



Plain Speaking

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Making the Case to Attend

In these times of tight budgets and reduced staff, it is sometimes difficult to justify the expense and the days away from the public library to attend the State Library Associations' Annual Conference. And it is even more complicated for school librarians to get release time. When you ask to attend a conference, it is important that you have a solid understanding of the potential benefits to your library.

Affordable. This year, the NLA/NSLA Conference Committee is making an extraordinary effort to make this an affordable opportunity. Due to a mix-up, the Conference is on Thursday, Friday, Saturday. They acknowledge that these days are an inconvenience for many. Most of your meals are included in the **LOW** registration fee, in addition to Special Events such as the Golden Sower Gala and Notable Books After Dark. As a conference attendee, you may also register for any of the preconference workshops without additional charge. Best of all, the Early Bird deadline has been extended to **August 15**.

Relevant. Study the program. Identify the sessions that you believe can help you be more productive and efficient.

Share that information with your Board and talk with them about the benefits you see for your library.

Contacts. One of the most difficult aspects of solo librarianship is the lack of coworkers to talk to and problem-solve with. Conference gives librarians an opportunity to talk to each other. This networking is invaluable and helps to provide a peer group for support when you need it.

NLA and NSLA members' Early Bird registration fee is \$100 for the Full Conference. Central Plains Library System has \$200 Scholarships available. Go to page 12 of this newsletter to fill out the form. If you have ever thought about attending Conference, but dismissed it as too expensive, too time-consuming, etc., this is the year to go. Don't miss out on this educational opportunity.

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Library and Information Services

Online Course Offerings

Enrollment is open for Fall 2018

August 20, 2018 – December 14, 2018

Fall 2018

LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services

Marty Magee, Instructor

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

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

LIBR 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies

Michael Straatmann, Instructor

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

- Leadership principles
- Management strategies
- Policies and procedures

LIBR 2940 Library and Information Services Capstone Practicum

Patty Birch, Instructor

This capstone course is the last course in the Library & Information Services program. Students will complete 45 hours of service learning in a host library. The course also includes a review of the principle pieces of learning from the LIS program.

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

Library and Information Services Online Course Offerings 2018-2019		
Summer 2018	Fall 2018	Spring 2019
Libr 2100 Reference Resources and Services	Libr 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services	Libr 2150 Managing Collections in Libraries and Information Agencies
	Libr 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies	Libr 2210 Cataloging and Classification
	Libr 2940 Library Science Capstone Practicum	

For more information on the Library and Information Services program, see: <https://www.cccneb.edu/educational-opportunities/programs/human-services-andeducation/library/>.

For information concerning Admissions or Registration, contact: Dee Johnson djohnson@cccneb.edu, 402-562-1418 or Toll Free at 877-222-0780.



5th Annual Read to Win \$529 Drawing

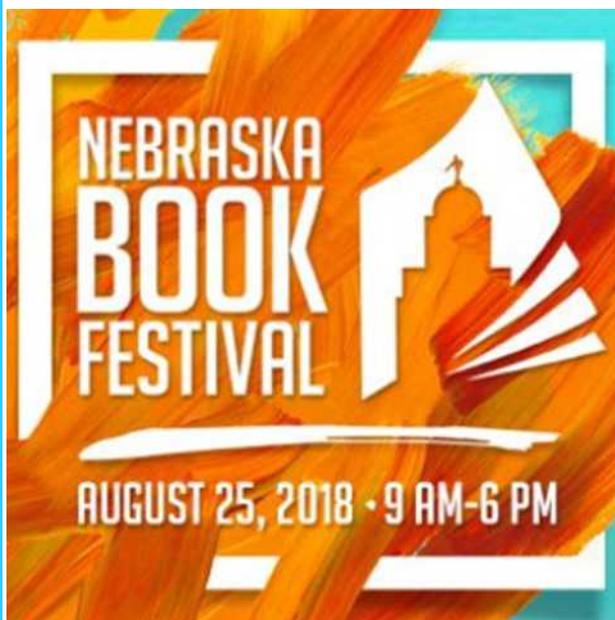
Fifteen Readers to Each Receive \$529 NEST Accounts in Random Drawing

Summer readers at participating Nebraska libraries will have an opportunity to win a \$529 college savings account from the Nebraska Educational Savings Trust (NEST 529) in the Read to Win \$529 Drawing. Fifteen summer readers between the ages of 3 and 18 will be selected in a random drawing to win a \$529 contribution each to a NEST 529 College Savings account. Five winners will be selected from each of Nebraska's three congressional districts. Children and teens may participate in the Read to Win \$529 drawing, provided they have completed their local libraries' requirements for the summer reading program and have registered through their local libraries before **August 22**.

Winners will be announced in late September and recognized in a ceremony at the Capitol in October. More than 13,000 were entered in last year's drawing.

Each winner's library branch will receive \$250 from NEST.

Contact Sally Snyder (sally.snyder@nebraska.gov) at the Nebraska Library Commission for more details.



Nebraska Book Festival

Nebraska books and writers will be featured and celebrated at the **Nebraska Book Festival** on **August 25, 2018**. This event will highlight work by Nebraska writers and publishers, with a focus on stories and poetry set in Nebraska.

The **August 25 Nebraska Book Festival** will be held at the University of Nebraska City Campus Union from 9:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m. It will feature author appearances, book signings, exhibitors, booksellers, poetry readings, and hands-on family activities. Authors include Janice Harrington, Stew Magnuson, Brandon Vogel, Melissa Fraterrigo, Jeff Kurrus and Michael Forsberg, along with Nebraska poets from the 2018 One Book One Nebraska selection *Nebraska*

Presence: An Anthology of Poetry. The Nebraska Writers Guild will feature readings, discussions, and workshops for writers. Concierge Marketing will host Maker activities to celebrate books, including family activities to encourage book lovers of all ages to craft, draw, imagine, and create.

More information about the Festival is available at <http://bookfestival.nebraska.gov/2018/index.aspx>.

Central Plains Library System Annual Meeting
July 18, 2018
House on the Hill Bed and Breakfast
74050 Highway 283
Elwood, NE 68937

Present: Denise Harders, Kay Kloppenborg, Tony Anderson, Dixie Codner, Judy Hagan, Pat Hughes, Tim Johnson, Shawna Lindner, Linda Nickel, Kathy Thomsen, Matt Williams, Terri Johnson, Rod Wagner, Christa Porter, Jane Hilton, Mo Khamouna, Doris Brandon, Don Jardon, Darlene Brumbaugh, Carol Gruber, Judith Hollers, Kathy Trimble.

Absent: Lori Long

Call to Order/Roll Call: Judy Hagan called the fourth annual meeting of the Central Plains Library System to order on July 18, 2018 at 11:17am. The attendees introduced themselves including which library or organization they were representing.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the Central Plains Library System's Annual Meeting, which was held July 7, 2017, were read by Denise Harders. Linda Nickel made a motion to approve the minutes. Tony Anderson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

Director's Report:

- Denise reviewed the 2017-2018 Annual Report in brochure format.
- Makerspace items purchased by CPLS have been greatly enjoyed by borrowing libraries. The button maker has been popular, so another will be purchased. 3D printers have been suggested as a possible addition, however, they are not easily shared as they need to be recalibrated each time they are moved. If there is a Maker item you would like to see CPLS offer, let Denise know.
- The new Cricut Maker, Cricut EasyPress and Littlebits have arrived and will be circulating soon.
- Hastings Public Library and Broken Bow Public Library have reopened. Ravenna is close to opening.
- The week of weeding will be held the first full week of August. This is a new time period that will work well for both school and public libraries.
- Holdrege, Axtell and Franklin each have hired new library directors.
- If there is a service/need you would like to see CPLS offer, let Denise know.

2018 NLA/NSLA Annual Conference Scholarship Awards:

The scholarship committee consisting of Board members: Pat Hughes, Linda Nickel and Dixie Codner selected the following to receive \$500 scholarships to attend NLA/NSLA in Lincoln.

- Alicia Lassen of Overton Public Schools
- Judy Hagan of Atkinson Public Library
- Kim Ost of Rock County Public Library
- Keri Anderson of Hoesch Memorial Public Library in Alma

Central Plains Library System also has \$200 scholarships available for tuition. Awards are intended to provide reimbursement for registration fees, tuition or costs associated with an educational event. Each library agency shall be limited to two scholarships per fiscal year. Applicants are eligible for only one scholarship per fiscal year.

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Retiring CPLS Board Members:

- Dixie Codner of Central Community College-Grand Island
- Pat Hughes of Hastings
- Tim Johnson of Hershey
- Kathy Thomsen of Lexington Public Library

Election of New Board Members:

Matt Williams made a motion to vote as a slate. Linda Nickel seconded. New Board members are as follows:

- Judy Hagan of Atkinson Public Library (re-elected to second term)
- Terri Eberly of Auld Public Library in Red Cloud
- Janene Hill of Jensen Memorial Library in Minden
- Terri Johnson of North Platte Public Library
- Mo Khamouna of Nebraska College of Tech Agriculture-Curtis
- Jane Hilton of Elwood Public Library
- Doris Brandon of Alma

Report from the Library Commission by Rod Wagner, Director and Christa Porter:

- Rod Wagner thanked all libraries for their service to their communities.
- NLC hopes to restore summer internships.
- NLC is planning on offering Youth Grants for Excellence.
- NLC will have Maker items on display at the Nebraska State Fair on Sunday, August 26.
- Nebraska Book Festival will be in Lincoln on Saturday, August 25.
- Celebration of Nebraska Books will be held on October 27. Books awards will be given as well as the announcement of the next One Book.
- Christa Porter reported NLC received an IMLS Sparks grant for \$25,000. Six libraries and schools will partner in this pilot project to offer wireless connection between schools and libraries.
- Voting is open for the Great American Read (PBS).

Linda Nickel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Thomsen seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Shawna Lindner, Secretary

Brightly

<http://www.readbrightly.com/>

At Brightly, we believe reading has the power to illuminate kids' lives. But we also know how hard it can be to connect kids with the right books at the right time and keep them engaged with reading as they grow. We want to make it a little easier, and a lot more fun, for parents and educators to raise children who love to read.

Website recommended by Debbie Covey, Maywood Public School



CPLS 2018 Annual Meeting

The Central Plains Library System's Annual Meeting was held on July 18th, immediately following the Board Meeting. Twenty-three people attended the event held at the House on the Hill Bed & Breakfast just south of Elwood. Four Board Members retired. Judy Hagan was elected for a second term. Six additional people were elected to serve on this 12-member board. Newly elected Board Members include Terri Eberly, Janene Hill, Terri Johnson, Mo Khamouna, Jane Hilton, and Doris Brandon. After a delicious lunch, the crowd was entertained by local speaker Leona Cummins. Following the presentation, everyone was invited to the Elwood Public Library for crafting and conversation.



House on the Hill Bed & Breakfast and the beautiful gardens.



Retiring CPLS Board Members: Pat Hughes, Kathy Thomsen, Tim Johnson, and Dixie Codner.



Jane Hilton, Carol Gruber, Pat Hughes, Diane Wagner, Rod Wagner, and Christa Porter getting lunch.



Christa Porter, Doris Brandon, Don Jardon, Judith Hollers, Terri Johnson, and Mo Khamouna making Book Wreaths and talking about...what else...Libraries!

Free Kapco Book Repair Workshop

Thursday, August 23, 2018
North Platte Public Library
120 West 4th Street
2:00—5:00 p.m.



This workshop is designed to demonstrate quick and easy techniques for extending shelf life on general circulating materials. Prevention is the key, but we will be addressing specific, common repairs: re-inserting loose pages, broken spines, torn header caps, ripped and torn pages.

Each participant is asked to bring: one or two paperback books, preferably new or new-like, to demonstrate covering techniques; a hardbound book with a book jacket to demonstrate application of book jacket covers; a stapled book or magazine; one hardbound book that needs repair and a “naked” hardbound book; i.e., a hardbound book that does NOT have a book jacket cover.

Each participant will be provided with a *free* sample packet of materials.

Click here for online registration: <https://goo.gl/forms/W9jjkC7pXCnCTmpI3>.

24th Annual Youth Services Retreat

Presentations include:

- ♦ Great Books for Teens and Tweens
- ♦ Virtual Programs: Prehistoric Creatures and more
- ♦ “Booktalk” your favorite websites, resources, and solutions
- ♦ Mental Illness and Youth Services
- ♦ Reommended Books for Children 2017/2018
- ♦ Escape Rooms and Table Top Conundrums
- ♦ Developmentally Appropriate Practices in Early Childhood Programming
- ♦ Tips on Graphic Novel Collection and Programming
- ♦ How to Improve Your Chances of Obtaining a Youth Services Grant

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September 6-7

Carol Joy Holling Camp and Retreat Center, Ashland

For full program and

registration: <http://bit.ly/2018JYSR>

**Central Plains Library System Board Meeting
July 18, 2018
House on the Hill Bed and Breakfast
Elwood, NE**

Present: Tony Anderson, Judy Hagan, Pat Hughes, Tim Johnson, Shawna Linder, Linda Nickel, Kathy Thomsen and Matt Williams

Absent: Dixie Codner (arrived after roll call) and Lori Long

Also Present: Denise Harders, Rod Wagner and Christa Porter

Call to Order / Roll Call:

- President Judy Hagan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call followed.

Approval of Minutes:

- Linda Nickel made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2018 conference call. Shawna Linder seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Financial Report:

- Fiscal Year Finances
 - ◇ The Financial Report for the end of the fiscal year was reviewed.
 - ◇ Denise reported that consultant, Jan Hinze, had helped prepare the report.
 - ◇ The previous fiscal year reports different numbers than normal because of Sharon's retirement and the subsequent payout of her PTOs.
 - ◇ The budget was adequate.
- Check Register
 - ◇ The check register shows transactions from April 11 to June 30, 2018.
 - ◇ The allocation for the first quarter of the current fiscal year is included in the total.
 - ◇ Approximately \$40, 000 remains when the allocation is subtracted.
 - ◇ \$12,344.19 is still outstanding from the checking account.
- Funds allocated for the final quarter
 - ◇ Denise summarized the Makerspace supplies.
 - ◇ The button maker has been popular.
 - ◇ Stabilizer has been purchased for the embroidery machine.
 - ◇ The Cricut machine uses fabric, cardstock, and iron-on vinyl.
 - * Small libraries can use the System's Cricut to determine if they want to purchase a machine for their library.
 - ◇ Electric Little Bits
 - * For library programs about electronics.
 - * Kits for 10 to 12 children age 8 and older.
- Scholarship monies
- \$40,000 was left at the end of the fiscal year. Denise will carry \$10,000 over to the next fiscal year. \$12,344.19 has been spent. \$17,500 is left.
- Denise reported that she and Kay are getting use to QuickBooks and that the reports are more accurate.
- A discussion was held concerning the purchase of another button maker.
- CPLS pays for the thread on the embroidery machine.
- The borrowing library pays for the laminator supplies.
- Libraries who borrow the Makerspace equipment pay for the consumables. These funds are designated for the Reimbursable account.
- The Board discussed purchasing another alphabet for the AccuCut, while they are on sale.

Matt Williams made a motion to purchase another alphabet for the AccuCut and another button maker. Linda seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll-call vote. Denise will determine the size and font of the new alphabet.

- Tim suggested that CPLS invest some of their funds in a CD or other investment that would pay better interest.

The funds remaining after the purchases could be invested. Approximately \$5000 would be left in the Money Market Fund.

Pat Hughes made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Linda Nickel seconded the motion. The Financial Report was approved.

Correspondence:

- Spencer Green of the North Platte Public Library sent a thank-you for an out-of-state scholarship to attend PLA in Philadelphia.
- Shelly Deardoff of the North Platte Public Library sent a thank-you for an out-of-state scholarship to attend PLA in Philadelphia.

Director's Report:

- There is an increased use of both the audiobook and the book kit programs.
- Replacement sets have been ordered for the ones used on a regular basis.
- An additional book kit for adults, *Anatomy of a Miracle*, by Jonathan Miles has been ordered. There are 10 books and discussion questions in this kit.
- Denise spent a lot of time on the road and visited several libraries.
- The State Fire Marshall made a surprise visit to the CPLS office. He reported that there was too much stored in the storage room and that the items were piled too high. The system had one week to correct the infraction. The Fire Marshall visited on two subsequent occasions and approved the storage room.
- The 3 in 1 Workshop in Kearney was popular.
- Holdrege has hired Mike Burris as their new director.
- Axtell Public Library and Franklin Public Library both have new directors.
- The Board discussed renting extra space at the Landmark Center. Denise will check to see about acquiring more storage space at the Landmark Center.
- The Week of Weeding is the first full week in August.

Old Business:

- Denise presented the 2018-2019 budget worksheet.
- The NLC funding agreement was included with the worksheet.
- The worksheet included the \$10,000 carryover.
- The collection supply numbers include button backs, etc.
- Interest is \$10.00 a year.
- Version A includes a 2½ % raise for Denise and Kay.
- Version B includes a 1½ % increase for Denise and a 2% increase for Kay.
- Both versions include the filling of a new position in Hastings. This would be a 20 hour a week position with a starting salary of \$12.00 per hour. The hours are flexible. Duties included in this position would be making arrangements for events and assisting Denise. The applicant must have a good driving record. The position will be advertised in the paper, on the college job board, and at the Department of Labor work site.
- Kay will continue to perform office tasks including sending out the newsletter, bulk lending etc.

The Board went into Executive Session at 10:50 a.m. to discuss Version A and Version B of the budget. The Board returned from Executive Session at 10:57 a.m.

Matt Williams made a motion that the budget incorporate a 2½ % increase for Denise and that Kay receive an increase to \$15.00 per hour. Tony Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Board Officers 2018-2019:

- Dixie Codner, Pat Hughes, Tim Johnson and Kathy Thomsen will be retiring from the Board.
- Judy Hagan is up for reelection.
- To be an officer, the person must be a member of the Board for at least one year.
- Judy Hagan was nominated as President.
- Tony Anderson was nominated as Vice-President.
- Shawna Linder was nominated as Secretary.

Tony Anderson made a motion to approve the slate of board officers by acclamation. Tim Johnson seconded the motion. The slate of officers was approved by acclamation.

Outgoing Board Members:

- Denise recognized the outgoing board members.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Thomsen, Secretary

Clean Slate

Clean Slate is designed to protect public access computers from malicious or inexperienced users. While not restricting users' activities, this product will scour drives back to their original state upon reboot or log off. It restores the computer to original configuration, no matter what users have done: including erasing files, installing software, downloading viruses, and altering icons. Also, there is no need to reboot to enable/disable security.

Clean Slate

- ◆ automatically removes unwanted downloads and software installations, including spyware and adware
- ◆ protects all local hard drives
- ◆ makes file changes temporary
- ◆ does not alter the file system
- ◆ offers the ability to schedule a time of day when security is disabled.

Go to https://download.cnet.com/Clean-Slate/3000-2653_4-10581292.html to download a free 30-day trial. Protect 15 computers for just over \$350. The same company, Fortres Grand, offers another program, Time Limit Manager, that provides a convenient and reliable method of limiting computer session time.



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!



The 2018 event will be held Oct. 7 - 13th, featuring the theme "It's Written in the Stars: READ." Library staff, afterschool providers and educators can use this theme to encourage teens to think and read outside of the box, as well as seek out fantasy, science fiction and other out-of-this-world reads.

Audiobook Collection

CPLS owns over 1,000 circulating audiobook titles. System member libraries may borrow audiobooks (CD, MP3, and Playaway formats) for a loan period of 90 days.

How to Walk Away by Center, Katherine

As You Wish by Deveraux, Jude

By Invitation Only by Frank, Dorothea Benton

Outsider by King, Stephen

Favorite Sister by Knoll, Jessica

To The Moon and Back by Kingsbury, Karen

Crooked Staircase: A Jane Hawk Novel by Koontz, Dean.

Fair Blows the Wind by L'Amour, Louis

Trail to Crazy Man by L'Amour, Louis

Where the Long Grass Blows by L'Amour, Louis

A Wrinkle in Time by L'Engle, Madeline

Send Down the Rain by Martin, Charles

Love and Ruin by McLain, Paula

Perfect Mother by Molloy, Aimee

Totally Unscientific Study of the Search for Human Happiness
by Poundstone, Paula

Give-A-Damn Jones by Pronzini, Bill

Shelter in Place by Roberts, Nora

After Anna by Scottoline, Lisa

Death of Mrs. Westaway by Ware, Ruth



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 View the list of titles on our website under Services
 and then call or email the
 System office to borrow or reserve titles.

CPLS Has Scholarship Money Available

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

Only one scholarship per person per year.

Each Library Agency shall be limited to two scholarships per year.

Name _____

Library _____

Event _____

Date of event _____

Scholarship requested for _____ (meal, room, etc.)

Amount requested _____

Other information:

Send your request to: Central Plains Library System
2727 W. 2nd Street # 233
Hastings, NE 68901



Cover One Book Repair Service!



The System has a binding repair machine that fixes a variety of types and sizes of books. This machine easily binds up to a 2½" thick book and it has a sliding wall to hold smaller books in place. It will also work with legal size as well as regular 8½ x 11" size items. Repaired books will be ready to use in just 20 minutes! Go to <http://www.coverone.net> and click on the link for Book Repair Demo on the left-hand side of the page to see it in action.

This machine is perfect to repair books with glued bindings that have "popped" and split into several big chunks, paperbacks that have come out of their covers, and books where individual pages are coming loose.

Mail or bring your books to the System Office.
We will repair them for \$1 per book plus actual return postage.

PLA in Philadelphia

By Spencer Green, Library Assistant
North Platte Public Library

In March I got the opportunity to go to Philadelphia for the PLA conference. After attending the conference I gained a lot of valuable information. All of the sessions I attended were wonderful and packed with a lot of good information. Some of my favorite sessions that stood out to me were How to Run a Take-Apart Workshop for Kids, Take Summer Reading to the Streets: Partnering to Reach Children with Barriers to Library Access, and MakMo: the LA County Library's Maker Mobiles.

The session, "Run a Take-Apart Workshop" was presented by Allison Murphy who is a children's librarian in Ohio. At her library she had a take apart festival. Throughout the year she collected broken electronics such as toasters, tvs, phones, etc. The children in her community came and learned how to take the electronics apart. She made sure that all of the children had safety glasses and she had several screwdrivers and other tools for the children to use. Volunteers helped the children take the electronics apart. When they were done with the workshop they recycled the electronics. The children loved it and they continued it the next year and still have it every year at her library.

My second favorite session was, "Take Summer Reading to the Streets: Partnering to Reach Children with Barriers to Library Access." This session was presented by Jessica Link and Kevin Delecki. Ms. Link and Mr. Delecki are children's librarians in Cedar Rapids. They noticed that a lot of children in daycares weren't able to come to their summer's library program and wanted to reach these children. They decided that they would go out to the daycares. They applied for a grant and with the grant they were able to purchase books that would stay at the daycares. When they started the program they took surveys to see how many of these children had been to their library and found that a very low percentage of the children had been. The next summer they took the same survey and found there had been an increase in library usage.

The third session I thoroughly enjoyed was, "MakMo: the LA County Library's Maker Mobiles." This session was led by Leticia Polizzi and Jesse Walker-Lanz. This was a hand on session where attendees got to play with different gadgets. There were three different tables with different activities. The table I sat had Ozobots. When using Ozobots you had to use different colored markers to make a different pattern the Ozobot would follow. Ms. Polizzi and Mr. Walker Lanz talked about their maker mobiles they take around in the LA County. They have six vehicles equipped with all their makerspace activities. They go to nonprofit events and have a couple of teachers that go out and teach how to use the equipment. This has been a huge success in LA.

All of the sessions were wonderful. I got to meet some wonderful authors. Some of the authors I met were Kate Dicamillo, Ryan Higgins, and Gregg Pizzoli. After the sessions, we had some down time and were able to go sightseeing. I loved being able to see Independence Hall and having dinner at the City Tavern.

It was a wonderful experience filled with a lot of great information.



Public Library Association Conference

By Shelly Deardoff, Young Adult Librarian
North Platte Public Library

I found going to the PLA Conference to be a great chance to expand my knowledge, vision and excitement for our Library. There were many encouraging and inspiring events and speakers. It was good to share ideas and questions with other Librarians. Meeting some of the vendors also helped to gain information and think of options that I hadn't considered.

The opening Speaker focused on "Possibilities" A thing that may be chosen or done out of several possible options. I came away from the Conference full of ideas that could be possibilities. Now comes the time of realizing what will work for us here in North Platte and in what way we can implement the ideas. Using Fandom to Encourage Teen Participation had many great ideas but also came with the lesson that you can make an Event so large and complicated that it loses its "Fun Factor". A session about Ideation encouraged including staff and the public to offer ideas. The front-line staff see and hear what our patrons want, and that having a response time frame is vital.

Taking Summer Reading to the Street caught my interest. So many of our kids and teens don't make it in the front door and maybe it's time to look at going out to where they are. Farmers Markets to Daycare Centers were some options that were mentioned but, in our area, we also have Kids Klub and a park that families go to regularly. Culinary Literacy was the session I was most interested in. I have seen an interest for basic life skills. The Library in Philly had a complete beautiful working kitchen set up for teaching. I do believe a modified version could be put in place. They had so many of the 20-30-year olds in the program (not their target audience) it is exciting to consider.

There were also STEAM ideas and having a Bike-Mobile session that also gave pause for thought.

I appreciate the opportunity to attend PLA. Thank you for your support in making that a possibility.

Disc Cleaning and Repair

The System Office has the ECO AUTO-SMART Fully Automatic Disc Repair System. It is not just a buffer, but a full-service machine, to both clean and repair your valuable discs. Save those discs that won't play!
As long as they are not cracked, we can fix them.

From July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019, each CPLS member library has 10 free disc cleanings.

- If you have more than 10 discs that need fixing, you may send them to us and we will repair them and send them back with an invoice for 50 cents per disc plus return postage.
- If you come to the CPLS Office in Hastings and pick up the repaired discs, the charge is 50 cents per disc. A similar service at a retail video outlet costs more than \$5.00 per disc!



CPLS Annual Week of Weeding

August 5 – 11, 2018

It is time to clean up after the Summer Reading Program activities and to get ready for school to start.

I want to encourage everyone to participate by agreeing to weed a section of your library that you have been avoiding. You know what it is—that corner, that shelf, that genre of books that you have put off weeding for a while. Now's the time! **ALL** libraries in CPLS are eligible to participate!

How to Participate:

1. Send me an email at denise.cpls@gmail.com to let me know that you want to participate.
2. If you need extra encouragement or help deciding what to weed, I will be glad to give advice and to lend a helping hand. Call or email to set up an appointment.
3. After you finish your weeding project, let me know how it went by filling in the form below.



Those who submit their forms to the CPLS Office by August 17th will be entered into a drawing for one of **TWO** Kindle Fire Tablets. The winning libraries will be selected in a random drawing on Monday, August 20, 2018.

Week of Weeding Participation Form

Library _____

Section Weeded _____

How many books were weeded? (approximately) _____

Best (or worst) thing that was weeded out? _____

I'd love to see some "before and after" photos of your project. You can email digital pictures or submit printed photos with this participation form. (Pictures are not required and will not affect your library's chance to win a Kindle Fire.)

Return the form via email or mail to:

Central Plains Library System, 2727 West 2nd Street #233, Hastings, NE 68901

Central Plains Library System

Mark Your Calendar

- August 5-11.....CPLS Week of Weeding (see page 15)
- August 15.....Quarterly Meeting, NCompass Live with System Directors
- August 15.....Early Bird Deadline to register for the NLA/NSLA Annual Conference
- August 20-31.....Basic Skills — Library Policy
- August 22.....Deadline to submit entries for SRP NEST 529 Drawing (see page 3)
- August 23.....Book Mending Workshop, North Platte Public Library (see page 6)
- August 25.....Nebraska Book Festival, Lincoln (see page 3)
- August 26.....Maker Showcase at the Nebraska State Fair
- September.....Library Card Sign-Up Month
- Sept. 6-7.....Youth Services Retreat, Camp Carol Joy Holling, Ashland (see page 7)
- Sept 10-21.....Basic Skills — Programming and Outreach
- Sept. 13-16.....Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference, Springfield, Illinois
- October 4-6.....NLA/NSLA Annual Conference, Lincoln (see page 1)
- October 7-13.....Teen Read Week (see page 10)



Did it ever occur to anyone that if you put nice libraries in public schools you wouldn't have to put them in prisons?
~Fran Lebowitz

Fireflies that really light up!



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