



## What Not to Weed

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I spend a lot of time talking about what should be weeded from library collections. I thought an article about what should be kept might be a refreshing change. These weeding tips came from a series of articles by Rebecca Vnuk, published by *Booklist*. To see the complete articles, go to <http://booklistonline.com> and search for Weeding Tips.

### 000 Generalities

General encyclopedias less than 5 years old may be retained. Keep titles such as the *Guinness Book of World Records* and *Farmers' Almanac* for 2 years (the current edition and one previous edition).

### 100 Philosophy & Psychology

Keep a selection of titles that cover Western and Asian philosophies. Age is not critical as most philosophy books will not become outdated.

### 200 Religion & Mythology

If you have something current on each of the major international religions—Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Taoism—you're set. Students often need information on mythology, so keep several titles on hand.

### 300 Social Sciences

In the 320s, only retain items relevant to current political topics. Classic titles in the field of economics can be kept. When looking at the 390s, remember that fairy tales and folklore do not go out of date. Be sure to check the stories for ethnic or racial concerns. If yes, replace classic collections with new and attractive editions.

### 400 Language

Weeding in the 400s can almost exclusively depend on condition. You must have an English dictionary and a book on grammar. It is also a good idea to keep dictionaries of languages spoken or studied in your community.

### 500 Natural Sciences & Mathematics

This is an area where new discoveries can make an outdated collection useless. In the Mathematics section (510s), keep a collection of the basics—algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and calculus. You should also retain basic historical scientific works such as Darwin's *On the Origin of Species*. Otherwise, pull everything older than 5 years to be examined.

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### 600 Technology (Applied sciences)

I've always wondered how everything (including the kitchen sink) ended up in the 600s. That makes this section, hands down, the most difficult to weed. Medical books should be weeded ruthlessly; even if that means that you have nothing in the 610s. Keep classic cookbooks such as *The Betty Crocker Cookbook* or any from the America's Test Kitchen series. Parenting books are also in the 600s. Keep *The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding* and *Dr. Spock's Baby and Child Care*.

### 700 The Arts

Keep general histories on art, music, and architecture, as well as basic technique books on drawing, painting, and sculpture.

### 800 Literature

Even in this most sacred of sections, weed based on your standard criteria for the rest of the collection, including usage and condition. Know your patrons' needs (what the school is teaching) and do keep one edition of the *Complete Works of William Shakespeare*.

### 900 Geography & History

Biographies of important figures in American History can be kept up to 10-15 years.

### Fiction

Find a list you like (Great Books, the Modern Library 100 Best list, *Fiction Catalog*) and use it as a guide for retaining items that might not be circulating but should be kept. If there is a series that people are still reading, retain the complete set, if you have space.

Remember, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual **RVLS Week of Weeding** is March 3-7, 2014. Happy Weeding!

## Dazzling Displays on a Dime

At the most recent **Association of Rural and Small Libraries** Conference in Omaha, Leah Krotz presented a program titled Dazzling Displays on a Dime. Displays don't have to be expensive or time-consuming. It is easy to create captivating displays using everyday fun objects and themes to bring your library to life.

Here are a few of the ideas Leah offered:

- ◆ "Beat the Cold...Read Something Bold" with bright colored books and bright cellophane background
- ◆ "Quack Open a Good Book" with stuffed ducks and maybe duck books
- ◆ "I'm Buggy for Books" with fake bugs
- ◆ Biographies with enlarged pictures of famous people
- ◆ "Books to Read While Your Husband Watches the Super Bowl" with new paperback romances
- ◆ "So Many Books—So Little Time" with books with Time Minute, Hour, etc. in the title
- ◆ "Keep Your Nose in a Good Book" with funny glasses with noses and mustaches
- ◆ "Bet You Can't Read Just One" display series books with empty bag's potato chip bags



**Republican Valley Library System Board Meeting**  
**January 3, 2014 10:00 am**  
**Teleconference**

**PRESENT:** Jody Crocker, Annette Eisenhart, Beth Falla, Pat Hughes, Robyn Johnston, , Vicki Perrie, Sky Seery, Dana Wade

**ABSENT:** Jane Hilton, Dixie Codner, Tim Johnson, Mo Khamouna

**ALSO PRESENT:** Denise Harders (Systems Administrator), Laura Johnson (NLC Rep), Steve Batty (NLC Commissioner)

**Agenda**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL** Jody Crocker called the meeting to order at 10:06.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** (11.1.13) Dana Wade moved to accept minutes as written, Vicki Perrie seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** We're on track for the year at 49%. Vickie Perrie moved, Annette Eisenhart seconded to approve the financial reports as read.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Received thank you notes from Peggy Lipker from Superior , Richard Miller for the ride to NP board meeting. Christmas card from Tony and Keri Anderson. Kay received an email of thanks for the DVD cleaning. Danielle Burns from Oxford Memorial Library sent a thank you.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:** Arapahoe Library Director is retiring, Cheryl Ahrens.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**RVLS Technology Plan:** Committee is still looking over the old plan. Sounds like a laptop is preferred, over the tablet. Will finish up on it with the wording, etc.

**Scholarship Policy:** Change wording to "Each library agency shall be limited to two scholarships per year." Removed for registration and mileage from #5. Need to vote. Pat Hughes moved and Beth Falla seconded to approve the new scholarship policy.

**Summer Reading Workshop:** March 17 at Holdrege Public Library.

**Annual Meeting Location:** June 6<sup>th</sup> is the date, talk of McCook. Annette will check on the Frank Lloyd Wright home and if it is available to tour. Steve mentioned the Norris House w/a Humanities speaker. Perhaps Rev. Bates would be interested in portraying Gov. Norris. Jody would be happy to host in McCook this year. {Yay!!}

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Report to IMLS:** Yearly report from the Commission is completed.

**RVLS Week of Weeding, March 3-7, 2014:** Just a little bit of weeding goes a long way and all libraries are encouraged to participate. Denise is more than happy to consult with libraries.

**Nebraska Libraries, online journal:** From the Editor, Lindsey Tomsu requests submissions for the online journal. Please send in your information and share what you are doing.

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**Upcoming Events:**

Jan 6 - Winter Workshop @ Kearney  
 Jan 14 – Accreditation and Strategic Planning Workshop @ Hastings  
 Jan 23-24 – Author Tour, Cowgirl Peg  
 February 28 – Big Talk from Small Libraries Online Conference  
 Oct. 8-10 NLA/NSLA @ South Sioux City

**NLA/NSLA Annual Conference, October 8-10 2014:** Would like to get people interested in attending.

**NLC COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** Video histories, consider making one. Strategic planning meeting would be a good thing to attend.

**NLC COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:** Application for Internship Grants to Public Libraries available again, deadline 2.14.14 see <http://nowhiringatyourlibrary.nebraska.gov/Internships.asp> for more info. Libri Foundation Books for Children grant deadline is 1.23.14, great way to get books on shelves. <http://www.librifoundation.org/apponline.html> Library-Led Community Engagement, 2 year project- see more at the ALA website. CryptoLocker ransomware (malware) alert! – nasty stuff, see Michael Sauer's blog post on it. NPR's Book Concierge: Guide to 2013's Great Reads provides a list of outstanding titles from the year. Data Doodles from John Felton, see on the Commission's blog. Regional Library System Configuration Task Force begins work. One Book One Nebraska, *Once Upon a Town: The Miracle of the North Platte Canteen*. The Big Read – Application due 1.28 see <http://www.neabigread.org/> for more details. 2014 Basic Skill Classes are here! Find the schedule here: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/BasicSkills/NBScalendar.aspx> Contact Laura Johnson for more details. Take the new Accreditation Guidelines for a Test Drive and take part in a workshop and earn CE credits. See the Commission's calendar to register or contact your regional library System Administrator/Director.

The meeting adjourned at 10:49am.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** March 7<sup>th</sup> in Elwood.

Respectively submitted: Sky Seery, RVLS Board Secretary

## 2013 –2014 RVLS Board Meetings

**Friday, March 7, 2014**  
**Elwood Public Library—Elwood**

**Friday, June 6, 2014—Annual Meeting**  
**McCook City Library—McCook**



## Perkins Library celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday

### Hastings, Neb. –

Call it the library that Kool-Aid built.



In August 1960, Edwin E. Perkins, the inventor of the iconic soft drink first produced in Hastings, Neb., and his wife, Kathryn, approached Hastings College about donating a library to the college. Completed and dedicated three years later at the 1963 Hastings College Commencement Exercises, Perkins Library still serves the college's demands, albeit through much different means.

“We constantly strive for innovative ways to serve Hastings College students, faculty and staff and the community by providing research assistance, access to online information and a comfortable environment for research and study,” said Bob Nedderman, Professor of Library Science and Director of Libraries.



Gone are students' typing room, the record listening station and card catalogs the facility boasted at its opening. Not only does the facility now include a computer lab, extensive DVD and board game collections, comfy couches and coffee, the librarians allow talking – at least on the first floor.

Plenty of talking and reminiscing occurred as Hastings College celebrated Perkins Library's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 19-22, 2013. The public was invited to participate in the free events, including an opening reception with Kool-Aid and cake; a 50 Hour Read-a-Thon; creating a memory and birthday wish “tree of growth”; and 50 presents given to participants, one for each year the library has been in existence.



The “Tree of Growth” was trimmed with leaves that prompted, “My favorite Perkins Library memory is...”, “My 50th birthday wish to Perkins Library is...”, or “The best thing about Perkins Library is...”

*Founded in 1882, Hastings College is a private, four-year liberal arts institution located in Hastings, Nebraska, that focuses on student academic and extracurricular achievement. With 64 majors in 32 areas of study and 12 pre-professional programs, Hastings College has been named among “America’s Best National Liberal Arts Colleges” by U.S. News & World Report, a “Best in the Midwest” by The Princeton Review and a “Best Buy in College Education” by Barron’s. Visit [Hastings.edu](http://Hastings.edu) for more.*

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# RVLS NEWS



**Cheryl Ahrens**, Arapahoe Public Library retired January 30, 2014. Best wishes to Cheryl for a wonderful retirement.

**Jennifer Einspahr** has assumed directorship of the **Arapahoe Public Library**.

**Pam Soriede**, Director of the **Holdrege Area Public Library** retired on December 31, 2013. A joint **Retirement Reception** for Pam and a **Welcome Reception** for the new **Director Allison Peyton** was held on January 22, 2014.



## More Information, More Often

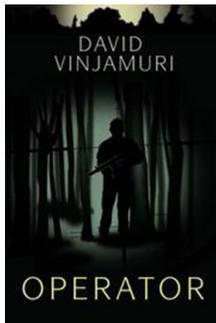
The RVLS Board has approved a plan to provide System Members with six *Valley-Talk* newsletters per year. In the past we published four newsletters in print format. In order to provide better service, we are going to alternate between print and online newsletters. Three will be in print and three will be posted to the RVLS website and also distributed through the RVLS email list. To make sure you don't miss out on vital information, sign up for the RVLS email list on the Nebraska Library Commission's webpage.

## New Book Club Kit

### *Operator*

by David Vinjamuri

14 copies



When Michael Herne's high school girlfriend Melissa commits suicide, he makes the fateful decision to return home for her funeral. Michael hasn't stepped foot in his Catskills hometown for more than a dozen years since he left it and a college football scholarship behind to join the Army. Michael quickly learns that his hometown has changed as he is pulled into the web of mystery and corruption surrounding Melissa's death. He will soon confront the abusive ex-boyfriend, a town sheriff with mixed motives and the ruthless Russian gang at the heart of it all. Michael will be forced to choose between two paths - that of the desk-working, college-educated intelligence analyst he has become or the Tier I Army Operator he once was. Only one of these identities will survive as Michael is relentlessly hunted by a series of ruthless men.

This meticulously researched, seamlessly plotted thriller is the first in a new series by David Vinjamuri.

## Save the Date:

**WHEN:** June 6 2014  
**WHAT:** RVLS Annual Board Meeting  
**WHERE:** McCook City Library  
**WHO:** All RVLS libraries are encouraged to attend



## Mark Your Calendar



<b>February 5</b>	Advocacy Day, Lincoln ( see page 12)
<b>Feb. 10—March 7</b>	Basic Skills—Organization of Materials
<b>February 17</b>	Presidents' Day—RVLS Office Closed
<b>February 28</b>	Big Talk from Small Libraries Online Conference (see page 8)
<b>March 3-7</b>	RVLS Week of Weeding (see page 9)
<b>March 7</b>	RVLS Board Meeting, Elwood Public Library
<b>March 9-15</b>	Teen Tech Week (see Page 15)
<b>March 17</b>	Summer Reading Program Workshop, Holdrege (see page 10)
<b>March 17-28</b>	Basic Skills—Library Governance
<b>March 31-April 11</b>	Basic Skills—Leadership
<b>April 13-19</b>	National Library Week
<b>April 18</b>	Good Friday—RVLS Office Closed in the afternoon
<b>April 25</b>	Arbor Day—RVLS Office Closed
<b>April 28-May 9</b>	Basic Skills—Library Policy

## Disc Cleaning and Repair

- From July 1, 2013, thru June 30, 2014, each RVLS 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.
- If you come to the RVLS Office in Hastings and pick up the repaired discs, the charge is 35 cents per disc.



A similar service at a retail video outlet costs more than \$5.00 per disc!

The RTI ECO Auto-Smart is amazing! It will repair almost all scratches, no matter how deep. However, if the disc is cracked, we cannot fix it.

# Ellison on the Move

Feb. 1, 2014—Silver Lake Schools, Roseland

Mar. 1, 2014—Reserved for RVLS SRP Workshop—Available at RVLS Office

Apr. 1 2014—CCC Hastings Campus

June 1, 2013—Dundy County Library, Benkelman

The Ellison is available in the month of May and anytime after July 1, 2014. If you would like to schedule a time for your library to use the Ellison, please email us at:

[rvlsasst@inebraska.com](mailto:rvlsasst@inebraska.com) or

[rvlsadmin@inebraska.com](mailto:rvlsadmin@inebraska.com)



## Big Talk From Small Libraries

February 28, 2014

8:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (CT)

The first two **Big Talk From Small Libraries** conferences were such a success, we're doing it a third time!

We've been listening! A comment we've heard pretty often is that so many presentations at conferences seem to be by and for librarians from larger libraries. Well, **Big Talk From Small Libraries** will change that. This free one-day online conference is aimed at librarians from small libraries; the smaller the better. Each of our speakers will be from a small library or directly works with small libraries.

Topics will range from technology (new tech and old tech) to programming to new roles for the library. Come for the programs on what you're dealing with now, or maybe try something new.

Everyone is welcome to register and attend, regardless of how big or small their library is, but if your library serves a few thousand people, or a few hundred, this is the day for you.

**Big Talk From Small Libraries 2014** will be broadcast online using the GoToWebinar online meeting service. GoToWebinar login instructions will be e-mailed to registered attendees the day before the conference.

This conference is organized and hosted by Michael Sauers, Laura Johnson, and Christa Burns of the Nebraska Library Commission and is co-sponsored by the Association for Rural & Small Libraries.

More details can be found at <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/bigtalk/>



# Week of Weeding



The Republican Valley Library System is declaring March 3-7, 2014, a “Week of Weeding”!

We want to encourage everyone to participate by agreeing to weed a section of their library that they 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 RVLS are eligible to participate!

## How to Participate:

1. Call the RVLS Office (800-569-4961 or 402-462-1975) or send Denise an email at [rvlsadmin@inebraska.com](mailto:rvlsadmin@inebraska.com) to let us know you want to participate.
2. If you need extra encouragement or help deciding what to weed, let Denise know. She will be glad to give advice and to lend a helping hand.
3. After you finish your weeding project, fill out the form below.



Those who submit their forms to the RVLS Office by **March 14<sup>th</sup>** will be entered into a drawing for a Kindle eReader! It weighs less than 6 ounces and has a one month battery life. The winning library will be selected in a random drawing at the Summer Reading Program Workshop on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. (You do not need to be present to win.)

### Week of Weeding Participation Form

Library \_\_\_\_\_

Section Weeded \_\_\_\_\_

How many books were weeded? (approximately) \_\_\_\_\_

Best (or worst) thing that was weeded out? \_\_\_\_\_

We’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 the eReader.)

Return form to: Republican Valley Library System, 2727 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street #233, Hastings, NE 68901



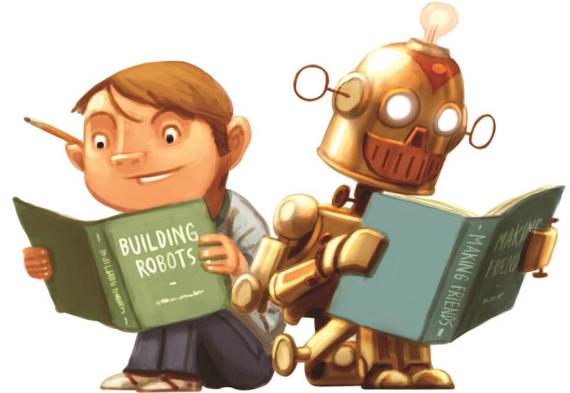
# Summer Reading Workshop

Monday, March 17th, 2014

Holdrege Area Public Library  
604 East Avenue, Holdrege

**FIZZ  
BOOM  
READ**

## AGENDA



Earn 4 CE's

- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| 9:30—10:00 a.m.  | Registration and Coffee   |
| 10:00—12:00 a.m. | "Fizz Boom Read" with Sally Snyder,<br>Nebraska Library Commission  |
| 12:00—12:45 p.m. | Lunch and Sharing Time<br>All participants are encouraged to bring<br>craft and program ideas to share with others. |
| 1:00—2:30 p.m.   | Staff from Sump Memorial Library, Papillion, will<br>present ideas to help make your program a success!             |
| 2:30— ??         | Complete Evaluation<br>Use the Ellison OR Network with other participants   |

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## Summer Reading Workshop—Please Register by March 1, 2014

Send to: Republican Valley Library System  
2727 West 2nd St. #233  
Hastings, NE 68901

Workshop Fee: \$15.00 (includes lunch)  
Phone: 402-462-1975 or 1-800-569-4961  
OR e-mail: [rvlsasst@inebraska.com](mailto:rvlsasst@inebraska.com) or [rvlsadmin@inebraska.com](mailto:rvlsadmin@inebraska.com)

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

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Grow the Next Generation of Librarians

Internship grants ranging from \$500 to \$1000 are again available to Nebraska public libraries interested in helping Nebraska grow the next generation of librarians. These grants are part of the Nebraska Library Commission's **Cultivating Rural Librarians' Technology Skills** program and are offered in partnership with the Nebraska Library Association and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Libraries may offer internships of 100 hours during the summer, or two 50-hour internships during the school year.

For more details on this opportunity, see the archived NCompass Live presentation, *Internships: Cultivating Nebraska's Future Librarian* at

<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/NCompassLive/NCArchivist.asp>.

Application deadline is **February 14, 2014**. For more information go to the Now Hiring @ your library website --

<http://nowhiringatyourlibrary.nebraska.gov/Internships.asp>.



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**DON'T USE  
THE INTERNET**

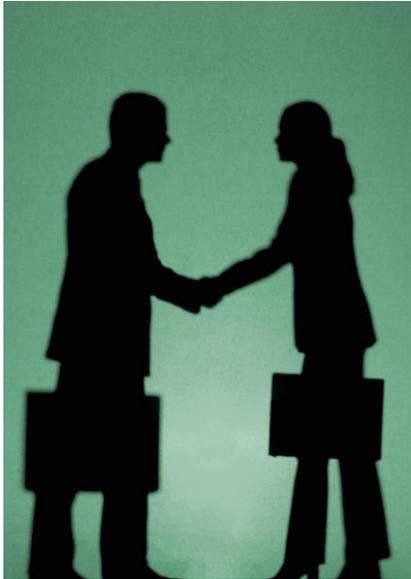
**LET'S GET  
EVERYONE  
ONLINE.**

The EveryoneOn Campaign aims to help the millions of Americans who do not have the digital literacy skills they need to succeed and help them understand the relevance the internet has in their lives. Whether it's finding a job, helping their children complete homework, accessing e-commerce, or connecting with distant family, it is vital that we encourage every American to take advantage of the tools they need to succeed.

By visiting [www.everyoneon.org](http://www.everyoneon.org), users have access to a zip code search tool to find free computer and internet training classes in their area. The website also includes information on computer basics, job searches, and accessing government resources.

An NCompass webinar (August 14) is archived with additional information.

# Nebraska Library Association Advocacy Day February 5, 2014



## Your Library: Your Place, Your People

The morning coffee, briefings, and a lunch will be held at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln. Coffee starts at 8:30 a.m. Library volunteers will be recognized on the floor of the legislature, and everyone will have opportunities to meet with their state senators and/or staff in their offices. At the noon lunch, Senator Sara Howard will speak and the volunteers will be awarded certificates by their state senators during a brief program.

To Register, go to:

<http://nebraskalibraries.org/legislationadvocacy/advocacy-day-2/2014-advocacy-day>

## RVLS Has Scholarship Money Available

Up to \$100.00 per event for registration, mileage, meal, etc.

Only one scholarship per person per fiscal year

All member libraries eligible

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Library \_\_\_\_\_

Event \_\_\_\_\_

Date of event \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship requested for \_\_\_\_\_ (meal, room, etc.)

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

Other information:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Send your request to:** Republican Valley Library System  
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Hastings, NE 68901

## Workshops on Demand

Have you ever been interested in an advertised workshop, only to realize it is on the day you have story time? Or that it is too far away? Or that you don't have any Personal Days left? Or that your professional education budget is empty?

RVLS has a new plan for providing workshops that will solve all these problems, and more!

**Workshops on Demand** will allow you to choose the workshop topic, select the date and time, and decide how many from your staff will attend...all at no cost to you. From January 1 through June 30 you can choose from this list of twelve 2-hour workshops.

1. Book Repair
2. How to Weed
3. Dewey or Don't We: The Debate about Library Organization—**New**
4. Developing a Procedures Manual
5. Writing Effective Policies
6. Patron Confidentiality
7. The Basics of Good Customer Service
8. Using Social Media Successfully
9. Fund Raising With Your Friends
10. Strategic Planning: A Customized Program
11. Defusing the Angry Library Patron—**New**
12. Cool (Free) Web Tools



Pick a day, decide if you want the session in the morning or the afternoon, and contact me ([rvlsadmin@inebraska.com](mailto:rvlsadmin@inebraska.com) or call Denise at 800-569-4961 ) to get it on the calendar. Once we have 3 people registered, we are ready to go.

Invite your board members, Friends of the Library, and neighboring librarians. Use this service for staff development day. The list of available workshops will change in July, so schedule your favorite one now!

**The Public Library Statistical Report is due on February 14,**



## Read Aloud Nebraska

Registration is now open for the Read Aloud Nebraska Workshop featuring author, teacher, librarian and storyteller Rob Reid. The workshop will be held at the Seward Memorial Library on Friday, April 4.

Information and online registration can be found at the following website: <http://readaloudnebraska.org/RobReidWorkshop.pdf>.



### 2014 Edgar Award Nominees Announced

To commemorate Edgar Allan Poe's 205<sup>th</sup> birthday, the Mystery Writers of America have announced the nominees for the 2014 Edgar Awards, "honoring the best in mystery fiction, non-fiction and television." The Awards will be presented at a banquet on May 1. Meanwhile, the lists of nominees in many categories include some great reads:

#### Best Novel

*Sandrine's Case* by Thomas H. Cook  
*The Humans* by Matt Haig  
*Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger  
*How the Light Gets In* by Louise Penny  
*Standing in Another Man's Grave* by Ian Rankin  
*Until She Comes Home* by Lori Roy

#### Best YA Novel

*All the Truth That's In Me* by Julie Berry  
*Far Far Away* by Tom McNeal  
*Criminal* by Terra Elan McVoy  
*How to Lead a Life of Crime* by Kirsten Miller  
*Ketchup Clouds* by Annabel Pitcher

#### Best Juvenile Novel

*Strike Three, You're Dead* by Josh Berk  
*Moxie and the Art of Rule Breaking* by Erin Dionne  
*P.K. Pinkerton and the Petrified Man* by Caroline Lawrence  
*Lockwood & Co.: The Screaming Staircase* by Jonathan Stroud  
*One Came Home* by Amy Timberlake

See all the lists at [TheEdgars.com](http://TheEdgars.com).

## From Cozy to Exotic: Library Programming for Everyone

Carrie Falk from Shenandoah Public Library in Iowa presented this program at the **ARSL Conference** in Omaha last September. She provided some great program ideas along with tips on how to have successful programs.

The most important aspect of planning a successful program is to know your community... What is popular?...Who do you want to attract?...Who do you know? Once you have a program idea and presenter, you have to get the word out. Do this with posters in local businesses, table tents at restaurants, advertising in the newspaper and through the radio station, and by word of mouth.

Carrie pointed out what works—repeat programs; having food; involving community members; partnering with local businesses; and always, *always* write personal thank you notes to all of your volunteer presenters.

Here are some of the programs Carrie suggested:

- \* Classic Car Cruise Night—contact Auto Parts businesses in your town or surrounding communities to sponsor trophies; line up food vendors; get cold drinks donated and sell or give away; have music.
- \* Cozy Saturdays—have a series of programs on Saturday mornings in the winter; let patrons know that registration is required; Have a theme for each month such as Gardening with programs on Tabletop Gardening with Succulents, Growing Edible Flowers, and Making Fairy Gardens; Crafts with programs on Beading, T-shirt necklaces, and fleece blankets; and, Games with programs on Dominoes (great intergenerational program), Beginning Bridge, and Bunco (card game) Tournaments.
- \* Friday Destinations—choose one Friday per month; ask those in your community that have traveled to show their pictures and movies.
- \* Cooking Classes—Have a series of cooking classes such as Pie Making; Healthy Eating with Grains and Beans; Cinnamon Rolls; Using Pork; Wedding Mints.
- \* DIY Classes—Line up a series of speakers about couponing and then schedule a monthly coupon swap; Soapmaking, and Making your own household cleaning products.
- \* Genealogy—Many people are interested in looking into their family history. This would be a great series of workshops.



**Teen Tech Week** is when libraries make the time to showcase all of the great nonprint resources and services that are available to teens and their families. This year celebrate with the “DIY @ your library” theme during YALSA’s Teen Tech Week **March 9-15, 2014**. Demonstrate the value your library gives to the community by offering teens a space to extend learning beyond the classroom where they can explore, create and share content.

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Serving Counties:

Adams  
Chase  
Clay  
Dundy  
Franklin  
Frontier  
Furnas  
Gosper  
Harlan  
Hayes  
Hitchcock  
Kearney  
Lincoln  
Logan  
McPherson  
Nuckolls  
Perkins  
Phelps  
Red Willow  
Webster

“The three most important documents a free society gives are a birth certificate, a passport, and a library card.”

*E.L. Doctorow*