



Plain Speaking

Central Plains Library System
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Here's \$1,000 For You....

What would you do if someone walked into your library or school and said, "I have \$1,000 to give you and I want you to start a Makerspace." The correct answer, of course, is "Thank you!"

Now the question is, what should you buy? I have some suggestions.

Makedo™ Tool Set

A set of plastic screws, screwdrivers, and other tools made specifically to use with cardboard.

K'NEX Maker Kit

Using K'NEX pieces is a fast way to prototype ideas, which works well with maker clubs, classroom collaboration, or any other time you want students to build quickly.

Strictly Briks®

Plastic building bricks are universally used, so they are not intimidating.

KEVA® Planks

Flat, wooden planks which are kind of like grown-up wooden blocks.

Paper Circuits

These are actually easy to learn and fun to make.

Snap Circuits®

These are a great introduction to different types of circuits and the properties of electricity.

Robot Petting Zoo

You won't get a class set of robots for \$1,000, but you can buy some single robots to create a "petting zoo." I recommend Sphero®, Dash, and Ozobot®.

Color Craze Bookmarks

Patrons can color these and take them home.

StickTogether® Mosaic Posters

Everyone has the chance to contribute to a group project.

Duct Tape

Lots of DIYs use duct tape.

Even after buying all of that, you will have some money left over for storage. We will be featuring ALL of the suggested items at our TWO "Full STEAM Ahead" workshops in February. Come to see, touch, and make something.

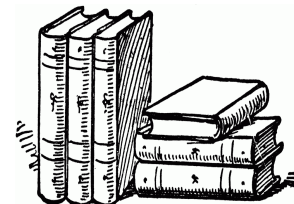


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Scholarships Available from the Willa Cather Center

To further Cather's legacy and to support the next generation of Cather readers and scholars, the Willa Cather Foundation annually awards a number of scholarships for college-bound students who desire to major in English or history, graduate students presenting on Cather at academic conferences, and educators interested in introducing Cather in the classroom.



[Please browse the descriptions on this webpage for more information and to download application forms](#)



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The Institute of Museum and Library Services has awarded the NLC an additional year of funding for the Library Innovation Studios project. All Nebraska accredited public libraries are invited to apply to be a host library by the **February 3, 2020** final application deadline.

Learn more about the project and the application/selection process by viewing the recorded Ncompass Live webinar: [Library Innovation Studios: Transforming Rural Communities—Project Update and Application Process Review](#).

The information in this recorded webinar is still accurate, other than the final deadline is now **February 3, 2020**, and we will now also consider applications from any accredited public library in Nebraska, even those in larger communities. Libraries in communities over 25,000 in population—who were excluded in previous cycles—can now also apply. The Nebraska Library Innovation Studios Transforming Rural Communities project is supported in part by the Nebraska Library Commission, partnering with the University of Nebraska Lincoln Nebraska Innovation Studio, Nebraska Extension, and Regional Library Systems. The project is funded through a National Leadership Grant awarded by the Institute of

Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead February.....



Join us for a fun filled day where we will explore all the new ways to engage kids in learning that is so fun, they won't even know they are learning about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math.

Two great locations to choose from:

February 12th, 2020
10am—3pm

North Platte Public Library
120 West 4th Street
North Platte, NE 69101

February 25th, 2020
10am—3pm

Holdrege Area Public Library
604 East Avenue
Holdrege, NE 68949

Space is limited to the first 20 people to register at each location. Lunch will be provided. Each participant will receive 4 CEU's for attending.

To register for either location, please [click 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.



*Central Plains Library System Cordially Invites You to Attend the
Grand Summer Reading Gala*

Friday, January 17th

10am —3:30 pm

McCook City Library
802 Norris Avenue
McCook, NE 69001

Ballroom

Locations

Thursday, March 19th

10 am—3:30 pm

Grand Island Public Library
1124 W. 2nd Street
Grand Island, NE 68801

*Each participant will
earn 5 CEU Hours for
attending.*

Wednesday, January 29th

10 am —3:30 pm

Broken Bow Public Library
626 South D Street
Broken Bow, NE 68822

*The cost for each Prince or
Princess will be \$10 with
lunch included. Payment
may be sent to the CPLS
office or paid at the door.*

**To register for the Gala,
please click here:**

<https://forms.gle/hoyT6VNGxPYCMePF6>

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Central Plains Library System

October 11, 2019

Atkinson Public Library, Atkinson, NE

Present: Tony Anderson, Doris Brandon, Terri Eberly, Judy Hagan, Jane Hilton, Terri Johnson, Matthew Williams **Conference Call:** Linda Nickel, Shelley Ruterbories

Absent: Janene Hill, Lori Long

Also Present: Denise Harders, Autumn Carlson, Tim Johnson, Keri Anderson **Conference Call:** Christa Porter

Call to Order/Roll Call: Judy Hagan called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: After discussion, it was determined that discussions held in executive session are not written into the minutes. Tony Anderson made a motion to amend the minutes of the July 12, 2019 meeting by removing the executive session discussion. Jane Hilton seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as amended.

Financial Report: Denise Harders reviewed the financial report. There was discussion regarding the board travel expense—variations are due to changing from 2 to 3 face to face board meetings.

Terri Johnson made a motion to approve the budget report. Tony Anderson seconded the motion. The financial report was approved.

Correspondence: Denise shared the thank you correspondence received from:

- Amy Coffman, Sutherland (thank you for the telescope kit/books and puzzles)
- Macey Lackaff, Director and Kim Ost, Asst. Director, Rock County Public Library (thank you for the scholarships to attend NLA Conference)
- Terri Johnson, North Platte (thank you for scholarship to attend NLA conference)
- Keri Anderson, Hoesch Memorial Public Library and Judy Hagan, Atkinson Public Library verbally thanked the CPLS for scholarships to attend conference.

Director's Report: Denise Harders shared her report

- 2019 ARSL conference sessions will be shared on the website
- 2020 ARSL conference will be Sept 30-Oct 3, Wichita, KS
- Scholarship money is available through CPLS and NLC
- Stephanie Branham, Orleans/Oxford Library reorganizing picture books to be shelved by topic
- CCC, Grand Island campus library moving to the main building
- Healthy Aging at your Library, Red Cloud and Gothenburg

Old Business:

Schedule of upcoming workshops

- October 28 am E-rate: What's New for 2020? Grand Island Public Library/Christa Porter
- October 28 pm Thriving in a Digital World, Grand Island Public Library/Amanda Sweet
- November 13 Meeting of the Minds, Ord Township Library, Topic Employee Evaluation
- November 19 Bibliostat Workshop, Ravenna Public Library, Sam Shaw
- December 3 Cricut 2.0 Make and Take Workshop, Kearney Public Library, CPLS staff (this workshop is FULL)
- January 17 Summer Reading Program, McCook City Library, Jody Crocker, Sally Snyder
- January 29 Summer Reading Program, Broken Bow Public Library, Jody Crocker, Sally Snyder
- March 19 Summer Reading Program, Grand Island Public Library, Jody Crocker, Sally Snyder
- June 5 Golden Sower Reading Day, Kearney Public Library, Shawna Lindner
- February: Full Steam Ahead, 2 or 3 workshops, dates and locations TBA

CPLS Board Meeting Schedule was discussed

- January 10, 2020 Telephone conference call/11:00 a.m. CST
- April 10, 2020 Location TBA
- July 10, 2020 Annual Meeting TBA

Discussion was held on CPLS scholarships for continuing education. The budget allocation is \$6,000. In-state activity \$200.00 per person, each library can have two recipients. Out-of-state activity \$300.00 per person, each library can have two recipients.

NLC scholarships for continuing education are available. December 13, 2019 is the deadline for scholarship application. NLC is allowing \$500.00 per person to attend ARSL in Wichita, KS, in 2020.

Lunch was served during the meeting and due to another meeting Christa Porter gave the Library Commission Report at this time.

Nebraska Library Commission Report: Christa Porter shared her report

- Library Innovation Studios Project. IMLS awarded additional \$185,000. to extend grant for an additional year. Applications are open through February 3, 2020 to add 9 more libraries. 3 libraries/branches in areas over 25,000 in population. 6 libraries in areas under 25,000. In population.
- State Budget
- LSTA Funding and Legislation
- Nebraska Public Library Accreditation-2019. Process officially closed October 1. 29 libraries have been re-accredited and 2 new libraries have received their accreditation. 24 additional applications and plans have been received for evaluation. Four libraries affected by the devastating weather events received extension to 2020 and eight libraries were granted extensions to November 1, 2019.
- 2020 NLC Grants Other grants and deadlines:
- Youth Grants for Excellence/September 30
- Internship Grants/October 15
- Library Improvement Grants/November 13
- CE/Training Grants/December 13 (500.00 per person exclusively for ARSL 2020)
- ILA/NLA/NSLA 2019 conference CE hours use special report form on NLC website to receive credit
- Library Commission Personnel News: Amy Irons has been hired as the Book Circulation Technician in TBBS. Laura Steuck has been hired as our accountant. Four applications were received for the Western Library System Director position.
- E-rate/Digital World Training Days to be held
- October 21-CCC- Columbus campus
- October 28-Grand Island Public Library
- October 29- ESU 13, Scottsbluff
- November 5-E-rate only-online, GoToWebinar
- 2019 Celebration of Nebraska Books
- Big Talk from Small Libraries 2020. The call for speakers for online conference opened October 1. The conference will be held Friday, February 28, 2020. For more details go to nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/bigtalk/
- N-Compass Live Schedule for information and registration go to nlc.nebraska.gov/NCompass Live
- Basic Skills 2020 Schedule. Visit website for classes/registration

New Business

- Financial Compilation was prepared by Riggs & Associates, CPAS, P.C. and reviewed.
- RAN Workshop will be November 1, 2019 in Seward. Registration is \$40.00.
- NLC quarterly meeting will be November 11, 2019 in Hastings. CPLS will be hosting.
- New System Vehicle. 2019 Jeep Cherokee Limited 4x4. Board commended Denise on the research and bartering to get the best bang for the buck. The salvage vehicle was sold to Autumn Carlson. Budget item—insurance for new vehicle may exceed original budget.

- Discussion of By-Laws and Policies. Discussion was held regarding need of board approval for capital expenditures; i.e. new vehicle purchase/large ticket item office equipment etc. Denise will check with the other systems to see if they have a by-law that covers this type of expense. Possible addition to Article IX Contracts, checks, deposits and funds. Section 6. Capital Expenditures.
- Discussion of adding additional signer to bank accounts was held. In the event that the Director was not available to sign checks, the CPLS would have another individual with authorization. It was moved by Tony Anderson and seconded by Matt Williams to have Terri Eberly added to signature cards on financial accounts. Motion carried. Denise will check with institutions to get necessary paperwork in motion.

Other Business

- Come to January meeting with ideas for the annual meeting. Meeting will be teleconference call at 11:00 a.m. CST, January 10, 2020.

Jane Hilton made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri C. Eberly, Secretary

Library and Information Services

Online Course Offerings

Spring 2020

January 13, 2020 – May 8, 2020

Enrollment for Spring Semester opens

Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019



Spring 2020	Fall 2020
Libr 2100 Reference Resources and Services	Libr 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services
Libr 2150 Managing Collections in Libraries and Information Agencies	Libr 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies
Libr 2210 Cataloging and Classification	Libr 2940 Library Science Capstone Practicum

For more information on the Library and Information Services program, see:

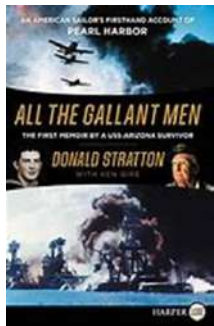
<https://www.cccneb.edu/lis/>

For information concerning Admissions or Registration, contact Dee Johnson

djohnson@cccneb.edu, 402-562-1418 or Toll Free at 877-222-0780

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All the Gallant Men: An American Sailor's Firsthand Account of Pearl Harbor



Chosen as 2020 One Book One Nebraska

People across Nebraska are encouraged to read the work of a Nebraskan—and then talk about it with their friends and neighbors.

All the Gallant Men: An American Sailor's Firsthand Account of Pearl Harbor (William Morrow, 2016) by Donald Stratton, with Ken Gire is the **2020 One Book One Nebraska** selection.

All the Gallant Men is the first memoir by a USS *Arizona* survivor. Born in Inavale, Nebraska and raised in Red Cloud, Donald Stratton joined the Navy in 1940 at the age of eighteen. On December 7, 1941 he was a Seaman First Class on the USS *Arizona*. Stratton's account of the Pearl Harbor attack is seventy-five years in the making, as he finally shares his personal tale at the age of ninety-four. His story is one of survival and determination as he recovered from the severe injuries he sustained in the attack, and ultimately re-enlisted to fight again.

The Nebraska Center for the Book selection committee found ***All the Gallant Men*** to be a valuable part of our understanding of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Because it was written by a survivor of the attack on the USS *Arizona*, the book includes details that most readers have never encountered in either history classes or through other books about the subject.

The book is not only an integral part of our knowledge of December 7, 1941, but it is also well written. As we approach the 80th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack, the committee felt that it was a timely choice for Nebraskans to read this account written by one of their own.

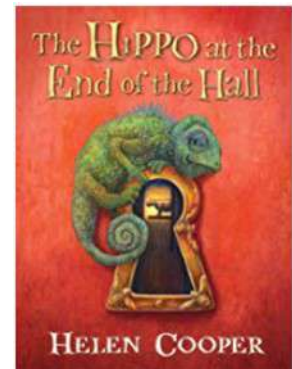
Libraries across Nebraska will join other literary and cultural organizations in planning book discussions, activities, and events that will encourage Nebraskans to read and discuss this book. Support materials to assist with local reading/discussion activities will be available after January 1, 2020 at <http://onebook.nebraska.gov>.

Updates and activity listings will be posted on the One Book One Nebraska Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/onebookonenebraska>.

2020 will mark the sixteenth year of the One Book One Nebraska reading program, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book. It encourages Nebraskans across the state to read and discuss one book, chosen from books written by Nebraska authors or that have a Nebraska theme or setting. The Nebraska Center for the Book invites recommendations for One Book One Nebraska book selection year-round at <http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/obon-nomination.asp>.

Central Plains Library System has a Book Club Kit containing 10 copies of this title. Call 1-800-569-4961 today to reserve this kit for your Reading Group.

Amazon's Top 20 Best Children's Books of 2019



- Dear Sweet Pea*** by Julie Murphy
The Hippo at the End of the Hall by Helen Cooper
Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o and Vashti Harrison
White Bird: A Wonder Story by R.J. Polacio
How Do You Dance? by Thyra Heder
Just Because by Mac Barnett and Isabelle Arsenault
Guts by Raina Telgemeier
Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky by Kwame Mbalia
Truman by Jean Reidy and Lucy Ruth Cummins
Free Lunch by Rex Ogle
Dog Man: For Whom the Ball Rolls by Dav Pilkey
The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart
The Pigeon HAS to Go to School! by Mo Willems
Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks by Jason Reynolds and Alexander Nabaum
Roll With It by Jamie Sumner
Beverly, Right Here by Kate DiCamillo
The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family by Ibtihaj Muhammad and Hatem Aly
Rumple Buttercup: A Story of Bananas, Belonging, Being Yourself by Matthew Gray Gubler
Why? by Adam Rex and Claire Keane
The Neighbors by Einat Tsarfati and Annette Appel

CPLS Board Meeting Schedule

January 10, 2020—Conference Call

April 10, 2020—Location TBA

July 10, 2020—Annual Meeting TBA





Young Readers Invited to Write to Favorite Authors

Young readers in grades 4-12 are invited to write a personal letter to an author for the Nebraska Letters about Literature (LAL) contest, a state reading and writing promotion program. The letter can be to any author (living or dead) from any genre-fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic --explaining how that author's work changed the student's view of the world. Nebraska Letters About Literature is coordinated and sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book and the Nebraska Library Commission, with support from Houchen Bindery, Ltd., Humanities Nebraska, and Chapters Bookstore in Seward.

The Nebraska Center for the Book's panel of judges will select a winner and alternate per competition level (Level I for grades 4-6, Level II for grades 7-8, and Level III for grades 9-12) to be honored in a proclamation-signing ceremony at the state capitol during National Library Week in April 2020. Their winning letters will be placed in the Jane Pope Geske Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors at Bennett Martin Public Library in Lincoln. Nebraska winners and alternates will receive state prizes.

Teachers, librarians, and parents can download the contest guidelines, free teaching materials, information on the online entry system, and past winning letters on the [Nebraska Center for the Book website](#). Get inspired by listening to past Nebraska winners, Ashley Xiques and Sydney Kohl, read and talk about their letters on NET Radio's All About Books ([netnebraska.org/basic-page/radio/all-about-books](#)). **Submissions must be completed online by January 15, 2020.** For more information contact Tessa Terry, 402-471-3434 or 800-307-2665.

Future Basic Skills for Nebraska Librarian Classes

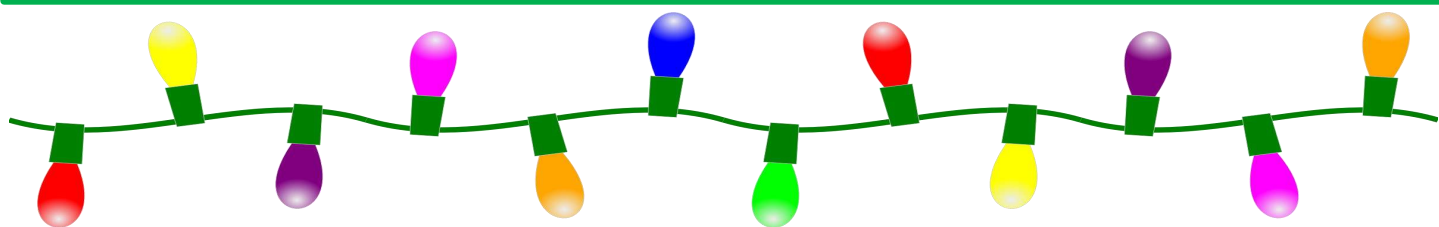
Class Dates	Class	Instructor	Registration Dates
12/2—12/13	Library Services to Children & Teens	Sally Snyder	11/4—11/22
1/1—1/30	Communication *	Self-paced	11/25—12/20
2/10—2/21	Customer Service *	Christa Porter	1/6—1/31
3/9—3/20	Library Governance	Denise Harders	2/3—2/28



Continuing Education & Training Grants for ARSL 2020

Continuing Education & Training grants help assist Nebraska libraries to improve the library services provided to their communities through continuing education and training for their library personnel and supporters. Successful applications will show how the continuing education and/or training proposed will support the library's mission. This year, the **Nebraska Library Commission** is offering individuals **\$500** grants to attend the ARSL (Association for Rural & Small Libraries) 2020 Conference in Wichita, Kansas on Sept. 30th to Oct. 3rd, 2020! This grant application is due **December 13, 2019**.

The **Central Plains Library System** is offering **\$300** scholarships for this conference within our normal guidelines. Applicants are eligible for only one scholarship per fiscal year. Applicants who have not received a CPLS scholarship within the two previous years will receive higher priority. Each library agency shall be limited to two scholarships per fiscal year. The final stipulation is that a brief, evaluative report of the continuing education event will be required to be sent to the System Office to be included in the newsletter and scholarship recipients are encouraged to share information from the event with the library board/administrators and other staff members



Meeting of the Minds

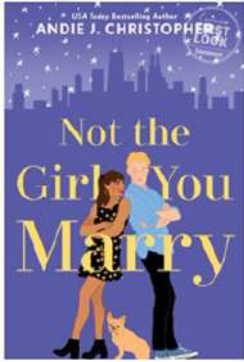
Join us for the next meeting at the **Elwood Public Library** on Wednesday, January 22nd from 10 am – 1 pm.

The topic will be: ***Policies***

With the advent of the new year, it is time for your Library Boards to review your policies. Is this something you do every year? Is there a policy you want to add? Bring a list of the policies you have in place. We will talk about which ones are required and suggest some that will make your life easier. As always, bring a question and a success story to share with the group.

Hot Romances

Some people love books. Some people fall in love. And some people fall in love with books about falling in love. These two romances were released on November 12 and are sure to be winners.

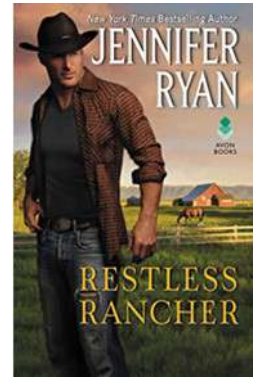


Not the Girl You Marry by Andie J. Christopher

Jack Nolan is a gentleman, a journalist, and unlucky in love. His viral success has pigeon-holed him as the how-to guy for a buzzy, internet media company instead of covering hard-hitting politics. Fed up with his fluffy articles and the app-based dating scene as well, he strikes a deal with his boss to write a final piece de resistance: *How to Lose a Girl*. Easier said than done when the girl he meets is Hannah Mayfield, and he's not sure he wants her to dump him.

Restless Rancher (Wild Rose Ranch #2) by Jennifer Ryan

One minute down-on-his-luck rancher Austin Hubbard slept soundly, the next, a sassy spitfire dumped a pitcher of water on his head and woke him up—in more ways than one. Hired to help him rebuild his ranch, Sonya Tucker ends up helping him put the tattered pieces of his life back together. The capable, all-business accountant is on a mission to get the ranch up and running, but can he convince the temptingly beautiful woman to take a chance on him?



CPLS Has Scholarship Money Available

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

Only one scholarship per person per year.

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

Name _____

Library _____

Event _____

Date of event _____

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

Amount requested _____

Other information: _____



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



Call for Speakers: Big Talk from Small Libraries 2020

The Call for Speakers for Big Talk From Small Libraries 2020 is now open!

This free one-day online conference is aimed at librarians from small libraries; the smaller the better! We are looking for speakers from small libraries or speakers who directly work with small libraries. Small libraries of all types - public, academic, school, museum, special, etc. - are encouraged to submit a proposal. We're looking for seven 50-minute presentations and five 10-minute "lightning round" presentations.

Do you offer a service or program at your small library that other librarians might like to hear about? Have you implemented a new (or old) technology, hosted an event, partnered with others in your community, or just done something really cool? The Big Talk From Small Libraries online conference gives you the opportunity to share what you've done, while learning what your colleagues in other small libraries are doing. Here are some possible topics to get you thinking:

- * Unique Libraries
- * Special Collections
- * New buildings
- * Fundraising
- * Improved Workflows
- * Staff Development
- * Advocacy Efforts
- * Community Partnerships
- * That great thing you're doing at your library!



Big Talk From Small Libraries 2020 will be held on Friday, February 28, 2020 between 8:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (CT) via the GoToWebinar online meeting service. Speakers will be able to present their programs from their own desktops. The schedule will accommodate speakers' time-zones.

If you are interested in presenting, please submit your proposal by **Friday, January 3, 2020** at <https://forms.gle/GPbwvxMMrkFyk2rZA>. Speakers from libraries serving fewer than 10,000 people will be preferred, but presentations from libraries with larger service populations will be considered.

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

This conference is organized and hosted by the Nebraska Library Commission and is co-sponsored by the Association for Rural & Small Libraries.



Audiobook Collection

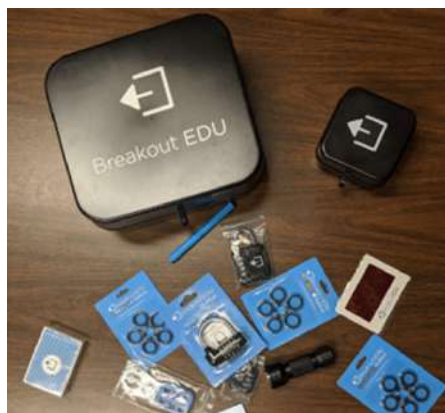
CPLS owns over **1,200 circulating audiobook titles**. System member libraries may borrow audiobooks (CD, MP3, and Playaway formats) for a loan period of 90 days.

Watcher in the Woods by Armstrong, Kelley
Whisper Network by Baker, Chandler
Freefall by Barry, Jessica
A Friend is a Gift You Give Yourself by Boyle, William (MP3)
The Suspect by Barton, Fiona
Shamed: A Kate Burkholder Novel by Castillo, Linda
What You Don't See by Chaney, JoAnn
The Water Dancer by Coates, Ta-Nehisi
Run Away by Coben, Harlan (MP3)
Girl Most Likely by Collins, Max Allen (MP3)
Recursion by Crouch, Blake
No Sunscreen for the Dead by Dorsey, Tim
The Big Kahuna by Evanovich, Janet
The Poison Bed by Fremantle, Elizabeth (MP3)
Queen Bee by Frank Dorothea Benton
This Is How It Always Is by Frankel, Laurie
Never Look Back by Gayson, Alison
The Escape Room by Goldin, Megan
Once More We Saw Stars: a Memoir by Greene, Jayson
They All Fall Down by Hall, Rachel Howzell (MP3)
The Lost Man by Harper, Jane
The Current by Johnston, Tim
Ask Again, Yes by Keane, Mary Beth
House on Fire by Kistler, Bonnie
Cold Storage by Koepp, David
Lady in the Lake by Lippman, Laura
Alaskan Holiday by Macomber, Debbie
Window on the Bay by Macomber, Debbie
Happily Ever After by Marcelo, Tiff
The Summer Guests by Monroe, Mary Alice
Where the Crawdads Sing by Owens, Delia
Daisy Jones & the Six by Reid, Taylor Jenkins
Miraculum by Post, Steph (MP3)
Under Currents by Roberts, Nora
Someone Knows by Scottoline, Lisa
Looker by Sims, Laura
Age of Legend by Sullivan, Michael J.
The Night Before by Walker, Wendy
Mrs. Everything by Weiner, Jennifer



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

Breakout EDU kits available from CPLS



Central Plains Library System has two Breakout EDU kits to loan to its members. These kits allow public and school libraries to set up escape room experiences in meeting rooms or small spaces such as table tops. They come with a variety of locks and some basic tools. You also have access to a smorgasbord of ideas online from a wide variety of websites and blogs. You can also buy books and create props to help you in the process of developing fun and challenging puzzles.

Disc Cleaning and Repair



The System Office has the ECO AUTO-SMART Fully Automatic Disc Repair System.

It is not just a buffer, but a full-service machine, to both clean and repair your valuable discs. Save those discs that won't play! As long as they are not cracked, we can fix them.

From July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020, each CPLS member library has 10 free disc cleanings.

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

Cover One Book Repair Service!

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

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

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



Central Plains Library System

Mark Your Calendar

- December 2-13.....Basic Skills—Library Services to Children & Youth, Online, Sally Snyder
- December 3.....Cricut 2.0 Make-and-Take Workshop, Kearney Public Library
- December 25.....Christmas Holiday—System Office Closed
- January 1.....New Year’s Day Holiday—System Office Closed
- January 1-31.....Basic Skills—Communication, Online, Self-paced
- January 3.....Deadline for submitting proposal to Big Talk from Small Libraries 2020
- January 10.....CPLS Board Meeting, Telephone Conference Call
- January 15.....Deadline to submit Young Readers letters to Authors
- January 17.....Summer Reading Workshop, McCook
- January 20.....Martin Luther Kind, Jr. Holiday—System Office Closed
- January 22.....Meeting of the Minds, Elwood
- January 29.....Summer Reading Workshop, Broken Bow
- February 3.....**Final** Deadline for Innovation Studios Application
- February 10-21.....Basic Skills — Customer Service, Online, Christa Porter
- February 12.....Full STEAM Ahead Workshop, North Platte
- February 25.....Full STEAM Ahead Workshop, Holdrege
- February 28.....Big Talk From Small Libraries, Online Conference
- March 9-20.....Basic Skills—Library Governance, Online, Denise Harders
- March 19.....Summer Reading Workshop, Grand Island



Bad libraries build collections,
 good libraries build services,
 great libraries build communities.

~R. David Lankes

SCHOLASTIC
READ-A-PALOOZA
SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

This past summer **Gibbon Public Library** signed up for Scholastic’s Read-A-Palooza which is a competition where the children read and enter their reading minutes (like what they do during summer reading). Gibbon Public Library was **Number 7** of the top ten libraries in the **nation**!! They received numerous prizes for the participants plus the library got a plaque with the number of minutes read. There was a special celebration for the children at the end of October. Congratulations!

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