



**Western Library System**  
Helping libraries serve our communities.

July/August 2018

### Ramblings From the New Interim

As you read in the last newsletter, Jan has moved back to Texas, and the system is looking for a new director. In the meantime, I will try to help out in the office, and visit as many as I can. There are so many things going on in our libraries, I would love for you to take a moment and send me an email with information and pictures of your events. Supporting each other is one of our strongest assets. Our system's annual meeting is coming up July 17th. I realize many of you are still in the summer reading swing of things, but I hope some of you can break away and come to Chappell. Other events and opportunities abound from our great state. I hope you will take advantage for your patrons. If there is anything you need help with, or questions you need answered, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

Kathy Terrell, Interim Director

*"The most important asset of any library goes home at night - the library staff."*

Timothy Healy

## **WESTERN LIBRARY SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING CHAPPELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY & ART GALLERY**

**TUESDAY, JULY 17TH 9:30 AM**

**\$10 CHECK PAYABLE TO WESTERN LIBRARY SYSTEM**

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**JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP**

Join Library Director Sherry Leechman, for a tour of the Chappell Art Gallery before lunch. What a fabulous display of art from local art patrons, to local artists. Lots of history and information . Downstairs, look at the huge rock collection from a local resident, and a vintage furniture collection once housed at the Governor's mansion.

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# July/August Display and Programming Ideas

## **Family Golf Month** (July)

Play miniature golf in your library

## **National Ice Cream Month** (July)

Have an interactive board with a question like “What is the weirdest combination of ice cream flavors you can think of?” and graph it at the end of the month

## **International Zine Month** (July)

I had to look this one up. It is a “fanzine”. Have kids make their own comic style books.

## **Compliment Your Mirror Day** (July 3)

Decorate mirrors in your library with positive quotes.

## **Independence Day** (July 4)

Enjoy your holiday with family and friends!

## **Movie release: *Ant-Man and the Wasp*** (July 6)

*Ant-Man* came out in 2015.

## **Video Game Day** (July 8)

How about an old fashioned video game day?

## **National Sugar Cookie Day** (July 9)

Either have real cookies to decorate, or a paper plate version of the cookie to decorate.

## **All-American Pet Photo Day** (July 11)

Share photos of pets on a special wall or website.

## **Shark Awareness Day** (July 14)

Not sure about this one...maybe play Jaws music off and on during the day, with a stuffed shark that comes out and around the library during the music with a trivia question?

## **National Ice Cream Day** (July 15)

A summertime giveaway from a local restaurant or fast food place would make a great treat.

## **World Emoji Day** (July 17)

Throw an emoji party with costumes and cupcakes!

## **National Milk Chocolate Day** (July 28)

It would be tough to stay away from them, but give away milk chocolate candy this day.

## **Romance Awareness Month** (August)

Display love and romance-filled books.

## **National Simplify your life week** (August 1-4)

From simple foods, to simple organization...the possibilities are endless!

## **Writer James Baldwin birthday** (Aug 2)

## **Movie release of *The Spy Who Dumped Me*** (Aug 3)

## **Jazz musician Louis Armstrong birthday** (Aug 4)

## **Comedian and actress Lucille Ball's birthday** (Aug. 6)

## **National Night Out** (Aug 7)

Does your community celebrate? What could you do to promote your library programs?

## **International Cat Day** (Aug 8)

Selfies with cats and/or books about cats

## **National Book Lovers Day** (Aug 9)

Share the title of your favorite book on a special wall or website.

## **Left Handers Day** (Aug 13)

Check out [www.lefthandersday.com](http://www.lefthandersday.com) for some ideas.

## **National Navajo Code Talkers Day** (Aug 14)

Celebrate the contributions these men made in WWII. Have kids make up a code of their own, or look at

look at books with different codes, and write a note to a friend.

**National Relaxation Day** (Aug 15)

How about a spa treatment from a business in town, or just paint-your-nails day.

**National Tell a Joke Day** (Aug 16)

What a day for all those “jokesters” who continually have a joke to share.

**International Geocaching Day** (Aug 18)

[www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)

**World Photo Day** (Aug 19)

Is there someone in your community who could do a short workshop on photography tips?

**Science fiction writer H.P. Lovecraft’s birthday** (Aug 20)

[www.hplovecraft.com](http://www.hplovecraft.com)

**Poet and short story writer Dorothy Parker’s birthday** (Aug 22)

[www.AmericanPoems.com](http://www.AmericanPoems.com)

**Global Forgiveness Day** (Aug 27)

What a great day to forgive library fines, or no fines for overdue library materials brought in today

**Bow Tie Day** (Aug 28)

Oh, my goodness, you will have to take pictures if you have patrons wear bow ties this day. We all need to share. Rob Appell has a free tutorial on how to make a bow tie on [www.mansewing.com](http://www.mansewing.com) that came out around Father’s Day in June.

**Author Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley’s birthday** (Aug 30)

Frankenstein, here we come!

**National Trail Mix Day** (Aug 31)

Share recipes for favorite trail mixes with a winner getting a free cookbook or just being recognized.

For more ideas, go to [www.ideas.demco.com/category/blog](http://www.ideas.demco.com/category/blog)

Welcome Kathy Gorman, the new library director at Potter Public Library!

She has many new ideas for Potter’s library patrons and the facility. Kathy is planning to get Potter Public Library accredited, has moved children’s books to the front of the library, rearranged the shelving and desks to be more inviting, and has a lot of enthusiasm for the future.

Again, welcome aboard, Kathy!



**WLS Annual Meeting** July 17, 2018

Chappell Memorial Library & Art Gallery

Register: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C3Z6HNR>

**Deadline for Innovation Studio, 2nd round of Applications** July 20, 2018 See page 13 for more details.

**NLA/NSLA Annual Conference**

The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker

333 S 13th St • Lincoln, NE October 4-6, 2018

Are you getting your money’s worth?

Did you know that if a library purchased all the databases offered through NebraskaAccess they would be spending over \$7,000?

Help your patrons and students take full advantage of these databases by using the free promotional materials in the [Librarian’s Toolbox](#) to make business cards with passwords and handouts to educate all Nebraskans! Don’t short change your patrons or students offer them NebraskaAccess programming on any one of the databases.

# 2018 NLA/NSLA Joint Conference

October 4-6, 2018

The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker

333 S 13th St • Lincoln, NE

## Conference Schedule

*Please Note: Schedule Subject to Change*

### Thursday, October 4

8:30-11:30am: Morning Preconference Workshops

1:30-4:30pm: Afternoon Preconference Workshops

6:00-8:00pm: Exhibitor Open House

8:00-11pm: Evening Social Events/Late Night Fun

### Friday, October 5

8:00-8:50am: Round Table Breakfasts & Business Meetings

9:00-9:50am: Concurrent Sessions I

10:00-10:50am: Concurrent Sessions II

11:00-11:50am: Exhibitor Break

12:00-1:50pm: Joint NLA/NSLA Luncheon & Ling hwey Jeng Keynote

2:00-2:50pm: Concurrent Sessions III

3:00-3:50pm: Concurrent Sessions IV

4:00-5:00pm: Networking Hour & Poster Presentations

5:00-6:00pm: Exhibitor Reception

6:30-9:00pm: Evening Social Events

-Golden Sower Gala

-Notable Books After Dark

9:00-11:00pm: Late Night Fun

Early registration available until July 27th.

Regular registration July 28-September 7

Register at: <https://www.nebraskalibraries.org/general/custom.asp?page=Neblib2018>

## Saturday, October 6

8:00-8:50am: Section Breakfasts & Business Meetings

8:00-9:50am: NSLA Breakfast & Michelle Luhtala Keynote

9:00-9:50am: Concurrent Sessions V

10:00-10:50am: Concurrent Sessions VI

11:00-11:50am: Exhibitor Break

12:00-1:50pm: NLA & NSLA Luncheons & Business Meetings

2:00-2:50pm: Concurrent Sessions VII

3:00-3:50pm: Concurrent Sessions VIII

4:00-4:20pm: Closing Remarks & 2019 ILA/NLA/NSLA Conference Preview

Small and rural public libraries nation-wide are invited to apply to be a part of the IMLS grant "Code Club for Small & Rural Libraries."

The North Dakota State Library (NDSL) received a grant for \$249,000 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), through the National Leadership Grant for Libraries, to help youth learn coding at 50 libraries across the country.

Small and rural communities are at risk of being left behind as computer programming emerges as a critical skill and the gap in access to computer science education widens between urban and rural America. Code Club for Small & Rural Libraries seeks to enable the libraries in these communities to introduce coding to thousands of youth aged 8-14, which will help them gain the skills needed for college and career readiness and life success.

"As centers of learning and catalysts of community change, libraries and museums connect people with programs, services, collections, information, and new ideas in the arts, sciences, and humanities. They serve as vital spaces where people can connect with each other," said IMLS Director Dr. Kathryn K. Matthew. "IMLS is proud to support their work through our grant making as they inform and inspire all in their communities."

The grant will deliver all the resources necessary to run a code club in small and rural public libraries. Those resources include one-on-one training sessions, code club software, and ongoing coaching and support.

A code club is an informal program that takes place at a library where kids ages 8-18 learn computer programming skills. Teaching kids computer programming skills can dramatically impact your community by providing kids with 21st century career opportunities and instilling a valuable set of life skills, like computational thinking and problem solving.

Through a partnership with Prenda, code club does not require any coding knowledge to run. It does, however, require:

- Computers (laptops or desktops)
- High-speed internet
- A space in the library
- Library staff/volunteer to facilitate

To be eligible for this grant you must qualify as a "small or rural public library."

- Small = any public library with a service area of 15,000 or less
- Rural = any public library more than 25 miles from an 'urbanized area' (as defined by the US Census)

Applications to participate are due July 16 and must be completed online at <https://goo.gl/FTXk7r>

# Partnership Launched to Help Close the Homework Gap for Rural Students

Posted on May 7, 2018 by Jennifer Wrampe



## Nebraska Library Commission

High-speed Internet access is essential to Nebraska schoolchildren and a partnership between schools and libraries in five Nebraska communities will demonstrate an innovative way to ensure that children can complete homework assignments and projects. The Nebraska Library Commission has been awarded a National Leadership Sparks Grant of \$25,000 by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for a partnership project with the Nebraska Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) and five local school districts and public libraries. The *Nebraska Schools and Libraries—Breaking the Ice and Igniting Internet Relationships* grant is one of 26 projects out of 117 applications to receive funding totaling \$5,770,682 to support libraries across the nation.

Five Nebraska rural school districts and public libraries will work together as partners to increase Internet speeds at the public library using fixed wireless technology to provide additional Internet to the library, augmenting the current Internet service. Up to one gigabit (1,000Mbps) of Internet speed will be provided for a designated homework hotspot for school district students and staff. This will help close the “homework gap” that rural students face when attempting to complete homework assignments and school projects without a reliable Internet source at home. The libraries will use the school districts’ network to augment existing Internet service, supplementing it with high-speed Internet access for K-12 students and staff in these school districts so that students can complete homework assignments, collaborate in groups on research projects, access online instruction, work on special projects, and undertake other digital learning activities. Nebraska communities participating in this one-year project beginning June 1 include Bancroft, Genoa, Imperial, Verdigre, and Wymore.

“I am pleased to announce the recipients of IMLS’s highly competitive library grant programs,” said IMLS Director Dr. Kathryn K. Matthew. “These grants leveraged over \$2.7 million in matching funds from local partners and community collaborators, helping to ensure the sustainability of these projects and to enhance their reach and impact.”

“As Nebraska students and teachers embrace digital learning, Nebraska public libraries look for new partnership models with schools to ensure equal access to digital learning resources for all students. Students need broadband services outside of school and after school hours. Libraries fill the gap and contribute to educational achievement. This project demonstrates the commitment of Nebraska’s public libraries to provide high-speed Internet service through innovative educational partnerships with schools. We thank the schools and libraries that have committed to demonstrating this innovative approach to school and public library collaboration,” said Nebraska Library Commission Director Rod Wagner.

“The State of Nebraska’s Office of the CIO is pleased to partner with the Nebraska Library Commission on this project to improve Internet access in small, rural public libraries and to leverage the investments made in the state education network, Network Nebraska,” said Ed Toner, the State Chief Information Officer.

This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services [IMLS grant: LG-99-18-0018-18].

The **Institute of Museum and Library Services** is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s approximately [120,000 libraries](#) and [35,000 museums](#). Our mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Our grant making, policy development, and research help libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. To learn more, visit [www.imls.gov](http://www.imls.gov) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

As Nebraska’s state library agency, the **Nebraska Library Commission** is an advocate for the library and information needs of all Nebraskans. The mission of the Library Commission is statewide promotion, development, and coordination of library and information services—“bringing together people and information.” The most up-to-date news releases from the Nebraska Library Commission are always available on the Library Commission website, <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/publications/newsreleases>.

The **Nebraska Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)** is the State’s agency for Information Technology services. Through partnerships with public organizations, the OCIO provides coordinated IT management, enterprise oversight, and reliable solutions to support the business needs of the state agencies, boards, commissions, and political subdivisions serving Nebraska. Its staff helps manage Network Nebraska, the statewide telecommunications network serving public and private

Partnership continued

K-12 schools and higher education entities. Network Nebraska is uniquely positioned to assist public libraries with faster and lower cost commodity Internet and peered routing achieved through statewide aggregation and consortium E-rate expertise.

## Public Information and Communication

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

May 24, 2018

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[Mary Jo Ryan](#)

402-471-3434

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## Choose Your Days by Paula Wallace to Represent Nebraska at National Book Festival

A children's picture book that encourages us all to remember that we hold the key to our days will represent Nebraska at the 2018 National Book Festival. The Nebraska Center for the Book selected **Choose Your Days** by Paula Wallace (Cinco Puntos Press, 2016) as the state's selection for the National Book Festival's "Discover Great Places through Reading" brochure and map. Each state selects one book about the state, or by an author from the state, that is a good read for children or young adults. The brochure and map will be distributed at the September 1 Festival in Washington DC and will be featured in the "Great Reads about Great Places" links on the websites of both the national and Nebraska centers for the book.

This book, written and illustrated by Omaha artist Paula Wallace, tells an engaging story of a child learning to live her dreams to the fullest. The bright and whimsical illustrations sweep the reader along through the story and help deliver a powerful message about love and loss. Nebraska's "Great Reads about Great Places" book is chosen from the previous year's Nebraska Book Award winners and this book was awarded the 2017 Nebraska Book Award in the Children's Picture Book category. Entries for the 2018 Nebraska Book Awards will be accepted until June 30 - see <http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/awards/nebookawards.html>.

The National Book Festival will feature presentations by award-winning authors, poets, and illustrators at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC. Festival attendees can meet their favorite authors, get books signed, have photos taken with mascots and storybook characters, and participate in a variety of learning activities. States will staff exhibit booths to promote reading, library programs, and literary events. Find out more about the 2018 National Book Festival (including a list of featured authors) at <http://www.loc.gov/bookfest>.

The Nebraska Center for the Book is housed at the Nebraska Library Commission and brings together the state's readers, writers, booksellers, librarians, publishers, printers, educators, and scholars to build the community of the book, supporting programs to celebrate and stimulate public interest in books, reading, and the written word. The Nebraska Center for the Book is supported by the Nebraska Library Commission.

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## Happenings in and around the state:

The Wilson Public Library in Cozad encourages youth to continue reading even after they start kindergarten. That said, in addition to its 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program, the Wilson Public Library is kicking off a 1000 Books Before Middle School program on June 1. Much like the first program, parents/guardians can register each child kindergarten through 5th grade. Children keep track of progress via reading logs, turn in completed logs after every 100 books read, receive a new log, and get their photo uploaded to the library's Facebook page. In recognition of their accomplishments, names are put up on the 1000 Books Before Middle School board at the library. Book amounts are prorated according to grade level and date of sign up.

Jennie Smith, Youth Director, Wilson Public Library, 910 Meridian Ave. Cozad, NE 69130 308-784-2019

### **NCompass Live:**

Collection Development Made Easier with Ingram July 3rd

WebJunction: The Learning Place for Libraries July 11

Many Languages, Many Cultures: Responding to Diverse Health Information Needs July 18

Emergency and Disaster Response Planning for Libraries July 25

Engaging your Community Aug 1

Some of Our Favorites: The System Directors Talk Books Aug 15

## Basic Skills Classes coming up:

Class Dates	Class	Instructor	Registration Dates
7/9 - 7/20	Reference	Christa Porter	6/11 - 6/29
7/30 - 8/10	Collection Management*	Denise Harders	7/2 - 7/20
8/20 - 8/31	Library Policy	Sharon Osenga	7/23 - 8/1/0
9/10 - 9/21	Programming & Outreach	Jan Jolliffe	8/13 - 8/31
10/1 - 10/12	Community & Library*	Sam Shaw	9/3 - 9/21
10/22 - 11/2	Management/Supervision	Scott Childers	9/24 - 10/12
11/5 - 11/16	Leadership	Holli Duggan	10/8 - 10/26
12/3 - 12/14	Library Services to Children & Teens	Sally Snyder	11/1 - 11/23

# Great Stories Club Grant Applications Due July 9

Posted on [May 10, 2018](#) by [Mary Jo Ryan](#)



The American Library Association asks Nebraska librarians, “Do you love books and want to instill a love of reading in others? Learn how ALA’s Great Stories Club grants can help you connect with underserved youth in your community.”

This grant opportunity is open to all library types who are interested in working with (or located within) organizations that serve under-resourced youth, such as alternative high schools, juvenile justice organizations, or foster care agencies.

ALA is now accepting applications for the Great Stories Club, a grant program in which library workers lead reading and discussion programs with underserved teens in their communities. [Read the project guidelines and apply online.](#) Applications are due July 9. Up to 150 grants will be awarded.

**Program details and eligibility:** Working with small groups of approximately 10 teens, grantees will host reading and discussion programs for up to four thematically related books. The titles — selected in consultation with librarian advisors and humanities scholars — are chosen to resonate with reluctant readers struggling with complex issues like academic probation, detention, incarceration, violence, and poverty. All types of libraries are eligible, as long as they work in partnership with, or are located within, organizations that serve under-resourced youth, such as alternative high schools, juvenile justice organizations, homeless shelters, foster care agencies, teen parenting programs, residential treatment facilities, and other nonprofit and community agencies. ([Read an account of a former Great Stories Club grantee about her partnership with a juvenile detention center.](#)) Libraries located in high-poverty communities are also eligible to apply, though outreach partnerships with youth-focused organizations are still encouraged.

**Themes and titles:** Participating libraries may choose to work with one or both of the following themes during a 12-month programming period (September 2018 – August 2019): “Empathy: The Cost of Switching Sides” and “What Makes a Hero? Self, Society and Rising to the Occasion.”

**Grantees** will receive: 11 paperback copies of up to four book selections (10 to gift to participants and 1 for discussion leader/library collection), travel and accommodation expenses paid for one staff member to attend a 1 ½-day project orientation workshop in Chicago (libraries selected to implement both Great Stories Club series will be assigned to attend only one workshop), and programming materials, including discussion guides, related reading lists and promotional resources,

**For more information:** See <http://www.programminglibrarian.org/articles/apply-now-great-stories-club-book-club-underserved-youth>. Potential applicants may sign up for a free webinar to learn more about this opportunity. The webinar will be held at 1 p.m. Central Time on Monday, May 21. [Reserve a spot for the webinar.](#)

Sarah Ostman, American Library Association  
Public Programs Office Communications Manager  
312-280-5061

The 24th Joint Annual Youth Services Retreat will be held at Camp Carol Joy Holling (Ashland) September 6 and 7th. 11 CE are available for attendance at both days.

Registration is now open at <https://goo.gl/forms/SLVmNiWLiRVD1iEv1>

For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/2018JYSR>

## KREUTZ BENNETT DONOR-ADVISED FUND

The Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund was established by the estate of Shirley Kreutz Bennett. A life-long learner, Shirley graduated from Harvard High School in 1941, earned a BA from the University of Washington, Seattle, plus an MA and PhD from Columbia University, New York. Shirley was a retired Professor of Education at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Grants from the Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund will provide matching grants for public libraries in Nebraska communities with a population of fewer than 3,000.

### Eligible Applicants

Nebraska public libraries located in communities of fewer than 3,000 residents.

### Steps to Apply

1. Review the grant guidelines.
2. Complete the short application. Short applications received on or before October 1, 2018 will be considered for the grant cycle awarded in March 2019. Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF) and/or the Nebraska Library Commission (NLC) staff will be in contact you to discuss your application within 30 days of receipt.
3. Short applications determined to be the best matches in each grant area will be asked to complete a full application providing additional information.
4. Complete the full application. Deadline for full applications is 5 p.m. on January 11, 2019.

For all the application information please see : [www.nebcommfound.org/give/kreutz-bennett-donor-advised-fund](http://www.nebcommfound.org/give/kreutz-bennett-donor-advised-fund)

## From SLJ Be Tween:

### On World Refugee Day

[Kiera Parrott](#), *Reviews Director*

It's with sadness that we watch the heartbreaking consequences of the U.S. policy that divides families attempting to enter the country's borders. How do we discuss such devastating news with our tweens?

I'm reminded, as I so often am, of Fred Rogers's advice: "Look for the helpers." I'm bolstered by the knowledge that others in the kid lit community are standing up to injustice through the movement [Kid Lit Says No Kids in Cages](#). And I'm heartened as I see ALA, the ACLU, and the American Academy of Pediatrics joining the chorus of those condemning this unacceptable policy.

Books, too, often offer avenues for fostering empathy. I'd like to highlight titles such as Diane Guerrero's [My Family Divided](#), which stresses the importance of family even in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles. And Alan Gratz discusses his middle grade novel [Refugee](#).

With ALA Annual in just a few days, we look forward to continuing the conversation with you—the IRRT Chair Program [Libraries Saving Lives: Serving Immigrants and Refugees](#) couldn't be more relevant.

## News You Can Use



**HELP your Summer Reading Program patrons win money for college? The parents will love you, too.**

### NEST College Savings Plan Scholarship Drawing

Librarians want to help your Summer Reading Program patrons win money for college? After they have completed your library's [Summer Reading Program](#) they will be eligible to win one of fifteen \$529 NEST College Savings Scholarships (see announcements below). Five will be awarded in each of Nebraska's three congressional districts. In addition the library of each winner will also win \$250! Put up the poster (below) below to let your summer readers know about this investment.

The Summer Reading, NEST 529 Read to Win Contest will run **May 15, 2018 through August 22, 2018**.

Here is your file for submitting children and teen names for the scholarship drawing, click: [Excel](#) and save the file to your hard drive. Please note there are 2 tabs in the file, one is instructions, and the other is where you can type the contestants' names. When you have accumulated the names from your SRP please send an electronic version of the file back to Sally Snyder, [sally.snyder@nebraska.gov](mailto:sally.snyder@nebraska.gov). **The deadline is 11:59:59 p.m., CT, on August 27, 2018**

If you are unable to use the Excel file, you may list the children's and teens' names, with their phone numbers or parents' email addresses, in the body of an email and send it to Sally Snyder.

NEST College Savings Plan Scholarship [Official Rules](#) (2018 ones coming)

NEST [Poster](#)

If you have any problems printing the poster, please save it locally, and use Adobe Reader to view and print.

NEST [Announcement](#) (2018 announcement coming) from the Library Commission

Nebraska's 529 Direct College Savings Plan website: <https://www.nest529direct.com/>

Treasurer's Office [Nest Newsletters](#)

Information provided by Nebraska Library Commission

**NEST College Savings Plan Scholarship's for 2018 will be open on May 15, 2018. If you have any further questions please contact [Sally Snyder](#); Phone: 800-307-2665.**

## New Titles Available from NLC

Here are some titles from the Nebraska Library Commission Collection for STEM/STEAM in the library. As always,—please contact [nlc.ask@nebraska.gov](mailto:nlc.ask@nebraska.gov) if you'd like to check out any of these titles. Thanks.

Full STEAM Ahead: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics in Library Programs and Collections, Synopsis [here](#), by Cherie P. Pandora and Kathy Fredrick, Z675 .T3 P21 2017

How to STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Education in Libraries, Synopsis [here](#), edited by Vera Gubnitskaia, Carol Smallwood, Z675 .T3 H59 2014

Maker Lab: 28 Super Cool Projects, Synopsis [here](#), by Jack Challoner ; foreword by Jack Andraka, Z716.33 .C44 2016

Summer Matters: Making All Learning Count, Synopsis [here](#), by Elizabeth M. McChesney, Bryan W. Wunar ; with illustrations by Steve Musgrave, Z718.3 .M38 2017

Technology and the School Library: a Comprehensive Guide for Media Specialists and Other Educators, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Synopsis [here](#), by Odin L. Jurkowski, Z675.S3 J87 2017

From American Libraries online, May 1 2018, Coding for Fun; Problem-solving games for computational thinking: <https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2018/05/01/computational-thinking-coding-for-fun/>

To search the Nebraska Library Commission Catalog, go to <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/opac>, and search on: *STEM, STEAM, makerspaces*

The Library Commission also has library science titles you can request and keep, via the Giveaways from the Nebraska Library Commission page: [http://nlc.nebraska.gov/ref/giveaway\\_LIS.aspx](http://nlc.nebraska.gov/ref/giveaway_LIS.aspx).

### Libraries Rock!



Summer Reading Program at Bridgeport Public Library



## Library Innovation Studios: Transforming Rural Communities



**Watch the May 30 NCompass Live broadcast** that will feature some of the local librarians that have already hosted the rotating studio, update on progress, and walk through the application process.

For more details visit: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgId=17259>

Eligible Nebraska public libraries are those with a legal service area of less than 25,000 and are accredited.

For more details contact JoAnn McManus at  
[joann.mcmanus@nebraska.gov](mailto:joann.mcmanus@nebraska.gov).

Visit: <http://www.nlc.nebraska.gov/grants/InnovationStudios/LibraryInnovationStudiosProjectSummary.pdf>

It's time to apply for your own Nebraska  
Library Innovation Studio!  
**The deadline to apply is July 20, 2018.**

Ask a librarian who already has the studio working in their library: Tammy Hewitt-Covalt, Bridgeport Public Library

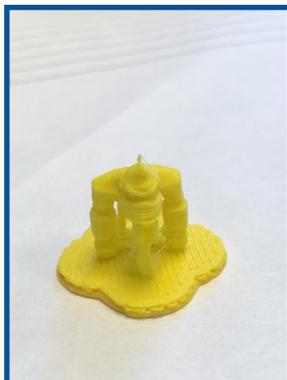
A comment from a 4th grader: "I never knew the library could be so cool!"

Pictures from the Innovation Studio at the Bridgeport Public Library:

Router, etching, 3-D printing, embroidery, and mouse pad printing

Vinyl cutting and button making is also available

Scottsbluff PL will host this studio in September



## WLS Has Money Available For Scholarships!

Western Library System Scholarship Application

Up to \$200.00 per event for registration, mileage, meals, etc.

All member libraries are eligible.

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The board meeting of new officers will be held at the Railway Office Plaza conference room on Tuesday, September 11th at 10:00 a.m. The meeting for the new committees will be held after a carry-in luncheon that same day. Hope to see you all there!

**Board of Directors bi-monthly meeting minutes are available in the Western Library System office.**

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