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CENTRAL PLAINS LIBRARY SYSTEM NEWSLETTER

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Public Library Accreditation

By Tammi Thiem, Three Rivers Library System Director

After having a couple years off due to the pandemic, Public Library Accreditation is now scheduled to resume this year. The list of libraries has been restructured to stretch over a five-year period rather than the previous three-year requirement.

The application process may be a daunting task, but it can be looked at as an opportunity. By stepping back and looking at your community with a different perspective, you may discover new ways that the library can be of value. I am sure all of you public librarians have goals in mind: programs you would like to do, people you would like to reach, presenters you would like to feature, activities you would like to try. Think of the Community Needs Response Plan as the chance to put all those terrific ideas in writing. Who knows, maybe this is just what you need to get motivated to move forward with those plans!

Now, where to start? There is a [2022 recording](#) available about the whole process, so that would be a great starting point. If you attended one of these virtual workshops, terrific! It is nice to have the recording available for those who could not attend and as a resource for everyone. This likely answered many questions that you did not even know that you had.

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Now, I am going to share my horrifying story about accreditation from when I started working at a public library. Keep in mind that I can laugh about it now, my world did not end, the library did not shut down, and it was a valuable, learning experience. Please do not judge me, and here goes:

I started work at a public library in June of 2013. What a shock to realize all the duties that a librarian needs to do! By October of that year, I was feeling more confident with learning the collection, interacting with the patrons, ordering books and supplies, planning programs, and managing all of those behind-the-scenes tasks to keep everything running smoothly. I had even successfully made it to the new fiscal year with a fresh new budget, and I had started taking some library college courses at the Central Community College.

The library phone rang, and it was Richard Miller with the Nebraska Library Commission wanting to know why I had not submitted my application for library accreditation. Oh dear. I had no clue what accreditation even was. It turns out that the library board's certification had lapsed, also, so the library was not even eligible for accreditation. I felt like an absolute failure. Richard assured me that I could try again next year, and I vowed to make it happen.

Next up was the Public Library Survey, which all public librarians know and love. I was lost, as the numbers from the previous year seemed completely abstract. In comparison, it looked like I was not even unlocking the doors! The circulation count listed was easily four times the number that I had. I am embarrassed to admit that I gave up and decided I would skip the survey that year. Of course, when I attempted to do the accreditation process in 2014, the library was not eligible because completing the Public Library Survey was a requirement. For the second year in a row, I failed to maintain the library's accreditation. Thankfully, the third time was a success.

The moral of this story is that I get the importance of library accreditation. I get the stress of completing the paperwork. I have certainly been there, as I attempted to do that and failed miserably more than once, and then appreciated the final success. Due to my inept experiences at the beginning, I am a huge advocate for librarians and do my best to keep everyone on top of things. I have learned from this unfortunate, but educational, experience.

As a System Director, I feel bad that Tammi struggled through her first accreditation. Anyone needing help with the 2022 accreditation process is welcome to call me at 402-462-1975 or email me at denise.cpls@gmail.com. Whether it is your first time filling out the form or you have done it many times, I am always glad to help.



Connecting at the Crossroads

On Track to Real Change

#ARSL2022 • SEPT 14-17
CHATTANOOGA, TN

Registration Timeline

June 14, 2022 | Early Bird Registration opens; Virtual Registration opens
July 26, 2022 | Early Bird Registration closes

2022 Conference Rates

	<u>Early Bird Pricing</u>	<u>Regular Pricing</u>	<u>Virtual-Only Attendance**</u>
ARSL Members	\$275	\$350	\$50
Nonmembers	\$350	\$425	\$75
Advocates, Students, & Retirees*	\$225	\$275	\$25



There's still time to register for United for Libraries Virtual 2022 Conference!

August 9-11th – Online

The Nebraska Library Commission has purchased a 2022 statewide registration for all Nebraska library board members, library directors and staff, Friends, and Foundations!

[Click here for more details and to register.](#)



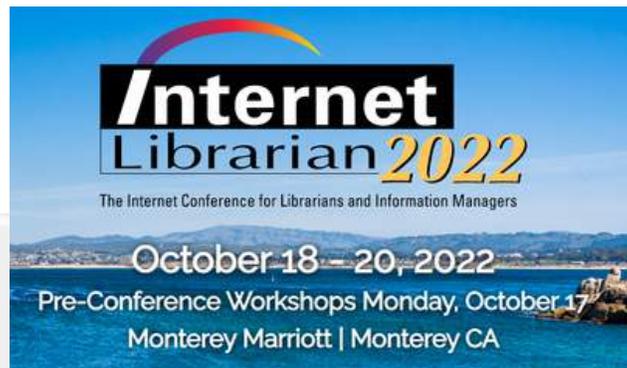
Plum Creek Literacy Festival

The award-winning Plum Creek Literacy Festival, founded in 1996, seeks to encourage a love of reading, writing and books by bringing nationally renowned authors and illustrators to Nebraska who host interactive workshops and keynotes for school children and adults. With opportunities to explore the world's rich traditions and cultures, festival-goers can enjoy a community of book enthusiasts eager to share their wisdom, foster new thoughts and insights, and enliven faith-seeking understanding for service to others. Join us for sessions with nationally renowned authors, illustrators, and literacy experts. A luncheon, book sales, and autographing sessions are also available.

Save the Date!

The Nebraska Library Association annual conference will be held at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, Nebraska from October 5-7.

[Click here for more information.](#)



The Leading Technology Conference for Librarians

We are excited to welcome our community back to beautiful Monterey, California this October for three days of practical advice, inspiring thought leadership, and in-depth training. Join your peers at Internet Librarian 2022 to learn, share, and celebrate the disruptive trends shaping the future of libraries and information professionals.

The last two years have been a challenge for all sectors and libraries have stepped up to play amazing roles in their communities with dynamic programs and resources, creative partnerships and technologies, innovative services, digital and learning strategies, and much more. The 26th annual conference program – Community Impact: Digital Strategies & Partnerships – highlights some of the exciting changes that will likely become standard in the future as libraries work with their communities in rebuilding and recovering from the economic and social issues arising from recent upheavals. Hear how communities are being supported by their libraries, get tips and techniques you can take home and apply to your environment, learn about the latest technologies and opportunities for the future. Libraries are resilient and are resetting for the future.

Internet Librarian caters to librarians and information professionals of all types and from all settings. No matter what your role is at your organization, you'll find all of your bases covered at Internet Librarian 2022. You can expect to leave Monterey with new friends and career allies and actionable advice and strategies for moving your organization forward. Please join us in this October for this career- and organization-changing opportunity.

28th Annual Joint Youth Services Retreat to be Held September 1-2

The Regional Library Systems in Nebraska are happy to invite you to the 28th Annual Joint Youth Services Retreat! This year we will again be holding our retreat in person at Camp Carol Joy Holling near Ashland. So many have commented on how much they miss the in-person retreat and we are glad to announce....We're back!



If you have never had the privilege of attending the retreat yet, make it your goal to attend this year! Attendees have the choice to come for the day or to stay overnight to experience the true retreat aspect of the experience and be able to collaborate with other librarians from around the state who are involved in kid/tween/teen programming. It is always held the Thursday and Friday before Labor Day. This year it falls on Thursday, September 1st, and Friday, September 2nd. All meals and snacks are included with the registration. Words cannot describe how nice it is to be there and be able to focus on learning ways to impact the youths that you serve! There is not a lack of food, timely topics, collaboration and fellowship or learning that is jam packed into this event. Even at night, different ones join together to talk over games, drinks or walks around the property although some use that time to let the information of the day soak in and enjoy some quiet time as well.

The Joint Youth Services Retreat will cover a broad range of subjects affecting each and every one of you in your jobs on a daily basis including:

THURSDAY SESSION:

Top Teen Books
with Sally Snyder

•
Story times with ASL
with Amanda Winkler

•
Illustrator Visit
with AaLiya Jaleel

•
"Booktalk"

Your Favorite Ideas, Resources, or Solutions
(participants)

•
Technology Kits from the NLC
with Amanda Sweet (think Oculus Quest 2,
Finch 2.0 Robot, DJI Tello EDU Drone,
Sphero Bolt Robots with Terrain Station and
with Chariot, and Hummingbird Bit
Premium). You will have a chance to play
with these items!

•
Gaming With the Library
with James Tidei and Jacquelyn Schranz

FRIDAY SESSION:

Best New Children's Books 2022
with Ali Bousquet and Garren
Hochstetler.

•
Finding the Right Words When
Someone Does Not Like a Book
with Vicki Wood

•
Introduction to Personal Storytelling
with Terry Wolfisch Cole

•
Calming, Centering Activities for
Children
with Sheila Palmquist

Start anticipating a fun, relaxing
break with friends and colleagues!

Don't delay!
Deadline is August 17th!
Register Here!

This activity is supported in part with funding from the State of Nebraska and from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

THE HEAT IS ON CRICUT WORKSHOP

CPLS will be bringing the heat...as in all the heat presses for the Cricut machines! In this workshop, we will be exploring these **HOT** machines to create **HOT** new designs:

- Hat Press (new at CPLS)
- Mug Press
- Heat Press (mini, 9x9, & 9x12)

This workshop will be held in two locations:



Broken Bow (Friday, Sept. 30th)



Holdrege (Wednesday, Nov. 2nd)

9:15am - 1:15pm

\$5 (at the door or by check to the System office)

4 CE Hours per participant

Limited to 15 people each session

REGISTER HERE



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Backward Design

with Erica Rose

Sometimes you have to go backward
in order to move forward!

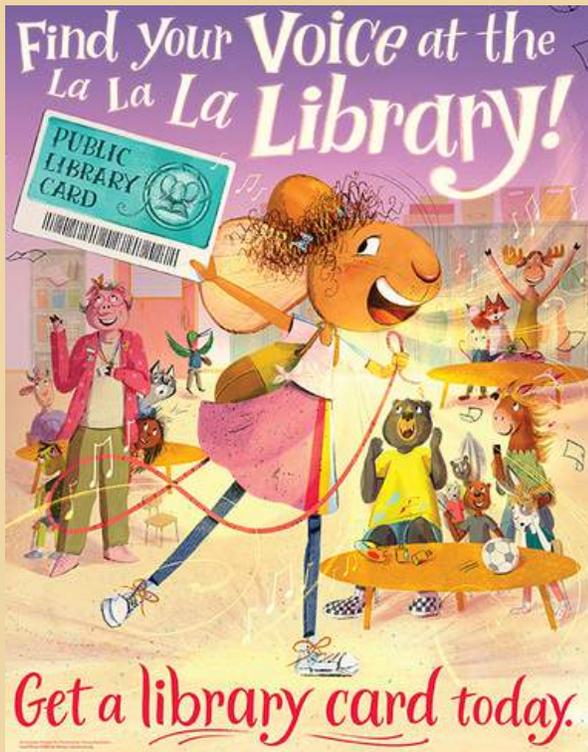
Are you interested in an easy, effective, measurable approach to service design?
Do you hope to create opportunities for your patrons to experience
inspiration, reverence, wonder, curiosity...AWE?

Join Erica Rose, Library Science Faculty and Program Coordinator for UNO's undergraduate library science program, as she and her team offer an alternative approach to library service design, emphasizing two key concepts: the phenomenon of awe and Backward Design. Presenters will define and discuss the power of awe, exploring the bond between awe and learning. Using Backward Design as a framework, they will examine how libraries can (and do) harness awe to develop and present meaningful, diverse and inclusive services and programs to enrich all our communities. This framework for intentional planning and an inspiring vision of how services benefit our communities does not necessitate money or size. These things benefit every library and librarian, requiring only heart, thought, and initiative.

October 20th, 2022
11am - 12pm
via Zoom
1 CE per participant

 REGISTER
NOW!

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Library Card Sign-up Month

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the American Library Association and libraries unite in a national effort to ensure every child signs-up for their own library card.

Throughout the school year, public librarians and library staff will assist parents and caregivers with saving hundreds of dollars on educational resources and services for students. From free access to STEAM programs/activities, educational apps, in-person and virtual homework help, technology workshops to the expertise of librarians, a library card is one of the most cost-effective back-to-school supplies available.

Tony Award-winning performer, actress, singer-songwriter, and philanthropist Idina Menzel and her sister, author and educator Cara Menzel, have been named honorary chairs of this year's program. Digital graphic for use on social media can be found [here](#). Follow this link to find ready-to-air Public Service Announcements.

"All Together Now!" Summer Reading Workshops Planned

Save the Date for these
Summer Reading Workshops:

Friday, January 20th in Grand Island
Tuesday, March 7th in Lexington



WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH \$1,000?

Save the Date for these special workshops that explore S.T.E.A.M. and Makerspace items to improve your library!

Wednesday, February 8th (St. Paul)
Friday, February 17th (North Platte)



Now Accepting Nominations!

Has a librarian made a difference in your life or gone above and beyond to serve your community? The *I Love My Librarian Award* invites library users like you to recognize the accomplishments of exceptional public, school, college, community college, or university librarians. Each year, up to 10 librarians are honored at a ceremony held in their honor. Since the award was established in 2008, 140 librarians have received this distinguished honor, including **CPLS School Librarian, Stephanie Dannehl** from Bertrand Community School. In that time, library users nationwide have shared more than 22,000 nominations detailing how librarians have gone above and beyond in their commitment to inclusivity, literacy, and digital access.

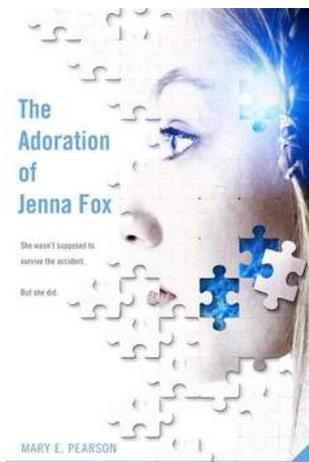
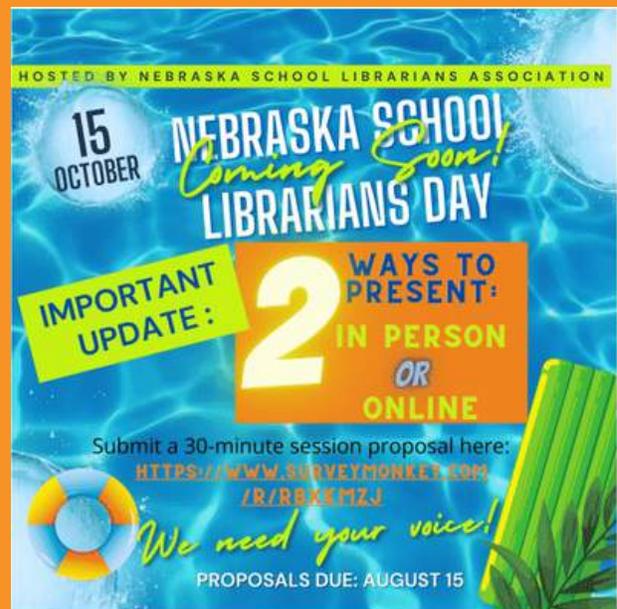
The call for nominations for the 2023 I Love My Librarian Award is now open! Nominate your librarian by Friday, September 30, and they could receive \$5,000.

[Submit Your Nomination!](#)

Looking for speakers at NSLA Librarians Day

Nebraska School Librarians Day will take place on Saturday October 15th and will be held in Lincoln. The schedule will be from 9:30-1:30 CST. Concurrent sessions will be 30 minutes each. Sessions can be on any aspect of school librarianship that you are passionate about.

Submit your proposal:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/rbxkmzj>

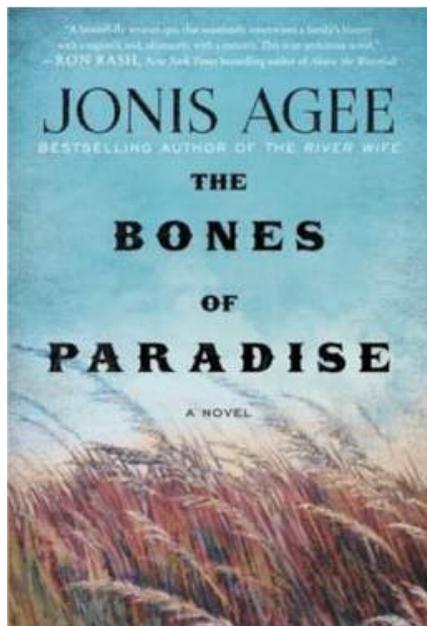


New Book Club Kit

Who is Jenna Fox? Seventeen-year-old Jenna has been told that is her name. She has just awoken from a coma, they tell her, and she is still recovering from a terrible accident in which she was involved a year ago. But what happened before that? Jenna doesn't remember her life. Or does she? And are the memories really hers?

This fascinating novel represents a stunning new direction for acclaimed author Mary Pearson. Set in a near future America, it takes readers on an unforgettable journey through questions of bio-medical ethics and the nature of humanity. Mary Pearson's vividly drawn characters and masterful writing soar to a new level of sophistication.

CENTRAL PLAINS PRESENTS: JONIS AGEE



We are pleased to announce that the CPLS Board recently decided to use ARPA funding to pay the speaker costs for those bringing Jonis Agee, the author of this year's One Book One Nebraska choice, *Bones of Paradise*, to their library through Humanities Nebraska! The **first 50 eligible libraries which apply** will see CPLS pay the Humanities Nebraska fee of \$50 directly, instead of needing to pay it themselves. If your library has already booked Jonis Agee for 2022, please let us know and CPLS can reimburse you. This is a great opportunity to offer programming to your patrons at no additional cost to your library! And what a great presentation to have, a One Book One Nebraska author!

Jonis Agee is a Nebraska author whose presentation is entitled "Bones of Paradise: A Novel Examined." Her novel "offers readers a multi-generational saga set in the Nebraska Sand Hills. Agee discusses how she came to

write this story in this setting, and shares her approaches to research, character development and more." (From the Humanities Nebraska website:

<https://humanitiesnebraska.org/catalog/age-range/adults/bones-of-paradise-a-novel-examined/>

Just a reminder that if this is a library's first presentation by a Humanities Nebraska speaker this year, \$50 will cover the entire portion of the library's cost. If Jonis Agee is the second Humanities speaker you have booked this year, the total cost for a second speaker is \$100, so our \$50 will only cover half.

All school and public libraries within the CPLS service area are eligible. We do encourage partnerships between school & public libraries in this endeavor. School librarians may want to coordinate with their school administrators so that the entire student body can participate, or the school may even choose to host an open house for the community.

The steps which you need to take:

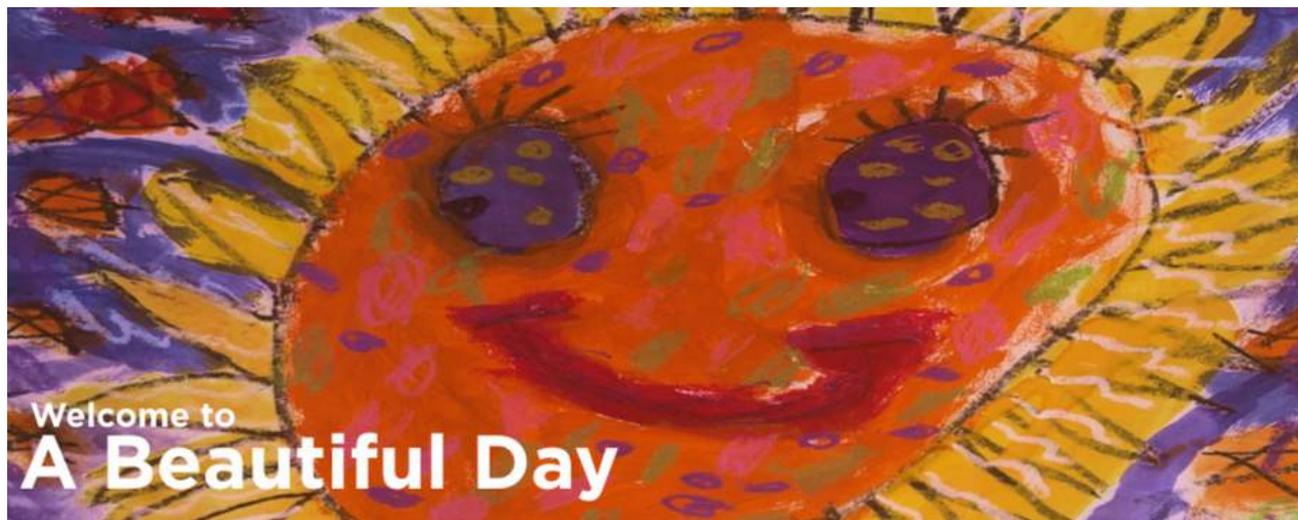
- Contact Jonis Agee at jagee2@unl.edu to set a date and time for the presentation.
- Fill out the Humanities Nebraska paperwork. For schools the form is [here](#) and for public libraries the form is [here](#).
- At the bottom of the second page, write "Please Invoice Central Plains Library System."
- After you have read the rules on the form carefully, please send one copy to Humanities Nebraska and another copy to Central Plains Library System (via our email address at cplsasst@gmail.com or our physical address at: 2727 W. 2nd Street, Suite #233, Hastings, NE 68901). Keep a copy for yourself!
- Make sure Humanities Nebraska receives your application paperwork at least 1 month in advance of the presentation. This is necessary in order to give Humanities Nebraska time to process the application and to arrange for payment to Jonis Agee.

AUDIOBOOK COLLECTION

CPLS owns over 1,200 circulating audiobook titles. System member libraries may borrow audiobooks (CD, MP3, and Playaway formats) for a loan period of 90 days.

Here are some new additions:

- *Three Ordinary Girls* by Brady, Tim
- *The Hidden One* by Castillo, Linda
- *Birds of California* by Cotugno, Katie
- *What Jonah Knew* by Graham, Barbara
- *Armored* by Greaney, Mark
- *Less* by Greer, Andrew Sean
- *The Locked Room* by Griffiths, Elly
- *Sparring Partners* by Grisham, John
- *Hawk Mountain* by Habib, Conner
- *We Lie Here* by Hall, Rachel Howzell
- *The Heart of Summer* by Hayes-McCoy, Felicity
- *The Hotel Nantucket* by Hilderbrand, Elin
- *Clark and Division* by Hirahara, Naomi
- *Part of Your World* by Jimenez, Abby
- *Confidence* by Mina, Denise
- *The Book Woman's Daughter* by Richardson, Kim Michele
- *The German Wife* by Rimmer, Kelly
- *Vendetta in Death* by Robb, J.D.
- *Lucky Turtle* by Roorbach, Bill
- *Daughters of the Occupation* by Sanders, Shelly
- *What Happened to the Bennetts* by Scottoline, Lisa
- *The It Girl* by Ware, Ruth
- *Nothing to See Here* by Wilson, Kevin
- *Fool Me Once* by Winstead, Ashley



A Beautiful Day Website by UNL

A Beautiful Day is a safe, fun, virtual play space with ad-free videos with fun activities for families and children in Nebraska and across the world experiencing social distancing due to the pandemic. We created this space as a way to share ideas, to foster learning and play, and to support caregivers experiencing physical distancing. We hope you enjoy playing with us!

<https://cehs.unl.edu/abeautifulday/>



Library and Information Services

Online Course Offerings

Fall 2022

August 15, 2022 – December 9, 2022

Registration for Fall Semester 2022 opens

Monday, April 11, 2022

LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services

Marty Magee, Instructor

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

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

LIBR 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies

Michael Straatmann, Instructor

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

- Leadership principles
- Management strategies
- Policies and procedures

LIBR 2940 Library and Information Services Capstone Practicum

Patty Birch, Instructor

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

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

<i>Library and Information Services Online Course Offerings</i>	
<i>Fall 2022</i>	<i>Spring 2023</i>
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

<https://www.cccneb.edu/lis/>

For information concerning Admissions or Registration, contact:

Dee Johnson djohnson@cccneb.edu,

402-562-1418 or Toll Free at 877-222-0780



CPLS SYSTEM NEWS WE CAN ALL USE:

Summer Book Club at the **Atkinson Public Library** met Wednesday mornings during June to discuss the book **“Wildfire”** by Rodman Philbrick. Even though not everyone was able to attend all three book talks, there were a total of forty-one students that joined the club and read the book this summer. It’s an action-packed novel that is highly recommended – if you haven’t read it yet, you should! Each week the group discussed questions about the book, watched author and book trailers, and played vocabulary word games. Week 2 of Book Club, Library Director Judy Hagan read the book **“The One Thing You’d Save”** by Linda Sue Park, which led to discussion about the things that each person would grab if they needed to leave their house quickly for any reason. After that, the group was joined by Atkinson volunteer firefighter Nick Schrunk, and Renae Osborne firefighter/EMT, who brought the department’s A-27 Wildland Type 6 Engine to the library! Both firefighters have also successfully completed the required training, experience, and physical fitness test to obtain certification for Red Card Wildland Firefighting. Along with the firefighting rig, they brought rangeland firefighting gear including helmets, masks, and boots, which the children were able to put on to really get the feel of it. There was lots of information and discussion about the use of the gear, as well as a demonstration of various nozzles, and how they are used for different situations. Helpers were Heather Slaymaker and Madisyn Hilkeimeier, and summer intern Brianna Rentschler. They ended the last class with a pizza lunch and obstacle course!



Photos provided by Judy Hagan, Director of Atkinson Public Library



CPLS SYSTEM NEWS WE CAN ALL USE:

On Wednesday, June 22, the **Atkinson Public Library** hosted a program, “Celebrate Nebraska Pollinators” with William Paxton, of Stuart, NE. Paxton started his own bee business, Paxton 5 Beehive, in 2017. He told the audience of 115 about his interest and passion for honeybees, which began when he was in second grade. He talked about the importance of bees in agriculture, pollinating food crops so everyone can eat, as well as making delicious honey. He told about the many different jobs that the honeybees have inside, and outside the hive, and had volunteers act them out to show the process from pollination to making honey. Afterward there was time for a question and answer period to learn even more. Pollinator Activity Guides and wildflower seed packets were donated by Nebraska Public Media, and were handed out to attendees inside “Bee a Reader” library book bags, with bee bookmarks and a bee puzzle page from the Atkinson Public Library, as well as Paxton’s contact information. Paxton 5 Beehive sells honey and chap stick, when available.

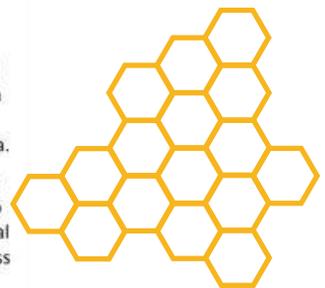


Paxton 5 Beehive Presentation

Simple • Natural • Raw

What started out as a dreadful 2nd-grade honeybee report soon grew into a love and passion for William Paxton. This enthusiasm started Paxton 5 Beehive in 2017 with a meager two hives located in Stuart, Nebraska.

Since then, the business has grown, but the mission has stayed the same - committed to producing simple, natural, and Nebraska-local goods maintaining the quality and preciseness as the honeybees did.



Photos provided by
**Judy Hagan, Director
of Atkinson Public
Library**

Celebrate Nebraska Pollinators with William Paxton

Honey and lip balm products available, as well as bee removal.

Visit paxton5beehive.com for more information!

Phone: 402-340-8881

Email: paxton5beehive@gmail.com

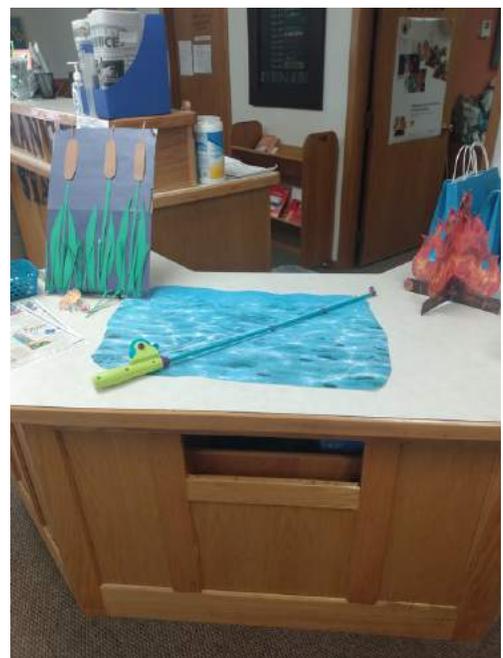


Week 4 of Crafts for Kids at the **Atkinson Public Library** featured ocean themed jeweled fish! There were seventy-seven children and adults attending craft day. Each crafter received a prepackaged kit of colorful popsicle sticks and fancy jewels provided by the Central Plains Library System to create beautiful fish. Ocean themed coloring pages were also provided.

CPLS SYSTEM NEWS WE CAN ALL USE:



On July 7, 2022, **Beaver City Public Library** hosted Teddy Bear Mobile. They bring the party to you! They have racks of partially ready animals. The customer picks an animal and then they get to complete the fluffing process! They then choose a charm, which is enclosed in the animal. They get an adoption certificate and handy drawstring pack to carry the animal! They also brought smaller, less expensive animals and outfits for animals to wear! Our first 25 customers received a Camp Library Teddy Bear T-shirt free. The Event was a great success! We had 87 visitors through the door! The event raised over \$200 to fund our Back-to-School Hot Dog feed in August and other community service projects to be decided later. The camp consists of a reading teepee with log cushions, a play fishing pond for prizes, informative displays on pollution, poisonous plants and animals, forest fires, and a birdhouse craft bag. A drawing was held on July 29th for cool prizes like a 5-foot-tall inflatable unicorn sprinkler, outdoor explorer kit and books! It's a fun and safe (and cool!) way for those unfamiliar with the outdoors to get a taste of it. And hopefully, spark their interest!



Photos were provided by Dawn Brown, Director at Beaver City Public Library.

CPLS SYSTEM NEWS WE CAN ALL USE:

Ethan Boggs Was a HUGE Hit This Summer!



Hoesch Memorial Library in Alma, NE had standing room only for their performance! Even Keri Anderson, Director, received a balloon creation!

Photos taken by Autumn Carlson of CPLS



Boggs Balloons...a Family Affair!



Ainsworth Public Library was one of 23 libraries who took advantage of having a summer reading performer come to their library. CPLS paid for Ethan Boggs of Boggs Balloons to spend the entire week of June 13th-18th (plus a couple days) in our System performing up to four shows a day and upwards of 100 people per show! Ainsworth was happy to report they had 65 attend their program which was held on Monday, June 13th.



Photos provided by Gail Irwin, Director at Ainsworth Public Library.

CPLS SYSTEM NEWS WE CAN ALL USE:

Lexington Public Library had a great summer reading program! Participants enjoyed story times, activities, and they even built a Story Cove room for kids to come and enjoy a good story at the library. They also had the 4-H educator join them with summer classes for preschool to 1st grade students which took place on Tuesdays and Thursdays in June from 9:45 to 10:00am.



Photos provided by Rocio Casanova, Youth and Family Services Librarian at Lexington Public Library.



Scholarship Experience:

From June 24th - 28th, 2022, **Celine Swan**, Director of the Grand Island Public Library, attended the ALA Conference held in Washington, D.C. Celine received a \$300 scholarship from the System to help towards the cost of attending this event. Regarding her experience at this conference, Celine said: "This conference in Washington, D.C. had a great exhibit/vendor. We met with many, attended author/publisher events, and programs on diversity, policies, and other topics. We got to attend a private visit to the Library of Congress and a visit to the local Martin Luther King Public Library downtown."

Central Plains Library
Board Meeting
July 8, 2022
St. Paul, Nebraska

Call to Order and Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by President Terri Johnson at 10:11 a.m. Secretary Terri Eberly took roll call.

Present: Tony Anderson, Doris Brandon, Jody Crocker, Jamie Dennis, Sherri Dux-Ideus, Terri Eberly, Janene Hill, Terri Johnson, Lori Long, Matthew Williams
Absent: Linda Nickel, Shelley Ruterbories

Also Present: Denise Harders, Autumn Carlson, Keri Anderson, Sharon Bohling, Stephanie Branham, Aubrie Brown, Patricia Crook, Polly Deppen-Williams, Nichole Glinsky, Jane Hilton, Tim Johnson, Tracy Kennedy, Mariah Krueger, Diane Lyons, Amanda Shelton, Lara Strobl, Celine Swan, Lana Tietjen, Azure Wall, Laurie Yocom

Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the April 8, 2022, hybrid meeting were read. It was moved by Matt and 2nd by Janene to approve as amended. Section regarding the number of board members allowed to serve according to the by-laws from 9-15 members to no fewer than 9 and no more than 12 members. Amended minutes were approved.

Financial Reports: Denise reviewed the financial reports. Janene made a motion and Doris made a second to approve the financial reports as presented. There was discussion regarding moving extra funds from previous budget year to cd or savings. Tony made a motion and Lori made a second to have Denise check the rates on CDs and savings before deciding on the investment of the funds.

Correspondence: Thank you notes were received from Sutherland for the help with forming a Friends group; Lori Yocum Wilson Library for sponsoring the Jonis Agee Humanities Program; and various libraries for the Ethan Boggs Balloon Artist program.

Directors Report: Denise gave a highlight of CPLS activities. The office purchased outdoor game kits for circulation and will look at indoor game kits. Mental Health Mondays were a success. Thursday director meetings have been well received and In-person workshops resumed. ARPA funds were used for the Boggs Balloon programs and they were a huge hit in the system. Puppet order was placed.

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Old Business: ARPA grant expenditures.

- Denise reviewed purchases made with the funds. Any unspent funds go to the CPLS regular budget and do not have a use by date expiration. It was suggested to use the funds for programming that could be made available to libraries in the system.
- Hail damage to the system vehicle. Vehicle was damaged a 2nd time by June storm. Damage is estimated around \$10,000.00. It is scheduled for repair.
- Election of Officers: The slate of officers was presented: Terri Johnson, President; Jody Crocker, Vice-President; Terri Eberly, Secretary. It was moved by Doris and seconded by Tony to accept the slate as presented. Motion carried.

New Business:

Denise presented the preliminary 2022-2023 budget. Total budget amount \$193,846.00. Salary for Autumn Carlson was discussed, as well as, hiring a part time office person. It was recommended to increase administrative assistant salary to \$16.50. Denise will also advertise for part time office help.

Upcoming workshops were presented for the upcoming year. There are in-person and zoom presentations. Check out the website and newsletters for more information.

Other Business:

NLC report would be presented at the annual meeting.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Terri Eberly, Secretary

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Present: Board Members: Tony Anderson, Doris Brandon, Jody Crocker, Jamie Dennis, Sherri Dux-Ideus, Terri Eberly, Janene Hill, Terri Johnson, Lori Long, Matthew Williams; CPLS Staff: Denise Harders, Autumn Carlson; NLC: Christa Porter (zoom)

Absent: Linda Nickel, Shelley Ruterbories

Attendees: Keri Anderson, Sharon Bohling, Stephanie, Branham, Aubrie Brown, Patricia Crook, Polly Deppen-Williams, Nichole Glinsky, Judy Hagan, Jane Hilton, Tim Johnson, Tracy Kennedy, Mariah Krueger, Diane Lyons, Amanda Shelton, Lara Strobl, Celine Swan, Lana Tietjen, Azure Wall, Laurie Yocom, Lisa Mount (zoom)

Call to Order: President Terri Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

Welcome: Denise Harders welcomed the attendees to the meeting and the attendees were introduced.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved by Jane Hilton and seconded by Jamie Dennis to approve the minutes as corrected. The minutes were approved as corrected to reflect Tony Anderson was not elected or re-elected to serve on the CPLS Board. (his term was not up for re-election)

Director's Report: Denise gave a statistical overview of the year, highlighting the services provided, the variety of workshops offered via in-person, zoom & hybrid, and the retirement of Kay Kloppenberg as Administrative Assistant. Special attention was given to the monies awarded to system libraries in the form of Library Improvement grants, Youth Grants for Excellence, and ARPA Grants.

Recognition of Outgoing Board Members: Denise presented plaques and certificates to outgoing board members Tony Anderson, Lori Long, and Matt Williams and recognized Linda Nickel and Shelley Ruterbories not in attendance.

Election of Board Members: The following candidates were elected to the CPLS Board: Sharon Bohling, -Library Customer, McCook; Stephanie Branham -Library Director, C.B. Preston Memorial Library Orleans; Lisa Mount- Resource Center Supervisor at Central Community College Grand Island Campus; Kina Stefka, -School Librarian, Sargent Public Schools; and James Tidei -Circulation Librarian, Kearney Public Library.

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Nebraska Library Commission: Krista Porter gave the commission report and gave CPLS kudos for the OWL system used for zoom meetings. Highlights of the report:

- LSTA Appropriations: Nebraska received additional \$50,000. For the remainder of the federal fiscal year (2021-22) due to reallocations among state library agencies not meeting maintenance of effort requirements. Efforts are under way to achieve higher appropriation levels for the 2022-23 fiscal year beginning October 1.
- Legislative Bills: LB75 a bill to determine the fate of libraries in the event that a county discontinues township organizations was approved by the Governor.
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds: Formula and Library Improvement Grants completion reports and invoices due June 30. Youth Grants for Excellence funded by ARPA completion reports are due September 14. 2021-22 was the last year of the Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund grants. NLC used \$50,000.00 of the APRA funds to cover the grants. Reports and invoices due September 1.
- Intellectual Freedom and Censorship Information for Nebraska Libraries: Due to the increase in book challenges NLC regularly updates the website with related information.
- Public Library Accreditation for 2022: The accreditation is now valid for 5 years. The NLC changed accreditation dates so that each year 1/5 of libraries due for the process. Workshops were held and an archived session is available on NCompass.
- One Book One Nebraska: The Bones of Paradise, by Jonis Agee: Support materials available on the website and Jonis Agee is on the Humanities Nebraska speakers bureau. S
- Fall Book Celebration will be October 22 more information to follow
- E-Rate Funding Year 2022: A list of recipients on NLC website
- ECF-Emergency Connectivity Fund: Statistics were given for the \$ 7.17 billion funded by ARPA to address the homework gap.
- NCompass Live Schedule and Basic Skills Schedule available on-line.

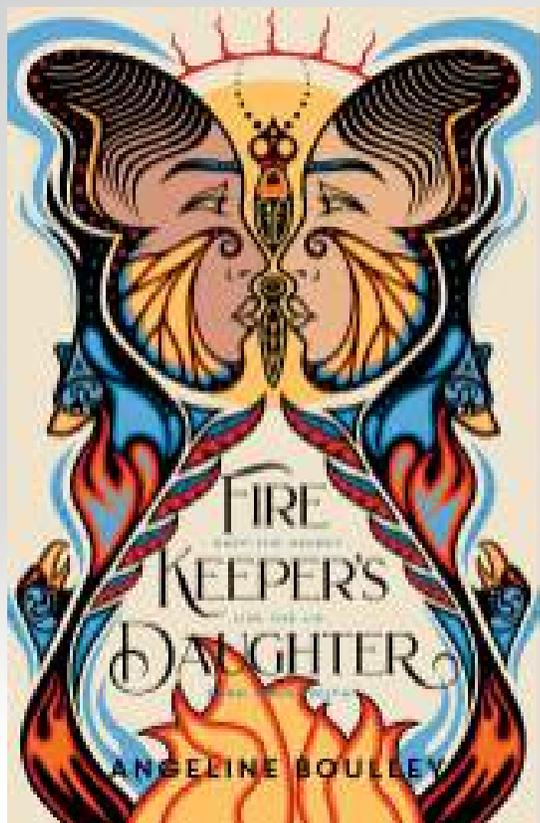
There being no further business, Lori Yocum moved to adjourn. Attendees enjoyed a lunch at The Sweet Shoppe and tours of the Museum of Nebraska Major League Baseball and the Loup River Distillery.

The activity was supported in part with funding from the State of Nebraska and from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administrated by the Nebraska Library Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Eberly, Secretary

NLC Book Kit Spotlight:

By Mackenzie Marrow



“People say to think seven generations ahead when making big decisions, because our future ancestors—those yet to arrive, who will one day become the Elders—live with the choices we make today.”

ANGELINE BOULLEY



Higher Ground, the Obama’s production company, has also purchased the rights to adapt *Firekeeper’s Daughter* into a Netflix limited series, so keep your eyes peeled!

Today, we will be spotlighting a popular title that you might not know we have! Called an “Indigenous Nancy Drew” by the author, *Firekeeper’s Daughter* is not only a New York Times best-seller, but a TIME Magazine Best of Book of All Time Selection. Author Angeline Boulley, an enrolled member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, spent ten years researching for the novel, wanting to perfectly capture her tribe and the intricacies of tribal vs. federal laws.

In the *Firekeeper’s Daughter*, 18-year-old Daunis Fontaine is the product of a scandal between a white woman and an Ojibwe man. Even though her mother’s family is well-respected, and her father’s side are revered Firekeepers, Daunis is an outsider. She is not welcome in her predominantly white town or at the reservation, where tribal leaders deny her parentage and membership. But when murders and overdoses related to drug trafficking slowly spread around Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, Daunis is witness to it all. Now she must team up with the new (and mysterious) star hockey player to use her knowledge of science, Ojibwe medicine, and these tight-knit communities to uncover long-held secrets.

If you’re an adult book group, don’t let the “YA” label scare you away. *Firekeeper’s Daughter* is a wonderfully rich story for anyone interested in YA and above. If your group loves stories of small communities haunted by their past, such as *Beartown* by Fredrik Backman, this is the title for you. However, be forewarned because many heavy topics, seen and unseen, such as sexual assault, suicide, murder, and illicit drug use, are present in this novel. Be prepared to have conversations on these sensitive topics.

If you’re interested in reading this book for your own book club, you can find the Book Club Kit Request Form [here](#).

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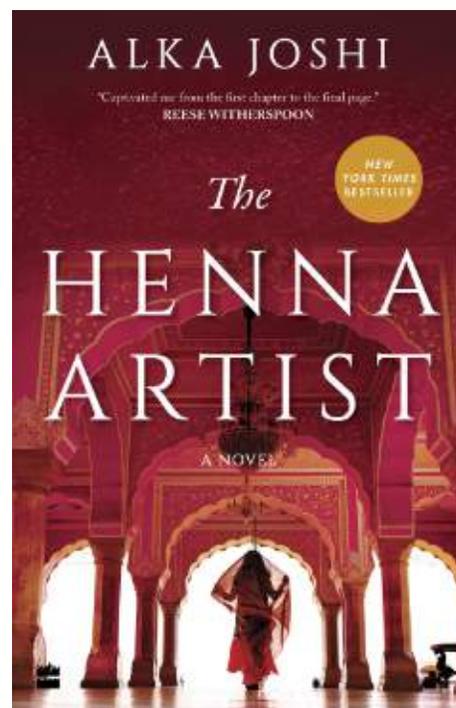
I thought I'd spotlight *The Henna Artist*, written by Indian immigrant Alka Joshi. This story enraptured me completely, which is in no small part thanks to the incredible audiobook narrator, Sneha Mathan.

The Henna Artist, set in 1950's Jaipur, India, is a story of run-away Lakshmi who fled her abusive marriage and is now a henna artist to the upper class. While she paints the ladies' hands, she provides herbal remedies to both the men and women she services. Suddenly finding herself in charge of a 13-year-old sister she never knew she had, the life she worked so hard for comes to a crashing halt. Lakshmi's story is fiction, but her perseverance, love for her family, and her culture's art and medicine are far from the realm of fantasy. Here, Joshi presents a reimagining of what her mother's life could have been if she had been given the opportunity to shape her own destiny.

No stranger to book clubs, this title was featured in Reese Witherspoon's book club at its debut in 2020. Always an evergreen topic, body autonomy is at the heart of this novel, as well as a diverse and colorful portrait of Indian culture. This book is perfect for adults, and vivacious young adults who are ready to face these conversations head-on and talk about their own experiences and viewpoints.

If you're worried about your knowledge of India going into this book, do not fret! Our copies at the commission all include a list of characters, a glossary of terms, information about the Caste System in India, the history of and recipe for Henna, and some food recipes! Or all of that information is available [here](#).

If you're interested in reading this book for your own book club, you can find the Book Club Kit Request Form [here](#).



“She was brought up to obey her parents and her husband, not to defy, question or contradict. She told me Pitaji’s books had filled my head with too many silly ideas. They had given me the useless notion that I could make my own decisions.”

ALKA JOSHI

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Aug 3 - National Watermelon Day
Aug 7 - Beach Party Day
Aug 10 - National S'mores Day
- Sept 1-2 - **Joint Youth Services Retreat (Ashland)**
Sept 5 - Labor Day Holiday - CPLS Office Closed
Sept 14-17 - ARSL Conference (Chattanooga, TN)
Sept 30 - "The Heat Is On" - Cricut Workshop - 9:15am - 1:15pm (Broken Bow)
- Oct 5-7 - NLA Conference (Kearney, NE)
Oct 10 - Columbus Day - CPLS Office Closed
Oct 14 - **CPLS Board Meeting - 10am - 12pm (Holdrege)**
Oct 20 - **Reverse Programming - 11am via Zoom**
- Nov 2 - "The Heat Is On" - Cricut Workshop - 9:15am - 1:15pm (Holdrege)
Nov 11 - Veteran's Day - CPLS Office Closed
Nov 24 & 25 - Thanksgiving Break - CPLS Office Closed
- Dec 23 - Christmas Eve Observed - CPLS Office Closed
Dec 26 - Christmas Day Observed - CPLS Office Closed
- Jan 2 - New Year's Day Observed - CPLS Office Closed
Jan 13 - CPLS Board Meeting - 11am - via Zoom
Jan 20 - "All Together Now!" SRP Workshop - 10am - 3:30pm (Grand Island)
- Feb 8 - **What Would You Do with \$1,000? Workshop - 10am - 3pm (St. Paul)**
Feb 17 - **What Would You Do with \$1,000? Workshop - 10am - 3pm (North Platte)**
- Mar 7 - "All Together Now!" SRP Workshop - 10am - 3:30pm (Lexington)

UPCOMING BASIC SKILLS CLASSES

Class Date	Class Title	Instructor	Registration Date
8/15 - 8/26	<u>Collection Management*</u>	Denise Harders	7/11 - 8/5
8/29 - 9/9	<u>Programming & Outreach</u>	Christa Porter	7/25 - 8/19
9/19 - 9/30	<u>Community & Library*</u>	Sam Shaw	8/15 - 9/9
10/17 - 10/28	<u>Management/Supervision</u>	Holli Duggan	9/12 - 10/7
11/7 - 11/18	<u>Leadership</u>	Holli Duggan	9/26 - 10/21
11/28 - 12/9	<u>Library Services to Children & Teens</u>	Sally Snyder	10/24 - 11/18

NCompass LIVE PRESENTATIONS

Every Wednesday 10am - 11am (CST)

To view past presentations, [CLICK HERE](#).

<u>Reinventing Programming Kits</u>	Aug 10	<u>Register</u>
<u>Team Up with Your Community!</u>	Aug 24	<u>Register</u>
<u>Retirement: Time to Ease on Down, Ease on Down the Road</u>	Sep 7	<u>Register</u>



CPLS HAS SCHOLARSHIP MONEY AVAILABLE!

Many of you may be looking ahead to attending events such as the ALA Annual Conference being held June 23 - 28 in Washington, DC or you might want to go to the Joint Youth Services Retreat for the first time, or event the NLA Conference this fall in Kearney, NE. The System can help! We have money available for you!

Up to \$200.00 per event in Nebraska and \$300 for out-of-state events is available for registration, mileage, meal, etc. Only one scholarship per person per fiscal year (July - June). Each Library Agency shall be limited to two scholarships per year. That means if you are planning on going to ALA you could receive a \$200 scholarship to attend the NLA this fall!

Name _____

Library _____

Event _____

Date of event _____

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

Amount requested _____

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