

T R a i L S

Positive Attitude: Murphy Meets Pollyanna

by Tammi Thiem



Is everyone familiar with the phrase “Murphy’s Law?” It was interesting to learn that the original quote by Captain Edward Murphy was actually “If there’s any way these guys can do it wrong, they will.” This was in response to a failed experiment for the Air Force. Gauges had been wired backward by a company in Dayton, Ohio, so there were no readings available following an intense experiment. When Lieutenant Colonel John Stapp was interviewed by a reporter, his response was that the crew operated under “Murphy’s Law, if anything can go wrong, it will.” Prior to that quote, Stapp had coined “Stapp’s Law, the universal aptitude for ineptitude makes any human accomplishment an incredible miracle.” (Stilwell, n.d.) To me, this is incredibly negative and sounds like a complete lack of faith in people! However, there is an element of truth here, as everyone has had the experience of things going wrong.

An example of something going wrong happened with the recent bus trip to the Association of Rural and Small Libraries conference in Wichita, Kansas. I had planned far in advance for a “party bus” to deliver librarians to the hotel for the conference, and then a different bus from the same company would return to pick us up. What could possibly go wrong? Well, my mind conjured up all kinds of possibilities: a flat tire, an accident, forgetting someone’s luggage, forgetting a librarian, the bus driver forgetting to deliver us to Kansas, the bus driver forgetting to pick us up in Kansas – you get the idea. I worried about Murphy’s Law being a real thing.

The trip there went smoothly. The bus driver was a bit late in picking us up, but we soon learned he was on the way, and it was not cause for panic. The trip was fun, the conversation was lively, the bus echoed with laughter, and memories were created. When it was time to return home, the bus arrived in plenty of time, and everyone was packed and eager to get back to Nebraska.

Unfortunately, we did not escape Murphy’s Law. We were nearing the Nebraska border when the smell of diesel permeated the bus. It steadily got worse, and the driver pulled over at a park near Chester, Nebraska. Everyone got out of the bus to breathe in the fresh air. Librarians found some shady locations to wait while the bus driver speculated how to deal with this unexpected situation.

After only a few minutes of waiting, conversations turned to the available food and water supply. It was so refreshing to hear comments about the nice weather and how fortunate we were to be stranded in a park rather than on the side of the road somewhere. Despite the concern about how to get back home, everyone stayed upbeat and positive, and it was pleasant to hear laughter. I am so grateful to have experienced this Pollyanna attitude, as it helped turn a negative circumstance into a positive adventure.

The local sheriff arrived, and the sheriff and bus driver were able to arrange our travel back home on a school bus. While this did not follow plans, the positivity of the librarians was inspiring, and I will forever cherish the memories we shared on our party bus trip to Wichita!

Porter, E. H. (1913). Pollyanna. L. C. Page.

Stilwell, B. (n.d.) The real-life murphy and how ‘murphy’s law’ came to be. [Military.com](https://www.military.com/history/real-life-murphy-and-how-murphys-law-came-be.html).

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At the TRails Office

The Ever-Expanding Book Kit Library

by Chelsea Morlan

It's me again, your ever-present local office gremlin and book kit hoarder. Guess what? We've got a ton of book kits appearing in our office again. Between buying new titles and donations being dropped off, I'm drowning in towers of book kits. It's a fun problem to have, but I find myself hoping that a second dimension filled with bookshelves will appear when I open a closet door. In the month of September we added sixteen new titles. Add that to the ten new titles we added in August and the eight new titles from July and let's just say it's a wonder I still have desk space.

We're starting a new partnership with [Nebraska Public Media](#) where they've donated [ten copies of *Great Plains Bison*](#) by Dan O'Brien. They've put together discussion questions and additional resources for you to access. You can also watch [Seed Warriors](#) with your book club, which is about a group of seed keepers in their ancestral homelands of Nebraska as they seek to regain sovereignty over the food system. I'm excited about this partnership as I think knowledge is power and the more we learn the better we become.

So, on the topic of new book kits, I wanted to run through a mini tutorial. You can find all our titles, number of copies, and whether they're currently checked in/out on our website <https://www.libib.com/u/trails>. On the left hand side you can choose which shelf you want to peruse [Book Kits](#) or [STEAM Kits](#). On the right hand side of the page is an orange filter button which will pop open all of our tags. You can tick a box to find any titles with that descriptor or on the main page under the book title there are orange buttons with descriptor words. If you click on one of those it will bring up all the titles in our collection with that descriptor. So, for instance, if your book club has decided on the theme mystery for the next selection, you can click on 'mystery' in the filters and see all what we have to offer on that theme.

Once you decide on a title, you can place items on hold where I'll email you about specifics or just email me directly at trls.assistant@gmail.com and let me know what title and how many copies you'll need by a certain date. Then I can check the calendar and make double sure that the timeframe works. We've got book kits scheduled out through April 2024, so I can't promise every timeframe will work, but I'm happy to do whatever I can to get as close as possible. We typically lend out titles for about six weeks, but if you need extra time, just let me know. If no one else has requested that title I'm happy to extend the due date.

So if you're reading this and already fretting about pickups/drop-offs not to worry! We can mail out each book kit and in the box we include prepaid UPS shipping label. So that means that there's no cost to the librarians or media specialists in our region. When you're done just repackage up the kit in any plain box and hand it off to your local UPS driver. We've really tried to streamline our process but if you have any questions I'm always available to chat about it.



Collections

Book Club Kit Program	191
Steam Kits	51
TRails Equipment	3

Contact

Great Plains Bison (Discover the Great Plains)
Dan O'Brien
2017 144 pages (Bison Books)
EAN / ISBN13: 9780803285774 UPC / ISBN10: 0803285779
Added: 2023-09-27
Copies: 10 Out: 0 Holds: 0
Description
A Project of the Center for Great Plains Studies and the School of Natural Resources, University of NebraskaGreat Plains Bison traces the history and ecology of this American symbol from the origins of the great herds that once dominated the prairie to its near extinction in the late nineteenth century and the subsequent efforts to restore the bison population.A longtime wildlife biologist and one...
adult american bison great plains history

Click the title to place a hold

Availability

Tags

Shelves

At the TRails Office

Congratulations to the Newsletter Puzzle Winners!

by Tammi Thiem

Congratulations to our latest puzzle winners, Abigail Bechtel from the Agnes Robinson Waterloo Public Library, Emily Sheley from the Bellevue Public Library, and Wendy Ketelsen from the Lied Lincoln Township Library in Wausa. They each won a t-shirt created with the Three Rivers Library System's Cricut and Easy Press. Both items are part of our STEAM Kits which any librarian can borrow. To schedule a pickup or drop off, contact Chelsea at trls.assistant@gmail.com.



Halloween Breakout Box Challenge

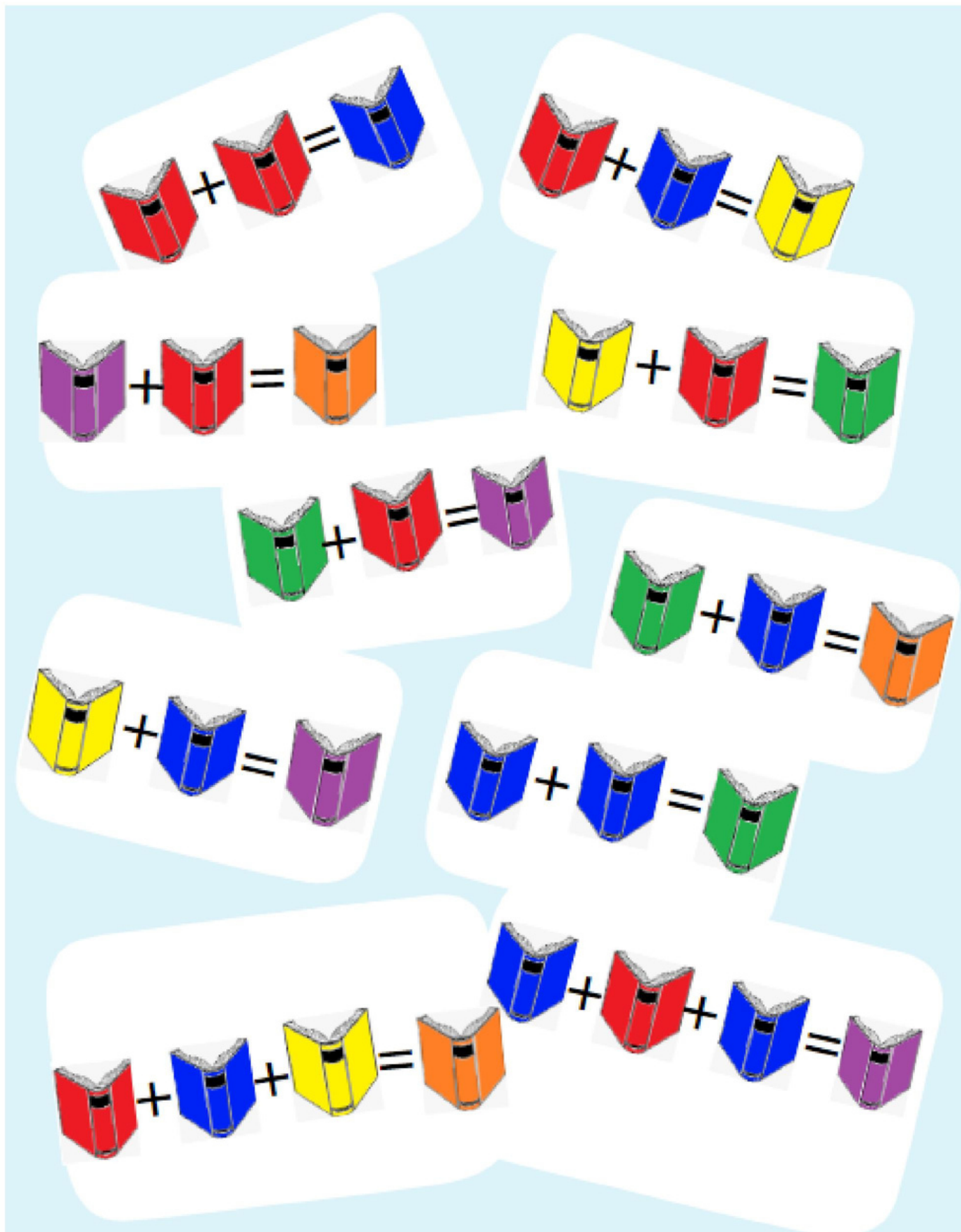
by Tammi Thiem

How can it already be October?! Fall is here, and creative librarians are planning lots of fun seasonal activities. I created a [Halloween Breakout Box Challenge](#), and the target audience is age eight and up. This does, of course, depend on the individual, but hints can always be provided if necessary. There is a word search, a cryptogram, a word scramble, riddles, and a couple of math puzzles. The Three Rivers Library System has some [breakout box kits](#) available for checkout. If interested, contact Chelsea at trls.assistant@gmail.com. If you would like some help conducting the program, let me know, as I love implementing the challenges at your libraries, and I will bring all the necessary supplies and prizes. For scheduling this, email me at tammi.thiem.trls@gmail.com or call me at 402-910-7005. The [breakout EDU website](#) also has many challenges available. Some of these are free, and some require a subscription.



At the TRails Office

Solve the puzzle and put the colors in order. Send your response to Chelsea at trls.assistant@gmail.com by October 20th to be entered in a drawing for a prize!



Basic Skills

(* Required Class)

Management / Supervision with Cindy Osborne

Registration Dates: 12 September 2023 - 7 October 2023

Class Dates: 16 October 2023 - 27 October 2023

Leadership with Tammi Thiem

Registration Dates: 26 September 2023 - 21 October 2023

Class Dates: 6 November 2023 - 17 November 2023

Library Services to Children & Teens with Sally Snyder

Registration Dates: 24 October 2023 - 18 November 2023

Class Dates: 27 November 2023 - 8 December 2023

Upcoming NCompass Live

APPLE in Kansas - Training for New Library Directors

Date: 4 October 2023 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Learning Opportunities and Resources from WebJunction

Date: 18 October 2023 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Pretty Sweet Tech

Date: 25 October 2023 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

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NLC Book Club Spotlight

Book Club Spotlight:

[The Ordinary Spaceman: From Boyhood Dreams to Astronaut](#)

Mackenzie Marrow is the librarian in charge of book clubs at the Nebraska Library Commission and wants to share with everyone the hidden gems in the [NLC's Book Club Collection](#). Below is an excerpt, but to read the full details go to [Mackenzie's blog post](#).

Four years after what would be his final voyage into space, retired astronaut Clayton Anderson of Ashland, Nebraska, released his tell-all memoir of his 30 years at NASA, comprising 167 days living in space, working on the International Space Station and performing nearly 40 hours of spacewalks. Now, when I say this is a “tell-all” memoir, I don’t mean it in a way to dramatize or bring to mind a TMZ article. I mean it literally. Because today, our Book Club Spotlight The Ordinary Spaceman, is genuinely one of the most unflinchingly honest, funny, and candid stories about what it takes to be a NASA astronaut. Anderson’s insistence on being “an ordinary guy” might feel strange when reading a book by someone who has been to space, but it’s also his wholehearted truth.

Clayton and his mother have different ideas about when he decided to be an astronaut. He argues it started with watching the Apollo 8 mission at the age of nine, and his mom, however insists the dream was always apart of him. A proud and true Nebraskan, Clayton made his way to Texas, working at NASA as an engineer, and eventually leading the development effort for the ISS’s Caution and Warning System, all the while continuing to pursue his dream of spaceflight. Clayton applied to the astronaut program 15 times before finally being selected, and that was only the beginning. From recalling his first time breaking the sound barrier, freezing during survival training in the Russian wilderness, needing stiches while working in an undersea lab, and tragically witnessing the Columbia disaster alongside the crew’s families, Anderson is incredibly open and humble about his experiences during his time in and out of space, even when he finds himself in the wrong. Through stories of incredible isolation and excitement, frustration, and an ever-evolving sense of respect for others, Anderson doesn’t hide his emotions in his writing, and takes us through his personal growth as a man, an astronaut, and in his faith.

Calendar of Events

SKILLS Meeting

Oakland Public Library

6 October 2023

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Public Library Survey

Columbus Public Library

11 October 2023

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

2023 Nebraska Book Awards

UNL City Campus Union

14 October 2023

2:30 pm - 6:30 pm

SKILLS Meeting

Online via Zoom

31 October 2023

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Nebraska Library Commission Meeting

Nebraska Library Commission

10 November 2023

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

SKILLS Meeting

Lied Randolph Public Library

14 November 2023

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

SKILLS Meeting

Online via Zoom

28 November 2023

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Library News

Bellevue University's Summer Read-A-Thon

by Alicia James

This year the Bellevue University Library held a Summer Read-A-Thon to encourage patrons to keep reading and try new things during the season! Library staff created a display which features different suggestions on easy ideas on getting back into reading and even ways to expand patrons' reading horizons. To keep track of their reading progress throughout the summer, sticker badges were created to note benchmark numbers starting with reading or listening to just a few chapters all the way up to completing double digit goals. These sticker badges were kept at the display to make it easy for patrons to grab a sticker on their way in or out of the library. As summer comes to a close, we'll miss the Read-A-Thon but we are excited to dive into all of our upcoming fall activities!



Howells Public Library's Cricut Class

by Mary Jo Kampschnieder

Howells Public Library held a Cricut class on designing, cutting, and applying vinyl to tumblers, glasses, and wood. The class was held the evening of Wednesday, August 30. There were about 18 adults in attendance and everyone enjoyed watching all the different projects get designed, cut and applied. The Howells Public Library is working on creating a Maker Space in their small meeting room. We currently have a large craft table with storage and stools, a Cricut Maker 3, and a laptop to help create designs and projects through Design Space; a subscription service through the Cricut website. We intend on holding other classes through the fall and winter with projects like card making, fabric cutting and iron-on application. The Cricut machine, tools, laptop and supplies are always available for patrons to use during library hours.



Library News

Norfolk Public Library's Starbooks

by Whitney P.

We had an abundance of teens that were lingering after school but had no real place to go and seemed out of place. We wanted to keep attracting and serving these teens in a way that honored them for who they are and encouraged them to establish good relationships with the library and staff. We had not been able to pre-plan much of the program, but we also knew that we had to act fast so they would continue to come to the library.

We set up a Starbooks teen lounge with coffee, ambient music and video, dimmed lights, coffee and fancy flavorings, snacks, games and books. When we advertised to schools, we made a point of disclosing that this is a place to unwind, safely socialize and get homework help if needed. The program is passive, and the staff is not directly involved in leading any specific programming at this point. The reasoning for this was to give some autonomy to the teens without having more adults dictate their day with plans like they experience at school. In the future, we may add some passive projects, but our focus is on the autonomy aspect.

The results? The kids were relaxed, engaged with staff when we would pop in to restock refreshments and have continued to come visit with YS staff even on days that we don't offer Starbooks. Already this program has done what we hoped... forging relationships with the often-forgotten teen group.



Genoa Public Library's Happenings

by Kimberly Ellenwood

School year programs have started up here in Genoa. This year I am doing four different programs a month for elementary kids. Week one is Lego Day. Week two is Story Time. Week three is a STEAM program. Week four is Grab Bag (it could be anything!) In addition to programs for elementary ages, I am also doing a Little Ones Story Time each week. It's been busy so far, which is good for our community! I am hoping to fit some teen game nights in if life ever slows down! Game nights have been a popular program here!

I randomly bought 1400 colored dot stickers just for fun, so I was trying to figure out what I could do with them. I decided that they looked like gumballs, so I made a "gumball machine." Every time a book is checked out, a "gumball" gets added to our machine. Kids have been excitedly checking out books so they can add a gumball! It has been filling up quickly!! We recently put the 200th gumball in the machine, which made Judson very excited!! Any guesses as to how many gumballs it will take to fill our machine?



Library News

Celebrating International Dot Day at Omaha Public Library

by Dacia Bryan

The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds is a moving book about the power of a teacher's words and value of self-expression. In *The Dot*, Vashti is stumped about what to create in art class. She doubts herself and finds it almost impossible to begin. Finally, her teacher suggests, "Just make a mark and see where it takes you." This gentle nudge leads Vashti to explore her creative side. In doing so, she uncovers joy and self-confidence.

International Dot Day is celebrated every year in September. In 2009, Iowan teacher Terry Shay came up with the idea of Dot Day and began celebrating with his students. Shay gave kids the freedom to express themselves through art by designing a Dot, just like Vashti. What started as a small event has now grown to thousands of participants in over 200 countries! This year, the Dot Day celebration was extra special, as it was the 20th anniversary of the book's publication.

Ten Omaha Public Library branches participated in International Dot Day in September. Children and their families joined in a special storytime, reading *The Dot* and singing songs about art, colors and shapes. At the conclusion of storytime, families used coffee filters, markers, paint stamps, stickers, dab markers and crayons to make their own Dot. Children were allowed to spray their creations with water to create beautiful color patterns.

Patron Elizabeth Thomsen said, "This was a great event! I like how everyday items were used as stamps, like straws. It will be easy to replicate at home." Other parents commented how they were excited for their little ones to have the opportunity to experience being messy.

If you would like to join in the celebration next year, please visit the International Dot Day Website for more information and resources. It is sure to ignite your patrons' imaginations and creativity!

<https://www.internationaldotday.org/>

Arlington Public Library's Local Young Author

by Julie Jones

Recently, a young patron entered my library. In his hands were several papers, bound with tape and staples, and inked with marker (orange, green, and other eye-catching hues). He politely asked if I would put his stories in the library. I looked at him. He was sincere.

His mother added that he worked very hard on these for several weeks, not allowing her to read or edit them.

It didn't take me but a second to tell my young patron yes, under one condition: I would like signed copies, please, and date them, if you don't mind. He got busy, writing his name and the date on each story. He handed me the signed copies, thanked me, and he and his mother left for the day... and I started the new shelf: LOCAL YOUNG AUTHOR'S ORIGINAL WORKS

This young patron inspired me with an idea to possibly encourage others to do just what he'd done: Write! Read! Illustrate! Perhaps this idea will spark the next best-selling author.



Information Station

Nebraska Library Week

by Lane Gibson

In 2023, the Nebraska Library Association is proud to present the first inaugural Nebraska Library Week! This event aims to celebrate and promote public, academic, and special libraries throughout the state of Nebraska to the public, government officials, library advocates, and stakeholders, to celebrate and recognize library workers for their contributions to their local communities, and foster a sense of community between library professionals and library supporters throughout the state of Nebraska.

The theme for our inaugural NLW is **“Connecting Communities”**, in honor of the passing of the broadband legislation earlier this year. The theme emphasizes the various ways in which libraries connect people to each other, to their local communities, and to the global community. NLW will take place **November 12th – November 18th, 2023**.

To sign up your library to be an official participant in Nebraska Library Week, please have a representative fill out [this](#) form. Libraries that fill out the form will be listed as official participants in promotional materials and be a stop on the Connecting Communities roadmap. Participants will receive a programming guide with suggestions of programming to promote and celebrate their library, in addition to receiving promotion for their library and events through NLA’s social media platforms.

You are also encouraged to design and implement your own unique, original programming to celebrate your community and library staff! You may submit programming using [this](#) form to have your programs listed on our Nebraska Library Week Calendar.

To finish out our week, we will celebrate all our accomplishments at Library Prom in Hastings, NE on November 18th! Registration link coming soon.

More information can be found at https://nebraskalibraries.org/Nebraska_Library_Week or by emailing NLW Chair, Lane Gibson, at lane.d.gibson@gmail.com



Information Station

Family Engagement Pilot

by Amy Cassner

We are thrilled by the level of interest from our initial family engagement pilot. We are excited to introduce our November and December theme, *Storytelling with Molly of Denali*. *Storytelling with Molly of Denali* celebrates intergenerational family storytelling with a focus on oral storytelling.

Storytelling with Molly of Denali is a storytelling literacy program for children 3-8 and their parents/caregivers. This event will include a movement and music activity to introduce storytelling, a short video from *Molly of Denali: The Big Gathering*, a read-aloud, and hands on activities to support the art of family storytelling, both oral and written.

As a reminder, Nebraska Public Media is piloting a family engagement program with libraries of all sizes. This program is a bimonthly initiative to curate free, high quality family engagement resources and activities for regular family events. Our goal is to support Nebraska children, families, and caregivers learn and grow together through intergenerational experiences. We are actively seeking libraries and community partners interested in piloting this program.

The available resources will be available every other month and include:

- Event facilitator guide with learning goals that support intergenerational learning
- Slides with detailed speaking notes and tips
- Suggested book list
- Electronic resources, games, and activity guides
- 30-minute Zoom training on upcoming themes

To find out more about our family engagement pilot and *Storytelling with Molly of Denali*, we are hosting an informational session via Zoom. If this doesn't work for you, we will send out the recording for you to review when it is most convenient for you.

Family Engagement Informational Session:

-Thursday, October 12th 10:30 a.m. CDT/9:30 a.m. MDT

Link: <https://unl.zoom.us/j/96709341445>

Please email acassner@nebraskapublicmedia.org with your name, organization, and title.

Upcoming topics include computational thinking, exploring the outdoors, and an arts and humanities focus. You are welcome to host events using all the topics or select the ones that work best for your community. Although we provide detailed instructions, you are welcome to make modifications to fit the needs of your organization. We ask that you let us know the changes you make so that we can improve future programming.

As a part of our family engagement pilot, we ask that you track and share with us the following information during and after your event:

- Date and time of your planned event shared in advance of the event
- Attendance numbers
- Photos to share with us! We want to celebrate your great work. Please only share photos with us that we have permission to share on social media.
- Share the audience survey with attendees.
- Fill out the short event report to share attendance numbers, feedback, and your favorite photos.

Scholarship Experiences

ALA Through My Eyes

by Jessica Wilkinson

This June I was blessed with the opportunity to attend the American Library Association Annual Conference, held in Chicago, IL. Attending this conference has always been a dream of mine ever since I started my career in libraries. My mom, who is a Library Director, would always tell me how amazing this conference is. I could have never imagined just how monumental this would be in my life until I experienced it.

Walking in the doors of the McCormick Conference Center, I was met with thousands of librarians just as excited as me! The exhibit floor was definitely a sight to see. There were hundreds of vendors showing off different products or authors signing books. Everywhere I turned there was something different to see.

All 7 days that I was at the conference there were a lot of amazing sessions to choose from. I was able to attend an author talk by none other than Rick Riordan himself! He has been my favorite author ever since I read Percy Jackson in High School. I was also able to bring back knowledge for my teens, since I am a Teen Librarian.

Also, being able to connect with other librarians over the issues that they have faced over book bans has been eye opening. To see what others have gone through and how they handle these tough situations lets me know that we are not alone and can reach out to others for help. One great achievement that Illinois has implemented is a bill that bans banning books. Throughout the state of Illinois, no one can ban a book and the government stands by librarians on the decisions that they have made to keep books on the shelves. I hope this is something that all states can achieve one day.

Finally, I just want to thank the Three Rivers Library System for providing a grant so that I could attend this amazing conference. I hope to go back again in the future and continue learning more about the library world. If you get the opportunity to experience ALA, I would definitely recommend it. It was a life changing experience for me!

Scholarship Experiences

Humanities Nebraska: Jeff Barnes

by Kristine Woods

Sarpy county is a diverse community and encompasses Bellevue community, Offutt Air Force Base, and surrounding areas. Bellevue is Nebraska's Oldest City. The settlement of Nebraska began with a fur trading post established in 1822 by Joshua Pilcher. The post served as a central trading point with local Omaha, Otoe, Missouri and Pawnee tribes. Early French American fur trappers named the area Belle Vue because of the beautiful view seen from the bluffs overlooking the Missouri River. Bellevue, Nebraska is ideally located next to the Missouri River and the following cities; Sioux City, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebraska. The Bellevue Public Library, transforming lives for 94 years, offers a variety of printed, audiovisual and computer-related resources and programs for all ages. Originally begun in 1929, the Library has been at its current location since 1975.

Each August Bellevue, Nebraska hosts its annual Arrows to Aerospace Celebration. This year (2023) marks the 35th year that the Bellevue-Offutt Kiwanis Club will be the proud sponsor of Arrows to Aerospace, Bellevue's premier community celebration. This Humanities Nebraska event will showcase the popular presenter and author Jeff Barnes and will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday August 16 at the Bellevue Public Library as a midweek kickoff to the 52nd Annual Arrows to Aerospace celebration held August 17-19, 2023. Friday features a lunch at the Bellevue Senior Center.

The Arrows to Aerospace (or Bellevue Days) celebration features a parade at 10am on Saturday, pancake breakfast, free pony rides, bounce houses, music, and a variety of both non-profit and retail vendors, activities for children, entertainment, food, and fun! With over 125 entries the highlight of the celebration is the Grand Parade. The parade begins at Mission Avenue and Bert Murphy, continues east on Mission, then north on Franklin, ending at Washington Park with activities to enjoy for the whole family after the parade until 3pm in Olde Towne Bellevue.

Jeff Barnes will be presenting his newest offering "The 'Mad' Queen of the Prairies: The Frenzied First Years of the Nebraska Territory, 1854-1859" as a lead-in to the celebration of Arrows to Aerospace to provide an entertaining and educational program for our Bellevue community as we celebrate our heritage.

Bellevue Public Library has a long history of partnering with Kiwanis and the Arrows to Aerospace celebration, the third weekend in August each year, is one of their biggest events. Last year Jeff Barnes presented Contact and Conflict: the monumental story of Nebraska and the Indian Wars. The year before, for the 50th Annual Arrows to Aerospace Celebration, the Bellevue Public Library hosted the History of Nebraska as Told by Peter Sarpy Featuring Darrel Draper.

We are grateful for the support of the Three Rivers Library System, Humanities Nebraska, and say thank you to the men and women of the Bellevue/Offutt Kiwanis Club for all their work to coordinate this event for the 35th year and thank you to all of their sponsors for supporting this great Bellevue celebration.

<https://www.bokiwanis.org/Page/15459>

THREE RIVERS LIBRARY
SYSTEM PRESENTS:



This Quarter's Topic: Patron Relationships

Get together with librarians near you to Share Knowledge, Ideas, Learning, and Library Solutions! You are welcome to join any or all of the meetings for networking and discussions. They will be worth 3 Continuing Education Credits each. If your plans allow, stick around for lunch afterwards.

Research has shown that networking with fellow librarians is beneficial professional development that improves professional practice, promotes shared leadership, and helps people remain in the profession. Do NOT feel guilty when you leave your library for these meetings because isolation is unproductive.

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

12 September 2023 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Fullerton Public Library

6 October 2023 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Oakland Public Library

14 November 2023 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Lied Randolph Public Library



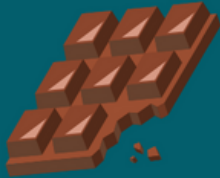
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Looking for program ideas for 2023 Summer Reading?



Remember that the Three Rivers Library System offers scholarships to pay for Humanities Nebraska programs!



Fill out an easy application at <http://bit.ly/HNScholarship>



Explore <https://humanitiesnebraska.org/> for an interesting speaker



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THREE RIVERS LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS:

PUBLIC LIBRARY SURVEY

WITH SAM SHAW

Learn all the ins and outs of Bibliostat with Sam Shaw from the Nebraska Library Commission. Bibliostat reporting is important for libraries to be eligible for state aid and accreditation. Come early if you'd like to look around the new library!

11 October 2023	COLUMBUS PUBLIC LIBRARY
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Register online at https://bit.ly/Biblio Training
2 CE Available	

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BOOK CLUB KIT

Great Plains

BISON

DISCOVER GREAT PLAINS *Dan O'Brien*



BOOK

GREAT PLAINS BISON BY DAN O'BRIEN

FILM

SEED WARRIORS BY REBEKKA SCHLICHTING

(Ioway Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska)



Explore the themes of conservation, restoration and respect, inspired by Ken Burns's *The American Buffalo*.

Downloadable, print-at-home guide includes

- Discussion questions
- Additional reading suggestions and organizations to explore
- Two recipes from Chef Anthony Warrior

Watch *Seed Warriors*, download the discussion guide and explore more resources.



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