



Supporting libraries serving our communities

May-June 2020

SUNdries

As we are going through a time in the history of modern day libraries that we have never experienced, the quote from Margaret Mead that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world resonates. From our one person libraries to our larger locations, it is evident that you are the thoughtful committed citizens. The world is changing around us and you are changing to meet the needs of our patrons and communities. This unprecedented Covid-19 time is bringing out the best in library staff. The creative ways you have stayed relevant with information, education and entertainment is commendable. Patrons needs have been met with online storytimes and programs, reader's advisory, curbside service, deliveries to homes, etc. A few libraries were able to remain open. Take time to applaud your work as you continue providing services in new and different ways.

Visits around the Western Library System before the Governor requested the 21 day order to stay closer to home included Arthur, Bayard, Bridgeport, Crawford, Hyannis, Kimball, Minatare and Sidney. What a pleasure to visit the libraries and meet some of the staff. The Nebraska landscape is invigorating and calming at the same time. When we are free to travel, I will visit the rest of the public libraries in the System. In the Fall, I will visit the school libraries.

Did anyone ever imagine a summer reading program that may include online tracking and programming or distributing activity packets to your patrons? Some libraries will still have a traditional program as they can follow the guidelines. There will definitely be stories around this year's summer events. Please send pictures and articles of your summer reading and all new adventures in your libraries for future issues of the Western Sun.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead

The Nebraska Library Commission, Western Library System, Jeri and I are dedicated to supporting your library and each of you as you serve your communities. I can be reached by phone at 308-632-1350; 888-888-879-5303 or by E-mail cindy.osborne@nebraska.gov.

WESTERN LIBRARY SYSTEM
ANNUAL MEETING 2020
TUESDAY, JULY 28



KNIGHT MUSEUM AND SANDHILLS CENTER
ALLIANCE

DETAILS
COMING
SOON!!!

Mark Your Calendar

Please Note: Due to the Covid-19 directives or at the discretion of the organizers, the following may be cancelled.

May 2: Nebraska School Librarians chat via Zoom 9:00-11:00.

Email mrspentland@gmail.com to receive the zoom link for this event

June 11: Bridges out of Poverty - Alliance High School 9:00-3:00 \$25.00. Registration Required. <https://panhandlepartnership.com/event/bridges-out-of-poverty-alliance/>. Sponsored by the Panhandle Partnership.

June 30: Nebraska Book Awards Competition Entry Deadline. \$40.00 Entry Fee <https://tinyurl.com/lmnf5fd>

July 28: Western Library System Annual Meeting - Alliance

September 30-October 3: ARSL Annual Conference "Soar with Libraries: Sharing Our Amazing Resources"

October 7-9 Nebraska Library Association/School Librarians Joint Conference "Together Facing Forward" Kearney, Nebraska

Hot 2020 Titles for Summer Reading



Adults

Box, C. J. *The Long Range: A Joe Pickett Novel*. G.P. Putnam's Sons

Gaines, Joanna. *Magnolia Table Volume 2: A Collection of Recipes for Gathering*. William Morrow

Kolker, Robert. *Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family*. Doubleday

Lynn, Loretta. *Me and Patsy Kickin' Up Dust: My Friendship with Patsy Klein*. Grand Central

Winslow, Don. *Broken*. HarperCollins

Teens

De Becerra, Katya. *Oasis*. Macmillan

Collins, Suzanne. *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes (A Hunger Games Novel)* Scholastic. Publication Date: May 19, 2020

Giles, Lamar. *Not so Pure and Simple*. Quill Tree Books

Wolfe, Tracy. *Crave. Crave Series: Book 1*. Entangled Publishing

Yang, Gene Luen. *Dragon Hoops*. Macmillan

Children - Picture Books

Clinton, Hilary and Clinton, Chelsea. *Grandma's Gardens*. Penguin Random House

Dean James and Dean, Kimberley. *Pete the Cat's Groovy Guide to Kindness*, HarperCollins

Raul, the Third. *¡Vamos! Let's Go Eat*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Renauld, Laura. *Fred's Big Feelings: The Life and Legacy of Mister Rogers*. Antheneum Books for Young Readers

Hoang, Zara Gonzalez. *A New Kind of Wild*. Penguin Young Readers Group

Children

Beiberdorf, Kate. *Kate the Chemist: The Big Book of Experiments*. Philomel Books

Brallier, Max. *Last Kids on Earth: June's Wild Flight*. Viking

Doyle, Bill and Sax, Sarah. *Escape this Book: Tombs of Egypt*. Random House Children's Books

Food Network Magazine. *The Big Fun Kid's Cookbook: 150+ Recipes for Young Chefs*. Food Network Magazine.

Hunter, Erin. *Warriors. The Broken Code #3. Veil of Shadows*. Harper

RESOURCES FROM THE NEBRASKA LIBRARY COMMISSION

Featured Resources this issue:

Covid-19 Pandemic Resources <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/libman/pandemic.aspx>

Books in Series Database



A series is two or more books featuring the same character or characters. For listings of your favorite series in order, **search by AUTHOR or TITLE or SERIES name.** (searches cannot be combined)

Search by <i>author</i>	<input type="text"/>	Search Authors
Search by <i>book title</i>	<input type="text"/>	Search Titles
Search by <i>series title</i>	<input type="text"/>	Search Series



Books in Series Database: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/ref/booksinseries.asp>

Library Closures in the early 1910's.

Here is an historical perspective as captured by the Carthage Public Library in Illinois. The information was collected in 2019 when the library celebrated its 125th anniversary. Original manuscripts below.

- *The library was closed from Dec. 21, 1910-July 1, 1911 due to a scarlet fever epidemic. 9 books were condemned and destroyed.
- *The Library was closed for 3 weeks beginning Dec. 31, 1912 due to scarlet fever. 4 books had to be burned.
- *The Library was closed from Nov. 8, 1913-April 1, 1914 and again from June 6, 1914-July 18, 1914 due to a scarlet fever epidemic. A total of 16 volumes were lost during those two periods.
- *The Library was closed from Oct. 12, 1918-Jan. 27, 1919 (15 or 16 weeks) because of the influenza epidemic. That year ILA cancelled their annual conference. Instead a 1 day conference, smaller meetings were held at various locations across the state.



DAILY, WEEKLY AND MONTHLY OBSERVANCES

May

Month

Asian American and Pacific Island Heritage Month

<https://asianpacificheritage.gov/>



American Library Association Poster

Week

May 3-9: National Drinking Water Week

<https://www.awwa.org/Events-Education/Drinking-Water-Week>

Day

May 5: Cinco de Mayo

May 18: International Museum Day 2020 Goes Digital and Spotlights "Museums for Equality: Diversity and Inclusion" <https://tinyurl.com/ya98yp53>

May 27: National Day of Senior Health & Fitness Day <http://www.fitnessday.com/>

June, July and August July offers fewer selections as public libraries focus on Imagine Your Stories:

June

Month

National Audiobook Appreciation Month

National Safety Month. National Safety Council

<https://www.nsc.org/work-safety/get-involved/national-safety-month>

Day

June 14: Flag Day

<https://www.history.com/news/95-years-of-flag-day>

July

Month

National Ice Cream Month

<https://www.idfa.org/july-is-national-ice-cream-month>

Day

World Emoji Day

<https://worldemojiday.com/>

August

Month

National Parks Service celebrates Aviation <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/aviation/index.htm>

Day

August 9: National Book Lovers Day is celebrated on August 9 every year. This is an unofficial holiday observed to encourage bibliophiles celebrate reading and literature.

August 15: National Honey Bee Day <https://honeylove.org/national-honey-bee-day/>



Western Library System Board

At the March 10th, Board Meeting, the representative unanimously appointed Jennifer Holthus to replace Vickie Retzlaff, who retired from the Grant County Library in Hyannis. Jennifer will represent District A. Ballots for the positions listed below were due on May 1st. The new or incumbent members will begin their terms at the Annual Meeting on July 28.

Names on the Ballot:

Public Library Representative: Sarah Alfred

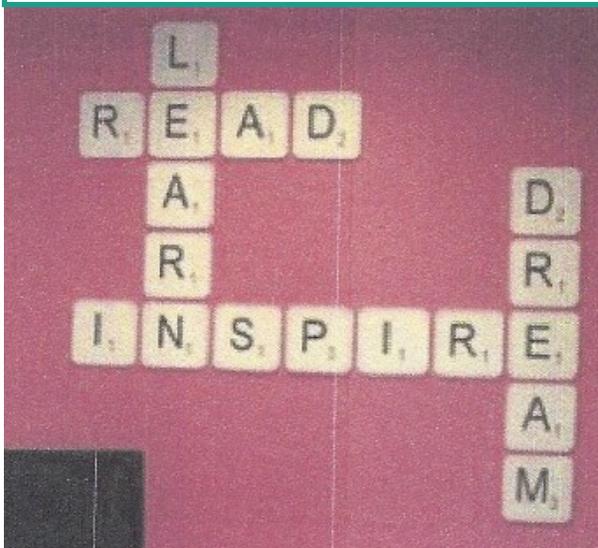
At Large: Matt McLaughlin

District B: Representative: Mackenzie Watson

District C: Leta Liesch

District E: Beth Falla

Inside Display or
Outdoor Fun with Chalk or Letters



Contributed by Jeri Clapper



Many of you signed up for Reader Zone, the online reading program tracking system for your Imagine Your Stories Summer Reading Program. It is not too late. The four regional systems combined efforts to pay for libraries to receive free memberships from May through July.

<https://readerzone.com/works/>. Scroll down the page and watch the demo. The membership is under the Central Plains Library System name, and all the Western Library System libraries are invited to participate.

To sign up, please complete the Google Form.

<https://forms.gle/hVGpH32HBeAa3ZQP7>



Western Library System Scholarship Application

Here is your opportunity to take advantage of going to the Nebraska Library/School Library Association Conference or the Western Library System Annual Meeting or take a Webinar that is not in your budget!

- Up to \$300.00 per event for registration, mileage, meals, etc.
- All member libraries are eligible.

How do I apply?

- Submit an application letter and form.
- The Scholarship Committee will review each application received and notify the applicants.
- Scholarship recipients will provide a brief article for the Western Sun.

Detailed information and an online application is available on the WLS Website:

<http://libraries.ne.gov/wls/wls-scholarship-application/>

Name:	
Library/School Agency:	
Phone and Email:	
Event Date:	
Requested Amount:	

Please describe the activity, why you want to attend this activity, and how it will contribute to your professional growth. Be as specific as possible with the date, location, and function of the activity:

Send all requests to: Western Library System Fax: 308-632-3978
615 S. Beltline Hwy West
Scottsbluff, NE 69361 Email: wlsasst@gmail.com

LEARNING

Upcoming NCompass Live

Upcoming NCompass Live events: Sessions count for CE credits.

NCompass Live is broadcast live, every Wednesday, from 9am - 10am, Mountain Time. For more information, to register for NCompass Live, or to listen to recordings of past events, go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/NCompassLive/>

NCompass Live Webinars	Wednesdays 9am-10am (Mountain)
Reading for Justice: A Database for YA and Youth Literature	May 20
Pretty Sweet Tech	May 27
Automating Virtual Student Library Cards	June 3
Identity and Imposter Syndrome in Library Makerspaces	June 10
Pretty Sweet Tech	June 24

Basic Skills for Nebraska Librarians

Basic Skills Postponed and Certification Update

The Nebraska Library Commission decided to postpone the upcoming Basic Skills classes. The NLC will be focusing on developing more self-paced modules which will be announced as they are available.

For both librarian and library board certifications that are due in 2020, you will be able to extend your certification for one year. For example, if your current certification date is 05/01/20, your new date would be 05/01/21. Linda Babcock, from the Commission will be reaching out to individuals and library boards via email about this extension process.

Highlights from the Nebraska School Librarians Zoom Mini-Conference—April 4, 2020

There was a lively discussion and side chats on two position papers from the American Association of School Librarians.

Role of School Librarians

http://www.ala.org/aasl/sites/ala.org.aasl/files/content/advocacy/statements/docs/AASL_Role_of_the_School_Library.pdf

School Librarians Role in Reading

http://www.ala.org/aasl/sites/ala.org.aasl/files/content/advocacy/statements/docs/AASL_Position_Statement_RoleinReading_2020-01-25.pdf

Ashley Cooksey presented a session on using picture books for beginning coding. It was an educational, entertaining way to show the basic concepts of coding and how these concepts are used in picture books.

<https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/using-picture-books-for-beginning-coding-concepts/>

Colby Sharp, co-author of *Game Changer* and host of www.mrcolbysharp.com. He inspired the attendees with laughter and tears. This Zoom presentation was quite active in the chat box with Librarians providing their location, stories and favorite books. *Book Love*, by Penny Kittle was discussed as a great resource.

Based on the feedback from the attendees of the virtual NSLA Nebraska School Librarians Day. Another chat session is scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd from 9:00-11:00 AM CST via Zoom. Email mrspsentland@gmail.com to receive the zoom link for this event.



Library and Information Services

Online Course Offerings

<http://www.cccneb.edu/library>

Enrollment for Fall 2020 opens April 14, 2020

Fall 2020: August 17, 2020 – December 11, 2020

LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services

Marty Magee, Instructor

This course, the recommended first in the Library and Information Services curriculum, provides introductory information in multiple areas.

- Library history and organizations
- Foundation Principles/Code of Ethics
- Information databases and Internet usage

LIBR 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies

Michael Straatmann, Instructor

This course includes the theories, concepts and activities integral to leading and managing 21st Century libraries and information agencies.

- Leadership principles
- Management strategies
- Policies and procedures

LIBR 2940 Library and Information Services Capstone Practicum

Patty Birch, Instructor

This capstone course is the last course in the Library and Information Services program. Students will complete 40 hours of service learning in a host library. The course also includes a review of the principle pieces of learning from the LIS program.

Prerequisites: LIBR 1010, 2100, 2150, 2210, & 2250

Library and Information Services Online Course Offerings	
Fall 2020	Spring 2021
LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services	LIBR 2100 Reference Resources and Services
LIBR 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies	LIBR 2150 Managing Collections in Libraries and Information Agencies
LIBR 2940 Library Science Capstone Practicum	LIBR 2210 Cataloging and Classification

For information concerning Admissions or Registration, contact:

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

Central Community College is an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution.



Start this Summer: Bachelor's in Library Science

Advance your career and position yourself for success in today's 21st-century libraries. The University of Nebraska at Omaha offers accredited, fully online bachelor's in library science programs with award-winning faculty, high-tech learning environments, and high employment placement rates.

Application deadline for Summer Sessions is June 1.

Online classes to fit your schedule

Most of our students are full-time working adults and online learning gives them the flexibility to take a few courses a semester while also maintaining their busy life schedules. Options are available for students to complete an entire degree or just take individual courses.

- Gain real-world experience

The online Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies degree program accepts most transfer credits from regionally accredited colleges and universities, as well as considers non-traditional credit from formal training experiences which have been evaluated and approved by specific agencies and committees.

- Three options to choose from:

Bachelor of Science in Education: This option is for individuals looking to advance their career and prepares students for graduate work in American Library Association-accredited programs.

Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies: This option is ideal for individuals seeking entry-level employment in academic, public, and special libraries anywhere in the world.

Individual Courses: This route works well for individuals who want a professional development option that allows for gaining knowledge in one or two particular course areas without completing an entire degree program.

2020 One Book One Nebraska

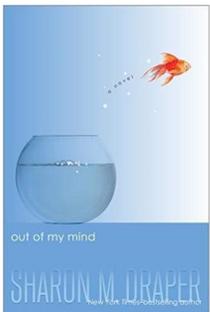


One Book One Nebraska Adults: All the Gallant Men by Donald Stratton

Written by Donald Stratton, with Ken Gire. As the anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attacks approaches, Don, a great-grandfather of five and one of five living survivors of the *Arizona*, offers a unprecedentedly intimate reflection on the tragedy that drew America into the greatest armed conflict in history. *All the Gallant Men* is a book for the ages, one of the most remarkable and remarkably inspiring.

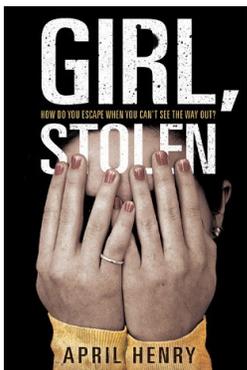
<http://onebook.nebraska.gov/2020/index.aspx>

One Book For Nebraska Kids : Out of my mind by Sharon Draper



Melody has a sharp brain in a body with cerebral palsy. She is frustrated with learning the alphabet over and over when she has a photographic memory (or nearly so). Since she cannot talk, the neighbor, Mrs. V., rigs up a word and alphabet board on her wheelchair. Finally Melody is sent to "inclusion classes" where children from room H-5 experience life in a real classroom for certain subjects. Melody loves this chance to learn. But it isn't until she gets her best "gizmo" ever that she really has a chance to become a part of the class.

One Book For Nebraska Teens: Girl Stolen by April Henry



Sixteen-year-old Cheyenne Wilder is sleeping in the back of the car while her stepmom fills a prescription for antibiotics. Before Cheyenne realizes what's happening, the car is being stolen. Griffin hadn't meant to kidnap Cheyenne and once he finds out that not only does she have pneumonia, but that she's blind, he really doesn't know what to do. When his dad finds out that Cheyenne's father is the president of a powerful corporation, everything changes--now there's a reason to keep her. How will Cheyenne survive this nightmare?

<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/Youth/OBOK/>

Western Library System Resources

Available to Check Out
Binding Maching
Blocks Rock
BookKits (check WLS website for list)
Breakout Kits - One Platform - Escape Room
Cricut and Heat Press
Dragon Puppets - 1 red and 1 green (see picture below)
EVO Ozobot
Frog Guiro
Gizmos and Gadgets
LEGO Boost and Book
Makey Makey Classics
Makey Makey STEM Kits (12 projects)
Speaker System with microphone
Star Punch (3 1/4 inches across)
Star Wars Droid and R2-D2
In Office Use
Book Repair System (Self-serve)
COOL Laminator
Disc Repair System (WLS staff will do this for you)
Embroidery Machine



The Western Library System has a binding repair machine that fixes a variety of types and sizes of books. Take advantage of this useful service to save your valuable books and avoid the cost of replacements. Only .50¢ per book.

Go to <http://www.coverone.net/>

Bring your books into the WLS office to make your own repairs! Call the WLS office for an appointment. 308-632-1350, Toll-Free 888



The ECO AUTOSMART DISC REPAIR SYSTEM is a full service machine, not just a buffer. It cleans and repairs your valuable discs. As long at the discs are not cracked we can fix them!

From July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020, each WLS member library has 10 free disc cleanings. If you have any questions, please call the WLS office.

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