



SYSTEM PEER COORDINATORS: A NEW SERVICE MODEL

TRAILS observes that working professionals bring their own expertise and knowledge to the field and can assist in creating conversations, initiating group gatherings, and motivating participation in system events. As such, TRAILS is implementing a new model of service that will draw on the strength, experience, and skills of librarians in the system. The System Peer Coordinator (SPC) service model seeks to foster a team approach through collaboration and shared learning to deliver system services to public libraries.

Beginning January 4, 2016, TRAILS will begin recruiting for the four SPC roles. We are looking for individuals with the capacity to encourage and promote engaging and collaborative learning through their presence and intentional efforts. Ideal candidates will possess a strong commitment to building relationships with local librarians within their county groups.

Four county groups have been defined and one public librarian per county group will fill the role of System Peer

Coordinator for his/her group.

The county groups are as follows:

- 1: Knox, Pierce, Cedar, Wayne, Dixon, Dakota, Thurston
- 2: Antelope, Madison, Boone, Nance, Platte
- 3: Stanton, Colfax, Cuming, Dodge, Burt, Washington
- 4: Douglas, Sarpy, Cass

Please visit our website

www.libraries.ne.gov/trls to view a System Peer Coordinator job description.

TRAILS respects that rolling out a new model of service delivery requires openness to discussion, feel free to contact us via phone or email with questions or comments.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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GETTING TO KNOW:

Name: Susan Warneke—Norfolk, NE

Library and position: Nebraska Library Commissioner

Favorite quotation about books or reading: “Good books don’t give up all their secrets at once.” Stephen King

If you could live in a book world, which would you choose? This is an unusual question for me to consider. I am an avid reader but try as I might, I do not enjoy the fantasy genre. My favorite book world? Somewhere in the USA.

What makes you the happiest? Our family is now spread across several states. I am happiest when we are together in the same location be it our home, their home or a place in between.

What is your favorite holiday? Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. The Christian hymnody of this holiday moves my soul. As a church musician, I love the music preparation for Thanksgiving!

Online Resources

Cheap Apartments for College Students – Sublet.com: Students can search for apartments by state, region and city at Sublet.com. Options include searching by price, setting a price cap and responding to apartment-for-lease ads. Students can also place ads requesting apartments in a specific locale.

Resources for Homeless Youth – HUD Exchange: The U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development offers resources, pertinent links and publications as part of its Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAP). Resources are designed to inform and assist the homeless and those who help them find housing. The homeless programs and initiatives include support for LGBTQ youth.

StudentHousing.com: American Campus Communities operates this web site of listings to their student apartments, searchable by college location, state or community. Features include roommate matching, on-site management and maintenance staff, and a community assistant (CA) or resident assistant (RA) training program for student renters.

Homeless Youth and Higher Education

Librarians assist all aspects of their community and are well-versed in the delights of working with paperwork for their patrons, whether it’s helping out with FAFSA or figuring out the trials of Medicare, their knowledge helps the community. This is why, when we were recently contacted by Dan Schuessler of Affordable Colleges Online about the new higher education for the homeless guide, we thought of our wonderful librarians.

Affordable Colleges Online provides resources to help college students who struggle with reliable housing, bills, tuition, and other financial changes.

The guide focuses on the various on-campus, off-campus, and online resources these students can turn to for help such as residential life offices to coordinate year-round housing; campus dining and associated food banks; academic retention centers to give support for homeless students to stay on track;

FAFSA waivers; true/false checklists; scholarships for at-risk students; and a National Center for Homeless Education to help students understand their rights.

Over 58,000 students identified as homeless on the 2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), a 75% increase over the last three years. Naturally we want to lower this percentage and by working with our communities to create a more educated society hopefully we can.

For more information check out their website at <http://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/homeless-students-guide/>



AT THE TRAILS OFFICE

Choosing Libib

by: Chelsea Morlan

In case you haven't heard, the TRaiLS Office has recently been working on streamlining the book kits process. We've teamed up with Libib.com, a website and app that brings cataloging to a different level.

When I started working at the TRaiLS office I wanted to pursue a different way to catalog our book kits and determine an easier way to check them in and out. I wanted a cleaner interface and a way to communicate with

everyone, which is why I chose Libib.

With Libib, you can browse our collection, see our posts about new entries, check out reviews on each title, and search for specific titles or tags. You can see which titles are checked out and which ones are currently on hold for someone.

Personally, I love this system of tracking where our books are and how many are out at a time. We've already had a couple early adopters to this system and I'm

beyond thrilled. Of course we're working out the kinks and merging our old system with the new, but so far I think it's working quite well. See why I'm so excited at trails.libib.com

If you're not sure how to use the site, check out our manual at <http://libraries.ne.gov/trls/files/2015/11/Libib-Intro.compressed.pdf>

Feel free to tell me what you think about this new lending system at trls.assistant@gmail.com



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Did You Know:

The TRaiLS Office currently has 105 titles to choose from for your book club?

SIGN HERE, PLEASE

What most professionals include in their signature



E-mails are a great way to communicate throughout the day with each other. The typically quick response times help us get our projects done and keep everyone in the loop.

E-mails are an undeniable way of life in the library system, and like most culturally acceptable forms of communication there's

an etiquette to follow.

Signature files are important in businesses to see who we're talking to, but they're also just as important in library systems. Seeing the person's first and last name as well as the library or school system that they represent helps us tailor our responses to each person. It helps build

our interpersonal relationships to people we might rarely see but e-mail consistently. Most signature files can be changed in the settings section of your e-mail or if you have any questions you can send us an e-mail and we can help you out.

LIBRARY NEWS

Big Talk From Small Libraries



Have you heard about the free one-day online conference aimed at librarians from small libraries? This conference gives small libraries a chance to share what they're doing.

It's a unique opportunity for librarians in small communities to get together to discuss the challenges and joys of small community life.

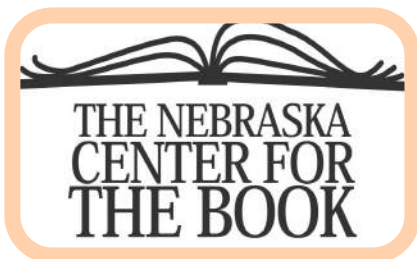
Big Talk From Small Libraries are in the process of looking for presenters for their 2016 Conference.

In case you're interested in presenting the deadline to submit a proposal is December 17th 2015. To submit a

proposal presentation check out: <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/bigtalk/2015/11/13/2016-call-for-speakers-now-open/>

And if you're interested in attending this conference it will be held on 26th of February 2016 between 8:45am—5:00pm (CT). Be on the lookout for more information as that date gets closer. Send any questions you have about the conference to <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/bigtalk/contact/>

One Book One Nebraska 2016

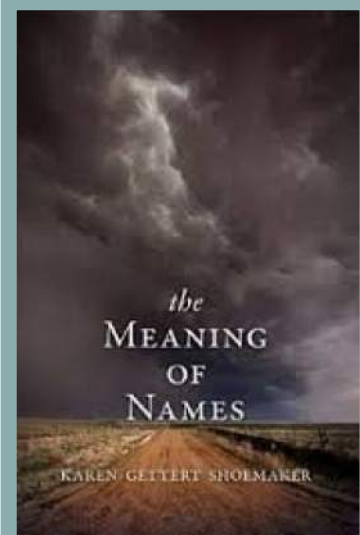


Congratulations to Karen Gettert Shoemaker for becoming Nebraska's reading choice for the 2016 One Book One Nebraska. Her book, *The Meaning of Names*, follows a German-American woman trying to raise a family in the heartland during World War I.

The Three Rivers Library System has received 15 copies of her book to lend for the Book Club Kit Program, so be sure to check them out with our [Libib page!](#)

Check it out

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LIBRARY NEWS



Keene Memorial Library Switches Up Staff

Library director, Janet Davenport, will be stepping down from her position at the Keene Memorial Library. She wrote, "It has been my pleasure to work with this exceptional group of people for four years and to watch them develop new services and expand the library programs we provide to Fremont. I know they will continue to pro-

vide excellent services in the coming New Year." Ms. Davenport will be leaving at the end of 2015.

Keene Memorial Library is also announcing their newest staff members, two part-time Library Aides, Ellen Lindsey and Ann Hoppe.



Ellen Lindsey is a New Mexico transplant. She and her husband moved to Fremont in April of this year. She enjoys cooking, gardening, and reading.



Janet Davenport was the library director at Keene Memorial Library for four years. We wish her the best in her new endeavors!



Anne Hoppe is originally from Syracuse, NE and relocated to Fremont 2.5 years ago. She enjoys attending her children's activities and reads in her spare time.

Bancroft Public Library hosted an open house and retirement party for director Ruthann Bargmann on December 3rd and 4th. There was plenty of cake, laughter, and good memories shared.

Lesa Bargmann has taken the director position and Amber Bridges is the new library assistant. Please welcome them to Libraryland!

Laura Johnson, continuing education coordinator at the Nebraska Library Commission, has retired this month. In her time at the Commission, she helped bring the Basic Skills courses to an online format and worked tirelessly creating valuable resources for librarians. Congratulations on your retirement Laura! You deserve it!



AN "OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS" IN CLEARWATER



Clearwater Public Library participated in the community's annual "Old Fashioned Christmas" event. The Clearwater O/C School and the library were there handing out books to all the children 6th grade and younger. We used the books that Read Aloud Nebraska provided for the event. We were able to provide books for all the children with cash donations from the local "Santa Shop" and a very generous patron. What a joy to make this possible within our community. We passed out 95 books

that night. One mother of 4 caught me at the gas station the next morning, and said the children read their books all the way home. There were kids who turned down goody bags, but not one child turned down a book. I loved watching the wonderment on the children's faces AND that of the parents.

—Marelee Thorneberry, Clearwater Public Library

EMERSON PUBLIC LIBRARY GETS WILD



We understand that the elementary students wouldn't quit talking about the program at school the next day. In addition, they begged the principal to have them come to their school. A resounding endorsement I would say! The presenter mentioned several times during the event how important it was to read in order to learn about the animals they want to know about!

Emerson Public Library Friends' Group hosted Wildlife Encounters Organization from Gretna. This was held on Monday evening, November 16 and held at Emerson's American Legion Hall. Seventy people attended and were *wildly* entertained!

Promotional activities included coloring contests, reports written by upper grades, and guessing games. During the program, animal books were endorsed and read, winners announced, friends members introduced, and other library events presented. —Mary Anne Schwarten, co-director, Emerson Public Library

Pictured: Mary Anne Schwarten and LaVaille Reifenthath co-directors with presenter and Kip Smith boa constrictor! "Oh, heck, he's up to my neck" (quote from Shel Silverstein)

100 YEARS OF THE STANTON CARNEGIE LIBRARY

The Stanton Carnegie Library celebrated its 100th anniversary earlier in the fall. Library staff, Friends, and trustees hosted a week of programming and events including special storytimes, an open house, a visit from LaRayne Topp, author of *Eighty-one Seconds: The Attack and Aftermath as Tornadoes Hit Pilger, Stanton, Wakefield and Wisner, Nebraska*, and much more. See their Facebook page for more pictures.



LIBRARY NEWS

Central Nebraska Digital Co-op

Jake Rundle from the Hastings Public Library recently presented information on NCompass Live and at the NLA Annual Conference about the Central Nebraska Digital Co-op. Here are a few of the questions he answered for us.

What digital products are available to my library through the Co-op?

The two products that the Co-op requires purchasing in order to join are Zinio Digital magazines and Recorded Books' OneClickDigital downloadable audiobook titles.

Who belongs to the Central Nebraska Digital Co-op?

Currently there are 10 libraries in the group. Hastings, Grand Island, Kearney, Holdrege, North Platte, Columbus, Ralston, Papillion, Bellevue, York. After the presentation at the NLA conference, we had several other libraries express interest.

Is my library eligible to belong to the Co-op?

*The Co-op is charged for content/subscriptions and platform fees. We are priced for the platform based on circulation statistics for all member libraries combined. We can accept any **accredited public library** into the group (except for Lincoln and Omaha; who are too big).*

How much does it cost to join and what are the ongoing expenses?

The co-op is charged in October for services. The pricing structure is based on a formula devised by Steve Fosselman which takes into account your library's LSA, Operating Budget, and Total circulations to create a percentage of the total. If your percent obligation is under \$500, you'll be charged \$500 for [each] year.

What are the best features of belonging to the Co-op?

*The great thing about both products that we subscribe to currently is the **simultaneous** access to magazines and audiobooks. An entire classroom of students can check out the same issue of National Geographic magazine. **There is no waiting or holds list.***

Interested? Check out Jake's presentation on NCompass Live at the link below:

<http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/nlcblog/2015/11/27/ncompass-live-life-after-marc-cataloging-tools-of-the-future-2/>

Don't forget to congratulate Rachele McPhillips at Columbus Public Library on earning her Bachelor's Degree in Library and Information Science from University of Nebraska at Omaha!



Way to go, Rachele!





TRLS C.E. SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT — CLAIRE CHAMLEY

I had the opportunity to do a presentation at the CUMU, or Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities, conference. The presentation was on a project that was very near and dear to my heart: The Human Library at Criss Library, an event that was held in April of 2015. This event was held in order to promote diversity, and introduce students and community members to folks with a different life experience than their own. This was the first conference that I have ever presented at, additionally, this was not a library exclusive conference, another first for me. With this whirlwind of firsts happening so quickly, getting the grant money from the Three Rivers Library System was a huge load off my mind. While I was nervous about my first time presenting at a conference, I think that it was a great experience for me.

My colleagues who worked with my on the event, Joyce Neujhar, Melissa Cast-Brede and I presented on Monday, the first day of the conference, in the mid-morning. Because of the time of our presentation, I was able to catch part of the session and the keynote speaker, Maria Hinojosa, who was an inspiring speaker. Talking about race, and how we all need to come together in order to make a better world for all of us. Throughout my time at the conference, I was able to attend a number of different panels. Some of the panels I found to be most interesting had to do with using data to try to help populations that were less privileged; such a victims of sex trafficking, or minorities in prison. Seeing the different ways that data collection,

paired with community engagement helped me put into context the many things that the library could incorporate to help serve the community.

While I enjoyed the panels at this conference, as I stated before, this was my first time presenting at a conference. I expected the presentation to go a lot like teaching a class does, but I was pleasantly surprised that it was different. One reason, after talking with one of my colleagues who is very experienced in presenting, is that the folks at the presentation are very interested in what you have to say. While students do engage during classes, they are often there because they have to be. We also had a member of the community who was a “book” in the Human Library event come and speak to share her perspective. Besides the exit survey that we did for the books and readers, I had not heard the reactions of the books, so it was an eye opening moment for me as well.

Overall, I think that presenting at this conference about an event that I felt strongly about went very well. I overheard some folks chatting about the Human Library after our presentation and they were overwhelmingly positive and excited about it. I hope that I am able to put on more programs, and have additional opportunities to present at conferences, and other events.



Claire Chamley applied for this scholarship at <http://libraries.ne.gov/trls/calendar/event-registration/>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

TRaiLS Continuing Education Scholarships

Now offering **two \$500 scholarships** to attend the Public Library Association Conference in Denver, CO

Deadline to apply is March 1, 2016

Find the scholarship application at libraries.ne.gov/trls/calendar/event-registration/



- Medicare 2016 Webinar

Medicare enrollment for 2016 started on October 15, so the FDLP Academy set up a webinar to help present an overview of resources available on Medicare.gov. This webinar helps explain ordering free Medicare publication, live training sessions in Nebraska, as well as questions about enrolling. You can access that recording at <http://bit.ly/1lrIxiW>.

Did You Know:

The Nebraska Library Commission hosts NCompass Live every Wednesday from 10am-11am? Go to their website to see what exciting topics are selected:

<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/calendar.asp?Month2Show=12/1/2015>

UPCOMING BASIC SKILLS COURSE AND REGISTRATION DATES

Class Dates:	Class Title:	Registration Dates:
1/11 - 1/22	Communication*	12/4/15 - 12/31/15
1/25 - 2/5	Library Technology	12/18/15 - 1/15
2/8 - 2/19	Customer Service*	12/30/15 - 1/29
2/29 - 3/11	Library Governance	1/19 - 2/24

* Required class

Calendar of Events

- Strategic Planning and Accreditation Class
December 3
Elwood Public Library
- TRaiLS Summer Reading Webinar
December 11
9:00 AM—12:00 PM
- Nebraska Library Application Internship Deadline
December 17
5:00 PM (Central Time)
- 2016 Big Talk From Small Libraries Proposal Deadline
January 8
- Summer Reading Program
January 29
9:30 AM—4PM
Grand Island Public Library

CONTESTS!

Did You Know:

Through NebraskaAccess, EBSCOhost, Explora, OCLC, MyHeritage, Consumer Health Complete, and Biography Reference Center interfaces can all be changed to Spanish language?



Attendees of the TRaiLS Summer Reading Webinar were entered in a drawing for one of four \$25 Visa gift cards. The lucky winners are: Connie Manzer, Springfield Public Library; Joyce Sullivan, Elgin Public Library; Lisa Karnes, Hartington Public Library; Michele Hastreiter, Humphrey Public Library. Congratulations!

GRANTS!



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

Don't forget about the 2016 Nebraska Library Internship Grant Program! All applications must be received no later than 5:00PM (CT) December 17, 2015.

In case you missed it, the Nebraska Library Commission will make grant funds available up to \$1,000 to accredited Nebraska public libraries for internships to fund a high school or college intern in 2016. This project is supported in part by the

Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act through the 2016 Nebraska Library Internship Grant Program.

This internship program works to introduce high school and college students to the varied and exciting work of Nebraska libraries. The internships are intended to function as a recruitment tool in helping the student to view the library as a

viable career opportunity while providing the public library with the with the finances to provide stipends to the students. In the past student interns have helped the libraries expand programs, complete projects, improve websites, and expand social media use, while bringing in fresh ideas to the library.

Check it out at <http://nowhiringatyourlibrary.nebraska.gov/Internships.asp>