



Supporting libraries serving our communities November-December, 2021

## Sundries - Connections Corner 2021— Appreciation

The front page articles in the 2021 Western Suns focused on our connections. Whether local or global we can reflect on these connections with appreciation. The Western Library System is appreciative of the hard work and dedication of every library worker and library support systems. From the tax-payer who may or may not realize a portion of their money goes to libraries; to the ardent Friends and Foundation workers; to the children saying thank you after storytime; to students who see the school library as their haven; to the patron who brings in food for the staff during National Library Week; the libraries are used and supported in many ways.

It may be a simple thank you to let someone know they are appreciated. Sometimes, the situation calls for extra acknowledgment. Here are examples of how companies and libraries have shown appreciation for staff, patrons, Friends and Board and our sundry support system.

### Staff

\*Candy treats with “punny” tags tied around the treat.

Pinterest has examples and pre-made labels

Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups

We appREESEciate all that you do

There are many REESEons to thank you for your hard work

Have I REESEntly told you how much we appreciate you?

Extra Gum

Thank you for going the EXTRA mile.

Mints (any variety) Dove Chocolate Mints are a real treat

Thank you for your Achiev”mint”; Commit”mint”

Encourage”mint”; Invest”mint”; Involve”mint”

Starbursts

Bursting with appreciation for your STAR-studded effort

\*Offering professional development opportunities for all staff. Reminder... the Western Library System has scholarship opportunities (see page 19) and the Nebraska Library Commission has a continuing education grant program, (see page 17)

### Patrons

\*Surprise and Delight Day

This worked well for a low-income library to celebrate their patrons. Simple food items (healthy selections along with the treats)

Activity books for children

December or January surprise and delight days can offer calendar bookmarks or pens

Hygiene items (sampler size) hand sanitizer, lip balm, etc.

### Friends and Foundation

\*Plant cubes—order or “grow your own. [Plant Cubes from Baudville](#)

Handwritten notes to any and all are always welcome!



### *Appreciation Quotes*

“**Appreciation** is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.”

*Voltaire*

“**Appreciation** can make a day, even change a life. Your willingness to put it all into words is all that is necessary.”

*Margaret Cousins*

“Being told you’re **appreciated** is one of the simplest and most uplifting things you can hear.”

*Anonymous*

“Encourage one another. Many times a word of praise or thanks or **appreciation** or cheer has kept people on the feet “

*Charles Swindoll*

# Calendar

**November 1: Author's Day** A day to honor authors and encouraging writers. A nice segue way to NaMoWri Mo.

**November 1-30:** NaMoWriMo (see page 3 for details)

**November 5—7:** [YALSA Symposium](#)

**Biggest Little Safe Spaces: Serving Teens During Times of Adversity.** Reno, Nevada

**November 7:** National Book Award Winners Announced

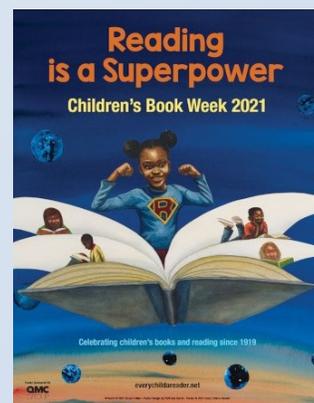
[25 National Book Award Finalists](#)

**November 7-13 International Games Week**

[Registration Information Here.](#)

**November 8—14: Children's Book Week**

Children's Book Week is the annual celebration of books for young people and the joy of reading. Established in 1919, Children's Book Week is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country. Every year, young people across the country participate by attending events at schools, libraries, bookstores, celebrating at home, and engaging with book creators both online and in person. The 2021 Children's Book Week was scheduled during two dedicated weeks of celebration, May 3-9 and November 8-14! The theme this year is "Reading is a Superpower"



The information above was taken from the Every Child A Reader [website.](#)

Where you can find resources for the week.

**November 9: Board Meeting** Western Library System @10:00 Mountain Time, Riverside Business Plaza, Scottsbluff

**November 15-19: Storywalk Week** (see page 4) for an article on StoryWalks

**November 15:** ARPA Funds Information Sharing (see page 14)

**November 23:** Public Library Statistics (Bibliostat) Training with Sam Shaw (see page 15)

**December 6 -12:** Hour of Code. Link to activities for the pre-reader through 12th grade. <https://hourofcode.com/us/learn>

Monthly scheduled “chats” with other librarians:

**Tiny & Mighty.** Tiny Tuesday @9:00 and Wee Wednesday @1:00 Mountain Time.

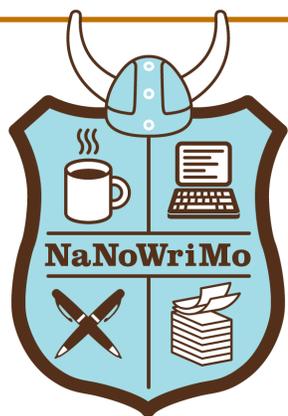
Tiny & Mighty is a special interest group of the Nebraska Library Association and is open to everyone even if you are not a member. Some months there are topics and every month people are encouraged to bring up situations where some group input is welcome. E-mail [nlatinyandmighty@gmail.com](mailto:nlatinyandmighty@gmail.com) for the link to the chats.



**Mountain Plains Library Association.** Chew and Chat @Noon Mountain Time. Open to all library staff [Registration](#)

**Nebraska Library Association.** Third Thursday Chat @10:00 Mountain Time. (This chat requires membership) Remember that the Western Library System offers scholarships (see page 19)

# November Commemorations



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The About NaNoWriMo section on their [website](#) says:

NaNoWriMo is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that believes in the transformational power of creativity. We provide the structure, community and encouragement to help people find their voices, achieve creative goals, and build new worlds-on and off the page.

In 2020:

\*552,335 writers participated in the program including 97,439 students and educators in the Young Writers Program.

\*906 volunteer Municipal Liaisons guided 671 regions on six continents.

\*448 libraries, bookstores and community centers opened their doors to novelists through the Come and Write program.

\*71,832 Campers tackled a writing project—novel or not at Camp NaNoWriMo.

\*367,913 novels have been completed.

Hundreds of NaNoWriMo novels have been traditionally published. Including *Water for Elephants*, *The Night Circus*, *Wool* and *Fangirl*.

Each year, authors offer mentorships to the participants. Pep talks have been given by Gene Luen Yang, Roxane Gay, John Green and others.

Are there libraries in the Western Library System that participate? Share your experience in the next Western Sun. Submit your article to: [wls@westernlibrarysystem.com](mailto:wls@westernlibrarysystem.com). We look forward to reading about your story.

## National Native American Heritage Month

Join the Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institute and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to honor and pay homage to Native Americans. Resources can be found on the government [website](#).

More information can be found on the National Congress of American Indians website.

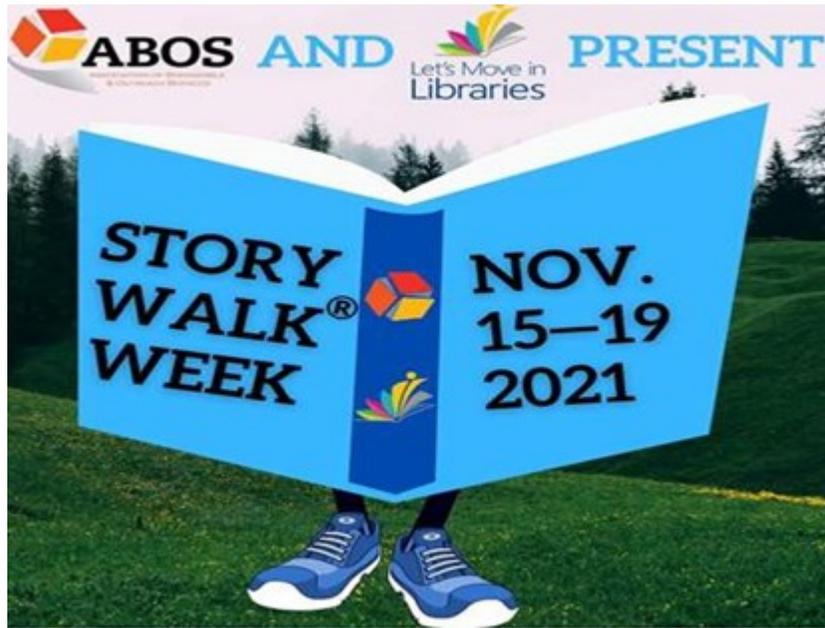
<https://www.ncai.org/initiatives/native-american-heritage-month>

Five ways to honor Native Americans during National Native American Heritage Month:

1. Visit a reservation or museum. Here are [places to learn about Nebraska Native American Culture and Heritage](#)
2. Attend or host an educational event. The Library of Congress and National Archives host a variety of events.
3. Read works written by a Native American authors such as Sherman Alexie, Louise Erdrich, Joy Harjo (U.S. Poet Laureate) Tommy Orange, Lynn Rigg.
4. Serve a Native American dish at Thanksgiving.
5. Support native-owned business and charities.



Native American culture inspired doors at the Nebraska State Capitol.



Join the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services and Let's Move in Libraries for a week-long event celebrating the inspiring work of libraries who spearhead StoryWalk® programs promoting literacy, reading, health, exercise, and movement in communities and neighborhoods across the United States and the world.

Submissions are open now and run through November 8, 2021. We invite submissions of all StoryWalk® programs and variations, including Story Strolls, Story Trails, Poetry Walks: Whatever you call it – if it involves reading materials posted along paths – we want to feature it!

To submit your information: [forms.gle/QytE7g4E1UfWPodH6](https://forms.gle/QytE7g4E1UfWPodH6)

## StoryWalk™

If your library wants to create a StoryWalk® for your community? StoryWalk® is a trademark . The developers ask that the following statement in used in all promotion of the project: “The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.” All usage of the Storywalk® mark must comply with these guidelines, and must be limited to use in connection with educational, noncommercial projects consistent with the StoryWalk® Project mission to promote early literacy, physical activity, and family time together in natural settings. For more information go to the StoryWalk® [website](#)



Hastings Nebraska. Picture on left courtesy of Ncompass Live. Jack Rundle and Amy Greenland. Sign above is the logo.



Port Townsend Washington. Photo courtesy of Diane Urbani de la Paz/Peninsula Daily News)



Omaha Public Library Photo courtesy of Omaha Public Libraries



York Nebraska. Photo courtesy of the Grand Island Independent



Bennington Nebraska. Photo courtesy of Omaha World Herald



At the end of every year, Amy Dickinson, the Ask Amy columnist, promotes a Book on Every Bed. The idea originally came from historian David McCollough, who remembered Christmas mornings as a child, when the very first thing he woke up to was a wrapped book at the base of his bed. Then his family would read together. Over the last ten years, Ms. Dickinson has been working with her literacy partner [Children's Reading Connection](#). The campaign not only promotes books on every bed, it encourages schools, libraries and bookstores to donate books to families that might not have access to them. The goal of the initiative is for everyone - not just children—to have a good book on their beds any day of the year.

Jan Jolliffe compiled a delightful variety of suggestions for a Book on Every Bed. The list is on the following page.

# **Book on Every Bed**

Jan Jolliffe

## **Baby and toddlers:**

Saltzberg, Barney . *Cornelius P. Mud, Are You Ready for Bed?*. Candlewick Press. 2007.  
Henkes, Kevin. *A Good Day*. Greenwillow Books. 2007.  
Brown, Margaret Wise. *Goodnight Moon*. HarperCollins.1947.  
Christelow, Eileen. *Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed*. Clarion Book. 1989.  
Slater, Nicola. *10 Hugs and Kisses*. Chronicle Books. 2021.

## **Ages 3. To 5:**

Underwood, Deborah. *Outside in*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 2020.  
Shea, Bob. *Crash, Splash or Moo*. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 2018.  
Goodrich, Carter. *Nobody Hugs a Cactus*. Simon and Schuster Books for Young Children. 2019.  
Rubin, Adam. *Dragons Love Tacos*. Dial Books for Young Readers. 2012.  
Lakshmi, Padma. *Tomatoes for Neela*. Viking Books for Young Readers. 2021.

## **Early Readers:**

DiCamillo, Kate. *A Piglet Named Mercy*. Candlewick Press. 2019.  
Murray, Diana .*Unicorn Day*. Sourcebooks Jabberwocky. 2019.  
Dealey, Erin. *Snow Globe Wishes*. Sleeping Bear Press. 2019.  
Cooper, Susan. *The Shortest Day*. Candlewick Press. 2019.  
Castillo, Lauren. *Our Friend Hedgehog: The Story of Us*. Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers. 2020.

## **Middle Readers:**

Gemeinhart, Dan. *The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise*. Henry Holt & Company. 2019.  
Mass, Wendy and Stead, Rebecca. *Bob*. Feiwel & Friends. 2018.  
Reynolds, Jason *Ghost*. Athenium/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books. 2017.  
Marks, Janae. *A Soft Place to Land*. Katherine Tegen Books. 2021.  
Reynolds, Aaron. *The Incredibly Dead Pets of Rex Dexter*. Disney-Hyperion. 2020.

## **Young Adult Readers:**

Henry, Katie *This Will Be Funny Someday*. Katherine Tegen Books. 2021.  
Hahn, Erin. *Never Saw You Coming*. Wednesday Books. 2021.  
Sepetys, Ruta .*Salt of the Sea*. Penguin Books. 2017.  
Sepetys, Ruta. *Between Shades of Gray*. Penguin Group. 2011.  
Esplin, J.L. *96 Miles*. Tom Doherty Associates. 2021

## **Adult Nonfiction:**

Smarsh, Sarah . *Heartland: A Memoir of Working Hard and Being Broke in the Richest Country on Earth*. Scribner. 2018.  
Gifford, Kathi Lee, Jason Sobel . *The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi: My Journey into the Heart of Scriptural Faith and the Land Where it all Began*. W. Publishing Group, an imprint of Thomas Nelson. 2018.  
Margulies, Julianna. *Sunshine Girl: An Unexpected Life*. Random House Publishing Group. 2021.  
Tucci, Stanley. *Taste: My Life Through Food*. Gallery Books. 2021.  
Parton, Dolly. *Dolly Parton, Songteller: My Life in Lyrics*. Chronicle Books. 2020.

## **Adult Fiction:**

Meyer, Philipp. *American Rust*. Spiegel & Grau. 2010.  
Krueger, William Kent .*This Tender Land*. Atria Book. 2019.  
Weir, Andy. *Project Hail Mary*. Ballantine Books. 2021.  
Shipstead, Maggie. *Great Circle*. Alfred A. Knopf. 2021.  
Straub, Emma . *All Adults Here*. Riverhead Books. 2020.

# Around the Sun

## Gering Public Library, Christie Clark

LEAPing Into Fall at the Gering Public Library  
By Christie Clarke, Youth Services Librarian

The 2021 fall session of the LEAP (Learn. Explore. Achieve. Play.) program started on September 28<sup>th</sup> with fifteen families signed up for the fun. LEAP is a free early childhood, literacy, STEM and school readiness program for children ages 3-5. It is held once per week in the evening and there are two eight-week sessions per year (fall and spring). LEAP was started in 2016 with a Youth Grant for Excellence from the Nebraska Library Commission, continued in 2017 with a Dollar General Literacy Grant, and expanded further in 2018 with the Tad Shuemaker Memorial. Each week Miss Christie shares a big book, a song and fingerplay, and leads a group activity that focuses on a STEM element. In week one this fall, the children participated in a science experiment called, "Do Oil and Water Mix?" The STEM focus in week two was engineering as the children built towers using spaghetti, cheerios and Play-Doh bases. After the group STEM activity, children and parents are encouraged to explore and play with other available materials. These activities and materials are specifically chosen to teach and foster early childhood literacy and school readiness skills.



## Check Out Fun in a Backpack



In March of 2020 GPL started a special collection called Storytime Backpacks. Youth Services Librarian Christie Clarke first came up with the idea from observing literacy kits/backpacks at other libraries. She particularly found the ones at Alliance Public Library to be intriguing. Wanting to do something similar for the Gering Library, Clarke researched and talked to librarians from public libraries across the country who had a version of a literacy kit or backpack collection. Using that information coupled with her teaching background knowledge, Clarke created the Storytime Backpack collection with the intention of providing educational and fun themed activities for families of young children- just like having storytime at home.

This was particularly pertinent as it happened during COVID protocols when the library ceased in-person programming. Funded initially by the Friends of the Gering Library, six themed backpacks were created for checkout. The backpacks contain 5-7 books and educational materials and activities aimed at children ages 3-6. The backpacks also contain other items such as costumes, videos, toys, and games centered on a theme. However, no two backpacks are alike. They were so popular that in December of 2020 GPL used a Youth Grant for Excellence to add six more Storytime Backpacks to the collection, and there are plans to add more in the future. Clarke notes, "The most challenging part of curating the Storytime Backpack collection has been the management part of it all". She continues, "I based our system on how the Alliance Public Library manages theirs and tweaked it for us." The Storytime Backpacks are: Blast Off!, Bugs, Dinosaurs, Down on the Farm, Fun with Food, In the Garden, Music, Pets, Pirates, Princess & Prince, Superheroes, and Under the Sea. Here's an example list of what is inside one of the Backpacks:

### **Blast Off! (Space)**

- Real meteorite kit
- Leap Frog computer w/ Space Science and Thinking Like a Scientist activity book
- DVD "The Magic School Bus Space Adventures
- 3D Planets in a Tube
- Melissa & Doug astronaut costume and role play set
- Seven books: *National Geographic Readers: Meteors*, *Life in Space (An Astronaut's Life)*, *Rufus Blasts Off!*, *Moon! Earth's Best Friend*, *Astronaut*, *My First Book of Planets: All about the Solar System for Kids*, and *Sara Seager: Planetary Scientist*



Superheroes



Dinosaurs



Pets



Prince and Princess



Under the Sea



Fun with Food

## Gering Public Library, Sherry Preston

### Adult Learners at the Library; ALL for Fun!

Groups of people with developmental disabilities and their caregivers come in the library from time to time. "Of course, everyone is welcome to visit the library with no specific purpose, but we felt this was a missed opportunity. We could design a program of some sort for them if we knew when they were coming," said Public Services Librarian Sherry Preston. With the help of a friend, she was able to contact the Office of Human Development and develop a monthly program.

Gering Library's new program, Adult Learners at the Library or "ALL for Fun," is geared towards adults with developmental disabilities. The goal is to provide programs that are both educational and entertaining for this community. The Office of Human Development or "HUB" provides day services to around 50 adults in our community. They send around 15 different people each month to "ALL."

"I based the program on storytime, with books, speakers, learning activities, crafts and games, but on an adult level. Our last program was on apples, and the next one will be on spiders," said Preston. Future programs will incorporate seasonal activities and the interests of the audience.

The program is held once a month on a Wednesday. ALL for Fun is open to the public, but it is designed with this audience in mind. If you interested in attending this program, please contact Sherry at the Gering Library for more information at 308-436-7433.



## Western Library System Board News



Scoutmaster Matt McLaughlin digs a hole for a tree he helped plant as part of a community service project by Boy Scouts Troop 22. Photo courtesy of Star Herald—Jeff Van Patten

Matt McLaughlin, Western Library System Board Member and Scout Master, along with his troops planted 22 trees at Bayard City Park on September 22th. With the expertise of Todd Filipi from the North Platte Natural Resource District, the students learned how to properly plant trees. A newspaper story with pictures by Jeff Van Patten in the September 29th issue of the Star Herald, quoted Matt.

“When the city approached us about helping to plant some trees, we were more than happy to do so,” McLaughlin said. Planting trees is an important project that the kids learn from.

“I think the main thing that they get out of it is they have their thumbprint on it and they can say I planted that tree as a part of that project. In a small town, I think that’s just really important,” he said.

Troop 22 is looking to add more trees around town, McLaughlin said.

Todd Filipi, with the North Platte NRD, said it is important to teach the youth how to plant trees.

“I’m big on educating the youth in the next generation because they’re the ones who are going to carry things forward. Obviously, trees have a big value to us here in the western Panhandle as far as all the great benefits like wind protection, shade, shelter and all that other fun stuff. The kids are going to be the ones that carry this forward,” he said.

“We are reaching out to the kids and making them value things and additionally making them value their landscape, their towns. It’s an appreciation for what they have around. Another big part of this program is the diversity. That’s why some of these species are maybe a little different than what’s typically here. We have disease issues and some other stuff so diversity is key for us as we make sure if we do get one bug it doesn’t wipe out everything in town,” he said.

The trees are made possible by a grant, Filipi said.

“This is a grant we’ve been able to get since 2012. It’s mainly driven by the Environmental Trust, the statewide Arboretum and the Nebraska Forest Service. We’ve applied for that money and we’re able to bring it back to our communities within our districts. On average, we’ve put about 100 of these bigger trees back in every fall since 2012,” he said.



Nate Barker smooths out the mulch around the Tree that he helped plant.

Photo courtesy of Star Herald, Jeff Van Patten



Brock Burry smooths out the mulch while Kolby Houchin pours it around the tree they just helped plant as part of a community service project by Boy Scouts 22. Photo courtesy of Star Herald, Jeff Van Patten

Two benefits from trees—check out 20 more from the TreePeople website.

<https://www.treepeople.org/22-benefits-of-trees/>

Trees absorb odors and pollutant gases (nitrogen oxides, ammonia, sulfur dioxide and ozone) and filter particulates out of the air by trapping them on their leaves and bark.

In one year an acre of mature trees can provide enough oxygen for 18 people.

## Featured Resource from the Nebraska Library Commission

Library Science Collection available for check-out

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

Official Nebraska Government Website

[Calendar](#) • [Library Directory](#) • [NLC Catalog](#) • [Site Map](#) • [Ask A Librarian](#)

# Nebraska Library Commission

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### Library Commission News & Announcements

#### [Pandemic Resources for Libraries](#)

As we reach the last quarter of 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic stretches on. Your patrons may need help navigating the ever-increasing glut of information (and misinformation) about vaccines and other health measures...

### Libraries in the News

Library hosting fall exhibits - *Beatrice Daily Sun*

Family history is at your fingertips through Omaha Public Library - *Omaha World-Herald*

The Library Science Collection at the Nebraska Library Commission provides professional and reference materials for Nebraska librarians and library science programs. Below is the search results for the author Price, Chelsea.

### Book Club Kits

- [Book Club Wiki](#)
- [NLC Book Club Kits](#)

### Library Science Collections

- [NLC Catalog \(OPAC\)](#)

### ... More

- [Book Reviews](#)
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Title: 209 big programming ideas for small budgets /

Publisher: Chicago : ALA Editions, 2021.

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Description: xiii, 166 pages : illustrations ; 23 cm.

Format: volume

Subject: [Libraries -- Activity programs](#)  
[Small libraries.](#)

Note: "Published in partnership with The Association for Rural & Small Libraries" -- Cover.

Summary: "This book will help you plan programs on a small budget and will provide tips for smart fundraising and grant-seeking opportunities"--

Note: Includes bibliographical references and index.

Contents: Preface: Adventures in tiny librarianship -- Introduction: Small libraries, big hearts -- The power of passive programs -- Thrifty and nifty -- Celebrate the seasons at the library -- The librarian has left the building -- There's gold in them thar hills! -- Schools + libraries = programming success -- School's out for summer -- Take chances, make mistakes, get messy -- Mo' money, mo' programs -- Extra, extra, read all about it! -- Take this job and . . . Love it! -- Conclusion: Little libraries are powerful libraries -- Appendix: Where to find grant money.

# SEMPER DISCO - ALWAYS LEARNING

## Upcoming NCompass Live

Upcoming NCompass Live events: Sessions count for Continuing Education 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/>

Title	Date
Letters About Literature	November 3
Hints, Tips & Cheat Codes: Running a Game Jam	November 10
Summer Reading Program 2022: Oceans of Possibilities	November 17
Pretty Sweet Tech	November 24
Pioneer Consortium—Making Libraries Stronger Together	December 1
Best New Children’s Books of 2021: Super Librarians Continue on with Youth Services	December 8
Pretty Sweet Tech	December 29
Teen Titles of 2021: Books They Will Read	January 5

## Basic Skills for Nebraska Librarians

11/29 - 12/10	<a href="#"><u>Library Services to Children &amp; Teens</u></a>	Sally Snyder	10/25 - 11/19
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## Training and Sharing Opportunities Public Libraries

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding information session!  
November 15 9:00-11:00 (Mountain Time)

*Still wondering???*

- ◇ How to determine the best most strategic way to use the ARPA Formula Grant money?
- ◇ Will my request be accepted under the guidelines?
- ◇ How other libraries are using the funds?

Christa Porter and Sam Shaw will be available for a Zoom session to provide examples of requests that were granted and requests not approved and why.

The second half of the session will be open to questions and information sharing with all attendees.

The webinar will be recorded. Zoom link to follow.

*Sponsored by the Nebraska Library Association, Public Library and Trustee Section and the Regional Library Systems.*

# Public Library Statistics Training (Bibliostat)

## November 23: 2:00-4:00 (Mountain Time)



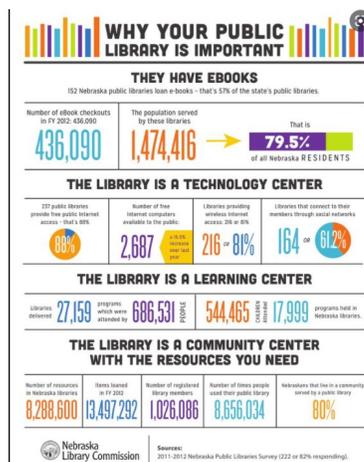
Sam Shaw will be presenting a how-to work session for the annual Public Library Statistics due in mid-February, 2022. The Nebraska Library Commission utilizes the Bibliostat Collect software to gather the information. No registration is required. Two (2) credit hours of continuing education will be granted. The session will be recorded to watch at a later time. Watch for additional promotional material and Zoom links later in early November.

### Why Collect Public Library Statistics?

The Nebraska Library Commission collects statistical data from all the Nebraska public libraries. The information is reported to the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in cooperation with the U.S. Census Bureau. The required collected data is used by national, state and local agencies for planning, evaluation and funding. Federal funding for library programs is given to the Nebraska Library Commission and other state library agencies through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The IMLS administers the funds.

The purpose of the Library Services and Technology Act [LSTA](#) is documented in 20 (U.S.C. § 9121) Section 9141 "Grants to States" details how the states are to use the grant money.

1. Expand services for learning and access to information and educational resources in a variety of formats (including new and emerging technology), in all types of libraries, for individuals of all ages in order to support such individuals' needs for education, lifelong learning, workforce development, economic and business development, health information, critical thinking skills, digital literacy skills, and financial literacy and other types of literacy skills;
2. Establish or enhance electronic and other linkages and improved coordination among and between libraries and entities, as described in 20 U.S.C. § 9134(b)(6), for the purpose of improving the quality of and access to library and information services;
3. (A) Provide training and professional development, including continuing education, to enhance the skills of the current library workforce and leadership, and advance the delivery of library and information services; and (B) Enhance efforts to recruit future professionals, including those from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds, to the field of library and information services;
4. Develop public and private partnerships with other agencies, tribes, and community-based organizations;
5. Target library services to individuals of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, to individuals with disabilities, and to individuals with limited functional literacy or information skills;
6. Target library and information services to persons having difficulty using a library and to underserved urban and rural communities, including children (from birth through age 17) from families with incomes below the poverty line (as defined by the Office of Management and Budget and revised annually in accordance with section 9902(2) of title 42) applicable to a family of the size involved;
7. Develop library services that provide all users access to information through local, State, regional, national, and international collaborations and networks; and
8. Carry out other activities consistent with the purposes set forth in 20 U.S.C. § 9121, as described in the State library administrative agency's plan.



An example of how library statistics can be used for marketing. This fact sheet was prepared by the Nebraska Library Commission.

## Library and Information Services

Online Course Offerings

**Spring 2022**

**January 10, 2022 – May 5, 2022**

Enrollment for Spring Semester 2022 opens

Thursday, Nov. 15, 2021



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### ***LIBR 2100 Reference Resources and Services***

*Marty Magee, Instructor*

- Professional competencies including legal and ethical responsibilities
- Reference interview process
- The Reference collection
- Evaluation and use of digital resources, including databases, and websites

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### ***LIBR 2150 Managing Collections in Libraries and Information Agencies***

*Patty Birch, Instructor*

- Basics of Collection Management including terminology and models
- 21st Century Libraries
- Selection, Acquisition, Deselection/Weeding
- Intellectual Freedom and Copyright

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### ***LIBR 2210 Cataloging and Classification***

*Ruth Carlock, Instructor*

- The bibliographic record
- Sears and Library of Congress subject headings
- Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress classification systems
- Machine-Readable Cataloging Record (MARC record)
- Resource Description and Access (RDA) Instructions

<b><i>Fall 2022</i></b>	<b><i>Spring 2023</i></b>
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 more information on the Library and Information Services program,  
see: <https://www.cccneb.edu/lis/>

For information concerning Admissions or Registration, contact: Dee  
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402-562-1418 or Toll Free at 877-222-0780

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# DECEMBER 2, 2021

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## NATIONAL SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAMMING SYMPOSIUM

The Collaborative Summer Reading Program invites you to join them for the first Summer Symposium! Full details can be found here:

<https://www.csllpreads.org/summer-symposium/>

**Who** is this conference for? All library staff that are interested in summer programming.

**Where** is the conference? Virtually anywhere with an internet connection.

**When** is the conference? Thursday December 2, 2021 ~ 11:30 am – 4:30 pm (EST).

**How** much is the registration fee? FREE!!!!

Register today! <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/national-summer-programming-symposium-tickets-180147043657>

### Symposium Schedule

11:30-11:45am – Welcome – CSLP Executive Director, Luke Kralik

11:45-12:45 – Keynote – Summer Matters: Making All Learning Count – Liz McChesney

12:45-1:00 – Break

1:00-1:45 – “You’re Gonna Need a Bigger Flyer” – Library Summer Program Marketing Crash Course

1:45-2:00 – Break

2:00-3:00 – What’s Great About Your Community: Extending your connections to youth and families

3:00-3:15 – Break

3:15-4:25 – Catch the Programming Wave (with Oceans of Possibilities)!

4:25-4:30 – Closing – Luke Kralik

Sessions will be recorded.

### Additional Content

The following session will be pre-recorded and released with alongside the recordings from the Symposium:

Feeding Your Community: Summer Meals at Libraries

# MONEY FOR YOUR LIBRARIES

## Available from the Nebraska Library Commission

### Internship Grants

DUE: November 5, 2021

Internship Grant Program—This program is designed to introduce high school and college students to the work in libraries. Previous grants have been used to assist libraries with expanding programs, websites and social media and fresh ideas. Libraries must be accredited. The award amount is for \$500.00 to \$1,000.00

[Online Application](#)

### American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Formula Grants

Due: December 31, 2021

Each legally established public library that applies will receive a base amount of \$3,750, plus a per capita amount of .275 per capita. This is a non-competitive grant. For more information on the program, go to the [website](#). The amount each library will receive and the progress of the application is available on the [Formula Grant Chart](#).

[Online Application](#)

This is federal funding from IMLS and must meet certain criteria is defined on the website. There will be an informational meeting with Sam Shaw and Christa Porter on November 15. (See page 14) for details.

### Continuing Education and Training Grants

Due: January 14, 2022

The Commission’s website describes the purpose of the program “is to assist Nebraska libraries to improve the library services provided to their communities through continuing education and training for their library personnel and supporters. Successful applications will show how the continued education and/or training proposal will support the libraries mission”.

Detailed information is on the grant page on the NLC [website](#).

## Additional Grant Opportunities

### C.A. Story Foundation

Due: November 30, 2021

This is an opportunity for Friends or Foundations to apply for funds. The Star Herald reported in the October 22, 2021 issue that the C.A. Story Foundation is accepting applications for the 2021 grants. The Foundation was founded by insurance and real estate businessman in Sidney, Nebraska.

Those applying for a grant must qualify by being a benevolent non-profit organization under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and must provide a Federal Identification Number (FIN), plus proof of eligibility. The organizations must reside in the counties of:

Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, Sioux

The deadline for submitting applications is Nov. 30, 2021. Application requests can be sent to [castoryfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:castoryfoundation@gmail.com).

Distribution of funds will be made in late December, 2021.

## Penguin Random House and the Association for Rural and Small Libraries Grant

Penguin Random House and [The Association for Rural and Small Libraries](#) (ARSL) announced in a combined press release the news concerning a rolling grant program to recognize rural, small and tribal libraries that support underserved communities in the U.S. and U.S. territories.

The program will award grants of up to \$2,500 to libraries that demonstrate a true need. Grants are not limited to literacy and may be used for everything from library programming and books to resources like hotspots that help community members access important information. In-kind donations will also be considered.

Penguin Random House and ARSL have worked together to ensure the application process is simple and straightforward to remove as many barriers to applying for a grant as possible. For the award application and more information about the program, please visit the info page: <https://www.arsl.org/prh-grant>.

Please forward any questions about the application process to the ARSL office at [info@arsl.org](mailto:info@arsl.org).  
Project Reports are Due February 7, 2023.

Submission Window	Award Notification Deadline
October 25, 2021-December 17, 2021	February 7, 2022
December 20, 2021-February 11, 2022	April 4, 2022
February 14, 2022-April 8, 2022	May 27, 2022
April 11, 2022- June 3, 2022	July 29, 2022

## Humanities Grants for Libraries

**American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grants for Libraries** is a grantmaking program to deliver relief to libraries recovering from the coronavirus pandemic.

With funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the American Library Association (ALA) will distribute \$2 million in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding to help anchor libraries as strong humanities institutions as they emerge and rebuild from the pandemic. The purpose of this emergency relief program is to assist libraries that have been adversely affected by the pandemic and require support to restore and sustain their core activities. ALA will distribute up to 200 ARP grants of \$10,000 each to libraries, with an emphasis on reaching libraries in historically underserved and/or rural communities. Libraries will be selected through a competitive, peer-reviewed application process. Here are the [Project guidelines](#).

### Big Talk from Small Libraries Conference News

Mark your calendars for this free one-day online conference  
Friday, February 25, 2022 between 8:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Central Time)  
using the GoToWebinar online meeting service.

Better yet, be a speaker at this conference designed for small libraries of all types (academic, public, school, tribal and special). This national conference is looking for speakers for seven 50-minute and four 10-minute “lightning round” presentations. Proposals are due January 14, 2022.

[More information and proposal form.](#)

# MONEY FOR YOU!

- \* Is this the year for you to.....
  - Join a library association? (ALA, ARSL, NLA, NLSA, MPLA, PLA)
  - Attend a workshop?
  - Attend a conference (in-person or virtually) ?
  - Sign up for a library related class?
- \* Is budget tight and monetary assistance is needed to pay for membership, or tuition or mileage?

The Western Library System is here to assist. All you need to do is :

Apply for a scholarship which will be reviewed by the WLS Board's Scholarship Committee for approval.

Provide a report of the activity and the benefit of the scholarship for the Western Sun.

[Online Application:](#) or complete the information below and e-mail or mail toL

Western Library System

615 S. Beltline Hwy West

Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Email: [wls@westernlibrarysystem.com](mailto:wls@westernlibrarysystem.com)

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:

# Nebraska Book Awards

2021 (22nd annual) for books published in 2020



## **Children's Picture Book**

*Letters from Space*, by Clayton Anderson; Illustrated by Susan Batori

### **Design**

*Sy's Barbershop and Pool Hall: New and Selected Poems and Paintings*, by Jay D. Gerber

### **Illustration**

*Lily Discovers People are Like Donuts*, by Rob Otte; Illustrated by Carey Goddard

### **Illustration Honor**

*The Day We Went to the Park*, by Linda Stephen and Christine Manno; Origami Artwork by Linda Stephen

### **Fiction**

*The Brightest Place in the World*, by David Philip Mullins

### **Nonfiction Legal History**

*A Question of Freedom: The Families Who Challenged Slavery from the Nation's Founding to the Civil War*, by William G. Thomas III

### **Nonfiction Memoir**

*Dancing with the Octopus: A Memoir of a Crime*, by Debora Harding

### **Nonfiction Honor**

*Yards After Contact - Team Jack: Scoring a Touchdown Against Childhood Brain Cancer*, by Andrew Hoffman, forward by Rex Burkhead

### **Nonfiction Military History**

*A Mighty Force for Peace: A History of the Former Lincoln Air Force Base*, by Robert M. Branting

### **Nonfiction Nebraska History**

*Never Caught Twice: Horse Stealing in Western Nebraska, 1850-1890*, by Matthew S. Luckett

### **Nonfiction Nebraska as Place**

*Cut in Stone, Cast in Bronze: Nebraska Historical Markers and Monuments, 1854-1967*, by Jeff Barnes

### **Nonfiction Solidary**

*American Harvest: God, Country, and Farming in the Heartland*, by Marie Mutsuki Mockett

### **Nonfiction Urban History**

*My Omaha Obsession: Searching for the City*, by Miss Cassette, forward by Chris Ware

### **Poetry**

*Two-Toned Dress*, by Lucy Adkins

### **Poetry Honor**

*Forever War*, by Kate Gaskin

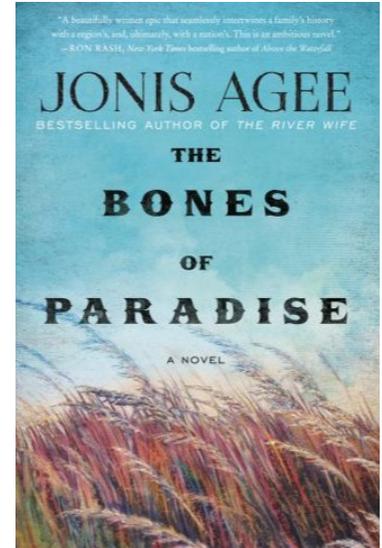
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As the state library agency, the Nebraska Library Commission is an advocate for the library and information needs of all Nebraskans. The mission of the Library Commission is statewide promotion, development, and coordination of library and information services, "bringing together people and information."

## 2022 One Book One Nebraska *Bones of Paradise*

During 2022, join fellow Nebraskans by reading and discussing *The Bones of Paradise: A Novel* (William Morrow, 2016). The novel was written by Jonis Agee, a native Nebraskan and was selected for the 2022 One Book One Nebraska.

*The press release announcing the selection stated “The Bones of Paradise is a multigenerational family saga set in the unforgiving Nebraska Sand Hills in the years following the massacre at Wounded Knee—it is an ambitious tale of history, vengeance, race, guilt, betrayal, family, and belonging, filled with a vivid cast of characters shaped by violence, love, and a desperate loyalty to the land. The One Book One Nebraska selection committee enjoyed the intricate plot development and well developed characters. They felt that the novel was a compelling read and contained a variety of themes that would engage discussion on a number of topics. Jonis Agee is an award-winning author of twelve books. Her awards include the John Gardner Fiction Award, the George Garrett Award, a National Endowment for the Arts grant in fiction, a Loft-McKnight Award, a Loft-McKnight Award of Distinction, and two Nebraska Book Awards. A native of Nebraska, Agee teaches at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.*



Libraries across Nebraska will join other literary and cultural organizations in planning book discussions, activities, and events that will encourage Nebraskans to read and discuss this book. Support materials to assist with local reading/discussion activities will be available after January 1, 2022 at <http://onebook.nebraska.gov>. Updates and activity listings will be posted on the One Book One Nebraska Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/onebookonenebraska>.

2022 will mark the eighteenth year of the One Book One Nebraska reading program, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book. It encourages Nebraskans across the state to read and discuss one book, chosen from books written by Nebraska authors or that have a Nebraska theme or setting. The Nebraska Center for the Book invites recommendations for One Book One Nebraska book selection year-round at <http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/obon-nomination.asp>.

One Book One Nebraska is sponsored by Nebraska Center for the Book, Humanities Nebraska, and Nebraska Library Commission. The Nebraska Center for the Book 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 housed at and supported by the Nebraska Library Commission.”

Bookkits to check out from the Western Library System will be available soon. The date will be provided in an e-mail.

The One Book One Nebraska for Kids and Teens will be announced at a later date.

Past One Book One Nebraska Winners– Which one is your favorite?

2021 Prairie Forge

2020 All the Gallant Men: An American Sailor’s Firsthand Account of Pearl Harbor by Donald Stratton

2019 This Blessed Earth: A Year in the Life of an American Family Farm by Ted Genoways

2018 Nebraska Presence: An Anthology of Poetry edited by Greg Kosmicki and Mary K. Stillwell

2017 Black Elk Speaks by John G. Neihardt

2016 The Meaning of Names by Karen Gettert Shoemaker

2015 Death Zones and Darling Spies: Seven Years of Vietnam War Reporting by Beverly Deepe Keever

2014 Once Upon a Town: The Miracle of the North Platte Canteen by Bob Greene

2013 O Pioneers! by Willa Cather

2012 I Am a Man: Chief Standing Bear’s Journey to Justice by Joe Starita

2011 Local Wonders: Seasons in the Bohemian Alps by Ted Kooser

2009 A Lantern in Her Hand by Bess Streeter Aldrich

2008 Restoring the Burnt Child: A Primer by William Kloefkorn

2007 Crazy Horse, the Strange Man of the Oglalas by Mari Sandoz

2005 My Antonia by Willa Cather

# Western Library System Resources



Available to Check Out
Blocks Rock
Breakout Kits - One Platform - Escape Room
Cricut and Heat Press
Dragon Puppets - 1 red and 1 green
EVO Ozobot
Frog Guiro
Gizmos and Gadgets
LEGO Boost and Book
Makey Makey Classics
Makey Makey STEM Kits (12 projects)
Star Punch (3 1/4 inches across)
Star Wars Droid and R2-D2

In Office Use
Book Repair System (Self-serve)
Disc Repair System (WLS staff will do this for you)

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 888-879-5303.

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

From July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022, each WLS member library receives 10 free disc cleanings. If you have any questions, please call the WLS office.

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