

# T R a i L S

## ARTWORK FOR EVERYONE

Article by Rebecca McCorkindale

Back in late October 2016 I began creating a series of images that would supplement this year’s Collaborative Summer Library Program theme of Build a Better World. It’s not that I hated the supplied artwork – I felt more like it missed the mark on some important points. That said, I cannot imagine trying to make art happen on this scale and by committee. Therefore, a big kudos goes out to the CSLP team who invested lots of time and energy on their artwork.

The main thing that I wanted to accomplish was to create imagery in my minimalist style that really embraced People with Disabilities (PWD). After all, I have several disabilities (two of the three are invisible ones), and I know what it means to see yourself accurately reflected in both art and literature.

I reached out to two of my youth service blogger friends for a brainstorming session about how I could show PWD in my library icon artwork. It seemed like a daunting task. But thankfully both [Bryce](#) and [Angie](#) gave me a good number of ideas on which I could work. I also wanted to move

the imagery away from books, and instead show a wide range of things that libraries share with their communities.

Once I had the ideas, I got to work. I used a color scheme that would tie into the CSLP’s work. I have made [alternative artwork](#) in the past, and I have regretted not making it more cohesive with the already provided artwork. Finally, I released my art in three different waves in order to get them out as quickly as possible. After all, I know that all libraries have different deadlines for summer programming prep.

And since sharing the art, I have received lovely feedback from people who are thrilled to see themselves reflected in my art. I’ve had a grandmother share what it meant to her grandson to see a cochlear implant on an image. I had a librarian in the Republic of the Congo reach out to say how thrilled patrons were to see themselves represented. I’ve come across Tweets where they’re yelling in all caps about how I included an Assistive Communication Device. The response has truly been amazing.



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- System News and Events
- Getting to know ...
- Retirements and New Hires
- Review Corner

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To read more about Rebecca’s project click an icon above!



## GETTING TO KNOW.....

**Name:** Christian Minter

**Library and position:** I have two roles:

Education & Research Services Librarian, University of Nebraska Medical Center  
Education Coordinator, National Network of Libraries of Medicine

**Favorite quotation about books or reading:** I don't really have a favorite quote, but I definitely find this one amusing:

"Always read something that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it." - P.J. O'Rourke

**What fictional character do you wish you could meet?**

It would be fun to meet the characters from *Cheaper by the Dozen* by Frank and Ernestine Gilbreth (although it's based on a real family so maybe that doesn't quite count as fictional characters). I'm also from a family of 12 children so I can relate to the shenanigans—never a dull moment!

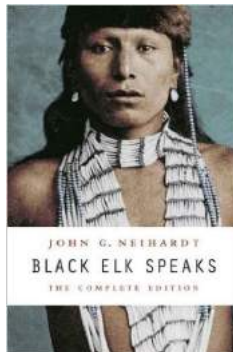
**If you could time travel, where would you go?**

I think it would be fascinating to travel back to the Harlem Renaissance era and experience first hand the explosion of African American arts, culture, and politics happening at that time. That period of time included Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, Marcus Garvey, Louis Armstrong, and many others!

**What's your favorite season?**

I am a summer baby (born in July) and love summertime and hot weather.

April is **National Poetry Month**! If your book club wants to dive into poetry but not sure where to start check out the novel-in-verse, *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson at our [Libib site](#).



## ***Black Elk Speaks* is chosen as 2017 One Book One Nebraska!**

*Black Elk Speaks* by John G. Neihardt is the story of the Oglala Lakota visionary and healer Nicholas Black Elk and his people. John G. Neihardt was named Nebraska's first Poet Laureate in 1921 by the Nebraska legislature. For more information about *Black Elk Speaks* and John G. Neihardt check out the [NLC's blog post](#).

If you want to take part in One Book One Nebraska for 2017, the TRaiLS office officially has fifteen copies available! So check out our [Libib page](#) to put this kit on hold.



## AT THE TRAILS OFFICE

### New Office Hours

As always we're making changes at the TRaiLS Office to better help our system members. Our newest change concerns our office hours and beginning March 6th 2017, the office is now open

**Monday through Friday from 10:30am  
– 5:00pm.**

Naturally, you can give our office a call and leave a message at 402.330.7884 or email Chelsea at [trls.assistant@gmail.com](mailto:trls.assistant@gmail.com) and Anneka at [trls.director@gmail.com](mailto:trls.director@gmail.com).

#### Did You Know?

That the Do Space is offering three fellowships open to teachers, professors, librarians (and library workers), and other educators in the Omaha metro area to explore innovative projects within the fields of 3D printing, robotics, and software development. To apply for a fellowship or simply learn more about it, check out the [Innovation Fellowship page](#). The deadline is March 24th!

### TRaiLS STEAM Kits

Just in time for the Summer Reading Programs to begin, the TRaiLS Office added a few new STEAM Kits. The collection is available to checkout on our [Libib site](#) starting April 1st. The Summer Reading Program theme this year is *Build a Better World* and these STEAM kits will help build up your program!

Look forward to seeing these titles pop up on our STEAM kits list:

- ◇ One-Quart Play & Freeze Ice Cream Maker
- ◇ Q-BA-Maze 2.0
- ◇ Engino Deluxe Architecture Set
- ◇ KEVA Brain Builders

### TRaiLS Summer Reading Programs



Librarians participating in summer reading discussion tables during the Summer Reading Workshop held in Norfolk on March 3.



Sally Snyder delivers a speed round of recommended summer reading books at the Summer Reading Workshop held at the Sump Memorial Library in Papillion on January 27.

View the TRaiLS Summer Reading Webinar at <https://youtu.be/ObsNDCdbBxE> Learn about the 4-H Reading Connections program, hear Sally Snyder's full recommended summer reading list, see storytelling ideas with Sandy Wallick of Lincoln City Libraries.

## LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS FOR 2017

The Nebraska Library Commission announced the approval of the Library Improvement Grants on Valentine's Day this year. The TRaiLS Office wants to congratulate those libraries in our system that were awarded these grants.

Congrats to **Brunswick Public Library** for \$3,327 to join the Pioneer Library Consortium.

Kudos to **Schuyler Public Library** for \$18,835 for acquiring equipment

and software to improve communication with the public in the library's new building.

And accolades to **South Sioux City Public Library** for \$5,250 to acquire up-to-date microfilm reader/scanner for local historical documents.

To read more about the Library Improvement Grants for 2017, check out the [NCompass Blog](#).

## TEACHING TOLERANCE

Students and young people often have questions about difficult societal questions that can leave librarians and other educators struggling to provide satisfying or effective answers. Teaching Tolerance, a project of the Southern Poverty Law Center, provides webinars, publications, film sets, and other resources to help guide these conversations and our own thinking around such issues. While Teaching Tolerance resources are primarily created for use by

classroom teachers, anyone working with youth may find valuable information on the website.

<http://www.tolerance.org/webinars>

Sample webinar topics:

- Reframing classroom behavior
- Bullying
- Race and racism
- Gender and sexuality
- Teaching civil rights



## UPCOMING BASIC SKILLS COURSE AND REGISTRATION DATES

Class Dates:	Class Title:	Registration Dates:
4/10 - 4/21	Readers' Advisory	3/13 - 3/30
4/24 - 5/5	Intellectual Freedom and the Core Values of Librarianship*	3/27 - 4/13
5/8 - 5/19	Library Finance	4/10 - 4/27
6/12 - 6/23	Reference	5/8 - 6/1

\* Required class

## Calendar of Events

Freedom of Information Day  
16 March 2017

World Poetry Day  
21 March 2017

NLA Advocacy Day  
21 March 2017

School Library Month  
April 2017

Nebraska School Librarian's Day  
1 April 2017

National Library Week  
9-15 April 2017

Money Smart Week  
22-29 April 2017

National Library Legislative Day  
1-2 May 2017

National GLBT Book Month  
June 2017

Library Strength Training Day!  
2 June 2017

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Lied Pierce Public Library Celebrates February

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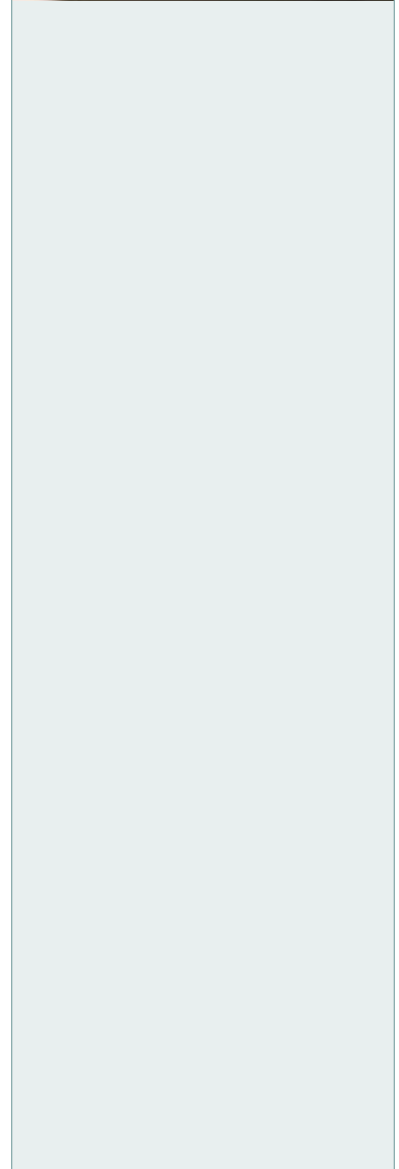
The Lied Pierce Public library celebrated their 17th Annual Chocolate Lover's Day on Valentines Day. All proceeds went toward children's programming. They also had Blind Date with a Book, which went over really well by enticing a few non-readers.



### Stanton Public Library's Winter Crafts

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Stanton Public Library put on a winter after-school program to make snowmen out of string cheese sticks. It was a fun and easy craft that the kids could then snack on later.



## LIBRARY NEWS

### Hartington's New Children's Librarian



Photo credit to the [Cedar County News](#).

Hartington Public Library recently hired a new Children's Librarian, Kim Emanuel. Kim has brought her enthusiasm and a love for books and art with her as she puts on story time for kids between the ages of two to five and an after school story hour for pre-schoolers to second grade students. To read more about Kim, check out the [Cedar County News](#).

#### Did you know:

[Unbound Worlds](#) holds a Cage Match every year of famous Sci-Fi and Fantasy characters. Authors of all kinds write their thoughts on who they think will win the fight as well as each character's strengths and weaknesses then you can vote for your favorite.

This could be a fun way to engage the teens in your library as well as get them to read different types of Sci-Fi and Fantasy novels.

### Schuyler Public Library Dances Like the Stars

Schuyler Public Library will be hosting the community's third annual "Dancing Like the Stars" event. "Dancing Like the Stars" is a fundraising event that consists of 12 couples or dance groups competing in the hopes of earning prizes and the title of "Best Dancers" as well as contributing to this great fundraising effort to benefit the Schuyler Public Library Building Project. At the conclusion of the competition and awards presentation there will be a dance.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
The Schuyler Public Library Presents  
**DANCING LIKE the STARS**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>**  
SCHUYLER'S HISTORIC OAK BALLROOM  
Doors Open at 6:00  
with Entertainment, Cash Bar and Food  
Dance Contest Begins at 7:00 pm  
at 9pm Dance the Night Away  
with Music Provided by Schuyler Native, Curis Neesen  
**ADMISSION: Adults \$10**  
**12 yrs & under \$5**  
"Dancing Like the Stars" People's Choice Award will be determined by YOU! 6 votes  
Total are 21.00 Votes, 210.00 \$10.00  
Our Cashier/Judge will determine the Winner of the Judge's Choice Award  
Join us for an Evening of Dance, Music, Fun and Fundraising to Benefit the Schuyler Public Library Building Project.  
Call Brian Bywater 402.615.3655. Email: bbywater@schuyler.org  
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## INFORMATION STATION

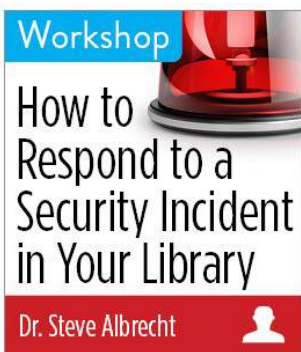
It's time to think about having your students vote for their favorite Golden Sower Nominee! To submit your vote, go to <https://sites.google.com/site/nebraskagoldensower/voting>

Remember: All votes must be submitted online by April 15th, 2017!

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine has funds for Network members to help improve library service. Currently they have a [NNLM MCR K-12 School Partnership Award](#) and the [NNLM MCR Public Library Programming Project Award](#). To learn more about these exciting opportunities [check out their site here](#).

On January 19, TRaiLS hosted a webinar watch party at the North Bend Public Library. Attendees watched the ALA webinar workshop, *How to Respond to a Security Incident at Your Library* presented by Dr. Steve Albrecht.

Dr. Albrecht, PHR, CPP, BCC, is board certified in HR, security management, and employee coaching. In 1994, he co-wrote *Ticking Bombs*, one of the first business books on workplace violence. He holds a doctorate in Business Administration, an M.A. in Security Management, a B.S. in Psychology, and a B.A. in English. He worked for the San Diego Police Department from 1984 to 1999 and is the author of 15 books on business, workplace security, and criminal justice topics.



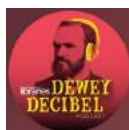
The presentation covered various types of incidents that may occur in a library setting, such as angry, challenging, threatening, or eccentric patrons; unruly kids or difficult teenagers with and without their parents' present; mentally ill patrons with and without their caregivers; substance abusers; patrons who misuse the Internet (by stalling, hogging, or bringing up restricted content); emergency situations (involving first-aid, fires, earthquakes, tornadoes, active shooters, and other first-responder situations).

Here are Dr. Albrecht's [Top Ten Tips](#) for responding to security incident:

1. Trust your intuition
2. Be "assertively polite"
3. Try a lighter touch first
4. Know when to change the ratios of confrontation
5. Stay in Condition Yellow around the public
6. Change your position; use space, distance, and proxemic barriers
7. Practice "If-Then" thinking
8. Report every incident where you or others felt afraid
9. Work as a team
10. Be a shepherd

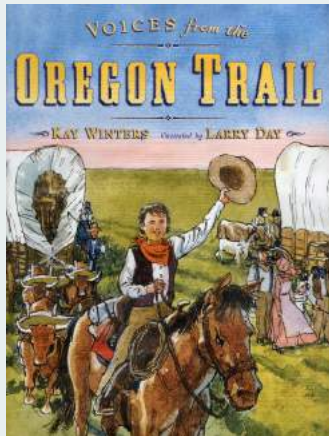
View all of the presentation slides on Slideshare at <https://www.slideshare.net/ALATechSource/how-to-respond-to-a-security-incident-in-your-library-jan-2017>

Contact Chelsea at [trls.assistant@gmail.com](mailto:trls.assistant@gmail.com) or 402.330.7884 to inquire about using the archived webinar for professional development at your library.



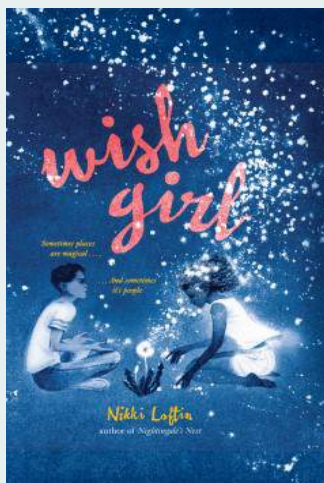
Listen to a short interview with Dr. Albrecht on American Libraries *Dewey Decibel* podcast episode two, [Library Security: Making Your Space Safer](#).

## REVIEW CORNER



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Please feel free to email or call with suggestions and comments for the newsletter or system.



### Voices from the Oregon Trail

By Kay Winters

Recommended for grades 3rd—5th and both public and school libraries.

Article by Jane Dodson, Columbus

Follow the wagon train from Missouri to the Oregon Territory across the country battling the weather, Native Americans, sickness, the land, and sometimes even the people you are traveling with. The story comes to life through the perspective of different travelers of all ages. The story portrays both the good and bad situations people of 1848 dealt with after bravely choosing to make this life changing voyage.

A new 'push' in the social studies curriculum is teaching history

through different perspectives. This book would be a great tool to use to do just this. The story portrays the setting well through descriptive and colorful illustrations. The uniqueness of the book comes with every turn of the page as someone else is introduced and you learn about who they are at their stage in life while on this journey. The story ends with interesting facts about the Oregon Trail in the historical notes section. Even the end pages provide information through the drawing of a map of the trail. The story is easy to read and understand. A good addition to an elementary collection. Students could pick up this book and comprehend the storyline or it would be great in leading a class discussion.

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### Wish Girl

By Nikki Loftin

Recommended for 5th grade and up.

Article by Marilyn Quance, Wayne State College.

Peter Stone is positive that his family does not hear anything he says. The family moves to a remote area of Texas because of problems that Peter had at his last school. Peter's family is loud. The family consists of his dad who is unemployed and plays on his drum set all the time; his mom who, when she is home, all she does is yell; Laura, his older sister, is very much a teenager who blames him for making the family move to the 'butt end of nowhere'; and Carlie, the baby, who does not talk much. All Peter wants is a quiet place where he can think. He

finds a valley that seems to be magical where he finds Annie, who Peter nicknames the 'wish girl' who has cancer and does not want to have a dangerous treatment to stop her cancer from spreading. The two find spending time together is helpful to each other and decide to runaway to the valley because the valley seems to protect and provide for them. But life seems to have other plans for the two. This is a goody story that deals with cancer, bullying, learning to be a friend (no matter what), and growing brave enough to stand up for oneself. It was refreshing to find a story where a boy and girl can be friends and just friends. Good for any library. I did enjoy this book. Had a friend die from cancer during time I was reading this book, so it did help me in the understanding some of the treatments and after effects.



# How Today's Students Conduct Research

March **16**  
**10**AM

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**Dr. Alison J. Head**  
Founder & Director of  
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UNL Faculty Panel Discussion  
"Critical Literacies for the  
Mass Information Age"



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# To Live and Die on the Plains

Tuesday, March 28

6:30 p.m.



It wasn't all sunsets and songbirds in crossing the Great Plains.

Death was a frequent and indiscriminant fellow traveler on the wagon trails and he took many forms - disease, gunshot, stampedes, nature, accidents, Indian attack and many more.

Rarely seen historic maps, paintings, photographs and other images are used to tell these tales of tragedy from the pioneers.



Author Jeff Barnes will be presenting "To Live and Die on the Plains: a look at the many ways to perish on the prairie.



**For more information, contact Jan Bolte, 402-537-3900**

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# COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Headliner

**Richard Reese**



**Saturday,  
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#### D. Joshua Taylor

- *Beyond Belief – A Wealth of Records at Societies*
- *Going Digital: Organizing Your Research Electronically*
- *The Modern Genealogist: Time Saving Research Tips*
- *Successful On-Line Searching*
- *Putting It Together: A Case Study*

#### Break-Out Sessions

**Cindy Drake**, *Finding Hidden Treasure at the Nebraska State Historical Society*

**Phyllis Ericson**, *Vikings in Your Tree? Beginning Scandinavian Research*

**Sue McLain**, *From This Day Forward: Dating Wedding Styles*

**Mary Ellen Ducey**, *Falling in Love with UNL Love Library Research*

**Gail Blankenau**, *Research Nebraska Online*

**Doris Martin**, *Homestead Record Discoveries*

**Tom Corey**, *Genetic (DNA) and Genealogy Family Tree Connections*

**Diane Wilson**, *Searching for Germans from Russia*

**Tom McFarland, Nancy Archdekin & Marcie Garnett**, *Roadshow Case Studies*

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#### D. Joshua Taylor

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**Kim Gangwish**  
Library Science  
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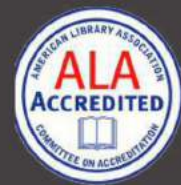
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**EVOLUTION EXAMINED!**  
**Grades:** 7-10 | **Program Length:** 45 minutes   
Dig in to the theory of evolution. Investigate current research. Discover how evolution applies to you and the environment around us. And try to sing like a fly. All it takes is a little variation, inheritance, selection and time.

**TUSKER POWER!**  
**Grades:** All/General Public | **Program Length:** 30 minutes  
Step Right Up! See the wild elephants who once freely roamed America's heartland. Come eye to eye with the world's largest mounted mammoth. Uncover the stories and the science that reveals their prehistoric world. It will be an epic experience!

<b>Virtual Field Trip Class Fee:</b>	<b>30 min</b>	<b>45 min</b>
Nebraska Schools:	\$50	\$65
Other Institutions/Sites:	\$100	\$125
Non-Profit/Library:	call for fee	
<b>Maximum Capacity:</b>	30 students	
<b>Sign-Up:</b>	2-3 weeks in advance requested	
<b>Kits:</b>	Organizations are responsible for the return mailing costs of kits.	

**To make a reservation:**  
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For specific class information contact Annie Mumgaard, [amumgaard@unl.edu](mailto:amumgaard@unl.edu)

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