

TRAILS

REPORT OF THE THREE RIVERS LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

On November 2nd, 2018, the Three Rivers Library System Board met in Oakland, Nebraska for their quarterly meeting. The board officers are Karen Drevo of Norfolk Public Library, President; Jennifer Norton of Neligh Public Library, Vice President; Rebecca Sims of Sump Memorial Library in Papillion, Treasurer. The position of Secretary is still to be filled.

The board reviewed and accepted one change to the Three Rivers Library System by-laws. This changed the term limits for appointed board members, which were previously left over from the consolidation of the Eastern and Northeastern Regional System. Additionally, the board accepted a mission statement of: *Three Rivers Library System uses current technologies and professional relationships to help the public, school, and special libraries to meet the diverse needs of their patrons.*

The board reviewed the financial status reports of the Three Rivers Library System. The reports from the system accountant showed the system is operating under proper guidelines and is meeting the financial requirements of the Nebraska Library Commission service plan and mission of the system. Quarterly expense reports were reviewed and accepted.

Board members were appointed to the standing operating committees of the Three Rivers Library System:

- ⇒ Nominating Committee: Becky Sims and Karen Drevo
- ⇒ Scholarship Committee: Dave Graber and Crys Bauermeister
- ⇒ Continuing Education Committee:

Jennifer Norton, Tammi Thiem, Rosa Schmidt, and Eric Jones.

If you are interested in serving on the board for Three Rivers Library System, let Becky Sims or Karen Drevo know. We will be looking for replacement people this spring.

The board reviewed the fall activities of the Three Rivers Library System and suggested changes for the spring Continuing Education events. Eric Jones, TRLS Director, discussed a project that has been submitted to the Nebraska Library Commission for partial funding under the CE grant. The project would create a series of videos focused on child development and reading. The focus of the series is to help library staff to develop children and youth activities which are developmentally appropriate. He also reviewed the project currently underway with Melissa Cast-Brede of the UNO undergraduate library program. Her students are creating resource pages for the Genoa, Oakland, and Schuyler Public Libraries.

The board made suggestions for future board meetings. The February 2019 board meeting will be using the Zoom Conferencing System; the May meeting is in the western portion of the region; the August meeting will be at Wayne State College; the November 2019 meeting will be at Papillion Public Library. Further details for each meeting will be announced early in 2019 as they develop.

The board adjourned after listened to reports of activities from each member, the executive director, and Christa Porter on their activities at their libraries and Nebraska Library Commission.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- New Directors Learning and Mentoring Opportunities
- American Dream Literacy Grant
- Haunted Happenings at Keene Memorial Public Library
- Verdigre Public Library's Exciting Activities
- Fall Programs at BU's Freeman/Lozier Library
- NLA/NSLA Conference 2018 Scholarship Experiences
- European Tour of Libraries
- Youth Services Retreat 2018 Scholarship Experience

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Scholarships

TRaiLS 2018-2019 continuing education scholarships are available to attend state, regional, and nationwide conferences and events. Any director, media specialist, staff member, or trustee at libraries in the TRaiLS service area may apply. Applications will be reviewed by the scholarship committee after the deadline to apply for each specific scholarship has passed. Scholarship recipients will be notified prior to the event with money awarded after attendance of the event.

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

New Directors Learning and Mentoring Opportunity

Article by Eric Jones

*Are you a **new** Library Director? Are you new to operating libraries? Do you feel like, 'what the heck have I gotten into?'*

We've got an opportunity for you to make these worries go away. TRaiLS has developed a New Directors Education and Mentoring Opportunity.

We know small community libraries often have a limited budget, limited time, and limited staffing. Eric Jones, the Executive Director of TRaiLS, will come to your library to spend the day to help you learn the basics. The session will review elements from the NLC website and resources available, including the [Public Library Director's Guidebook](#).

Of course, the New Directors Program is not a substitute for the [Basic Skills](#) courses offered by the [Nebraska Library Commission](#). But the program is designed to help you learn (instead of trying to discover) the resources available to you as director of the library.

In addition to coming to your library, the program plan asks you to participate in 12 monthly meetings on the video system with

other experienced library directors and experienced resources. The focus with mentoring is to develop resources new directors can draw upon to resolve issues, design the program, and build or continue support in the community for libraries. This comprehensive leadership training will cover proven techniques and powerful strategies for success in your new directors' role.

Another benefit of the program is that it does not cost you, or your library, a dime. The TRaiLS Mission is to help you become the best library director you can be. In fact, TRaiLS will pay you \$100 for a day of your time. All we need is an a day uninterrupted from your regular library job and that your library doesn't pay you for the day of training. If you'd like to keep the library open while you're participating in the program, we ask that you or your board find someone to 'back you up' so you can participate in the day of education and learning. Then, during the year, we ask that you be released so you have uninterrupted time so you can participate in the video meetings. If you're interested in participating, get in touch with the TRaiLS Office.

Giveaway Items

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

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



Did You Know:

[Emporia State University School of Library and Information Management](#)

[Management](#) is a hybrid program that provides the flexibility of an online program with the engagement of a face-to-face classroom experience. Students meet for two Friday and Saturday classes as part of each core course, allowing for personal interaction with fellow students, instructors, and the regional director. Classes are currently being held at the Mikkelsen Library at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, SD.

If you would like to find out more about the program, please contact our South Dakota Regional MLS Program Director, Elizabeth Hoffman, at ehoffma1@emporia.edu or at (620) 412-6453.

\$10,000 AMERICAN DREAM ADULT LITERACY GRANT

The American Library Association (ALA) and Dollar General Literacy Foundation invite public libraries to apply for grants to expand services for adult English language learners or adults in need of basic education and workforce development.

Up to 16 grants of \$10,000 each will be awarded. Public libraries are eligible if they serve adult English language learners and are located within 20 miles of a Dollar General Store, distribution center or corporate office. [Visit the Dollar General Store Locator to check eligibility.](#)

[Read the project guidelines and apply online by Dec. 14, 2018.](#)

ALA will host a free webinar at 1 p.m. CDT on Wednesday, Oct. 24, for people interested in learning more about the American Dream grants. [Register for the webinar here.](#) (Note that the webinar will be recorded and available for free viewing on [ALA's Programming Librarian website.](#))

The [American Dream Literacy Initiative](#) strives to develop tools and resources for libraries and library staff to

provide effective literacy services to adult English language learners in their communities and across the country.

Since 2008, 188 libraries in Dollar General communities have initiated or expanded literacy services for adult English language learners. The grants allow libraries to augment their print and digital English as a second language (ESL) collections; increase computer access and training; provide job training; hold English language learning (ELL), general educational development (GED) and citizenship classes; and raise the visibility of services for immigrant populations.

American Dream libraries build replicable programs, develop coalition-building strategies, and provide annotated lists of vetted resources for libraries across the country. ALA shares the libraries' successes and strategies through the website, on webinars, and at state, regional and national conferences.

The American Dream Literacy Initiative is made possible through the generous support of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. It is administered by ALA's Public Programs Office and Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services.

Calendar of Events

[OverDrive Marketplace](#)
O'Neill Public Library
14 November 2018
1:00pm—4:00pm

[TRLS Communications Meeting](#)
Online via Zoom
14 November 2018
12:30pm—1:30pm

[OverDrive Marketplace](#)
John A Stahl Library (West Point)
15 November 2018
9:00am—12:00pm

TRLS CLOSED
Thanksgiving Break
22-23 November 2018

[ERate for 2019](#)
Columbus Public Library
27 November 2018
12:00pm—3:00pm

[DiSPEL Meeting](#)
Lied Battle Creek Public Library
29 November 2018
9:30 am—12:00pm

[Celebration of Nebraska Books](#)
Nebraska History Museum
1 December 2018
2:30pm—6:30pm

[ERate for 2019](#)
Online via GoToWebinar
11 December 2018
1:30pm—4:00pm

TRLS CLOSED
Winter Break
24 December 2018-
1 January 2019

TRLS Board Meeting
Online [via Zoom](#)
1 February 2018
1:30pm—3:30pm

UPCOMING BASIC SKILLS COURSE AND REGISTRATION DATES

Class Dates:	Class Title:	Registration Dates:
11/5/18 - 11/16/18	Leadership	10/8/18 - 10/26/18
12/3/18 - 12/14/18	Library Services to Children & Teens	11/1/18 - 11/23/18
1/1/19 - 1/30/19	Communication*	12/3/18 - 12/21/18

* Required class

LIBRARY NEWS

Haunted Happenings at Keene Memorial Library in Fremont

Submitted by Laura England-Biggs

The week of October 25-30 marked the first ever Book Character Pumpkin Decorating contest at Keene. The rules were pretty simple — no carved pumpkins and the theme had to be inspired by a book. Any materials and media could be used from real pumpkins and gourds to artificial ones.

We got over 40 entries from kids, tweens, and teens. Over 600 votes were cast and three pumpkins were named winners. In the Kids category, Brayden Haack won for his Minion Vampire; tween Ariana Pitterson for her Snoopy; and Max Vanderworth for his Rainbow Fish. Winners received passes to Ruff House (local indoor trampoline park and playground) and a fine waiver coupon. All prizes were donated by the local businesses.



We hosted our first Haunted Library Maze at the end of October (Friday October 26th and Saturday October 27th from 6-8 pm both nights — after the library closed). Setup took about two days for the maze itself. We used the upstairs adult nonfiction section to build the maze and partitioned off the path with large rolls of black sheeting. One of our staff members had a connection to a TON of Halloween decorations, which we put to good use. The Maze was a huge hit with numerous repeat visitors each night.

We also had crafts and games for the littles who weren't willing to brave the maze and cookie decorating for everyone. Hy-Vee did a great job decorating over 300 cookies for us on short notice, as you'll see in the pictures.

Our Haunted Maze attendance surpassed our wildest dreams with an approximate count of 350 over the two nights. Next year, clickers and door sentries to help track a more accurate count!



LIBRARY NEWS

Activities at Verdigre Public Library

Submitted by Katie Hollman

Sparks Grant Homework Hotspot in use!



The Kilted Man, Matthew Gurnsey, performing!



Sparks Grant Open House with Governor Ricketts!



Accordions taught by Leroy Hollmann for Fine Art Fridays during Summer Reading!

Looking for some contemporary ghost stories for a spooky display? Check out [Signature's list of Modern Chills!](#)

Did You Know:
Emergent BioSolutions will provide a free Narcan kit as well as educational materials to public libraries and YMCAs in the U.S. Learn more about it on [Time Health's website.](#)



Attendance at the Sparks Grant Open House, held October 16th.

LIBRARY NEWS

Fall Programs at BU's Freeman/Lozier Library

Submitted by Megan McIntosh

The school year started with a creative buzz as the library hosted a Bob Ross paint-along event on September 18th. We followed along with a video of the master himself and had a great time seeing how uniquely our paintings turned out.



On September 28th, the library staff decorated a shopping cart float for the BU Homecoming parade using the theme of Banned Books Week. This was BU's second annual homecoming and the students and staff went all out. Although the library float did not place in the competition, we loved the atmosphere and excitement of the event.



On November 8th, the library is planning a community event in conjunction with Fontenelle Forest Raptor Recovery. Everyone is invited to attend the presentation and even meet a few beautiful birds. While many of the library's events are catered specifically toward students, staff, and faculty, it is our goal to become more involved in the overall Bellevue community. We have three more community events planned throughout the school year and hope to engage with new audiences. Visit the [BU Library website](#) for more information and a [calendar](#) of our upcoming events!

SCHOLARSHIP EXPERIENCES

Youth Services Retreat 2018, Ashland NE

Article by Sonia Vanderworth

Thank you to the Three Rivers Library System for offering scholarships for continuing education. I feel privileged to have been a recipient of a scholarship that enabled me to attend the Youth Services Retreat this year. It was my first conference to attend and I truly learned so much. The sessions included so many book suggestions I happily took back to my library to the delight of my Youth Librarian. One of many wonderful ideas was the sharing of a literacy backpack. I came back very excited about that one and we are in the process of putting English/Spanish game bags with books on our library shelves.

These retreats and conferences are invaluable to any library professional in that they offer so much more than book lists or story time hints. The input from the other librarians and the conversations flowing around the tables are also valuable. I know I learned at least as much from the librarians I sat with as from the presenters. Everyone I came across was willing to share what works in their libraries and where to find resources. Without a doubt, it was beneficial to attend the retreat this year and I look forward to next year!

NLA/NSLA Conference 2018

Article by Tammi Thiem

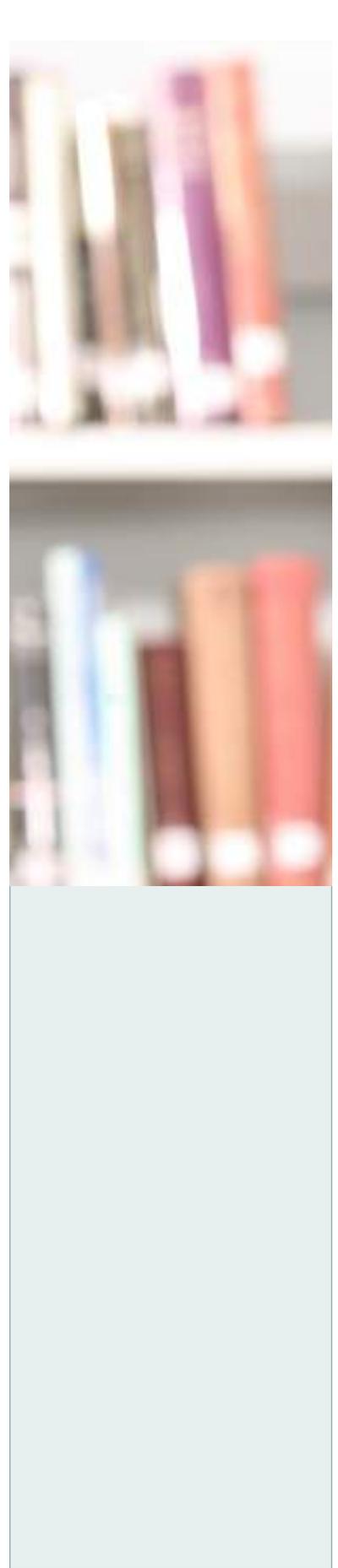
I am very grateful to the Three Rivers Library System for offering the scholarship opportunity to help offset the expenses for attending this conference. Small library equals small budget, and there are not funds available for continuing education opportunities such as this.

As always, the NLA/NSLA Conference offered many fantastic sessions that create enthusiasm for the librarians who attend! I got some great ideas to incorporate into my own library from some of the sessions, such as Toddler Concept Bags: Learning Early Literacy/STEM Skills on a Small Budget; Fun, Easy, and Inexpensive Teen Nights; and #mwlibchat IGNITEs School Libraries! I was motivated to continue being an advocate for my library and community from The Upside of Downtown: What Public Libraries Can Do for Downtown Redevelopment; Organizing for Change: Building Power for the Libraries We Need; and the keynote speaker, Dr. Ling Hwey Jemg. The Nebraska Writers Guild and

Libraries Working Together provided information that I can share with my community members who have an interest in writing. It was a fabulous opportunity to listen to the authors who were present for the Golden Sower Gala.

I also had the opportunity to be a panelist for a session on Friday afternoon: Leveraging Community Partnerships and Innovative Transport Technologies to Boost Broadband for Rural Libraries. It was a pleasure to share my library's experiences regarding the Nebraska Broadband grant that was recently received.

Attending conference also offers the opportunity to learn and share with other librarians from the state. Librarians are unique, as they are willing to share everything they know with one another. Mostly, they share their eagerness and enthusiasm, and they are inspirations to their communities and to other library professionals. It is always a privilege to spend time with so many wonderful people!



SCHOLARSHIP EXPERIENCES

NLA / NSLA Conference 2018

Article by Jennifer Norton

Thanks to the \$250 TRaiLS Scholarship, I was able to attend the 2018 NLA/NSLA Conference in Lincoln on October 5th-6th. Budget constraints have prevented any staff from the Neligh Public Library from going to the NLA/NSLA Conference, so TRaiLS' financial contribution was incredibly appreciated. The conference was a wonderfully invigorating experience.

Connecting with fellow librarians who have the common goal of promoting literacy and providing services for our communities is priceless. Networking and conversing with others from the library world are one of the best parts of the conference. The exchanged of successes and challenges between librarians helps me to re-evaluate the status of my library and realize that we all have similar struggles.

The sessions I attended were useful and informative. From a library's relevancy in the community and state, to expanding the library's visibility and to showcase how the library can be

an integral part of the community's downtown redevelopment.

I also attended workshops on popular teen novels and next year's summer reading book picks. It's always fun to hear engaging book talks and think of what books to add to the collection. The after-hours session on the ALA Notable Books with Pat Leach was terrific. She is an excellent speaker and invites great discussion.

The greatest take-away from the conference was the 'Fun, Easy, and Inexpensive Teen Nights'. Wow! So many great ideas were presented to make a fun night just for teens. I am now planning the library's first after-hours teen night. Along with indoor golf, classic Timeline game, and other activities and crafts, we will have plenty of food to keep the kids busy and full. I am excited about this new offering catered just to the teen crowd.

Thank you, TRaiLS, for the opportunity to attend the 2018 NLA/NSLA Conference!

NLA Conference

Article by Elizabeth Carlson

I was able to attend the Nebraska Library Association Conference in Lincoln due to receiving a Continuing Education Scholarship from Three Rivers Library System. Since I was hired in October of 2017, this was my first opportunity to attend NLA, which was fantastic!

I attended eight sessions throughout two days. All eight sessions gave me great ideas to try out at Gardner Public Library. My top two sessions would have to be *Toddler Concept Bags: Learning Early Literacy/STEM Skills on a Small Budget* and *Making Teen Makers at the Library*.

The Toddler Concept Bags gave me ideas of how we could partner with our local MOPS groups as well as Humpty Dumpty Daycare. I'm reaching out to them to see if they would like to come to the library at least one time per month. I love that the bags are easy to use and help little learners with skills that they will need. I also like that they are allowed to use their imagination and choose in what activity they would like to participate.

Making Teen Makers was filled with great ideas of projects/art that you could do with teens and adults. I currently host a Craft Night one time per month and plan to incorporate some of the ideas shared in the session.

The conference was also a great way to connect with libraries across the state. I met so many gracious librarians who allowed me to join their table at meals. The network connections that started at NLA will help in learning more about librarianship and how we can work together to accomplish great things.



European Tour of Libraries!

Submitted by Katie Hollmann

In June 2020, Kevin Kenkel will lead a group tour to Europe with a focus on visiting beautiful libraries. The tour will include visiting a number of other sites as well. This will be a 12-day trip departing from Sioux Falls, SD. Of course, you can arrange with the travel company to fly from a different city.

The itinerary for the trip includes:

- ⇒ Paris (two days) — National Library of France, Notre Dame, Latin Quarter, Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Champs-Elysees, Versailles, plus other sites.
- ⇒ Zurich, Switzerland—city tour plus a couple of other sites.
- ⇒ Ulm, Germany— visiting the Abbey Library of St. Gallen en route and the Wiblingen Abbey library in Ulm, Albert Einstein’s birthplace.
- ⇒ Salzburg, Austria—(en route visit Neuschwanstein Castle) Mozart’s birthplace, Sound of Music sites.
- ⇒ Vienna, Austria—(en route visit to Melk Monastery Library) Austrian National Library, Parliament, Opera House, St. Stephen’s Cathedral, other sites, possible Mozart concert.
- ⇒ Prague, Czech Republic—Starhov Monastery Library, Clementinum National Library, Prague Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral.

The tour will take place June 9th-20th, 2020. The current price for the trip is \$5,529 if you sign up before December 31st, 2018. This pricing is for 15-19 travelers flying from Sioux Falls. January 1st,

the price increases \$300. Signing up sooner allows participants to spread the payments out over more months. When you decide to sign up for the tour make sure to use the voucher code **book87** to receive the \$300 discount prior to December 31st.

Included in the price are air and ground transportation, double-occupancy hotel rooms, two meals per day (breakfast and dinner), and professional tour guides.

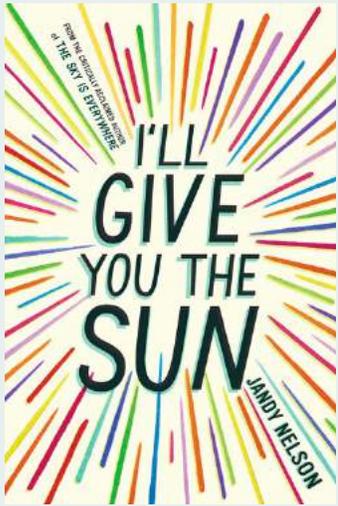
For more information please visit the tour website: www.explorica.com/Kenkel-7721. On this site there are links with more information about some of the places we’ll see in each city. If you decide to join us, you can click on the *sign up now* button on the right-hand column to register for the trip.

This trip is not just for librarians! Anyone who loves libraries is invited to join the tour. Spouses and children (16 and older) are welcome. If you know of someone who may consider this trip feel free to share this information. If you have any questions, contact Kevin Kenkel at kevin.kenkel@dwu.edu.



**Melk
Abbey
Library,
Austria**

REVIEW CORNER



I'll Give You the Sun

By **Jandy Nelson**

Recommended for grades 9 or above.

Review by Deb Daehnke

Noah and Jude are two thirteen-year-old twins — extremely close soul-mates and very talented artists. Noah is a shy, gay teen struggling with these feelings and the bullying it causes while falling for a neighbor boy who has also experienced severe bullying because of his sexuality. Jude is extroverted, a daredevil, and straight. But after losing her virginity, she is boycotting boys.

Although their parents try not to, Jude is favored by her father and Noah by her mother and this causes a tense dynamic in the family (at least the twins think their parents show favoritism). Their mother, against their dad's wishes, helps the twins apply to a very special arts school, which leads to a domino effect of events in their lives including who they fall in love with and a betrayal of each twin against the other as one twin is accepted into the school and the other is not.

The twins experience the loss of their grandmother and mother which also affects the family in different ways, especially for Jude who thinks her mom and grandmother are talking to her from the grave.

This book came highly recommended by a school librarian but it fell short for me. There were so many metaphors that the

story was very hard to follow and it's not for the reluctant reader. One chapter was 85 pages long. There were steamy scenes for the gay boys and the heterosexual sister and her acquaintance. It was truthfully done in my opinion, but may not sit well with some library patrons. There was love, loss, dealing with grief (for lost family members and the parents' disintegrating marriage), and betrayal between the twins. Jude's superstitions relating to her deceased grandmother and mother played heavily in the plot. The bullying scene against Noah at the beginning would probably resonate with many teen readers and really made me feel for Noah.

The story was told in the alternating views of the twins. Noah's perspective told while he was 13 and Jude's told when she was sixteen. This was different and kind of neat but nevertheless hard to follow. Since the writing style made it hard for me to follow, it was difficult for me to relate to the major characters. This was a shame because the betrayal between the two teens was paramount to the story and should have been a really big deal. The evolution of the twins' relationship from very close, to hardly ever speaking to each other, to becoming close again was emotional.

Since this book was so highly recommended, I read other reviews which were mostly positive. If young readers can put up with the writing style, they may enjoy this book.

Merry Christmas, Mr. Mouse

By **Caralyn Buehner**

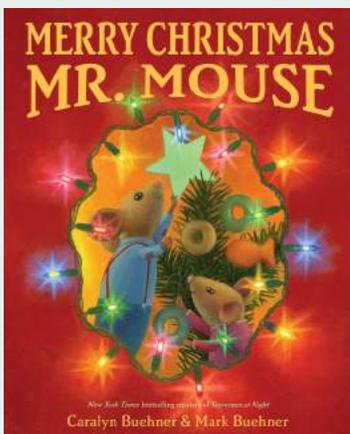
Recommended for preschool through 2nd grade and add to the Christmas area of public and school libraries.

Review by Pat Thompson

A book of delight to any reader telling how Mr. & Mrs. Mouse discover about Christmas after observing the human of the house getting ready for Christmas. The decision is made to celebrate Christmas in nook number twenty-four with all seventeen children present. Written in rhyming verse with full page colorful, detailed illustrations that will start many conversations.

Submit news, articles, pictures, or resources for the newsletter to Chelsea at trls.assistant@gmail.com.

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



Library and Information Services

Online Course Offerings

Spring 2019

January 7, 2019 – May 3, 2019

Enrollment for Spring Semester opens

Monday, Nov. 12, 2018



LIBR 2150 Managing Collections in Libraries and Information Agencies

Patty Birch, Instructor

This course will provide students with an understanding of managing collections in libraries and information agencies, including:

- Basics of Collection Management (terminology, models)
- 21st Century Literacies
- Selection (All resources, for all age levels)
- Acquisition
- Deselection/Weeding
- Intellectual Freedom
- Copyright

Suggested prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library & Information Services.

For information regarding course content, contact the instructor at pbirch@cccneb.edu

LIBR 2210 Cataloging and Classification

Ruth Carlock, Instructor

This course will include theories, concepts and activities for cataloging and classifying materials in the 21st Century. It includes the following topics:

- The bibliographic record
- Sears and Library of Congress subject headings
- Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress classification systems
- The MARC record
- Resource Description and Access Instructions

Suggested prerequisite: LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services

For information regarding this course, contact the instructor at rcarlock@cccneb.edu

Library and Information Services Online Course Offerings 2019

Spring 2019	Summer 2019	Fall 2019
Libr 2150 Managing Collections in Libraries and Information Agencies	Libr 2100 Reference Resources and Services	Libr 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services
Libr 2210 Cataloging and Classification		Libr 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies
		Libr 2940 Library Science Capstone Practicum

For more information on the Library and Information Services program, see:

<https://www.cccneb.edu/educational-opportunities/programs/human-services-and-education/library/>

For information concerning Admissions or Registration, contact: Dee Johnson

djohnson@cccneb.edu, 402-562-1418 or Toll Free at 877-222-0780



SATURDAY, NOV. 24; 6-9 PM TEEN NIGHT

**FUN & GAMES JUST FOR TEENS
(7TH-12TH graders)**

Come have fun with friends and peers @ the Neligh Public Library's first After Hours Teen Night. **FOOD, FOOD, FOOD!**
Games, activities, crafts & movies.

Must RSVP by 2 pm Friday, Nov. 23.



Just for TEENS!

**AFTER HOURS @
the Library**

**Pizza, snacks,
soda & more
snacks**

Indoor Golf

Games/Activities

Movies & Crafts

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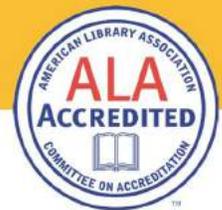
www.libraries.ne.gov/neligh

November 24; 6-9 pm



Library and Information Science

Master's Degree (MLIS)



The Library and Information Science (LIS) program contributes to the essential knowledge, skills, and values of librarianship and the information professions through research, education, and outreach.

About the Library and Information Science Program:

- ▶ The LIS program has been continuously accredited since 1966/1967
- ▶ Online program with asynchronous, synchronous, on-site, and hybrid courses
- ▶ GRE not required
- ▶ Out of state online students receive in-state tuition rates
- ▶ Areas of specialization include archives, e-learning and distance services, public library administration, digital humanities and more

HOW TO APPLY

For detailed program information or to apply visit:

sislt.missouri.edu/lis/students

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- ▶ GPA: Minimum 3.0 in last 60 credit hours of degree
- ▶ TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language). Minimum 550 (paper-based) or 80 (Internet-based)
- ▶ Statement of purpose
- ▶ Resume or CV
- ▶ Two letters of reference
- ▶ Complete the online application to the Graduate School at <http://gradstudies.missouri.edu/admissions/apply/>

MATERIALS SUBMISSION DEADLINES

Fall Admission

July 1st

Spring Admission

December 1st

Applications are accepted and reviewed for admission continuously until program capacity is met

COST AND FINANCIAL AID

Graduate level courses at the University of Missouri are priced lower than other top-tier universities. Students also have the opportunity to obtain assistantships and work directly with faculty on grant-funded research projects.

GRADUATE SCHOOL TUITION AND FEES	RESIDENT
TUITION	\$360.00 per credit
PREPAID HEALTH FEES	\$95.00 flat rate
RECREATION FACILITY FEE	\$150.76 flat rate
STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE	\$20.72 per credit
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FEE	\$13.49 per credit
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION FEE	\$43.00 per credit

GRADUATE SCHOOL TUITION AND FEES	ONLINE
TUITION	\$360.00 per credit
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FEE	\$13.49 per credit
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION FEE	\$43.00 per credit

Tuition and fees are subject to change.

Services for Libraries

Search & Loan Service

Wayne State College's Conn Library has been the resource library for the Northeast Library system since 1994. We still offer these services for FREE. We can:

- Perform subject searches to find relevant books and/or articles. For example, if a student wants to do a paper about the history of the John Deere Company, we can search for that topic and send those items to you.
- Send any WSC owned book to your library for FREE. Your library is responsible for the postage on returning these items to WSC.



Supplemental Collection Service

Your library can borrow **up to 100 books** from Conn Library for a 6 week - 2 month time period to supplement a program you are having at your library. For example, if your library is doing a project featuring Valentine's Day, we will collect what books we have on your topic and send them to you to use as a supplement to your collection. We usually have people make arrangements for someone to pick up and return books as postage gets pretty high. This is a great way for schools to get additional resources to use.

We are Looking for Reviewers

We are constantly looking for people willing to do book reviews on children's literature. Through a program with several children book publishers, we receive books to add to our collection here at WSC. One of the agreements of this program is for us to have people review these books and then publish those reviews. Reviews are placed inside the books, attached to the bibliographical record in WSC library system and sent to the Three River system where some are included in their newsletter.

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