

# PLAIN SPEAKING

CENTRAL PLAINS LIBRARY SYSTEM NEWSLETTER

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## The Games People Play

Games have been an important part of culture for as long as human civilization has existed. Throughout time, types of games have included tiles, dice, cards, and checkers, in addition to board, role playing, video, and tabletop games. Today, the game industry is booming and the variety of games available has never been larger.

The importance of play in the development of children is well documented, but it is becoming increasingly clear that it remains important in adulthood. Games promote learning in a fun and interactive way for all ages. Game stores and game cafes sustain tabletop gaming communities. Games can be expensive for individuals to purchase, so patrons may be looking for a place to borrow or play them before spending their money. This is where public libraries come in. Libraries offer an inclusive, non-judgmental space for people to spend time together.

If you want to invite your patrons to a gaming program at the library, here are some factors to consider. **Age**—the age group you want to attract will play a major part in your choice of games. **Complexity**—Simpler games, such as traditional and “gateway” games such as [Ticket to Ride](#) and [Carcassonne](#) are better choices than complex strategy games. **Time**—Connected to the complexity of games is the time it takes to play. Look for games lasting 30 minutes or less with one or two games that take up to an hour.

Central Plains Library System has a collection of games for you to borrow. A library may request up to five games and they are due back in 6 weeks. (Be sure to put a selection of titles in your request, in case some that you want are already checked out.) [Click on this link for the list of games](#) the System has available for loan and their descriptions. Let us know if there are games that your patrons are requesting that we don't have.

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## Summer Reading Workshops Planned

Join Central Plains Library System for a fun filled day exploring what it means to be "All Together Now" while showing ourselves to be kind, cultivating good friendships & displaying unity in our communities and beyond.

**TWO LOCATIONS TO CHOOSE FROM:**

**Friday, January 20th (Grand Island Public Library)**

**Tuesday, March 7th (Lexington Public Library)**

**9:30am - Registration**

**10am - 3:30pm Workshop**

**5 CE's per participant**

**\$10 payable at the door or in advance to the System office**

**For more details and to get registered, click here:**

**<https://forms.gle/xGc5TBpwAPEjEUW28>**



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# WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH \$1,000?

What would you do if you were gifted, received a grant, or hosted a successful book sale that netted \$1000 or less? How could those funds help you make a major impact on your library?

Join us for these special workshops that explore S.T.E.A.M. and Makerspace items to improve your library! Come hear ideas for low-tech and high-tech items that can be added to your library for minimum cost but maximum impact. We will learn from libraries who have had success in using their Makerspaces to the fullest and engaging their communities to get creative!

**Two Locations:**  
**Wednesday, February 8th (St. Paul)**  
**Friday, February 17th (North Platte)**  
**\*\*\*Limited to 12 participants per location\*\*\***

**10am - 3pm (lunch provided)**

**4 CE's per participant**

**\$10 payable at the door or in advance to the System office**



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*click  
here!*

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# Call for Speakers: Big Talk From Small Libraries 2023

The Call for Speakers for Big Talk From Small Libraries 2023 is now open!

This free one-day online conference is aimed at librarians from small libraries;  
the smaller the better!

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 four 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 2023 will be held on Friday, February 24, 2023 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.

**Submit your proposal by Friday, December 16, 2022**  
at <https://forms.gle/xwA2c43WDKjU5jFu6>

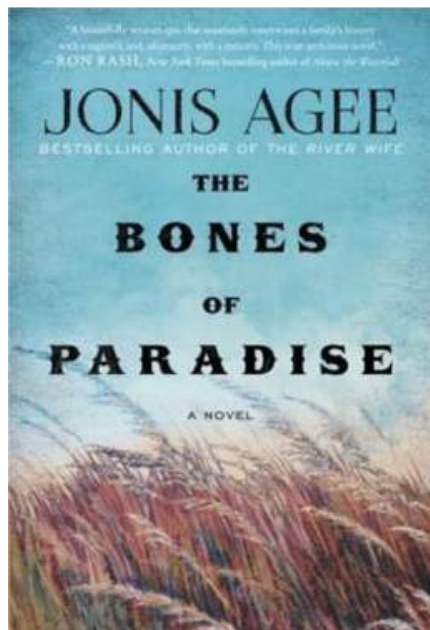
Speakers from libraries serving fewer than 10,000 people will be preferred, but presentations from libraries with larger service populations will be considered.

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.

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# CENTRAL PLAINS PRESENTS: JONIS AGEE



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

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

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

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

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

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

The steps which you need to take:

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

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# ARSL & Penguin Random House Grants for Rural & Small Libraries



## Applications for the 2022 ARSL/PRH Grants for Rural & Small Libraries are now open!

Through the generosity of Penguin Random House, we are pleased to announce this grant opportunity for small, rural libraries nationwide! This grant is available to libraries that meet both the IMLS definition for small libraries (a service population of 25,000 or fewer) and the definition for rural libraries (libraries located 5 or more miles from the nearest town of 25k or more). **Unaccredited libraries are eligible to apply!**

Applicants may request:

- One (1) monetary grant in support of a community-oriented project for up to \$1,000.
- or**
- An in-kind grant donation of up to \$1,000 in equivalent value to support a circulating collection in your library.

Deadline for applications is **December 12, 2022.**

Notifications of funding decision will be sent to applicants by January 27, 2023.

Funded projects must be completed by December 31, 2023.

Project reports must be submitted by February 1, 2024.

The program will award grants to libraries that demonstrate a true need. Monetary grants are not limited to literacy and may be used for everything from library programming and books to resources like hotspots that help community members access important information. Library seeking support for digital collections should request a monetary grant.

[Apply for a Grant](#)  
[Grant FAQs](#)

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# ALA Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small & Rural Libraries

The American Library Association invites applications from small and rural libraries for the Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC): Accessible Small and Rural Communities grant.

Library workers may apply online for grant funding from November 1, 2022, to February 28, 2023, at [ala.org/LTCAccess](http://ala.org/LTCAccess). Up to 300 libraries will be awarded in this application period, part of ALA's longtime community engagement initiative.

ALA will accept applications from **November 1, 2022 to February 28, 2023**

Chosen libraries will first conduct community input-gathering sessions to assure that their work aligns with local needs. Libraries will be required to identify the primary audience they are hoping to reach (e.g., homebound seniors, children with autism, Deaf community members) and facilitate a community conversation with the impacted populations to guide improvement of the library's services. Grantees will then use the grant funds to create services or improve their facilities based on the needs identified by their audience.

Selected libraries will receive \$10,000 or \$20,000 to support costs related to their community engagement project; virtual training to assist project directors in developing their community engagement, facilitation, and disability service skills; a suite of online resources developed to support local programs; and technical and project support from the ALA Public Programs Office throughout the grant term.

The opportunity is open to libraries serving small and rural communities in the U.S. and U.S. territories. To be eligible, a library must be located in an area that's more than, or equal to, five miles from an urbanized area and with a population of 25,000 or less, in keeping with Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) definitions of small and rural libraries.

[View Grant FAQs](#)

[Apply For A Grant](#)



ALA AmericanLibraryAssociation

**A SPECIAL GRANT  
OPPORTUNITY FOR  
SMALL AND RURAL  
LIBRARIES**

[ala.org/LTCAccess](http://ala.org/LTCAccess)



Applications open  
**November 1, 2022**  
through  
**February 28, 2023**

# Apply for Science Kits for Public Libraries Grants

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) – Region 4’s Science Kits for Public Libraries (SKPL) Grant program is offering up to \$2,000 in funding to public libraries to establish a new circulating science kits collection. Open to public libraries that serve geographic areas inside or partially inside the IEEE–Region 4 – this includes portions of Nebraska – see the green–shaded area of this map: <https://ieeepusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/IEEE-region-map-768x620.jpg>

The Application deadline is **January 16, 2023**. Those libraries which have previously applied for the grant but did not receive funding are invited to submit again.

Public Libraries have a long tradition of building stronger communities by providing life–long learning opportunities for children and teens. The SKPL Team is honored to have the opportunity to enrich the services that public libraries offer. SKPL enables children, parents, and teachers the chance to borrow library kits for hands–on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) learning at home or in classroom.

Visit the SKPL website, <https://r4.ieee.org/skpl/> for the application form and submission details.

Region 4, Science Kits for Public Libraries (SKPL) organization is a volunteer–based organization affiliated with the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). SKPL believes all children – regardless of race, gender, financial condition, or home environment – should have access to high–quality, hands–on STEM learning experiences. By making catalyst grants available to public libraries, we empower them to start their own science kit collections that are free and accessible to the public.



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# Meet the Board:

**Each newsletter we will feature one or two of the CPLS Board Members so you get to know those who are working behind the scenes in support of our System. This month we are spotlighting two of our newest Board Members.**



**My name is Lisa Mount and I'm the Library Resource Center Supervisor for Central Community College-Grand Island Campus. My past Library positions have been Circulation Clerk, Circulation Supervisor, and Interim Library Director for a public library in New Mexico. Academic positions I have held are Access Services Associate and Circulation Manager for Calvin T. Ryan Library. Why do I have an interest in libraries because I enjoy connecting with people and helping them find the information and resources they need. I also appreciated the forward-thinking mindset that librarianship has and the strong focus on community. My husband and I have one daughter and three dogs. My hobbies are all my animals- the six goats, three lambs, and many barn kitties. I look forward to working with everyone.**

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**I am Kina Stefka, Librarian At Sargent Public Schools. I live on a farm near Comstock, NE with my husband Rollie of 37 years. We have 3 grown children one daughter-in-law and one son-in-law. Cassidy and Brian Emmerich live in Omaha where Cassidy teaches at UNL (commuting to Lincoln) and Brian is a civil engineer. Zeb & Lauren Stefka live on a ranch near us and are expecting our first granddaughter any day now! McKenzie just graduated with a degree in Political Science from UNL and recently moved to Kansas City.**

**I am passionate about getting kids interested in reading. One of my favorite parts of being a teacher has always been talking to students about what they are reading so making the decision to move into the library (6 years ago) has been a really great fit for me.**

**Like everyone in public school, I wear many hats. Along with teaching library classes here in Sargent I also teach a senior transition to adult life class. I also get to teach STEM to different groups. Here at Sargent, I am currently the Head Drama Coach and assistant Speech Coach. I also sit on the Crisis/Threat Assessment team.**

**I am looking forward to working with CPLS and getting to know lots of new people!**





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**Central Plains Library Board Meeting**  
**October 14, 2022**  
**Holdrege Area Public Library/Hybrid Meeting**

**Call to Order and Roll Call:** President Terri Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Secretary Terri Eberly took roll call.

**Present:** Sharon Bohling, Doris Brandon, Stephanie Branham, Jody Crocker, Terri Eberly, Janene Hill, Terri Johnson, Lisa Mount, Kina Stefka, James Tidei. **Zoom attendance:** Jamie Dennis. **Absent:** Sherri Dux-Ideus **Others in attendance:** Denise Harders, Autumn Carlson  
**Zoom:** Christa Porter

**Approval of the minutes:** The minutes of the July 8, 2022, hybrid meeting were distributed. Sharon Bohling made a motion to approve the minutes as circulated. Doris Brandon seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved as circulated.

**Financial Reports:** Denise Harders reviewed the financial reports for the board. Terri Eberly motioned to approve the financial reports. Janene Hill seconded the motion, the motion carried and the financial report was approved.

**Correspondence:** Denise Harders read the correspondence from the following:

- Tammi Thiem, Three Rivers Library System: Thank you for the information and assistance she received from Denise regarding the system duties and responsibilities.
- Sutherland Library: Thank you for the scholarship to attend NLA (Amy)
- Eustis Body Shop: Thank you for the CPLS business.
- Arnold School Librarian: Thank you for the book club sets
- Verbal thank you from Terri Johnson for Denise attending her retirement celebration in North Platte.
- Also thank you from Terri Eberly, Auld Public Library for purchasing book club set “The Lincoln Highway”.

**Director’s Report:** Denise Harders reported on the activities of the CPLS office.

- Thursday Morning Meetings well attended and received.
- Statistical reports were presented on materials provided to libraries within the system.
- BookPage is provided to 9 libraries in the system.
- 27 CPLS libraries will receive 100 recently published children’s books from Brodart Books through the Brownstone Book Fund in New York City. Sally Snyder reviewed and recommended book titles selected for the libraries.
- Announced a partnership between the Nebraska Library Commission and the Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired that will expand the services we can provide in every Nebraska library. NCBVI will be providing one 20” ONYX Deskset HD CCTV (electronic video magnifier) to each public library location in Nebraska at no cost.
- New Library Directors: Calvin T. Ryan, UN-K-Evan Boyd; Axtell Public Library-Sheila Carmoney
- Scheduled Workshops: Various Cricut, MakerSpace and Summer Reading Program workshops will November-April. (see newsletter for details). In addition, NLC will host What’s New with Bibliostat by Sam Shaw to prepare libraries for the annual report.

**Old Business:**

- Denise Harders presented the 2022-2023 Financial Budget. Terri Eberly made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Stephanie Branham seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- System ARPA Grant Expenditures were reviewed. Balance of \$1333.69 available for use.

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**Central Plains Library Board Meeting**  
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**Holdrege Area Public Library/Hybrid Meeting**

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**New Business:**

- Bulk Loan Program. Denise reviewed the two libraries providing the service for the system and explained for the new board members how it operates (participating libraries paying \$50.00 fee and CPLS giving funds to the providers for LP collection development)
- Cricut giveaway. CPLS is hosting several Cricut workshops, libraries attending the workshops will be put in a drawing to receive Cricut equipment.
- Certificate of Deposit with Edward Jones: After discussion, the board recommended that Denise look into **staggering lengths and amounts of certificates. This will allow monies to be available throughout the year and CPLS can capitalize on higher rates as they are available.**
- Financial Compilation by Gary Riggs: The financial reports for the fiscal year were reviewed by Gary Riggs and there were no discrepancies or inconsistencies that need to be addressed. CPLS will receive copies of the final report.
- NLA Conference is moving to every other year format. Next conference will be held in 2024. During the Thursday morning directors' meeting it was suggested that CPLS host a mini conference in the off year. The board is in favor of this project, recommending a one-day conference with three keynote speakers and nine breakout sessions. Several topics were discussed for breakout sessions.

**Other Business:** Christa Porter presented the Library Commission Report (highlights)

- Biennium budget request was submitted on September 15. It included a 5.5% funding increase for the regional library systems
- New NebraskaAccess: The site was reconfigured to accommodate new content, new databases access pages, and new authentication options. There are database access pages for high school and elementary/middle school students. NebraskaAccess passwords will be updated annually on August 1. There is a recording on NCompass Live with details
- Public Library Accreditation for 2022: 36 libraries are up for re-accreditation, twenty-two have been re-accredited. One additional library: Logan County Library/Stapleton received accreditation for the first time. The remainder of the libraries were given extensions.
- NLC Grants for 2023: NLC opened the application process for all four of the usual grants for 2023 on September 16. The applications are due on November 18, 2022.
- There will be regular funding for CE/Training, Internship, library improvement and youth grants for excellence.
- Celebration of Nebraska Books, 10-22-22, at Nebraska History Museum. Featured will be the announcement of the 2023 One Book One Nebraska title and Nebraska Center for the Book's Nebraska Book Awards
- E-rate Funding and E-rate What's New for 2023? Workshops are scheduled
- NCompass Live Schedule and Basis Skills 2022 Schedule were presented
- As always, check out the Library Commission website //nlc.nebraska.gov for additional and more detailed information.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, Doris Brandon moved to adjourn.

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# CPLS SYSTEM NEWS WE CAN ALL USE:

The Holdrege Area Public Library hosted a community "Literary Pumpkin Decorating Contest" in October and had the honor of being featured on the Scholastic Librarians Facebook page!



Scholastic Librarians

October 19 · 🌐

Holdrege Area Public Library is giving us PUMPKIN to talk about! 🍂  
Do you have a #literarypumpkin? Share a pic in the comments!



Holdrege Area Public Library

October 5 · 🌐

🍂 The entries are pouring in for our [Literary Pumpkin Decorating Contest!](#) Community voting will start on October 15th! 🍂



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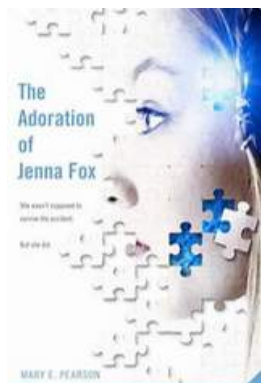
The Holdrege Area Public Library hosted a escape room event using the System's Breakout EDU Kit. Sierra Burrows, Head of Circulation in Holdrege, said that the kids had a great time and submitted this photo as proof!



Did you know you can borrow the Breakout EDU kits from the System office? The kits are used to host Escape Room events. There are a ton to choose from and all range in price but the ones we use are FREE! We carry the membership so you just use our log-in and select the one you want to use based on the age and theme of your event. Each kit comes with all the material you need to bring puzzles to life as players work together to discover the clues that unlock the box. You really can make it as simple or as complicated as you want! Kids and adults love Escape Rooms! Maybe this winter would be a good time to give this program a try!

# NEW BOOK CLUB SETS FOR THE SYSTEM

During October, which is National Book Month, the System acquired several new book sets to lend. Please call or email to get your request in our reservation book.

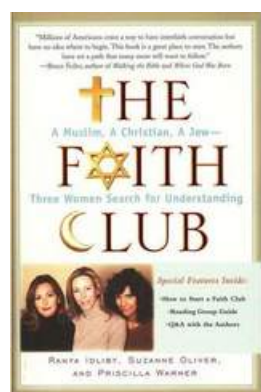
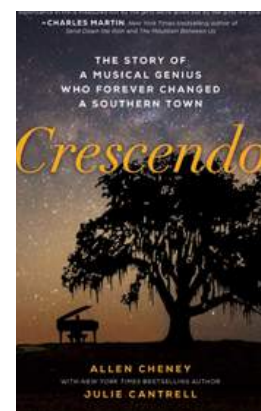


## ***Adoration of Jenna Fox*** by Mary E. Pearson — 10 copies (Grades 8-12)

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

## ***Crescendo*** by Allen Cheney and Julie Cantrell — 9 copies (Non-fiction)

More than eighty years ago, a musical prodigy with a brilliant mind was born into a poor, uneducated, and abusive family in rural South Georgia. Forced to fend for himself through his adolescent years, Fred knew that if he was ever to make something of himself, he would need to find a way to rise above his broken background.

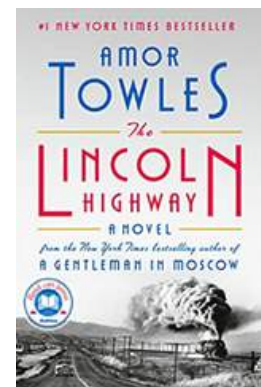


## **The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew — Three Women Search for Understanding** by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner (8 copies)

When an American Muslim woman befriends two other mothers, one Jewish and one Christian, they decide to educate their children about their respective religions. None of them guessed their regular meetings would provide life-changing answers.

## ***The Lincoln Highway*** by Amor Towles — 10 copies + CD

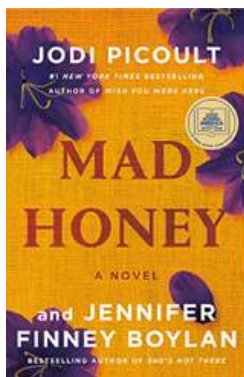
In June 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm where he has just served fifteen months for involuntary manslaughter. His mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett's intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother, Billy, and head to California where they can start their lives anew.



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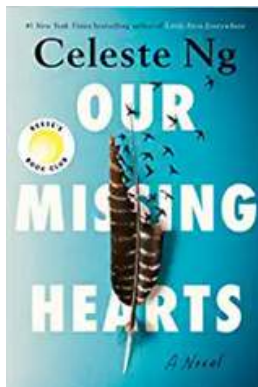
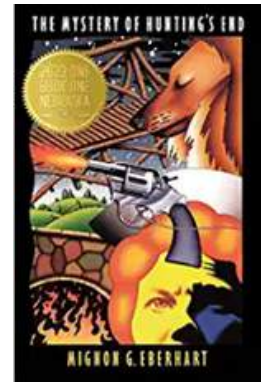


***Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan – 10 copies**

Olivia McAfee knows what it feels like to start over. Her picture-perfect life—living in Boston, married to a brilliant cardiothoracic surgeon, raising their beautiful son, Asher—was upended when her husband revealed a darker side. She never imagined that she would end up back in her sleepy New Hampshire hometown, living in the house she grew up in and taking over her father’s beekeeping business.

***The Mystery of Hunting’s End* by Mignon Eberhart – 10 copies  
2023 One Book One Nebraska**

The Sand Hills of Nebraska inspired the setting of this 1930 chiller. Smack in the middle of the rolling desolation is Hunting’s End, a weekend lodge owned by the rich Kingery family. To that place socialite Matil Kingery invites a strange collection of guests—the same people who were at the lodge when her father died exactly five years ago. She intends to find out which one of them murdered him.

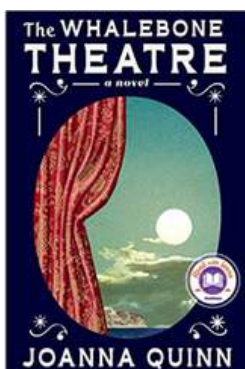


***Our Missing Hearts* by Celeste Ng – 10 copies**

Twelve-year-old Bird Gardner lives a quiet existence with his loving but broken father, a former linguist who now shelves books in a university library. His mother Margaret, a Chinese American poet, left the family when he was nine years old without a trace. Bird has grown up disavowing his mother and her poems; he doesn’t know her work or what happened to her, and he knows he shouldn’t wonder. But when he receives a mysterious letter containing only a cryptic drawing, he is pulled into a quest to find her.

***Slammed* by Colleen Hoover – 16 copies**

Following the unexpected death of her father, eighteen-year-old Layken becomes the rock for both her mother and younger brother. Then she meets her new neighbor Will, a handsome twenty-one-year-old whose mere presence leaves her flustered and whose passion for poetry slams thrills her. Not long after a heart-stopping first date, they are slammed to the core when a shocking discovery brings their new relationship to a sudden halt.



***The Whalebone Theatre* by Joanna Quinn – 10 copies**

One blustery night in 1928, a whale washes up on the shores of the English Channel. By law, it belongs to the King, but twelve-year-old orphan Cristabel Seagrave has other plans. She and her sister, Flossie; her brother, Digby; Maudie Kitcat, kitchen maid; and Taras, visiting artist build a theatre from the beast’s skeletal rib cage. Within the Whalebone Theatre, Cristabel can escape her feckless stepparents and brisk governesses, and her imagination comes to life.



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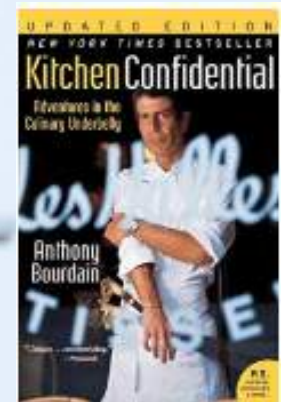
## NLC Book Kit Spotlight:

By Mackenzie Marrow

If you're like me, you're excited about the food-heavy holidays! We have a few foody titles in our collection that your club might be interested in as well:



**Jasmine Toguchi: Mochi Queen by Debbie Michiko Florence**



**Kitchen Confidential by Anthony Bourdain**



**Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel**



**Julie & Julia by Julie Powell**





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## AUDIOBOOK COLLECTION

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

*Here are some new additions:*

*Little Souls*, by Dallas, Sandra

*The Sign for Home*, by Fell, Blair

*Armored*, by Greaney, Mark

*Wink*, by Harrell, Rob

*The Hotel Nantucket*, by Hilderbrand, Elin

*The Best is Yet to Come*, by Macomber, Debbie

*Vendetta in Death*, by Robb, J.D.

## END OF THE YEAR "BEST" BOOKS LISTS

(a partial list)

National Public Radio's [Books We Love](#)

New York Time's [Notable Books of 2022](#)

NPR shares [6 favorite coffee table and gift books of 2022](#)

National Book Award [Winners of 2022](#)

Time Releases the [100 Must-Read Books](#)

Book Riot's [10 of the Best Sci-Fi Horror Books](#)

YALSA [Teens' Top Ten Titles Announced](#)

# Library and Information Services

Spring 2023 Online Course Offerings  
January 9, 2023 – May 4, 2023  
Enrollment for Spring Semester 2023 opens  
Thursday, Nov. 14, 2022



## *LIBR 2100 Reference Resources and Services*

*Marty Magee, Instructor*

- Professional competencies including legal and ethical responsibilities
- Reference interview process
- The Reference collection
- Evaluation and use of digital resources, including databases, and websites

## *LIBR 2150 Managing Collections in Libraries and Information Agencies.*

*Patty Birch, Instructor*

- Basics of Collection Management including terminology and models
- 21st Century Libraries
- Selection, Acquisition, Deselection/Weeding
- Intellectual Freedom and Copyright

## *LIBR 2210 Cataloging and Classification*

*Ruth Carlock, Instructor*

- The bibliographic record
- Sears and Library of Congress subject headings
- Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress classification systems
- Machine-Readable Cataloging Record (MARC record)
- Resource Description and Access (RDA) Instructions

<i>Spring 2023</i>	<i>Fall 2023</i>
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

**Change coming...** The LIBR 2210 Cataloging & Classification course will be merged with the LIBR 2150 Managing Collections in Libraries & Information Agencies class. Beginning Fall 2023, the new course will be LIBR 2210 Develop & Organize Collections. At that time, the Library & Information Services Certificate will be reduced from 18 credit hours to a 15-credit hour program.

Spring 2023 will be the last time the Cataloging & Classification course and the current Managing Collections in Libraries & Information Agencies will be taught.



**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](mailto:djohnson@cccneb.edu), 402-562-1418 or Toll Free at 877-222-0780**



## CPLS HAS SCHOLARSHIP MONEY AVAILABLE!

Many of you may be looking forward to a new year and new opportunities to attend events such as the ALA Annual Conference, the Joint Youth Services Retreat, the ARSL Conference, or other training opportunities that come up during the next year. The System can help! We have money available for you!

CPLS can award up to \$200.00 per event in Nebraska and \$300 for out-of-state events. These funds are available to help cover expenses such as registration, mileage, meals, etc. Only one scholarship per person per fiscal year (July - June). 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Who should the check be made out to \_\_\_\_\_

Other information: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 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, 2022 thru June 30, 2023**, each CPLS member library has **10 free disc cleanings available** to them.



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!



# Fun Things to Celebrate:



National Cat Lover's Month  
Month of Giving

National Cookie Cutter Week Dec 1 - 7

National Handwashing Awareness Week Dec 5 - 11

Computer Science Education Week Dec 6 - 12

Dec 3rd - Make a Gift Day

Dec 4th - National Dice Day (Tenzi anyone?)

Dec 5 - Walt Disney Day

Dec 8 - Pretend to be a Time Traveler Day

Dec 10th - Dewey Decimal System Day

Dec 13th - National Cocoa Day

Dec 15 - National Cupcake Day

Dec 18 - Flake Appreciation Day

Dec 19 - National Heros and Heroines Day

Dec 20 - Games Day

Dec 22 - National Cookie Exchange Day

Dec 27th - Make Cut-out Snowflakes Day

Dec 28th - Card Playing Day



## JANUARY

National Family Fit Lifestyle Month

Financial Wellness Month

Get a Balanced Life Month

Get Organized Month

International Creativity Month

National Hot Tea Month

National Slow Cooking Month

National Pizza Week Jan 8 - 14

National Storytelling Week Jan 30 - Feb 6

Jan 3 - JRR Tolkien Day

Jan 6 - National Cuddle Up Day

Jan 9 - Golden Globe Awards

Jan 9 - National Word Nerd Day

Jan 10 - National Houseplant Appreciation Day

Jan 13 - National Sticker Day

Jan 14 - National Dress Up Your Pet Day

Jan 14 - National Vision Board Day

Jan 16 - Appreciate a Dragon Day

Jan 19 - National Popcorn Day

Jan 21 - Soup Swap Day

Jan 23 - National Pie Day

Jan 25 - Library Shelfie Day

Jan 28 - National Lego Day

Jan 29 - National Puzzle Day

Jan 30 - National Draw a Dinosaur Day



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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Dec 16 - Sticker Obsession Workshop - 12:30pm - 4:30pm (Cozad)  
Dec 23 - Christmas Eve Observed - CPLS Office Closed  
Dec 26 - Christmas Day Observed - CPLS Office Closed
- Jan 2 - New Year's Day Observed - CPLS Office Closed  
Jan 13 - CPLS Board Meeting - 11am - via Zoom  
Jan 20 - "All Together Now!" SRP Workshop - 10am - 3:30pm (Grand Island)
- Feb 3 - Sticker Obsession Workshop - 10am - 3pm (Geneva - SELS)  
Feb 8 - What Would You Do with \$1,000? Workshop - 10am - 3pm (St. Paul)  
Feb 17 - What Would You Do with \$1,000? Workshop - 10am - 3pm (North Platte)  
Feb 24 - Big Talk From Small Libraries 2023 - Online
- Mar 7 - "All Together Now!" SRP Workshop - 10am - 3:30pm (Lexington)
- Apr 5 - April Showers Bring May Flowers Cricut Workshop - 1pm - 5pm (Kearney)  
Apr 14 - CPLS Board Meeting - 10am (Grand Island)



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## NCompass LIVE PRESENTATIONS

Every Wednesday 10am - 11am (CST)

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

Summer Reading Program 2023: All Together Now  
Pretty Sweet Tech  
NCompass Live: Best New Teen Reads of 2022  
First Amendment Audits: What You Need to Know

Dec 21  
Dec 28  
Jan 11, 2023  
Jan 18, 2023

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