



## Libraries Are Still Here...

I've been feeling somewhat vindicated the past few weeks, (Ok, smug might be the better word,) over an article that appeared in Publishers Weekly. According to their market trends, print sales are up for the first time in about five years, and e-book sales are down. They attribute this partly to the wide range of e-readers that have become available, and the fact that many people still like the feel of a book in their hands when they're reading. I'm smug, excuse me, vindicated, because of a former library board member who argued against our plans for a building expansion, because "in twenty years there won't even be printed books." My reply was that even if that were true, people would still be coming to the library for other reasons.

What is frustrating is that we didn't have enough money for an addition, though we have done a really good job of remodeling the original space to achieve maximum use of the space. The board member has since moved to a large metropolitan area in another state, and during a phone call was raving about a great public library she had visited that had spaces for people to come in and create projects. Sounds like a Maker Space, doesn't it? To say I was a "little" irritated with her is a severe understatement! There are always nay-sayers, when it comes to prophesying the end of libraries as we know them; sometimes, unfortunately, they are employees or board members who should be positive in the face of change. I fully expect our library to be here another 100 years, perhaps serving our community in ways I can't even imagine, but helping to feed our public's desire for information and recreation.

In good news for all our System libraries, Pat Gross is available at the Western Library System office as an interim director, while the hiring committee continues with the interview process. Pat's initial agreement is for six months, and we hope we can have a new Director in that time, but this gives us a little breathing room. Pat is available to answer questions over the phone, or to come visit if you would like that. She has lots of experience, having worked in public and school libraries in the Panhandle, as well as serving on the Nebraska Library Commission's Advisory Board. Thank you, and welcome, Pat!

Maryruth Reed  
President  
WLS Board

# SAVE THE DATE

September 25th – October 1st, 2016



<http://www.oif.ala.org/oif/?p=7002>



**Teens' Top Ten** is a "teen choice" list, where teens nominate and choose their favorite books of the previous year. Nominations are posted on the Thursday of National Library Week, and teens across the country vote on their favorite titles each year. **Readers ages twelve to eighteen will vote online between August 15 and Teen Read Week™ (October 9-15, 2016) here on the Teens' Top Ten site.** The winners will be announced the week after [Teen Read Week](#). Go to <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten> for more information.

TEEN READ WEEK™  
OCTOBER 9-15, 2016



Read for  
the fun of it!

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CHINESE (TRADITIONAL)

Lee por el  
gusto de leer

SPANISH

Độc sách thật  
là vui

VIETNAMESE

Halina't magsibasa  
at maaliw

TAGALOG

Lire pour  
le plaisir

FRENCH

Teen Read Week™ is a national adolescent literacy initiative created by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). It began in 1998 and is held annually in October the same week as Columbus Day. Its purpose is to encourage teens to be regular readers and library users.

The 2016 event will be held Oct. 9 - 15th, featuring a multi-lingual "Read for the fun of it!" theme. Library staff and educators are encouraged to leverage this theme to highlight all of the resources and services available to the 22% of the nation's youth who speak a language other than English at home.

# KANEKOUNOLIBRARY



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**March 17, 2017**



## Information Exchange

The Information Exchange is devoted to helping communities locate and strategize methods to provide better access to information, generate ideas about what libraries are and how knowledge can be shared within a community to improve the lives of its citizens.

This conference is for librarians, educators, business leaders, healthcare providers, activists, city planners—anyone who wants to build resources in their community.

## National Friends of Libraries Week October 16-22, 2016

United for Libraries will coordinate the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual National Friends of Libraries Week. Use the time to promote your group in the community, to raise awareness, and to increase membership. This is also an excellent opportunity to recognize your Friends group for the help and support of the library.

## The Nebraska 150 Reading Challenge

Open your mind to what Nebraska authors have to offer. You will be amazed by the scope of literature and books produced by writers right here in Nebraska. Some of these books may be familiar to you, others may be books that you have never before encountered. The goal of the Nebraska 150 Reading Challenge is to draw attention to the best literature produced from Nebraska and to highlight the varied cultures, historical time periods and locations that are featured in the selected books. These books will contribute to a greater understanding of our shared history.

Go to <http://nebraska150books.org/> and download the Nebraska 150 Reading Challenge Entry Form and start reading today!



# NEBRASKA 150 BOOKS

## Calling All Jodi Picoult Fans!

Do you love character-driven novels of family, love, and loss? Are you waiting (not so) patiently for Jodi Picoult's October release of her new book *Small Great Things*? If you answered yes to either of these questions, this list of 2016 titles with heartwarming—and heart-wrenching—stories is perfect for you.

[The Perfect Neighbors](#) by Sarah Pekkanen  
[The Turning Point](#) by Freya North  
[What Was Mine](#) by Helen Klein Ross  
[We Could Be Beautiful](#) by Swan Huntley  
[In Twenty Years](#) by Allison Winn Scotch  
[Most Wanted](#) by Lisa Scottoline  
[Somewhere Out There](#) by Amy Hatvany  
[The Secret Life of CeeCee Wilkes](#) by Diane Chamberlain  
[Family Tree](#) by Susan Wiggs  
[The Good Goodbye](#) by Carla Buckley  
[Missing Pieces](#) by Heather Gudenkauf  
[Truly Madly Guilty](#) by Liane Moriarty  
[All Is Not Forgotten](#) by Wendy Walker



*Wright, Kristina. BookBub Blog. Posted on July 22, 2016.*



To raise awareness of the overly restrictive blocking of legitimate, educational websites and academically useful social networking tools in schools and school libraries, AASL has designated one day during Banned Books Week as Banned Websites Awareness Day. On Wednesday, September 28, AASL asks school librarians and other educators to promote an awareness of how overly restrictive filtering affects student learning.

## Tips for Successful Story times

### A Booklist Webinar

By Sharon Osenga

Below are some great ideas to help you prepare and present interesting, successful storytimes!

Check out this blog for ideas: <http://storytimesecrets.blogspot.com>.

#### Story Time Mindset:

- **Investment:** You need to be 100% invested in storytime. Immerse yourself in the world of children and children's literature. You need to see storytime as something valuable and important.
- **Confidence:** I know I can do it. If you need to, pep talk yourself into confidence.
- **Humility:** Knowing what we are good at and knowing what we cannot do well. Play to your own strengths and around your weaknesses. Be open to criticism.
- **Recognize** that you are an instructor and also a student – there is more I can learn.
- **Service:** Make the story time about what your community wants – don't worry about yourself. Focus on serving the community. Your own agenda needs to take a back seat to what the community wants and needs.
- **Creativity:** Create your own circumstances. Don't imitate what others do. There are many right ways to do storytime. Creativity brings freedom to create your own style.
- **Flexibility:** If you are rigid, you must be able to go with the flow and abandon something if it's not working. Have a back-up plan. Give yourself permissions to bail on a book.
- **Collaboration:** You are not alone. There is a network you can connect with online, twitter, facebook, local librarians, etc.

#### Story Time Materials:

What you use can make or break a story time.

Make intentional decisions. Don't choose haphazardly.

Evaluating materials:

- Read-aloud-ability
- Rhythm
- Rhyme
- Accuracy
- Repetition
- Versatility
- Community Culture
- Personal Preferences
- Developmental Needs
- Consider aesthetics – how books look to the audience.
- Seek to engage your audience. Some books, games and rhymes are more successful than others. Make this a group experience.



#### Story Time Map (Plan)

Story time plans are essential documents for every performer. Type up your plan and have a copy in front of you.

Having it on paper means you can fill the time within your time frame. Seeing the story time plan laid out in front of you means you don't have any gaps.

- Opening/closing Activity
- Transitions
- Memory Savers
- Back-Up Plans
- Save all story time plans for future use

#### Recognizing Success

##### Subjective Indicators

- Personal feelings
- "Story time High"
- Personal observations of audience experience

##### Objective Indicators

- Circulation
- Attendance
- Evaluation (peers, supervisor)

**Conclusions: Everyone can do story time** if they are willing to do the work.

# LIBRARIES TRANSFORM™

The Nebraska Library Association and the Nebraska School Library Association present the upcoming Annual Joint Conference with the theme of Libraries Transform™ created by the American Library Association.

The conference will take place October 19-21, 2016, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska, where nearly five hundred librarians and other information professionals will gather for the annual convention.

Registration is now open, and early bird pricing ends on September 9, 2016. For hotel information and to register for conference, please visit the following website: <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/page/Neplib2016>.

Pre-conferences sessions consist of a full tour of Do Space, Omaha's first digital library; a community engagement building exercise with local presenter Stuart Chittenden, of Squish Talks; and a storytelling tips and techniques seminar. Read about our other remarkable and motivational pre-conferences on the conference website.

A full listing of the program schedule is available for viewing. Thursday sessions will begin with nationally renowned key-note speaker, Jamie LaRue, Director of the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom. On Friday, Shannon McClintock Miller, a Teacher Librarian and Technology Integration Specialist from Colorado, will present midday on 'being the change' you want to see in the workplace.

Other conference highlights include the future of cataloging with BIBFRAME, the newest in library technology, transforming workplace culture and collaboration, and fostering children's creativity and imagination.

National vendors such as Biblionix, EBSCO, and Follett will be available to present their goods and services amongst nearly fifty vendors.

Conference festivities will continue into the evening with 'dine-arounds' and other activities where attendees can get to know one another more.

## NLA/NSLA Conference Hotel Reservation Instructions

For Ramada Plaza Hotel conference reservations, please call the hotel at 402-393-3950 X0 (must push zero).

You must call this number to talk directly to the Omaha Ramada staff. Make sure you request a hotel room from the Nebraska Library Association room block. The discount rate is \$119 a night for conference attendees and is only available over the phone. Rooms need to be reserved prior to October 5.



## Creativity and Collaboration - Unleashed!

Registration Fee: \$10.  
Lunch is on your own

- 830am-900am** Registration - Dunkin' Donuts is adjacent to Do Space (drinks are allowed in Do Space as long as they are covered with a lid). Food is not allowed.
- 900am - 1030 am** Welcome and introduction to Makerspaces with Omaha Maker Group president Eric Kaplan
- 1030am - 1130am** Do Space: Lessons learned and challenges ahead with Michael Sauers, Do Space Directory of Technology
- 1130am - 1230 pm** Lunch - on your own. There are many local restaurants nearby.
- 1245pm - 200pm** Improvisation and creative confidence with Derek Dibbern
- 215pm-315pm** Panel 1: Discussion (college and university collaborative learning spaces) or Do Space tour
- 330pm-430pm** Panel 2: Discussion (public librarians and Do Space users group) or Do Space tour
- 430pm-500pm** Wrap up, final thoughts, and evaluation

NLA Preconference - Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at Do Space, 7205 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE 9 AM - 5 PM

### ABOUT THE PRECONFERENCE

Join us for our full-day preconference at Do Space, a community technology library, digital workshop, and innovation playground in the heart of Omaha (72nd and Dodge). Tours of Do Space will be offered, simultaneous with informative panel discussions and sessions focused on the role of the library in the development of community creativity, collaborative learning, exploration, community engagement, and invention. *5 CEU's available for full-day attendance.*

Attendance will be *limited to 40* due to space constraints



**Eric Kaplan** is the current president of the Omaha Maker Group. Eric's background is in mechanical engineering; he manages and designs facilities and mechanical systems for Union Pacific Railroad. Eric is also a tinkerer, organizer, and spearheader of the Omaha Mini Maker Faire project.



**Derek Dibbern**, longtime Nebraska resident, attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Pasadena, CA, where he discovered his love of dramatic and musical improvisation. Derek is currently an admissions recruiter for the Creative Center, a college specializing in graphic design in Omaha.

Panel 1 (C&U): Jamie Bridgham, Metro Community College (FabLab); Patrick Hargon, UNK (Learning Commons); and Joyce Neujahr, UNO (Creative Production Lab)

Panel 2 (Public): Tammi Thiem, Genoa Public Library; Rasmus Thoegersen, Morton-James Public Library; and Do Space users group



Sponsored by S&I, Do Space, C&U, PLTS, and the Regional Library Systems

# Leading Through Times of Change

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

September 23rd  
2016

COST: \$10 PER  
PERSON

Register at:

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

## QUESTIONS?

Contact Chelsea at:

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trls.assistant@gmail.com

Or call at  
402.330.7884

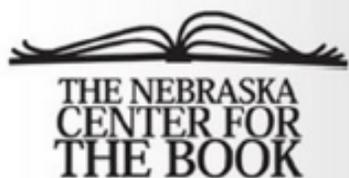
## Schedule

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

## Session Descriptions

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

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



## Letters About Literature

Letters About Literature is a national reading and writing promotion program sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress and presented in partnership with participating affiliate state centers for the book. The contest is coordinated and sponsored in Nebraska by the Nebraska Center for the Book and the Nebraska Library Commission, with support from Houchen Bindery, Ltd. and Chapers Bookstore in Seward.

To enter, readers write a personal letter to an author, living or dead, from any genre—fiction, nonfiction, or poetry, contemporary or classic—explaining how that author's work changed the student's way of thinking about the world or themselves.

Contest participants compete on three levels:

- Level I for young readers in grades 4-6
- Level II for young adult readers in grades 7-8
- Level III for readers in grades 9-12

The deadline for submissions for the 2016/2017 contest is **Dec. 2, 2016, for Level 3** and **Jan. 9, 2017, for Level 1 and Level 2.**

For more information go to:

<http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/programs/LAL.html>.

## Behind *The Meaning of Names*

Karen Gettert Shoemaker is providing a program through **Humanities**

**Nebraska**. She is the author of the One

Book One Nebraska 2016 selection and

she reads from and discusses the role of family stories and historic

research in the writing of her historic

novel, *The Meaning of Names*. This

presentation includes discussions of

World War I, the Influenza Pandemic of

1918, the experiences of immigrants

and first-generation

Americans in the

early 1900s, and the

role of men and

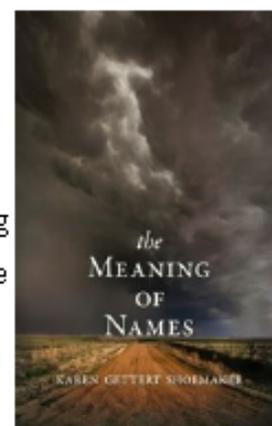
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society, as well as the

many subjects

readers bring to the

conversation.

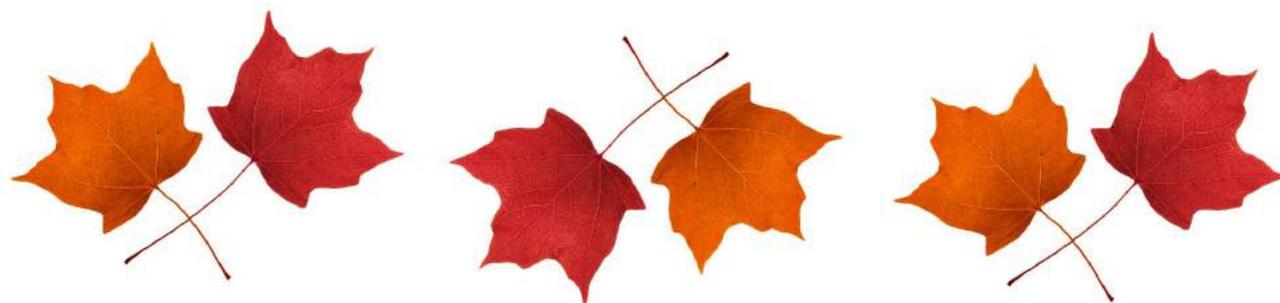


To learn more about the **Humanities**

**Nebraska** program and to book a date

for this terrific speaker go to :

<http://humanitiesnebraska.org/>.



## How Safe Is Your Library?

What was the first thought that came into your mind? Safety of the patrons? Safety of the materials? Both of those are important, but in this case we are looking at the safety of library employees. Unfortunately, this topic might not come up until something has happened. Sharon Osenga recently attended a seminar sponsored by the Three Rivers Library System with Pat Wager from Denver as the presenter.

During one portion of the program, participants were asked to audit the physical surroundings of their libraries thinking about the safety of the staff. Security is about more than just locked doors. As you read these questions, think about how your library building stacks up and how it could be better.

- Is the desk positioned so that staff can move around freely?
- Are you able to see people as they come in the door and as they move around the library?
- Is there room in the front of the library for a line to form at the desk?
- Is there lighting at the front, back and all entrances to the library?
- Are there isolated areas inside the library?
- Do you have exterior windows?
- Does the exit door have a window?
- Do you have security cameras or motion-sensor lights?

This is an abbreviated list of questions from Pat Wagner's handouts. If you have concerns about safety and the security of your library staff, contact your System office for more information.



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### Books in a Series

#### 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 **author**

Search Authors

Search by **book title**

Search Titles

Search by **series title**

Search Series



Do your patrons love to read series? Whether it is Nora Roberts, Sue Grafton, or Janet Evanovich, people like to know that the characters and settings that are familiar will continue on. The Nebraska Library Commission Reference Librarians have made your life easier. They have prepared a database that will let you speak confidently about series sets. Go to <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/ref/booksinseries.asp> to use this helpful tool. There are links to seven more online Series Guides available, as well.

## Tracking the Release of Teen Books

Two individuals, librarian Keri Adams and web designer Stefan Hayden, created a convenient way to keep track of upcoming book releases of young adult novels. They also decided to share it with everyone (woo-hoo!) You can go to their web page: <http://www.yalit.com> and find out what's coming! The "Upcoming" page lists titles for the current month. Click "more" at the bottom to go on to the next month(s).

Website selected by **Sally Snyder**, Youth Services Librarian at the Nebraska Library Commission.



**ARSL 2016  
Fargo, ND  
October 27-29, 2016**

Join us as we go a little  
*"North of Normal"* this year.

**See page 15 for important  
Scholarship Information**

## A CELEBRATION OF *Nebraska Books*

**SAVE the DATE** Oct. 29, 2016  
2:30-6:30pm

**NEBRASKA HISTORY MUSEUM**  
131 Centennial Mall North • Lincoln, NE



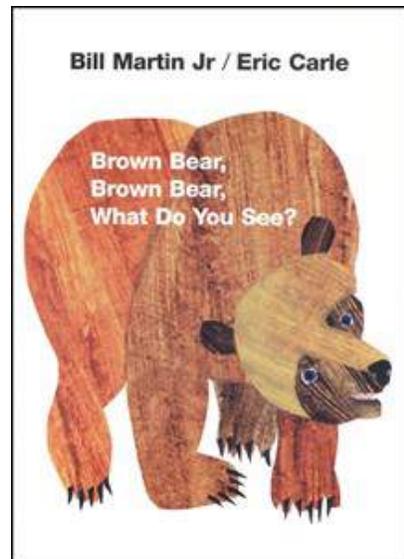
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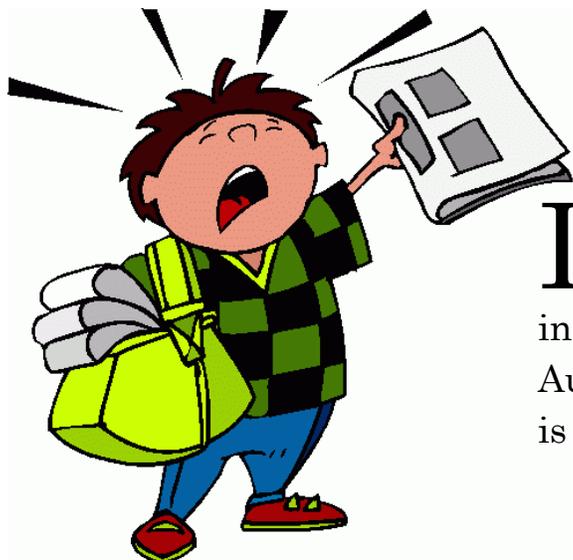
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*The Meaning of Names* by Karen Gettert Shoemaker  
Nebraska Book Award Winners  
2017 One Book One Nebraska Announcement  
Mildred Bennett & Jane Geske Award Presentation  
Reception and Book Signings

**More Info:**  
[centerforthebook.nebraska.gov](http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov)  
[facebook.com/NebraskaCenterfortheBook](https://www.facebook.com/NebraskaCenterfortheBook)

## Brown Bear turns 50!

September marks the 50th anniversary of Bill Martin Jr and Eric Carle's classic picture book *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*. Celebrate this perennial favorite and encourage parents, caregivers, and children to seek out books to share together.





# Library News

Instrumentalist Todd Green will be appearing in a public concert at the Mitchell High School Auditorium on October 6 at 7:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Mitchell Public Library.

Chadron Public Library is hosting their first ever Escape Room! An Escape Room is a physical adventure game in which players are locked in a room and have to solve a series of clues to escape, within the given time limit.

This event will be held on September 30th at 5:00 p.m. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

September 17th marks the Birthday of literature's favorite monkey, Curious George! To celebrate, the Alliance Public Library is sponsoring a drawing for a Curious George tote with Curious George books. The drawing will be held at the birthday celebration on September 16th.

**Curious George™**  
CELEBRATING 75 YEARS!

Morrill Public Library just wrapped up our summer reading program where we had 66 children sign up 46 completed the program we gave out 213 prizes 37 of the 46 got all five prizes we had 17 Super readers who had to read over 1500 pages to become a super reader and our top super reader read over **9500 pages!**



The Governor's Office recently announced that two new Commissioners have been appointed to the Library Commission board. Michael LaCroix was re-appointed to a second term. Sandra (Sandy) White from Sidney and Charles (Chuck) Peek from Kearney have been appointed to fill the two vacancies. Sandy is a retired media specialist who was on the Educational Service Unit staff in Sidney for many years. She is now on the Sidney public library board. Chuck Peek is a retired English professor (University of Nebraska Kearney) and former Nebraska Center for the Book board member and president. Sandy and Chuck will attend their first Commission meeting on September 9.

## Western Library System Grant Application

Do you need extra funding for resources or improvements at your library?

### WLS has Grant money available

Up to \$500.00 per library  
All member libraries are eligible

1. Each applicant must submit an application and a brief explanation of what the money will be used for by October 14, 2016. We will consider all sorts of projects. The grant can be used for a project you wouldn't be able to do otherwise.
2. The Grant committee will review each application received.
3. The Committee has the right to adjust the amount requested depending on available funds and the number of applications received.
4. Grant recipients are requested to provide a brief article about the project for the system newsletter as a form of resource sharing within one month of completion.

**Please check with the System Office for the Deadline.**

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Send application and letter to: Western Library System  
115 Railway Street  
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Library/School/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Who check should be made out to: \_\_\_\_\_

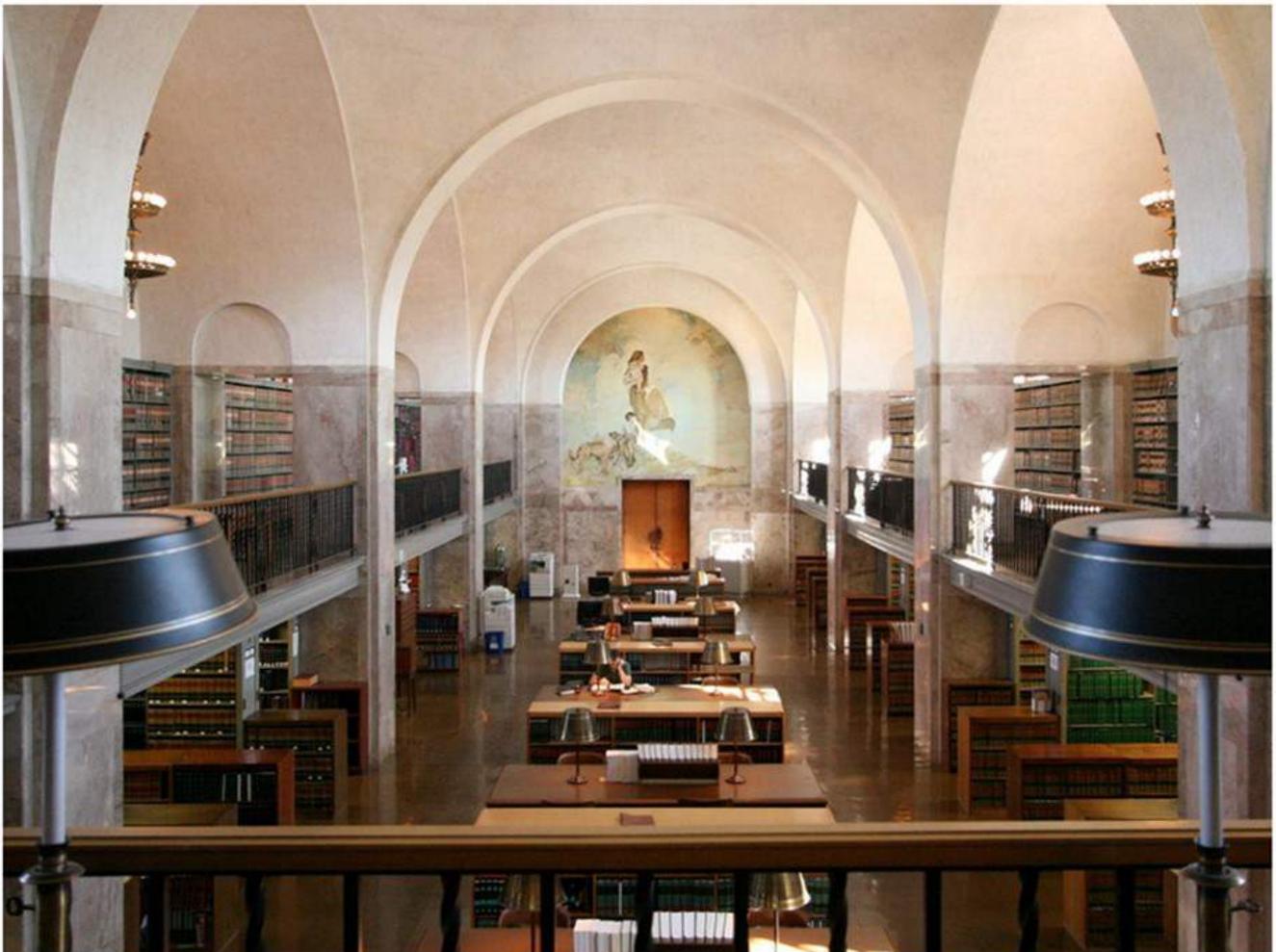
# Libraries are Timeless Treasures

Even as pulpy paperbacks get swapped out for electronic ink, we still crave a physical space where we can surround ourselves with knowledge. When done right, those spaces can be works of art.

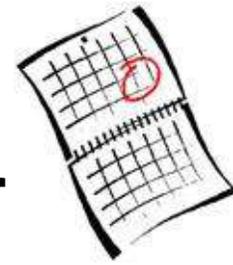
To find the most beautiful libraries in each state, Tech Insider looked at past and current award-winners as judged by the American Institute of Architects and the American Library Association awards, and relied on our own judgment for states who have never won.

Make sure to give these a look on your next road trip. <http://www.techinsider.io/most-beautiful-library-in-all-50-states-2016-7>

**Nebraska: The State Library, located in downtown Lincoln, is the oldest library in the state. It was approved in 1855, when Nebraska was still a territory.**



Nebraska State Legislature



## Mark Your Calendar

- September 5 ----- WLS Office Closed--Labor Day Holiday
- September 9 ----- Meeting of the Nebraska Library Commissioners, Lincoln
- September 12-23 -- Basic Skills, Programming and Outreach
- September 13----- Western Library System Board Meeting, Railway Office Plaza Conference Room, 10:00 a.m.
- September 23----- “Leading During Times of Change” Workshop, Seward Public Library (see page 8)
- Sept. 25 - Oct. 1---- Banned Books Week (see page 2)
- October 3-14 ----- Basic Skills, The Community and the Library
- October 9-15 ----- Teen Read Week (see page 2)
- October 10----- WLS Office Closed--Columbus Day Holiday
- October 16-22 ----- National Friends of Libraries Week (see page 3)
- October 19----- Pre-Conference, Do Space, 72nd and Dodge, Omaha (see page 7)
- October 20-21 ----- NLA/NSLA Annual Conference, Omaha (see page 6)
- October 20-22 ----- MPLA Annual Conference, Loveland, Colorado
- Oct. 24 - Nov. 4 ---- Basic Skills, Management & Supervision
- October 27-29 ----- ARSL Annual Conference, Fargo, ND (see pages 11 & 15)
- March 17, 2017 ---- Information Exchange, UNO (see page 3)

This year **ALL** CE Grants from the Nebraska Library Commission will be scholarships to attend the 2016 ARSL Annual Conference in Fargo, North Dakota, on October 27-29! Go to <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/grants/ce/> for the application forms.

Do not dawdle! Early Bird Registration continues through September 2. **The deadline for applications is September 6th**



# The Western Sun



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## Counties Served:

Arthur, Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel,  
Garden, Grant, Keith, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff,  
Sheridan, Sioux, Hooker, McPherson, Perkins, Chase,  
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