

Librarian's Shelf by Karen Connell

Gain Financial Education

What questions do you have about your budget, getting started with investments, or retirement planning? Columbus Public Library has resources to help you find answers. We offer books, DVDs, magazines, and online resources to help you make better decisions about your money and plan for retirement.

From basic budgeting to information about government pensions, the library has a resource for you. Howard Davidoff's "The Everything Personal Finance in your 20s and 30s Book" is a great resource to start learning how to eliminate debt, spend your money well, and plan your financial future. "Military Finances: Personal Money Management for Service Members, Veterans, and Their Families" by Cheryl Lawhorne-Scott and "Social Security, Medicare & Government Pensions" by John Matthews are two other helpful, new books available for checkout. Columbus Public Library and the UNL Cooperative Extension are partnering to bring you free resources designed especially to help you better manage money, credit, investments, and debt, plan for retirement, learn to avoid identity theft, protect your privacy, and steer clear of financial scams and fraud.

Take advantage of these unbiased resources offered in our upcoming Gain Financial Education training. Join us Saturday, January 17 at 2pm to kick off the Gain Financial Education training offered at Columbus Public Library. Register in advance by visiting the library to sign up, email library@columbusne.us, or call 402-564-7116. Participants who attend both the Kick-Off and Wrap-Up events and participate in the online curriculum will be eligible to win an iPod Shuffle.

The aim of this training is to help people make well-informed financial decisions for themselves and their families. This financial education effort is supported in part by a grant from Smart investing @ your library®, a partnership between the American Library Association and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. The *Smart Investing @ your library® Builds Nebraska Communities* program is coordinated in Nebraska by the Nebraska Library Commission and the Northeast Library System.

The Reference and User Services Association, a division of the American Library Association, is the foremost organization of reference and information professionals who make the connections between people and the information sources, services and collection materials they need. Established in 1876, the American Library Association is the oldest and largest library association in the world. It strives to provide leadership for the development, promotion and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all. For more information, visit www.ala.org.

FINRA, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, is the largest independent regulator for all securities firms doing business in the United States. FINRA is dedicated to investor protection and market integrity through effective and efficient regulation and complementary compliance

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The FINRA Investor Education Foundation supports innovative research and educational projects that give underserved Americans the knowledge, skills and tools necessary for financial success throughout life. For details about grant programs and other FINRA Foundation initiatives, visit www.finrafoundation.org.

Columbus Public Library is excited to partner with these reputable organizations to bring you the information you need to make well informed decisions for your financial future.

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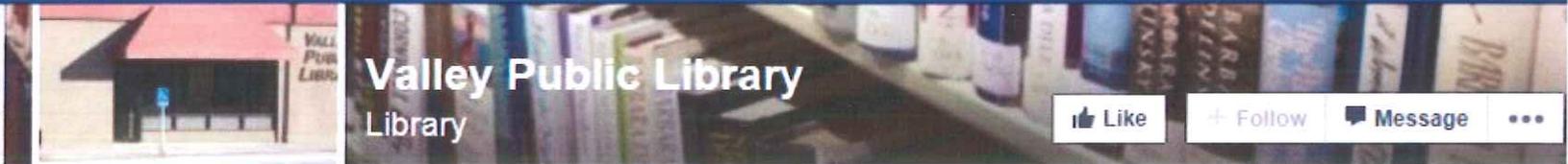
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Check out Library Blog Posts (right) for details on activities that demonstrate that **In Nebraska Libraries: Books are Just the Beginning**. Please feel free to comment on the Blog Posts—no need to sign in to comment.

See Nebraska Libraries in the News (below) to see how libraries all across Nebraska are evolving to meet the needs of their communities.

Financial Education at Ainsworth Library Demonstrates that Books Are Just the Beginning

Financial education activities supported in part by a grant from Smart Investing @ your library, a partnership between the American Library Association and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation are underway. The Smart Investing @ your Library Builds Nebraska Communities program (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/grants/finra/index.aspx>) is coordinated in Nebraska by the Nebraska Library Commission and the Northeast Library System. See <https://www.facebook.com/Ainsworthlibrary/photos/a.462003240605516.1073741828.46126>



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Valley Public Library
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A free unbiased online financial education class is now being offered through the Smart Investing@your library © Builds Nebraska Communities project. Get a login password at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/FinancialEducation> and learn more about how to make informed decisions about budgeting, money management, saving for college, buying a home, retirement planning, and more.

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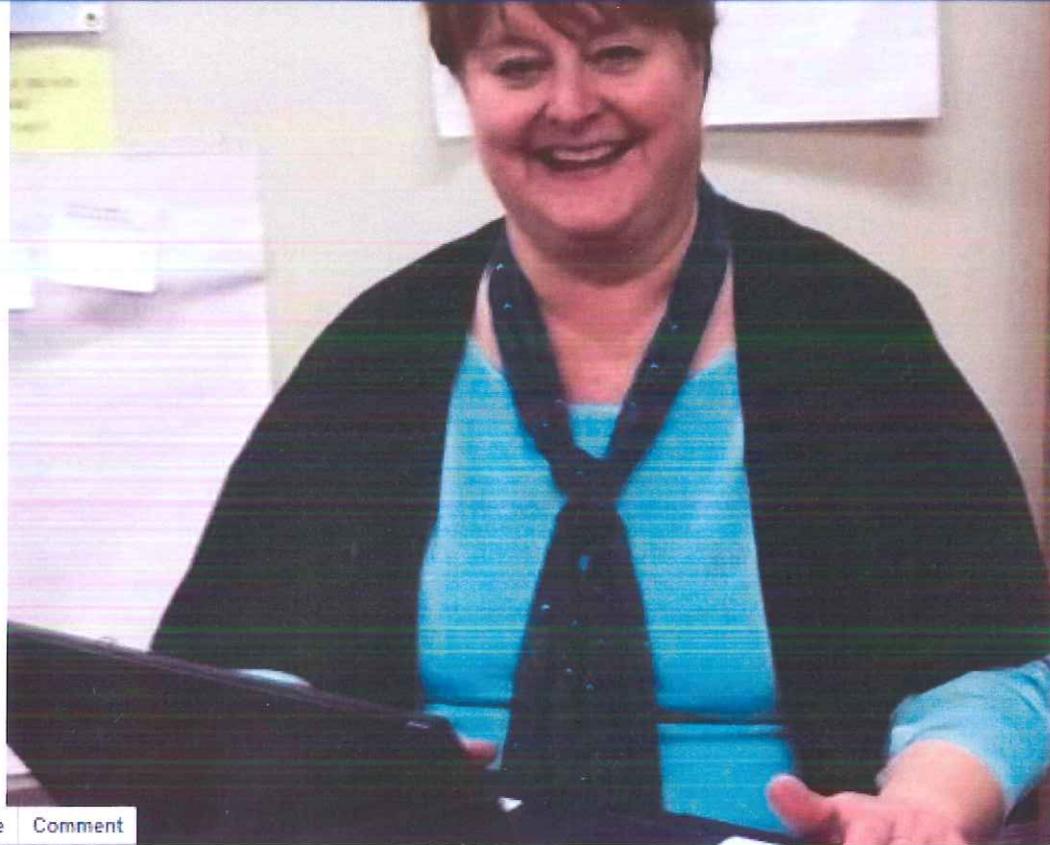
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Library receives financial informational grant . . .

The Atkinson Public Library was one of 23 public libraries nationwide chosen through a competitive process to win a grant from the American Library Association (ALA) in partnership with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation as part of Smart Investing@your library®. Through the grant, the library received 36 books, and four DVDs covering a wide variety of financial information for all ages.



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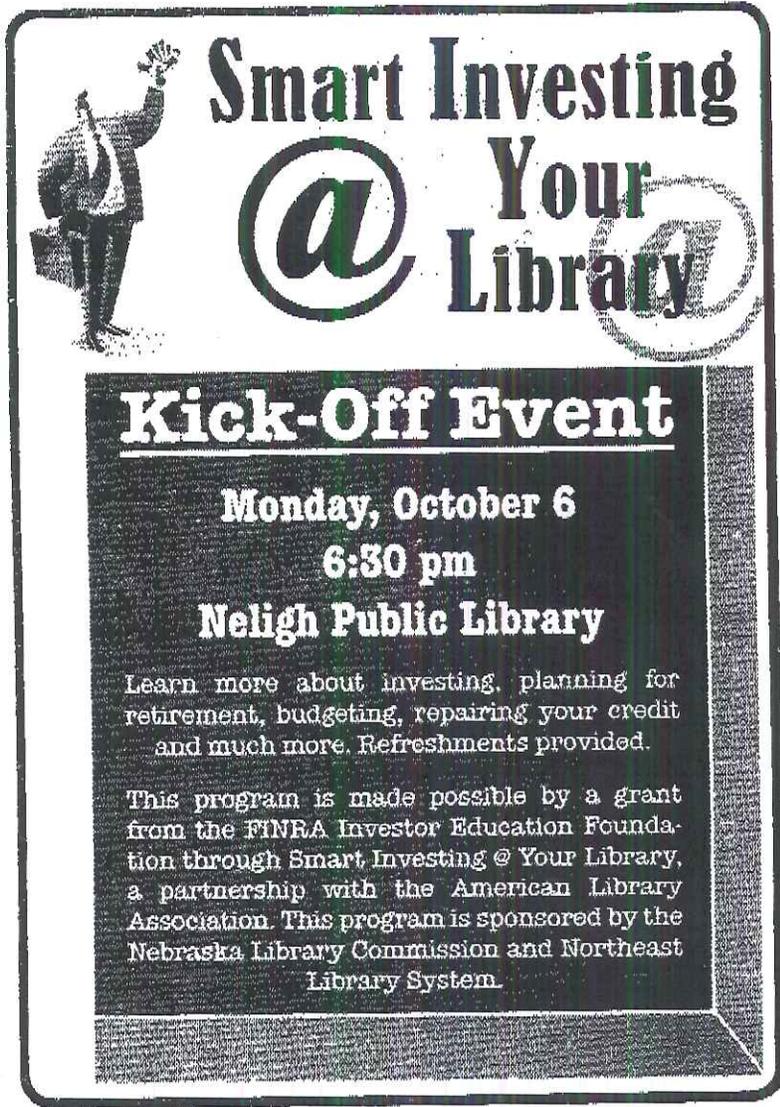
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Smart Investing @ Your Library

Kick-Off Event

Monday, October 6
6:30 pm
Neligh Public Library

Learn more about investing, planning for retirement, budgeting, repairing your credit and much more. Refreshments provided.

This program is made possible by a grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation through Smart Investing @ Your Library, a partnership with the American Library Association. This program is sponsored by the Nebraska Library Commission and Northeast Library System.

N-O Cros

The Neligh-Oakdale cross country team continues to have a successful season.

"The Neligh-Oakdale cross country team just completed what I probably one of the most tenacious two weeks in my tenure as the cross country coach, with four meets in 12 days," said head coach Rick Eickholt.

"Knowing ahead of time that this was coming this season, I was very concerned about this time frame, and with temperatures in the mid to low 90s and a stiff breeze (on Friday) didn't help to ease my concerns, but we appeared to have come through it without any major health concerns associated with the schedule."

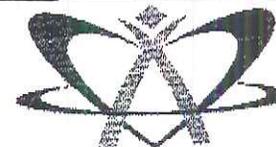
The O'Neill Invitational, held on Friday, Sept. 19, had more than 26 participants in the high school and



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Gynecology	Dr. Haswell	3
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Orthopedic	Dr. McQuire	14
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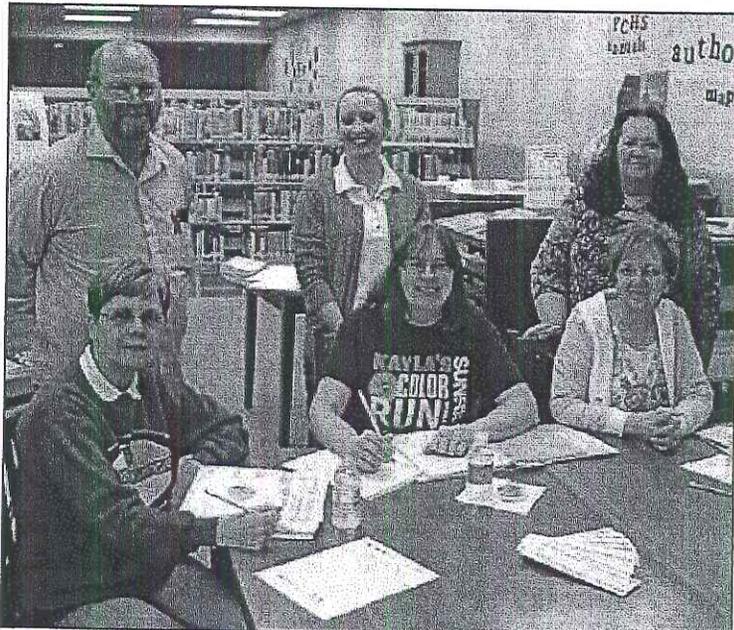
Pawnee City, Nebraska 68420

Smart investing program completed at library

Six people participated in the Pawnee City Public Library Smart Investing@your library® program. The Pawnee City Public Library worked with Karly Black from University of Nebraska Extension in addition to the Nebraska Library Commission and the Northeast Library System staff to offer the six week long educational investing program. The library offered to the participants books, DVDs, in-library events, and online curriculum to help people make better decisions about their money by taking advantage of free, unbiased resources offered at the library.

The Pawnee City Public Library was one of 22 public libraries in Nebraska to participate in this program with the intention of building the capacity of the library to provide effective, unbiased financial education to the community. The library is able to keep the new books and DVDs which were purchased to support the investing program, so all residents have the opportunity to make informed decisions about budgeting, money management, saving for college, buying a home, retirement planning, and more.

"It's an honor to be tapped for this generous grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. The funding will make an array of free, unbiased financial information programs possible in our community," said Karly Black. "Smart Investing@your library® gives us the chance to innovate. We're excited by the prospect of collaborating in



Ray Kappel/Republican

March 11 was the celebration of the end of the investing class at the Pawnee City Public Library. Gathered for the celebration were, front row, from left, Linda Bowman, Vickie Wiers, Director Lola Seitz, back row, from left, Paul Rogers, instructor Karly Black and JoAnn McManus from the Nebraska Library Commission. Rogers won an iPod shuffle in the drawing and Wiers won a canvas bag.

new ways with trusted community partners to deliver information that helps people build a brighter financial future."

The online curriculum will continue to remain available. If you are interested in signing up for the self-directed online investment

program contact the Pawnee City Public Library at (402)852-2118.

This program is made possible by a grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation through Smart investing @ your library®, a partnership with the American Library Association.

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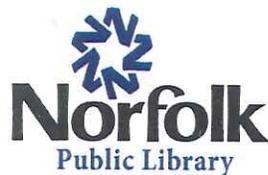
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- Lapsit and Storytime – for infants up through second graders – have fun with books while learning early literacy skills (5 times a week).
- Readers Theater – for youth ages 9 and up who are interested in drama and performance, weekly October – March.
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten - This free program for children instills a love of reading, develops the skills to get ready to read, and grows an appreciation for the library. Plus, the child earns rewards as you read together.
- Needles, Hooks and Books – For needle crafters of all ages. An informal time to work on a project, share info & skills, talk about books and meet others interest in needle arts. This group meets every other Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m.
- Book Clubs for ages 8-adults, including a new book club just for young adults in their 20's and 30's.
- Computer Skills Classes – from basic email, learning the Internet, or getting to know your iPad, monthly computer classes are offered free of charge. For adults.
- Live Trivia at the Sandbar – take all you've learned from the library and put it to use! Compete against other teams for a chance to win a Sandbar gift card.
- Author and Speaker programs – from local authors to nationally-known speakers, you'll find engaging literary, historical and cultural programs.
- Weekly Film Screenings – from popular, new movies to old classics, films are shown each Wednesday afternoon.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS COMING THIS WINTER:

CREATED EQUAL: AMERICA'S CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLE
a series of 4 films with moderated discussions following
January/February 2015
See the website for dates and times

SMART INVESTING @ YOUR LIBRARY – personal financial literacy course offered free of charge by a grant from the American Library Association and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation
March/April 2015



www.elkhornvalleymuseum.org
402-371-3886

SUNDAY SERIES: "Haunting in Nebraska" presented by Madison County Paranormal Group

October 19th • 1:30pm

Ghosts at the Museum! The Madison County Paranormal Group reveals their findings from local buildings and cemeteries, including some sightings at the Elkhorn Valley Museum. Free admission.

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

November 1st • 1-3 pm

Ghouls, Goblins, Ghosts... Oh My!! Calling for all elementary age school children, to put on their favorite costume and join us for a Halloween Party in Verges Park. The cost is \$1 for members and \$3 for nonmembers. Please join us for some games, ghost stories and prizes. A costume parade will occur with prizes given for the best creative costume. Each child must RSVP due to space being limited.

Please contact the museum at
402-371-3886 to sign up!

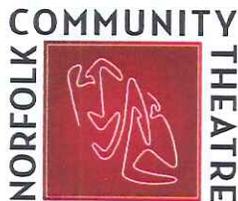


CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY ZONE CHRISTMAS

December 20th • 1-3pm

Join us for an old fashion Christmas with Old St. Nicholas! Seasonal games, crafts, and treats for children. Learn what Christmas was like before our time and different stories about Santa. Cost is \$3 for nonmembers and \$1 for members.

Each child must RSVP due to limited space. www.elkhornvalleymuseum.org



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GASLIGHT

A Broadway hit first produced on the West End under the title "Gaslight" and filmed twice, Angel Street tells the story of the Mannings who live on Angel Street in the 19th Century London. As the curtain rises, all appears the essence of Victorian tranquility. It is soon apparent however, that Mr. Manningham, a suavely handsome man, is slowly driving his gentle, devoted wife Vella to the brink of insanity with an insinuating kindness that masks more sinister motives. While he is out, Mrs. Manningham has an unexpected caller: amiable, paternal Inspector Rough from Scotland Yard. Rough is convinced that Manningham is a homicidal maniac wanted

for a murder committed fifteen years earlier in this very house. Gradually the inspector restores Bella's confidence in herself and as the evidence against Manningham unfolds, the author has built and sustained some of the most brilliant, suspenseful sequences in modern theatre. Angel Street first appeared at the John Golden Theatre in New York.

Audition: August 19-20 at 7:00 Cox Activities Center NECC Campus
Production: October 2-4, 9-11 at 7:30, October 5 at 2:00

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Winner of nine Tony Awards and with a record setting Broadway run, "Fiddler" has become an American classic. Tevye, the loquacious father of five daughters, fights to maintain his family and their traditions while outside influences encroach upon their lives. He must cope both with his

strong-willed daughters as each one's choice of husband moves further from tradition and with the edict of a tyrannical and unjust Tsar.

Audition: October 14-15 at 7:00 Cox Activities Center NECC Campus
Production: December 4-6, 11-13, at 7:30, December 14 at 2:00

THE SUNSHINE BOYS

Al and Willie as 'Lewis and Clark' were top-billed vaudevillians for over forty years. Now they aren't even speaking. When CBS requests them for a 'History of Comedy' retrospective, a grudging reunion brings the two

back together, along with a flood of memories, miseries and laughs.
Audition: January 13-14 at 7:00 Cox Activities Center NECC Campus
Production: March 5-7 at 7:30, 12-14 at 7:30, March 8 at 2:00

LOCAL NEWS

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

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Neligh Public Library Announces New Financial Education Materials Available

The Neligh Public Library has announced that access to better financial and investor information resources and educational programs is coming to Neligh through the Smart Investing @ your library® Builds Nebraska Communities project. A kick-off event will be held Monday, Oct. 6 at 6:30 p.m. to learn about the project and for participants to sign up to participate in the on-line training.

The Neligh library is one of 22 public libraries in Nebraska chosen through a competitive process to participate in this program. This grant will help build the capacity of the library to provide effective, unbiased financial education to the community. New books and DVDs to help residents make informed decisions about budgeting, money management, saving for college, buying a home, retirement planning and more are now available in the library and via downloadable audiobooks and ebooks.

"It's an honor to be tapped for this generous grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. The funding will make an array of free, unbiased financial information programs possible in our community,"

Ladies Aid Met Sept. 3

Grace Lutheran Ladies Aid met on September 3. Pastor opened with prayer and led the Bible Study "God's Hydroponic help for You." from the Good News Magazine.

President Helen Tanderup called the meeting to order.

Lavonne Kohl took roll call with six members present including Pastor Kuhfal and Vicar Jukola.

A bill of \$10 was presented from

said Jennifer Norton.

"Smart Investing @ your library® Builds Nebraska Communities gives us the chance to innovate. We're excited by the prospect of collaborating in new ways with trusted community partners to deliver information that helps people build a brighter financial future."

Neligh Public Library will be working with University of Nebraska Extension educators, Nebraska Library Commission and the Northeast library system staff, and a number of civic groups, including Greg Ptacek, Neligh economic development director; to offer educational programs and activities to complement the library materials.

"The libraries participating in this grant program make reliable financial information and education readily accessible in their communities," said Gerri Walsh, president of the FINRA Foundation. "Libraries are paying close attention to their communities' needs and aspirations, and can respond in creative, sustainable ways to help residents achieve financial goals for themselves and their families."

This program is made possible by a grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation through Smart investing @ your library®,

a partnership with the American Library Association.

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FINRA, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, is the largest non-governmental regulator for all securities firms doing business in the United States. FINRA is dedicated to investor protection and market integrity through effective and efficient regulation and complementary compliance and technology-based services. FINRA touches virtually every aspect of the securities business, from registering and educating all industry participants to examining securities firms, writing and enforcing rules and the federal securities laws, informing and educating the investing public, providing trade reporting and other industry utilities and administering the largest dispute resolution forum for investors and registered firms. For more information, visit www.finra.org.

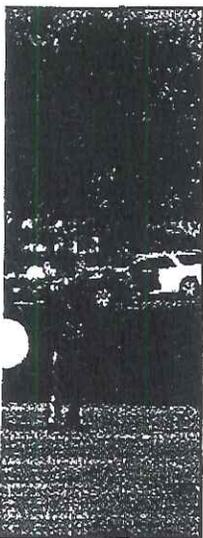
UNL Ranked in USNWR Top 100

Lincoln - The University of Nebraska-Lincoln moved into the Top 100 among top national universities in U.S. News & World Report's 2015 best-colleges rankings. UNL, which shares the No. 99 spot with three other universities, had landed at No. 101 the past three years.

Among public national universities, UNL improved to No. 45, joining all other Big Ten public univer-

rate performance -- the difference between the proportion of students expected to graduate and the proportion that do.

In March, U.S. News & World Report included several of UNL's colleges and programs in its list of Best Graduate Schools 2015. The College of Law was No. 54 out of 194 institutions; the College of Business Administration's part-time

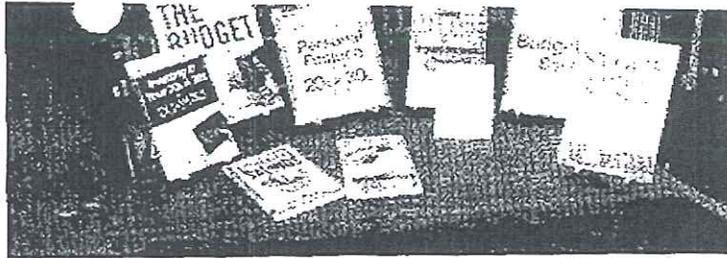


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As part of the Smart Investing @ your library Builds Nebraska Communities program, the Neligh Public Library has multiple sources available for the public to utilize. The library staff has been trained to help individuals find the materials and resources to meet their specific needs.

Library Financial Information Program To Kick Off

The Neligh Public Library is one of 22 public libraries in Nebraska chosen to participate in the program, "Smart Investing @ your library Builds Nebraska Communities project.

According to Neligh Public Library Director Jennifer Norton, the program is a benefit to the community because it is being offered here and it includes the flexibility to help people in all financial situations.

"Whether you are just starting out and want information on saving for the future, are trying to get out of debt and budget or are in your retirement years and want to stretch your funds, this program can be customized to your specific needs," Norton said.

A kickoff event will be held on Monday, Oct. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the library.

LaDonna Werth, a Holt County UNL extension educator will be the presenter and along with the Neligh Public Library staff, will be getting people started in the six week program.

"There will not be a sales person of any kind here," Norton said. "The program is free to the public

UNL Extension. The library staff and I also did training to be able to help provide individuals with appropriate materials and to point them in the right direction when they do have additional financial questions."

In conjunction with the on-line program, the library also has several new resources available for checkout. These include new books and DVDs to help people make informed decisions about budgeting, money management, saving for college, buying a home, retirement planning and more.

"Participants will be able to log-in to the program from their personal computers or are welcome to use our great computer lab at the library," Norton said.

The grant was made possible through a grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. FINRA supports innovative research and educational projects that give underserved Americans the knowledge, skills and tools necessary for financial success throughout life. For details about grant programs and other FINRA Foundation initiatives, visit www.finrafoundation.com.

Sunday In Riverside Park

The circus is coming to Neligh.

The Family Fun Circus, a family owned and operated organization, will bring its act to Riverside Park on Sunday, Sept. 28 at 6 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$15 for adults and \$7 for ages three to 14. Cash is preferred. One child can enter free per purchase of adult ticket with the coupon on page 5A.

Doors open one hour before the show and seats are first come, first serve.

The one-ring circus includes jugglers, daredevils, funny clowns and special appearances by cartoon characters.

For more information about the circus visit <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Family-Fun-Circus/198889566797144>



Prescription Drug Take Back Sept. 27

On Saturday, Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Antelope County Sheriff's Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration will give the public another opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous, expired, unused and unwanted prescription and over the counter drugs.

The public is invited to bring medication for disposal to the Antelope County Sheriff's Office at 205 E. 6th Street in Neligh. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Blood Drive Slated In Neligh

The Red Cross is holding an Antelope County blood drive on Oct. 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 115 W. Third St. in Neligh. Those interested in donating can visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS for an appointment to donate blood or platelets.

All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Neighbor Of The Month Selected

The Neligh September Neighbor of the Month is Diann Arehart. According to Neligh Economic Development Director Greg Ptacek, Arehart was nominated for her dedication to Neligh's baseball program and for the countless hours she has volunteered to keep the program running smoothly.

Grant will promote financial literacy at Lexington Library

Posted: Tuesday, July 15, 2014 7:22 pm

Kevin Zelaya

Lexington Clipper-Herald

LEXINGTON, Neb. - A statewide grant from the American Library Association and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation to the Nebraska Library Commission awarded to Lexington Public Library will open the door for a financial education push in Lexington.



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Lexington Public Library was one of 22 public libraries in Nebraska chosen through a competitive process to receive grant funding from the Smart Investing@yourlibrary Builds Nebraska Communities project.

Instead of providing a money amount, the grant's purpose is to provide educational material such as books and DVDs to help residents make informed decisions about budgeting, money management, saving for college, buying a home and retirement planning, said Kathy Thomsen, director of Lexington Public Library.

"It's an honor to be tapped for this generous grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. The funding will make an array of free, unbiased financial information programs possible in our community," Thomsen said.

"We're excited by the prospect of collaborating in new ways with trusted community partners to deliver information that helps people build a brighter financial future."

Thomsen said she hopes to have financial courses up-and-running by the beginning of next year.

Lexington Public Library will be working with University of Nebraska Extension Educators, Nebraska Library Commission and the Northeast Library System staff, and a number of civic groups, to offer educational programs and activities to complement the library materials.

Wilson Public Library in Cozad internship grant

In other news, Wilson Public Library received a 21st Century Librarian internship grant to fund an intern this summer. The chosen intern was Emily Smith, who will be a senior at Cozad High School this fall.

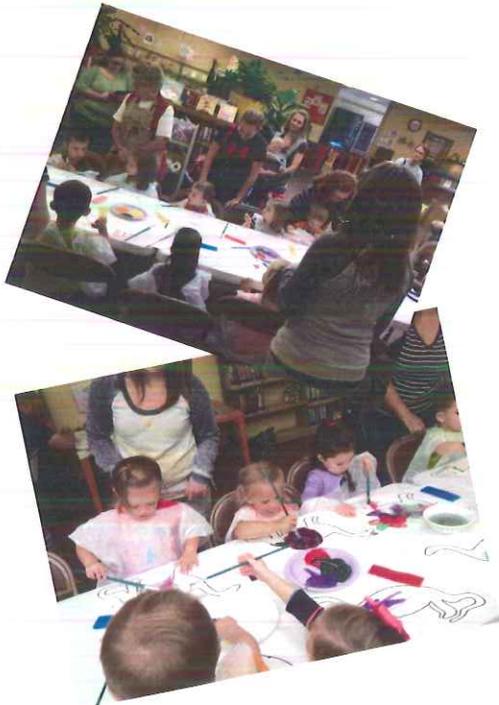
Smith's duties as an intern so far have involved leading the youth summer reading program activities, doing one-on-one training sessions to teach patrons how to use different technologies, updating the library's web site at wilsonpubliclibrary.com and regularly updating the library's Facebook and Twitter sites.

"I have learned that there is much more to being a librarian than just checking out books. I have been very surprised to see the different tasks the librarians at Wilson Public Library accomplish every day," Smith said.

"I am learning more every day and am glad I can help, whether it's updating the website and social media sites or checking in piles of books and putting them back on shelves."

Children's Programming in Full Swing

The Children's Department is bustling with action again this fall. Mr. H has expanded program offerings to allow more children to discover the magic and fun of reading. New to the program lineup is Monday Night Book adventures held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Children have a chance to listen to some great books, make a craft, and even have a bedtime snack. Returning for the fall are the always popular Storytime and StoryART held on Thursdays and the once a month Super Sensational Saturday. See the calendar at right for a complete list of dates and themes for each program!



Children's Department Calendar of Events

Monday Night Book Adventures

6:30-7:30pm

- October 13th-Bugs & Spiders
- October 27th-Halloween

Storytime/StoryART

10:30-Noon & 1:30-3pm

- October 2nd-Down on the Farm
- October 9th-Monsters
- October 16th-Fall Leaves
- October 23rd-Pumpkins
- October 30th-Halloween

Super Sensational Saturday

10am-Noon

- October 11th-Halloween

Like our Facebook Page to stay up to date on all program offerings.

TEEN SPACE



The Teen Space comes to life every day after school but even more so on Wednesdays when the Columbus Middle School releases early. Most weeks there is a special program designed to allow teens to be creative, stretch their mind, or even let loose and have some fun. Don't forget to "Like" our Facebook page to stay up to date on all the great programs offered for Teens at CPL, and we look forward to seeing you at the next event in the Teen Space!

Wednesday Afternoon

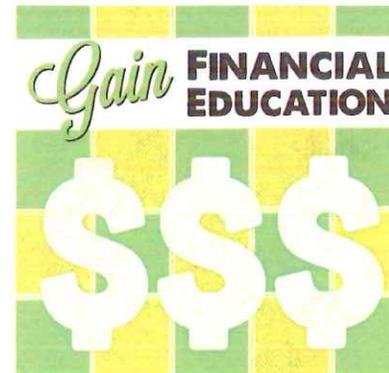
Activities

Starting at 3pm

- October 1st-Safety Pin Bracelets
- October 8th-Wii Gaming
- October 22nd-Fun With Sphero
- October 29th-Veggie Monsters

Programs are for patrons in 6th-12th grade.

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Saturday, January 17 – Kick-Off Event
 Week of Jan 19 – participants work on Week 1 unit
 Week of Jan 26 – participants work on Week 2 unit
 Week of Feb 2 – participants work on Week 3 unit
 Week of Feb 9 – participants work on Week 4 unit
 Tuesday February 14 – Wrap-Up Event

Also don't forget to stop in a check out the new books available on many financial topics.



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- Starting Out--generally those under age 40
- Building Up--generally those age 40 to up to 2 years before retirement
- Making it Last--retired or those retiring within 2 years

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<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/grants/finra/lib/FINRALoanCollectionOrderForm.pdf>.

If you have any question about the curriculum or bulk loans, please contact JoAnn McManus, joann.mcmanus@nebraska.gov, 402-471-4870, 800-307-2665.

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A Kick-Off Event to launch the library training is scheduled at the library on November 18 at 6:30pm-7:30pm. The Wrap-Up Event will be held on Tuesday, January 6 at 6:30pm-7:30pm. Advance registration is recommended by stopping by or contacting the library at 946-2512. **Participants who attend both the Kick-Off and Wrap-Up events and participate in the free online curriculum will be eligible for the drawings of an iPod Shuffle and \$25 Amazon.com gift card.** Participants can complete the online course at their own pace.

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