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Elmwood, NE. 68349

402-994-4125 [libraries.ne.gov/elmwood](http://libraries.ne.gov/elmwood)

[elmwoodlibrary@outlook.com](mailto:elmwoodlibrary@outlook.com)

**Hit the Books reading promotion  
sponsored by the Storm Chasers**

Louisville Elementary students were surprised at their assembly on February 6 to have Stormy, the mascot for the Omaha baseball team Storm Chasers, entertain them as Megan Burdek, the Community Relations Manager, explained the prizes students could earn by reading for their Hit the Books reading promotion. When students reach 1st base they receive a bookmark, 2nd base is a pencil, 3rd base is a baseball card, and reaching home plate earns them a ticket to a Storm Chasers game! Families can purchase discounted tickets through the PTO and students and families will be attending an evening game in May. Check out <http://atmilb.com/1xZnBFi> for more information.





Kids in Genoa enjoy their Monday Story Times! Here they are painting with Kool-Aid to make scratch-and-sniff pictures.

**The John Rogers Memorial Library invites you to attend this FREE program to celebrate National Library Week!!**

**Charlotte Endorf**  
EXCESS BAGGAGE: RIDING THE ORPHAN TRAIN

Endorf traveled more than 15,000 miles, seeking the last surviving riders and descendants to document the real-life stories of the children who rode the Orphan Trains between the years 1854 and 1929. Dressed in period attire, Endorf entertains and educates audiences of all ages about this little known Nebraska history. She discovered she's related to an orphan train rider. Could you be as well?

Charlotte's Library of books are available by: Ingram, Amazon and Charlotte's website: [www.unaoungsighorns.com](http://www.unaoungsighorns.com)

HUMANITIES NEBRASKA  
[www.humanitiesnebraska.org](http://www.humanitiesnebraska.org) History in Action.

**Monday, April 13, 2015  
Dodge Municipal Building  
226 N Elm St, Dodge NE 68633**

**Time: 6:30 p.m.**

Valley Public Library is celebrating National Library Week with a volunteer reception on Tuesday, April 14, to honor all of our volunteers. We did this last year and it was very well received, so much so that it will probably be an annual event. This year we are giving special recognition to the people who have contributed to our children's programming. Due to this group our children's programming has increased significantly in number of events and in participation.

Don't forget to share stories and pictures of how your library celebrated National Library Week! Submit to [trls.director@gmail.com](mailto:trls.director@gmail.com) with Newsletter in the subject line.

**National Library Week**

Need extra incentives or prizes for your Summer Reading Program? Did you know you can request tickets and memorabilia from the Kansas City Royals? Check out their donation request form at [https://secure.mlb.com/kc/community/donation\\_form.jsp](https://secure.mlb.com/kc/community/donation_form.jsp) to find out more.



# The John G. Neihardt Foundation's 34th Annual Spring Conference

Correspondence on the Great Plains: Historic Letters from the 19th and 20th Century



Toward Dawn by Patricia Scarborough

Saturday, April 25, 2015

8:30 am – 4:00 pm

John G. Neihardt State Historical Site

306 West Elm Street • Bancroft, NE

\$25 Registration + \$10 Lunch

Call 402-648-3388 or 1-888-777-4667

Email [neihardt@gpcom.net](mailto:neihardt@gpcom.net)

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**Featuring:**

**Dr. Pamela Gossin - *Unhidden Treasures: The Voices and Visions of John G. Neihardt***

**Steven Kinsella - *Letters of Great Plains Homesteaders: A Lifeline to Family, Friends, the Past and the Future***

**Dr. Andrew Jewell - *Willa Cather's Life in Letters: The Role of Correspondence in Literary Creation***

**Dr. Clifford Ganku - *The Dakota Prisoner of War Letters of 1862 - 1868***

**Cheryl Dyer - *The Art of Lettering: Calligraphy Demonstration***

**Taylor Keen - Moderator**

**Postcards from the Plains**

The Neihardt Site is excited to share a new exhibit of postcard inspired artwork from Impact Nebraska Artists. From traditional to unusual, the miniature gems in "Postcards from the Plains" provide a big impact in a small space and create a perfect pairing with this year's conference.



This conference is sponsored by:  
The John G. Neihardt Foundation, Inc.

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Advanced Conference registration is \$25 (\$30 at the door) Student \$18

Luncheon tickets are \$10 each; please make lunch reservations by April 18.

Registration (\$25 per person/\$18 Student) \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon Registration (\$10 per plate) \_\_\_\_\_

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**SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRION—APRIL 25, 2015—CORRESPONDENCE ON THE GREAT PLAINS**

If you would like to pre-order books for the conference, please call or email the Neihardt Site. We would be happy to ship your book! *The Selected Letters of Willa Cather*, *The Dakota Prisoner of War Letters*, and *900 Miles from Nowhere: Voices from the Homestead Frontier* will be available for sale the day of the conference, along with several books by John Neihardt.

**NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL LITERATURE FESTIVAL**

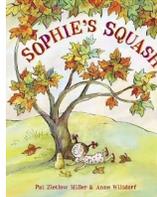
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801 East Benjamin Avenue, Norfolk, NE

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**\*LIESL SHURLIFF\***

2016 Golden Sower Award nominee for *RUMP: THE TRUE STORY OF RUMPELSTILTSKIN*



**\*LISA BULLARD\***

2016 Golden Sower Award nominee for *TURN LEFT AT THE COW*



**\*LEAH PILEGGI\***

2016 Golden Sower Award nominee for *PRISONER 88*

ALSO: 2015-2016 Golden Sower Previews by Karen Drevo & Marci Retzlaff; Book Display & Discount Sales by Norfolk Public Library Foundation of titles by Pat Zietlow Miller, Liesl Shurtliff, Lisa Bullard, and Leah Pileggi; Sales of Golden Sower Items; Autograph Session/Book Signing with Pat Zietlow Miller, Liesl Shurtliff, Lisa Bullard, and Leah Pileggi; Door Prizes; 5 Continuing Education Hours (for all day attendance) from the Nebraska Library Commission for School & Public Librarians; 5 Professional Growth Points (for all day attendance) for Teachers/Staff employed by Norfolk Public Schools

**Advance tickets** are available at Norfolk Public Library OR by mail order. Registration/order form on next page.

For more information, contact Karen Drevo at NPL by phone (402/844-2108) or e-mail [kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us](mailto:kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us)

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of tickets you are ordering (ticket price includes lunch--vegetarian and gluten free options will be available):**

**Youth (18 and under), \$15.00 each:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adult, \$40.00 each:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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LITERATURE FESTIVAL

Norfolk Public Library  
308 W. Prospect Avenue  
Norfolk, NE 68701

**If you want your tickets sent to you, provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope.**

If no stamped, self-addressed envelope is provided,  
tickets will be held for you to be picked up the day of the Festival.

For more information, contact Karen Drevo at NPL by phone (402/844-2108) or e-mail [kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us](mailto:kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us)

ONE LAST (BUT DEFINITELY NOT LEAST) THING....

A Huge Thank You to Gail Formanack  
for her time and work as TRaiLS Interim  
Director! We hope you finally get to  
enjoy retirement :)



# THANK YOU!

From the Three Rivers Library System

