



OUR FUTURE OFFICE OPPORTUNITY

By Eric Jones

The Three Rivers Library System is changing up how we support our libraries and we would like to hear from our region about our options.

Our service area consists of 21 counties, 19 of which are rural and can take over two hours of driving from one end to the other. The other two counties are the metropolitan Omaha area.

In the recent [TRaiLS Service Survey](#), a general consensus let us know that offering more continuing education opportunities closer to our rural counties would be advantageous due to the limited time, staff, and resources. In addition to this, we have experienced over the years fewer drop-ins at the office, though an increase in physical mailing services, email, and phone calls. The changes in technology has helped connect us to our counties by way of video conferences as an added form of communication.

With change comes new opportunities and the first change will be our office space. A few suggestions have been submitted to optimize our growth and we'd like to know which option works best for your academic, school, or public

libraries.

The potential options are:

- α. Continue with a physical office northwest of Omaha, towards Columbus, Fremont, or Norfolk areas.
- β. Create a virtual office in which communications would revolve around telephone calls, video conferences, and email which would support library visits and in person meetings around the system. Without a physical location, programs like Book Kits or STEAM Kits would continue, though we would partner with another organization. There are several possibilities to manage the kits with TRaiLS supervising.

Please let us know which option is the most helpful, by filling out our [Office Survey](#) or getting in touch at 402.330.7884 or trls.director@gmail.com.

If you'd like more information about the upcoming budget allocation and how that will affect TRaiLS and our future office options, [see the next article](#).

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Review Corner
- PLA 2018
- Dancing Storytime
- Golden Sower

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INFORMATION STATION

2018-2019 Funding Allocations

By Eric Jones

I attended the meeting of the Nebraska Library Commission Board on May 11th, 2018. During this meeting Rod Wagner, the Nebraska Library Commission Director, announced a reduction in the amount of funds allocated to the regional library systems. The reduction from the state is 4% or \$3,230, which is the amount the legislature reduced funding to state agencies.

The regional library systems are funded from two sources, a state allocation to the Nebraska Library Commission and the Federal [Library Services and Technology Act](#). For the TRaiLS area, these two amounts for the 2017-2018 fiscal year were \$80,726 and \$77,808, respectively. For the 2018-2019 fiscal year, these amounts will be \$77,496 and \$77,808, respectively.

Rod also released the funding formula for libraries for the 2018-2019 budget year.

Last year, 174 accredited public libraries received state aid. This year, there are 169 accredited public libraries. The Dollars for Data payments (for unaccredited public libraries who submitted their statistical reports) increased from \$9,400 last year to \$10,800 this year. The payment summary is below (with changed noted from the prior year).

- ⇒ Base payments for accreditation status remain unchanged (\$400 for Gold, \$200 for Silver)
- ⇒ 1% incentive payments remain unchanged (libraries receive 1% of the amount of funding they receive from a public entity in addition to the city/local government—e.g. the county)
- ⇒ Library Service Area: 0-7,999 would receive the base payment of \$565 + \$0.073 per capita, which is the same as last year.
- ⇒ Library Service Area: 8,000 and above would receive \$0.141 per capita, which is the same as last year.
- ⇒ Omaha would receive \$0.132 per capita. Last year they received \$0.119 per capita. Omaha is a bit lower because there was a population decrease and a decrease in funding from Douglas county.

The total state aid payments would be \$363,519 (\$352,719 + \$10,800 Dollars for Data), which should be close to the total funds available.

With changes in funding comes changes in opportunities, so feel free to check out our [Office Survey](#) and our [System Services Survey](#) if you have some ideas or opinions.

Sparks Grant Awarded to Three TRaiLS Libraries

By Eric Jones

Congratulations to the five Nebraska communities taking part in the SPARKS grant! Three recipients of the SPARKS grant are in the Three Rivers Library System area. This one-year project, beginning June 1st, include Bancroft, Genoa, Imperial, Verdigre, and Wymore.

High-speed internet access is essential to Nebraska schoolchildren and a partnership between schools and libraries in five Nebraska communities will demonstrate an innovative way to ensure that children can complete homework assignments and projects. The Nebraska Library Commission has been awarded a National Leadership Sparks Grant of \$25,000 by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for a partnership project with the Nebraska Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) and five local school districts and public libraries. The **Nebraska Schools and Libraries— Breaking the Ice and Igniting Internet Relationships** grant is one of 26 projects out of 117 applications to receive funding totaling \$5,770,682 to support libraries across the nation.

Five Nebraska rural school districts and public libraries will work together as partners to increase internet speeds at the public library using fixed wireless technology to provide additional internet to the library, augmenting the current internet service. Up to one gigabit (1,000Mbps) of internet speed will be provided for a designated homework hotspot for school district students and staff. This will help close the “homework gap” that rural students face when attempting to complete homework assignments and school projects without a reliable internet source at home.

In addition to supporting student school work the additional bandwidth and access for the participating libraries will make available infrastructure for Virtual Field Trips and access to the community libraries for others to use. It is hoped next year similar opportunities will be available for additional community libraries in Nebraska.

This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services [IMLS grant:LG-99-18-0018-18].



AT THE TRAILS OFFICE

2018-2019 Golden Sower Nominees

The 2018-2019 Nebraska Golden Sower Nominated titles have come into the office. To check out [Golden Sower Nominees](#) past and present check out our [Libib page](#) and click on the [Golden Sower Tag](#).



Giveaway Items

At the office, we're parting with our professional development collection as well some titles from our book kits, so head on over to trails.libib.com/i/give-away and see if there's anything your library may need.

If there is, send Chelsea an e-mail at trls.assistant@gmail.com and she can help figure out a pickup or drop-off date.



Did You Know:

The popular (and probably the most banned) John Green book is about to hit the small screen. [John Green's Looking for Alaska](#) has been greenlit for an [8 episode series](#) on Hulu. Want to your literature circle to read the book before catching the series? TRaiLS currently has [20 copies](#) to borrow!

Did you know:

The TRaiLS Office currently has 10 copies of [Nebraska Presence: An Anthology of Poetry](#) available for your book club.



PLA 2018

Article by Mary Jo Mack

Thanks to a funding help from the Three Rivers Library System I was able to attend the PLA Conference this past March in Philadelphia, PA.

Now, as it turned out, March was not the best time to travel to Philadelphia as the area was expecting their fourth Nor'easter of the year the very week PLA was scheduled. I was one of the fortunate ones to make it to the Conference Hotel before the snow started. Over 400 flights were cancelled due to weather and many speakers and attendees were unable to make the conference.

BUT the Conference did go on and the Convention Center was teeming with library people. It was a great Conference! There were so many sessions that it was a tough decision to pick the one to attend. Some of the best sessions I attended were on customer service, marketing, ways to engage and train staff and strategic plans. Much of what I learned will be passed onto fellow staff members.

The Exhibition Center was another popular spot. Here I had a chance to talk with vendors and see all the new products. I made several new contacts and was able to negotiate a better price for some library supplies that we were already considering. This year, in the Exhibition Hall, there were ongoing mini sessions... everything from how to change a bike tire to "Book Buzz."

I had the opportunity to chat with librarians from all over the country. Many of us are facing the same problems and people were eager to share what worked and what didn't work in the similar situations.

I encourage everyone to take advantage of the fantastic conference funding opportunities offered by the Three Rivers Library System. The grants are quite generous and the application is simple. Then you too can come back to your library enthused, educated, and energized.

Did you know:

[The National Book Foundation](#) announced the winner of the 2018 [Innovations in Reading Prize](#). The winner is the [Teach This Poem](#) program from [The Academy of American Poets](#). If you want to teach poetry in your classroom or library, check out these different [online resources](#).

TRaiLS Scholarships

TRaiLS 2018 continuing education scholarships are available to attend state, regional, and nationwide conferences and events. Any director, media specialist, staff member, or trustee at libraries in the TRaiLS service area may apply. Applications will be reviewed by the scholarship committee after the deadline to apply for each specific scholarship has passed. Scholarship recipients will be notified prior to the event with money awarded after attendance of the event.

An application to apply can be found at <http://libraries.ne.gov/trls/calendar-2/scholarship-opportunities/>

E-Rate Discounts

Nebraska libraries have been awarded discounts on their telecommunications costs through E-Rate funding on a sliding scale. As of April 30th, 2018, Nebraska libraries have been awarded \$38,757 for the 2018 funding year. Learn more about E-Rate on the [NLC website](#).

LIBRARY INNOVATION STUDIOS

The final application deadline for the [Nebraska Library Innovation Studios: Transforming Rural Communities](#) project is fast approaching. These makerspaces are hosted by libraries to support community engagement and learning experiences with technology and innovative learning tools. Some of these tools are embroidery machines, specialized software, laser cutter, and 3D printer. If this sounds interesting to your library, be sure to get your application in by **July 20th, 2018!**

Curious for more information? Check

out the [Project Summary](#) on the NLC's webpage.

Pretty sure that your library wants to participate? Check out the [Application of Interest and Commitment!](#)

Want to make up rack cards for your library to stir up some buzz? [Check out these cards!](#)

For any specific questions or concerns, get in touch with [JoAnn McManus](#) the Library Innovation Studios Project Manager at the Nebraska Library Commission.

2018 GOLDEN SOWER WINNERS

Picture Book:

Winner:

⇒ [We Forgot Brock!](#) By Carter Goodrich

Honor:

◇ [Wolfie the Bunny](#) by Ame Dyckman, illus. by Zachariah O'Hora

◇ [If You Plant a Seed](#) by Kadir Nelson

Chapter Book:

Winner:

⇒ [Fuzzy Mud](#) by Louis Sachar

Honor:

◇ [Baker's Magic](#) by Diane Zahler

◇ [The Seventh Most Important Thing](#) by Shelley Pearsall

Golden Sower Novel:

Winner:

⇒ [House Arrest](#) by K.A. Holt

Honor:

◇ [Orbiting Jupiter](#) by Gary D. Schmidt

◇ [Code of Honor](#) by Alan Gratz

Calendar of Events

DiSPEL Meeting

Orchard Public Library
22 May 2018
9:30am-12:00pm

Library Innovation Studios Project Update

[NCompass Live](#)
30 May 2018
10:00am-11:00am

TRLS Communication Meeting

5 June 2018
12:30pm-1:30pm

TRLS Communication Meeting

5 July 2018
12:30pm-1:30pm

Library Innovation Studios [Application Deadline](#)

20 July 2018

TRaiLS Annual Meeting

6 August 2018

UPCOMING BASIC SKILLS COURSE AND REGISTRATION DATES

Class Dates:	Class Title:	Registration Dates:
5/21 - 6/1	Intellectual Freedom / Core Values*	4/23 - 5/11
6/11 - 6/22	Library Finance	5/14 - 6/1
7/9 - 7/20	Reference	6/11 - 6/29
7/30 - 8/10	Collection Management*	7/2 - 7/20
8/20 - 8/31	Library Policy	7/23 - 8/1/0

* Required class

LIBRARY NEWS

Abrahams Branch Dances Around Storytime!

Article by *Aura Sewell*

Dancing Storytime is a program geared toward very young children, children who have trouble sitting still for a traditional storytime, or children who simply like to dance. This program is a combination of group exercise class, movement and music storytime, and dance party (complete with disco lights).

There is always a good mixture of participants: families, mom or dad groups with children in tow, daycares, regulars, newcomers etc. The children are anywhere from baby to school-aged homeschoolers. I use singing, circle dances and good danceable songs to bring grownups into the party--something I learned in my days of lapsit storytime.

Many of the children at this program come in ready to dance but we occasionally have children who are quite shy and who are afraid to even come in the room. For that reason we spend a full five minutes or sometimes longer sitting on the storytime rug having very casual conversations. I ask questions like: "Did anyone go to a birthday party this week?" or "What is your favorite candy?" This often produces a heaping of voices with stories to tell, which often warms up the shy kids who start to realize they also have stories to tell. Sometimes that isn't enough and newcomers

cling to their grownups far away from the group, but during my announcements I do let grownups know that eventually children will warm up and dance when they feel comfortable (sometimes this takes months) and I always ask them not to force the children to dance.

I also keep the focus on literacy. Although we only read two stories during the program I spend a lot of time selecting them and engaging the children with the stories. I am an advocate of the slow read. We spend a lot of time on each page, which is a great way to bring in a mixed-age group.

This program can be physically exhausting. Dancing with the children is absolutely necessary. If you don't dance--they won't dance. Finding good music can be tricky (making sure it's not offensive but also great for dancing). There has been a lot of trial and error but ultimately I can't think of a better way to promote early literacy to toddler and young preschoolers. These early movers are much more inclined to climb and run than they are to sit still for a story. If you decide to bring Dancing Storytime to your library I recommend bringing a change of clothes and don't skimp on the deodorant!

La Vista Public Library Receives Grant for Think, Make, Create Trailer

Article by *Mitch Beaumont*

The La Vista Public Library recently received a grant for a makerspace trailer from La Vista Keno and Beyond School Bells.

The new Think, Make, Create (TMC) trailer is designed to encourage children to experience a variety of learning opportunities through math and science by tinkering, creating, and problem solving. The trailer, which was received this spring, is stocked with materials such as crafting goods, Legos, K'Nex, and rocketry materials.

"Kids can linger and experiment and build design and fail and try again and on that third try maybe hit a home run," said Jeff Cole, network lead for Beyond School Bells. "And those are the kinds of learning experiences that we know really turn kids into lifelong learners and problem solvers."

Beyond School Bells is Nebraska's statewide after school network and the partnership with the La Vista TMC trailer is their first with a public library.

"The idea is that after school, because of its less structured nature, is the perfect place to do hands-on tinkering and creative problem solving, not burdened by worrying about passing a test or moving on to the next unit," said Cole.

Library staff is planning some fun ways to use this trailer this summer, so watch for it at events such as Taste of La Vista, concert/movie nights, and in some special events in parks.

"We are so grateful to La Vista Keno and Beyond School Bells for this grant and the opportunity to implement this makerspace program in La Vista," said Rose Barcal, the library director. "At the heart of libraries is a lifelong love of learning, and this TMC trailer will be a tremendous asset toward achieving that in La Vista residents."



Did You Know:

The Library of Congress offers [research guides for LGBTQ+](#) studies and voices. If you're looking for ways to refresh and diversify your collection, check out this [Pride Month Checklist](#).

LIBRARY NEWS

Hartington Public Library Celebrates National Library Week

Article by Tami Anderson

Hartington Public Library had a busy April with well attended events including:

- ◆ Allen Eskens book signing
- ◆ Storyhour Sessions
- ◆ Jeff Barnes Humanities Program



The downtown pirate StoryWalk was very successful with over 425 kids, teachers, and parents walking and reading the book, *The Pirates Next Door*. A very memorable week for sure!

Plattsmouth Library to Purchase Laser Cutter

Article by Karen Mier

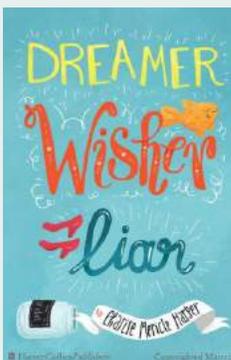
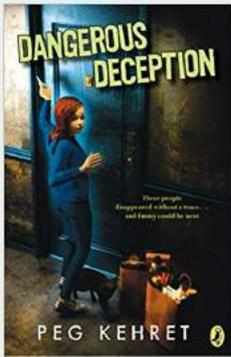
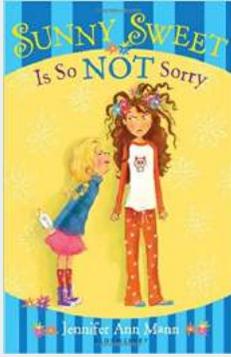
The Plattsmouth Public Library was the first library in Nebraska to receive equipment from the Nebraska Library Commission's Library Innovation Studio project. The equipment included a laser cutter, 3-D printer, CNC router, vinyl cutter, embroidery machine, heat press, laminator, button maker, and electrical and robotic projects. Now that the library's 20-week trial period is over, the library has evaluated which equipment should be added as a new service.

From November to March, library staff trained 77 individuals on an average of 2 machines each, for a total of 155 training sessions. Over half of these people (43) were trained on the laser cutter, and they have used the laser cutter over 100 times after their training.

Part of the reason for the popularity of the laser cutter is its versatility. It can be used to etch on wood, glass, ceramic tiles, and coasters; it's even been used to etch on Legos and a brick. It can also cut intricate designs from paper!

Based on usage of the equipment and input from the community, the library has decided that a laser cutter would be used on a regular basis if available in the library, but additional funding is needed. The library has begun a campaign, appealing to local business owners, people who have used the equipment, and any other interested individuals or groups to help raise the funds for a laser cutter and BOFA filter to remove any fumes. The retail cost of this equipment is approximately \$15,000.

The Plattsmouth Public Library Foundation has earmarked \$1000 for the project, and the library has already received donations from individuals who've used the laser cutter. Karen Mier, Director, hopes to be able to raise enough from donations, grants, and city funds to purchase the equipment before the end of the year.



REVIEW CORNER

Sunny Sweet Is So Not Sorry

By Jennifer Ann Mann

Recommended for: 2nd-5th grades.
Accelerated Reader 4.9.

Article by: Diane Limoges, Crofton

Masha wakes up to find plastic flowers glued to her head thanks to her 6-year-old sister who just happens to be a genius. From there, the day turns into total chaos. When Masha has to call 911 to help her neighbor who has fainted,

Masha, Sunny, and Mrs. Song takes a ride to the hospital. There, Sunny goes on rounds with a doctor while Masha just seems to get into more trouble. How will she ever explain everything to her mom?

This is the first in what looks to be a series of stories about Masha and her sister, Sunny. Young readers will find these enjoyable. If they have younger siblings they will truly understand Masha's issues with her sister.

Dangerous Deception

By Peg Kehret

Recommended for 3rd-6th grades in all libraries.

Review by Marilyn Quance, Wayne State College

Emmy comes up with the perfect project for a sixth grade project for the community service group. They decide to provide food for a girl named Sophie and her family. A simple, worthy project

that has to be kept secret, so Emmy's mom won't lose her job. But then Sophie disappears, her cat needs to be rescued, a neighbor kidnaps Emmy, and a friend is in a serious car accident.

This is a fun read with lots of action to keep one's interest piqued. This book illustrates that keeping secrets is not the way to do things and who do you trust with a secret and all the details. I enjoyed this book. Peg Kehret has written many books and she continues her talent in this book.

Dreamer, Wisher, Liar

By Charise Mericle Harper

Recommended for 3rd-5th grades.

Review by Diane Limoges, Crofton

Ashley's best friend Lucy is moving away and to make things worse their planned summer together is being cut short. The plan was a summer camp but Ashley's mom has arranged for 7-year-

old Claire to stay with them and for Ashley to help keep her entertained. Happy-go-lucky Claire with her to-do list and love of thrift shops is not at all what Lucy thought she had been signed up for. This is sure to be the worst summer ever.

Here is a fun story about how something terrible can be turned into something good.

Submit news, articles, pictures, or resources for the newsletter to Chelsea at trls.assistant@gmail.com.

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

The Golden Sower Award



Nebraska's Children's Choice Literary Award

MAY 25

GOLDEN SOWER READING DAY

Get acquainted with 2019-2020 potential nominees

Come and join us! We will have all the picture books available for you to read during the morning. In the afternoon we plan to have book talks on Chapter Books and Golden Sower Novel titles.

Schedule:

9:00 am

**Kathy Schultz: Announcements about Golden Sower
Reading of Books from Primary List**

12:00 pm

Lunch on your own

1:00 pm

**Discussion of Titles from Chapter Book and Golden
Sower Novel Lists**

**READ ALL
POTENTIAL PICTURE
BOOK NOMINEES IN
ONE LOCATION!**

MAKE AN IMPACT!

**NETWORK WITH
YOUR COLLEAGUES**

**HAVE LUNCH AT ONE
OF SEWARD'S
RESTAURANTS**

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Seward, NE 68434

Register at
<http://bit.ly/GSower2018>

May 25
9 AM – 3 PM



Library and Information Services

Online Course Offerings

<http://www.cccneb.edu/library/>

Enrollment for Summer and Fall opens April 9, 2018

Summer 2018: May 21, 2018 – July 26, 2018

Fall 2018: August 20, 2018 – December 14, 2018

Summer 2018

LIBR 2100 Reference Resources and Services

Marty Magee, Instructor

- Effective use of print and digital resources, databases, and websites
- Professional competencies including legal and ethical responsibilities
- Reference Interview process

Fall 2018

LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services

Marty Magee, Instructor

This course, the recommended first in the Library and Information Services curriculum, provides introductory information in multiple areas.

- Library history and organizations
- Foundation Principles/Code of Ethics
- Information databases and Internet usage

LIBR 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies

Michael Straatmann, Instructor

This course includes the theories, concepts and activities integral to leading and managing 21st Century libraries and information agencies.

- Leadership principles
- Management strategies
- Policies and procedures

LIBR 2940 Library and Information Services Capstone Practicum

Patty Birch, Instructor

This capstone course is the last course in the Library & Information Services program. Students will complete 40 hours of service learning in a host library. The course also includes a review of the principle pieces of learning from the LIS program.

- Prerequisites: LIBR 1010, 2100, 2150, 2210, & 2250

Library and Information Services Online Course Offerings 2018-2019		
Summer 2018	Fall 2018	Spring 2019
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	Libr 2940 Library Science Capstone Practicum

For information concerning Admissions or Registration, contact: **Dee Johnson**
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Norfolk Public Library

Grand Re-Opening

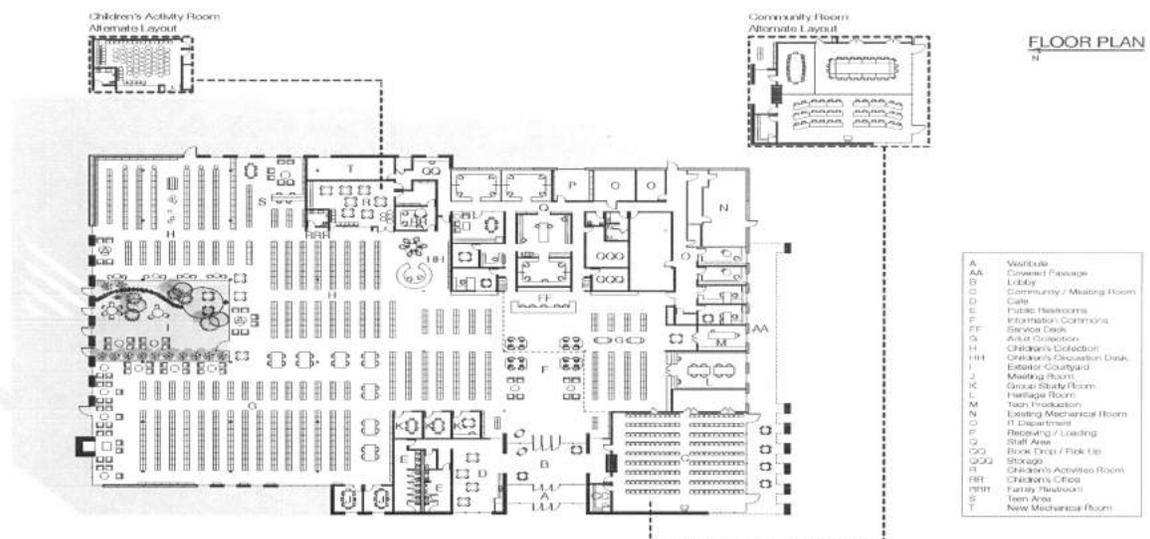
May 29, 11am-8pm

11 a.m. - Ribbon Cutting with Lt. Governor Mike Foley

First 500 visitors receive a free tote bag

Tours on the hour, starting at noon

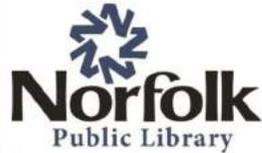
4-7 p.m. - Photobooth



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LITERATURE FESTIVAL

24th Annual

Saturday, July 28th 2018

8:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

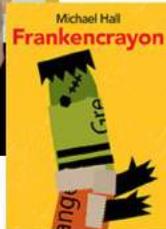
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Norfolk Public Library

308 W Prospect Ave, Norfolk, NE

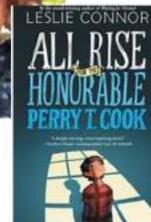
Featuring:

Michael Hall



2019 Golden Sower Award Nominee For *Frankencrayon*

Leslie Connor



2019 Golden Sower Award Nominee For *All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook*

Sharon Cameron



2019 Golden Sower Award Nominee For *The Forgetting*

Paul Griffin



2019 Golden Sower Award Nominee for *When Friendship Followed Me Home*

ALSO: 2018-2019 Golden Sower Previews by Karen Drevo & Amber Peterson; Book Display & Discount Sales by Norfolk Public Library Foundation of titles by Michael Hall, Leslie Connor, Sharon Cameron, and Paul Griffin; Sales of Golden Sower Items; Autograph Session/Book Signing ; Door Prizes; 5 Continuing Education Hours (for all day attendance) from the Nebraska Library Commission for School & Public Librarians; 5 Professional Growth Points (for all day attendance) for Teachers/Staff employed by Norfolk Public Schools.

Tickets are available at Norfolk Public Library, online at <https://www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/library> (Click on Programs & Events) OR by mail order (see attached registration/order form). For more information and details about group rates, contact Karen Drevo at NPL by phone at 402.844.2108 or email at kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us

A wonderful way to spend a summer day for literature lovers of all ages!