

# TRaiLS

## POKEMON GO AND YOU

*By Elizabeth Hittle, aka Liz the Librarian,  
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Why is there an article about Pokémon in the TRaiLS newsletter? Well, I'm sure you know that the new phone game, Pokémon Go, has taken the world by storm. If you have no idea what Pokémon is... I'm sorry! I think Pokémon is AWESOME, and you wouldn't believe how excited I was when I was asked to write this article. Basically, there's these pocket monsters (Pocke+mon = Pokémon) running about the world, and the goal of every Pokémon trainer is to "catch 'em all". The show came out when I was about six years old, and let me tell you, it was a huge dream of mine to BE a Pokémon trainer.

And now, that dream is coming true for millions. The Pokémon Go app uses your phone's GPS and tracks you in real time, so you can go out and explore as you play. It ties in real parks, bodies of water, etc. into gameplay. Your whole town is mapped out on the app, and historical/artistic landmarks are made into PokeStops and others, like my library, are made into Pokémon Gyms. The goal is to walk around as much as possible to catch Pokémon.

But Liz, I don't know what any of that means! Well, that's why I've been asked to write this article, so you can help out patrons who are new to the game! To start, players have to sign in with Google or join the Pokémon Trainer Club. Then they get to choose an avatar, name it, and dress it up. The game will start up then, but sometimes they'll have to walk outside to kick start it into working. Immediately, three Pokémon

will appear, because they need to choose a starter. Then the walking begins! Their phone will vibrate when a Pokémon is close by. Then all they have to do is keep walking towards it, and when they encounter it their camera will turn on. The next step, of course, is to catch said Pokémon, and players do that by tossing pokeballs into the green ring that appears over it. If they've caught the Pokémon, the pokeball will shake three times and then sparkle.

PokeStops are locations for players to get items, pokeballs, and eggs to hatch. They refresh every five minutes, so players can sit and farm for items for as long as they want to. Pokémon Gyms can only be accessed after the player has reached level five, and then they will be prompted to choose a team: yellow for Instinct, blue for Mystic, and red for Valor. Gyms are controlled by one team at a time, and if the gym is controlled by the player's team, they can register and train their Pokémon there. If the gym is controlled by another team, the player can battle against the gym to try and gain control.

People who have never exercised before are now getting plenty of it because of the game. Players are already losing weight and becoming more active, and they can't get enough of it! People are also socializing way more than they ever did, bonding with strangers over the game. It's also making people learn about the metric system, since it uses kilometers instead of miles, and you have to walk so many kilometers (two, five, or ten) to hatch eggs. So many people are playing that the servers have gone down quite a bit, but the developers are working

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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

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Tina Walker began working at Keene Memorial Library on July 11th, 2016.

To see the Annual Report go to the TRaiLS *About Us* page on our website to see the presentation. Or, you can [click here](#) to read the report.

**Name:** Tina J. Walker

**Library and position:** Keene Memorial Library, Director

**Favorite quotation about books or reading:** “Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him.” - Maya Angelou

**What was the last book you read?** *Wild Sky* by Suzanne Brockman

**Is there a documentary or book that really changed the way you thought about something?** One of the first books I ever read, that really changed my life view, was *A Boy Called It*. I saw it on Oprah’s book club discussion, and the boy from the book, Dave Pelzer, was her guest. Hearing his story and then reading the horrific tale he lived, changed the way I looked at life.

## AT THE TRAILS OFFICE

### **TRaiLS Annual Meeting!**

*By Anneka Ramirez, Three Rivers Library Director.*

The Three Rivers Library System Board of Directors held its 2016 Annual Meeting to review the recently ended 2015-16 fiscal year. The meeting was graciously hosted by the Neligh Public Library. The morning portion of the day featured a 1.5 hour live webinar Bully-Proofing Your Library presented by consultant Pat Wagner. Rod Wagner, Nebraska Library Commission Director, presented information about many services provided by the Commission such as the Talking Book and Braille Service, NebraskaAccess, and more. Lunch was a fun fieldtrip to Mama’s and Nana’s in downtown Neligh (their fries are delicious!). Eighteen librarians were in attendance for the morning sessions.

The [2015-16 Annual Report](#) is available for download on the TRaiLS website. The TRaiLS office can provide access to the presentation handout and the archived webinar link if you are interested in viewing Bully-Proofing Your Library.

around the clock to fix this issue.

Pokémon Go also has business booming for thousands of people. You can now be hired as a Pokémon Go driver to chauffeur players around! Businesses have set up sales based around the game, and even set out lures to attract more Pokémon to their location, which in turn attracts more customers. We've put up signs at my library to advertise that we're a gym and are welcoming players to come in and catch Pokémon!

Be sure to tell your patrons that they can sign up for Charity Miles, a non-profit organization, whose app donates money for every mile walked as you play. There's also Woof Trax, which donates to a rescue of your choice in exchange for your walking time. Many shelters are also offering for people to walk their dogs while people are playing. This has led to a huge increase in adoptions, and there are even shelters that are having to borrow animals from other places because all of their animals have been adopted, all

thanks to the publicity of this game.

If any of you have any questions, feel free to contact me and ask! I hope you all enjoyed this article as much as I enjoyed writing it, and I wish you good luck in your future Pokémon adventures!

Gotta catch 'em all!

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### Extra Pokémon at Your Library

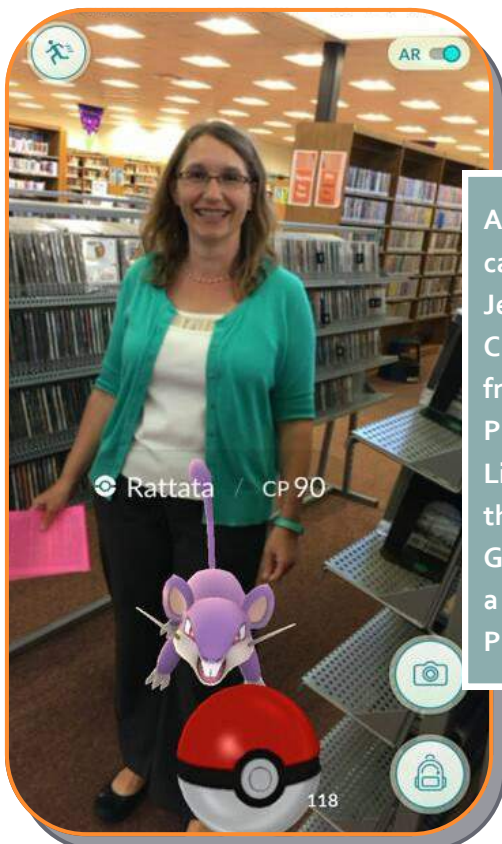
Still deciding what do to with Pokémon Go at your library? Check out the links to the articles below to see more!

***Pokémon Go: Strike While the Iron is Hot!*** :

<http://bit.ly/PoGoIron>

***Don't Go there: Are Libraries Appropriate Places to Catch Pokémon?*** : [http://bit.ly/](http://bit.ly/PoGoLib)

[PoGoLib](http://bit.ly/PoGoLib)



A screen-capture of Jessica Chamberlain, from Norfolk Public Library, on the Pokémon Go app with a Rattata Pokémon!

### Pokémon Programming

*By Amy Wenzl*

Four branches of OPL held simultaneous Pokémon Safaris due to the increase in young adults coming to the library. OPL placed lures on the library pokestop and led walks into the nearby neighborhoods to other pokestop locations. All the programs began with safety talks but each branch had their own spin on the Pokémon Safari. The Florence Branch had their safari in conjunction with their *Safe, Fit, and Fun Day* with the community center they share the building with, while an Omaha Police Officer led the safety talk. At the Millard Branch there was water and granola bars for the Pokémon hunters as well as drawings for a Pokémon book, backpack, and iTunes gift card.

Get creative with this new augmented reality game that brings new patrons to the library and make an important connection to make with your library.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

2016 continuing education scholarships are still 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 <http://libraries.ne.gov/trls/calendar/scholarship-opportunities/>

NLA/NSLA - October 19-21 in Omaha  
 Deadline to apply September 21  
 20 \$250 scholarships  
[Libraries Transform](#)

ARSL - October 27-29 in Fargo, ND  
 Deadline to apply September 29  
 1 \$330.00 scholarship  
[North of Normal](#)

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

### Gear up for Hispanic Heritage Month!

Check out the linked resources below to get ready for Hispanic Heritage Month at your library.

[Bring Hispanic Heritage Month to Life: A Collection of Resources](#)

[¿Como puedo ayudarle? Providing the Best Service to Your Hispanic Community](#)

[FDLP Academy Webinar: When 100% of Your Users Speak Spanish: Cultural Aspects and Considerations of Promoting Government Documents to Non-English Speakers](#)

[An interview](#) with Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Herrera about the poet's role in American culture today.

Also go to our Libib Site to check out [Bilingual Book of Rhymes, Songs, Stories, and Fingerplays: Over 450 Spanish/English Selections](#) from our Professional Development Collection.

### UPCOMING BASIC SKILLS COURSE AND REGISTRATION DATES

Class Dates:	Class Title:	Registration Dates:
8/22 - 9/2	Library Policy	7/15 - 8/12
9/12 - 9/23	Programming & Outreach	8/5 - 9/2
10/3 - 10/14	The Community and the Library*	8/26 - 9/23
10/24 - 11/4	Management and Supervision	9/16 - 10/14

### Calendar of Events

Joint Youth Services Retreat  
 Carol Joy Holling Camp, Ashland  
 25-26 August

Library Card Sign-up Month  
 September

Talk Like a Pirate Day  
 19 September

Fall Library Workshop 2016  
 Lifelong Learning Center  
 21 September

Leading Through Times of Change  
 Seward Public Library  
 23 September  
 9:30am - 3:30pm

Shel Silverstein's Birthday  
 25 September

Banned Books Week!  
 25 Sept. - 1 Oct.

Teen Read Week!  
 9-15 October

National Friends of Libraries Week  
 16 - 22 October

NLA/NSLA Conference  
 Omaha  
 19-21 October

Celebration of Nebraska Books  
 Nebraska History Museum, Lincoln  
 29 October  
 2:30pm - 6:30pm

Hispanic Heritage Month  
 15 Sept. - 15 Oct.

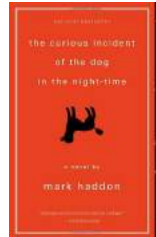
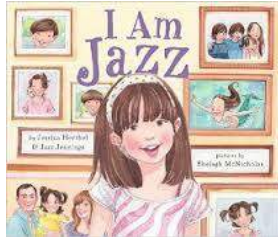
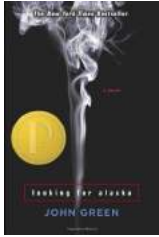
#### Did You Know:

Does your library have infant programming? Or work with the childcare centers in your area? Or maybe you'd like to spruce up your diaper changing station!

Check out these free downloadable posters to put up around your library provided by ALA and their *Babies Need Words Every Day* Program at: <http://www.ala.org/alsc/babiesneedwords>

## INFORMATION STATION

### Get Ready for Banned Books Week with the 10 Most Challenged Books of 2015!



1. [Looking for Alaska](#) by John Green  
**Reasons:** Offensive language, sexually explicit, and unsuited for age group.
2. [Fifty Shades of Grey](#) by E.L. James  
**Reasons:** Sexually explicit, unsuited to age group, and other (“poorly written,” “Concerns that a group of teenagers will want to try it”)
3. [I am Jazz](#) by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings  
**Reasons:** Inaccurate, homosexuality, sex education, religious viewpoint, and unsuited for age group.
4. [Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out](#) by Susan Kuklin  
**Reasons:** Anti-family, offensive language, homosexuality, sex education, political viewpoint, religious viewpoint, unsuited for age group, and other (“wants to remove from collection to ward off complaints”).
5. [The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time](#) by Mark Haddon  
**Reasons:** offensive language, religious viewpoint, unsuited for age group, and other (“profanity and atheism”)
6. [The Holy Bible](#)  
**Reasons:** Religious viewpoint.
7. [Fun Home](#) by Alison Bechdel  
**Reasons:** violence and other (“graphic images”).
8. [Habibi](#) by Craig Thompson  
**Reasons:** Nudity, sexually explicit, and unsuited for age group.
9. [Nasreen’s Secret School: A True Story from Afghanistan](#) by Jeanette Winter  
**Reasons:** Religious viewpoint, unsuited to age group, and violence.
10. [Two Boys Kissing](#) by David Levithan  
**Reasons:** Homosexuality and other (“condones public displays of affection”)

Do you want to celebrate Banned Books Week with your book club? Check out [Looking for Alaska](#) or [The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time](#) from TRaILS Libib site today!

### Free Software for Creation!



[Gimp.org](#)

Is a site for free image manipulation software.



**Scribus**

Open Source Desktop Publishing

[Scribus.net](#)

Is a site for open source desktop publishing.



[Inkscape.org](#)

Is a free vector graphic creation software

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Tammi Thiem—System Peer Coordinator!



Hi! My name is Tammi Thiem, and I am the Library Director at the Genoa Public Library. I started working at the library in July of 2013. I am also the System Peer Coordinator for the counties of Antelope, Boone, Madison, Nance, and Platte. That came about in April of this year.

I am a widow and have four adult children and three grandchildren. I also have five step-grandchildren and a step-great grandson. After starting work at the library, I began taking college classes. I received a Library and Information Services Certificate in December of 2014 and my Associate of Arts Degree in May of 2015. I am currently taking classes at the University of Nebraska in Omaha towards my Bachelor's Degree, with the major of Library Science and the minor of Psychology. One special note about this is that all four of my children were going to college at the same time that I was – all five of us at different colleges with different majors!

Working at the library has been a very enjoyable challenge. My daughter, Kimberly, and I accepted the job as a team. I often joke that our staff meetings end with “I love you,” as we are the only two employees at the library. We have created some very successful children's programs. We are always looking for ways that the library can benefit the community members, and it is always rewarding to partner with other organizations.

Thanks to the Kreutz-Bennett Foundation grant this year, the library started a Makerspace. This began with a window seat made by the local high school shop class. The eight-foot long wooden window seat has open storage in the front with two shelves. Next we purchased some plastic covered containers that fit well. We started with Legos and evolved from there. Some other items include Perler Beads, Magic Cloth, Sphero SPRK, Ozobot, Magformers, ZOOB Building Sets, Snap Circuits, Play-Doh, and much more. The library has been a popular spot for the children this summer, even when there is no structured program taking place!

One goal of the System Peer Coordinator is to promote the various learning and networking opportunities that are

available for librarians. Due to time and money constraints, often librarians need to be very selective about what events they choose to attend. Often, too, they may even feel guilty about leaving their library to attend events. These events, however, help librarians learn and grow. The support, enthusiasm, and knowledge that is gained from attending events benefits the library and the community. Coordinating carpools can help create an enjoyable way to help offset the expense.

Another goal of the System Peer Coordinator is to be a local go-to person and build local networking. Rural libraries have their own unique problems and challenges. By getting to know other librarians in the five-county area, problems, challenges, ideas, and successes can be shared with those who can truly relate and understand. By working together, all of our communities can benefit.

I look forward to meeting other librarians at some of the various conferences, meetings, and learning opportunities. The library world is such a special and friendly place, and I am very proud to be a part of it!

### Congratulations!

- ◇ Joyce Sullivan retired from Elgin Public Library on July 29th 2016. She and her husband will be spending their well-deserved downtime in Arizona. We definitely appreciate all that you have done for the Elgin Public Library!
- ◇ Be sure to welcome new co-directors Barb Bode and Dianne Gunderson to Elgin Public Library!
- ◇ Linda Reisinger will from Orchard Public Library at the end of August.
- ◇ Alice Boeckman retired this month from Bellevue Public Library as the Children's Librarian. The library held an open house in her honor.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Pilger Public Library's Summer Reading Program!

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Pilger Public Library's Summer Reading Program enjoyed a few book walks. This included 'reading' book pages put on stands throughout the park and then they could take off stickers and put on their reading sticks, which you can see in action to the right. Pilger Public Library read *I Knew an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly* and *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. The kids loved going to the park for a book walk and were excited to do it again.



Pilger Public Library also held a movie night for the middle school and junior high students which emphasized movies inspired from books. They watched *Stardust* and had many books-to-movies displays for them to peruse.

Five teams of teens and adults enjoyed traveling the seven continents in the library version of *The Amazing Race*. They had to complete challenges at each continent such as word challenges and quizzes. Fun challenges included making a boomerang for Australia or getting marshmallows in a cup using chopsticks for Asia. They were also challenged by getting to each continent in unique ways such as skating (on paper plates) to Antarctica or leap frogging to South America. Spectators had as much fun watching the craziness as did the teams!

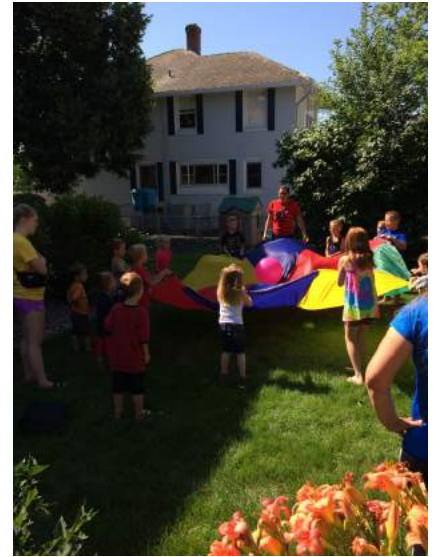


## Hartington's Think Your Drink

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The Hartington Public Library's Summer Reading Program partnered with the UNL Extension Office to see the "Think Your Drink" Blender Bike demo for their backyard Summer Olympics session. The kids had a great time and loved all the different activities.



## Snyder's Summer Reading

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This year, Snyder took their 16 readers from ancient Greece through to the beginning of the Olympic Games.

They read extensively from Mary Pope Osborne's *Ancient Greece and the Olympics Fact Tracker* book, made their own togas, laurel wreath crowns, and Olympic torches. They even held their own Olympics! For each of the four days they met, they completed the Relay Race, Shot Put, Discus, and Long Jump.

As the 'hellanodikos' (judge), Shelley Nelsen, had the honor of presenting the winners with red ribbons around their heads and wrists like they did at the original games.

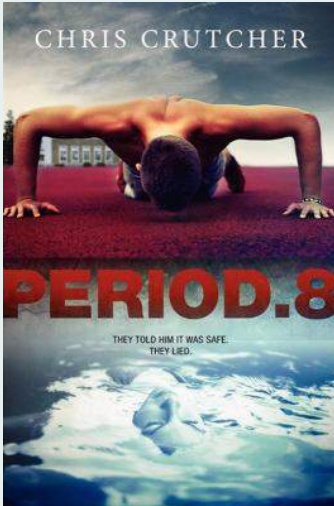
They learned a bit of Greek and some fun facts about Greece and the Olympics. They had two teams of eight kids and it was a huge success. They wrapped up the last night a huge pizza party and entertainment by Rainbow Trout and Janie Jellybean with her trick-performing dog, Tuxedo. The children read a grand total of 169 books and over 2000 pages!

Way to go Snyder Public Library!





## Book Review Corner!



### **Period 8** By Chris Crutcher

Recommended for upper junior high –high school.

*Article by Deb Daehnke, Wayne*

A group of high school seniors meet daily during 8th period, if students want to talk. It is also monitored by their teacher Mr. Logs. Paulie has told Hannah that he cheated on her and she emphatically tells him she wants nothing more to do with him. This causes tension in the classroom when she talks about it. Simultaneously, Mary Wells, a very responsible student

disappears, then reappears, then disappears again refusing to talk about it causing the students to delve into her mysterious disappearance. As the story progresses, we learn there is a correlation between Paulie cheating on Hannah and Mary Wells. And there is a sinister story underlying Mary's disappearance involving a bully in the classroom named Arney. By the end of the story we find out he is much more than a bully. It develops at a very slow pace and there is very strong sexual language that might be offensive to some and a great deal of discussion about sex regarding Paulie and Hannah. If you are a Chris Crutcher fan, you may enjoy this book.

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.



Sound interesting? Check out [trails.libib.com](http://trails.libib.com) to see other books by Chris Crutcher for your book club! We have *Deadline* and *The Sledding Hill*.

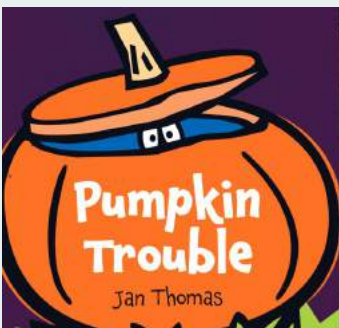


### **Pumpkin Trouble** By Jan Thomas

Recommended for Preschool—2nd grade.

*Article by Carol Tramp, Wynot*

Our friend duck is cleaning out a pumpkin for a jack-o-lantern. While in the process of this he accidentally falls in the pumpkin and can't get out. When he calls for help he scares his friends by running after them. They think he is a pumpkin monster. Duck gets scared and continues to chase his friends. He finally frees himself by running into the barn. To celebrate he decides to make another jack-o-lantern, you can imagine how this turns out.



# Joint Youth Services Retreat

featuring



## Libraries Serving Youth: Growing the Brain!

Sheryl Feinstein, Dean of Education, UNK



## Behind the Scenes with Bruce Arant

Bruce Arant, Author and Illustrator

# 22nd Annual Youth Services Retreat

## August 25-26

Carol Joy Holling Camp and Retreat Center, Ashland

For full program and registration: <http://bit.ly/2016Ashland>

If you can't make the Ashland retreat, you can still hear the above speakers at the two events below!

### Youth Services Day

August 19, Wilson Public Library, Cozad

Registration: <http://goo.gl/forms/XFAJK5UpJ0H91ZIB2>

### Fall Library Workshop

September 21, Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk

Registration: <http://bit.ly/FLW2016>

# 2016 NNNC/TRLIS Fall Library Workshop

## Evolve, Enrich, Empower!

### **Libraries Serving Youth: Growing the Brain!**

By Dr. Sheryl Feinstein



This special interactive presentation will focus on the transforming brain of our babies, children, and teens in relation to libraries. The fascinating changes that are popping, generating, and igniting in our youths' brains shed light on how to best understand, support, and mentor these mystifying creatures.

### **Behind-the- Scenes**

with Bruce Arant



**Join us on September 21,  
2016 at the Lifelong  
Learning Center on 801 E.  
Benjamin Ave, Norfolk,  
NE 68701 from 9:00am-  
4:00pm**

\$20 registration  
fee. To register,  
go to [http://  
bit.ly/FLW2016](http://bit.ly/FLW2016)

**Full program  
available  
soon!**

Children's book author/illustrator, Bruce Arant, Provides an entertaining glimpse of the twists and turns he has encountered along the path of traditional publishing. His book, *Simpson's Sheep Won't Go to Sleep!*, has garnered notable attention including: two 2014 Nebraska Book Awards, nominee for the 2015-2016 Golden Sower Award; selected to represent the state of Nebraska at the 2015 National Book Festival; placement on the Nebraska 150 Book List.

# Leading Through Times of Change

Join us at Seward  
Public Library at  
233 South 5th  
Street, Seward, NE

September 23rd  
2016

COST: \$10 PER  
PERSON

Register at:

[http://bit.ly/  
LeadThroughChange](http://bit.ly/LeadThroughChange)

## QUESTIONS?

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## Schedule

9:30am—10:00am	Registration & Refreshments
10:00am—12:00pm	Management vs Leadership by Joyce Neujahr from University of Nebraska, Omaha
12:00pm—1:00pm	Catered Lunch
1:00pm—3:30pm	Strategies to Successfully Implement Change by Tina Walker from Keene Memorial Library

## Session Descriptions

**Management vs Leadership** by *Joyce Neujahr, Director of Patron Services*: What is the difference between being a manager and a leader? We will focus on job duties, work styles, and common mistakes for both managers and leaders.

**Strategies to Successfully Implement Change** by *Tina Walker, Director, Keene Memorial Library*. Have you ever tried to implement change in your organization and have it fail miserably? Was it the implementation strategy, the staff, or just a really bad idea? This presentation will show you how you can successfully implement change through a thoroughly developed implementation plan, with tips on how to attain compliance. We will discuss promoting collaboration, change management, common mistakes, and converting people of opposition. We will also spend time dealing with personality tests and learning to work with people that don't think like you do. There will be time for scenario training and Q & A.