



# Holiday Season

*Article by Tammi Thiem*

The year 2020 keeps marching along, and it is nearly time for the winter holidays! It will be interesting to learn what libraries do for their patrons these last months of the year, as librarians have had to get extra creative because of Covid-19. When looking back on the year, it seems surreal that the main topics of conversation were mask mandates, book quarantining, social distancing, and hand sanitizing. This is vastly different than the normal excitement of library programs and services. What will the year 2021 have in store for us all, I wonder?

It can be a challenge to stay positive and optimistic with the uncertainty that shadows our world right now. It is more important than ever to take care of yourself. Follow the advice of the experts and get enough sleep, eat well, exercise, and be kind to yourself. No one is expected to do everything that they normally did, as times are far from normal. Many people are spending a lot of extra time on their screens in order to stay connected. While this is a great option, it can cause a new type of fatigue. Take time to relax and focus on yourself. Take deep breaths and stretch often. It is okay to unplug once in a while to avoid being overwhelmed. Even though it is important to social distance physically, lean on others figuratively when you need support. Chances are, others are feeling the same type of stress, and the leaning can be mutual. Focus on the positive and count your blessings.

Identifying and appreciating what makes you happy can help lighten the days, as gratitude in itself can be a blessing.

Remember that the Bibliostat training workshops will be happening in November and early December. As this is such a unique year, I encourage everyone to attend whichever workshop works best in your schedule, regardless of which system is hosting the event. No one has to struggle through the survey alone. I will be happy to help in any way that I can, and Sam Shaw is always terrific about answering questions. Librarians are always amazing at helping one another, as well.

The TRaILS Communication Meetings are scheduled via Zoom as weekly events through the end of the year. If you are able to attend, I highly encourage you to do so, as this is a great way to learn from other library professionals. If you are not able to attend, the recording link is sent out each week to the system libraries. I do my best to create an overview of the information gleaned in the meetings, complete with links, so that everyone can benefit from what was shared and learned. Please take the time to at least scan these emails.

As always, if there is anything I can do to help, please feel free to contact me. My email address is [tammi.thiem.trls@gmail.com](mailto:tammi.thiem.trls@gmail.com). My phone number is 402-910-7005. I would love to hear from you!

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Bibliostat Workshop
- Summer Reading Program Workshop
- Halloween Festivities
- Creative Art Projects
- Book Clubs
- Upcoming Online Learning Workshops

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### Did You Know:

Your library can use [Reader Zone](#) until August 2021!

### Calendar of Events

#### [Bibliostat Workshop](#)

Online

10 November 2020  
9:00 am—1:00 pm

#### [TRaiLS Communication Meeting](#)

Online

10 November 2020  
4:00pm—5:00 pm

#### [Bibliostat Workshop](#)

Online

16 November 2020  
10:00am—12:00pm

#### [Bibliostat Workshop](#)

Online

17 November 2020  
10:00am—12:00pm

#### [TRaiLS Communication Meeting](#)

Online

19 November 2020  
9:00am—10:00am

#### [E-Rate 2021 Workshop](#)

Online

19 November 2020  
9:30 am –12:30 pm

#### [E-Rate 2021 Workshop](#)

Online

23 November 2020  
1:00 pm—4:00 pm

#### [TRaiLS Communication Meeting](#)

Online

24 November 2020  
10:00 am—11:00am

#### [E-Rate 2021 Workshop](#)

Online

24 November 2020  
9:30 am—12:30 pm

## AT THE TRAILS OFFICE

### TRaiLS Communications Meetings

Don't forget that every week we have an online meeting to talk about what's been going on at our region's libraries. At our meetings, you can ask questions to the group, find the pros/cons of cataloging systems, discuss Covid-19 restrictions, or talk about policies. It's a great way to get some information and get to know your fellow librarians.

### Add Us On Facebook!

We're always posting about new things on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/netrls>. It's another way we can reach out to our regional librarians and post about all things library related. We've also got two private groups:

- ◆ One for [School Librarians](#) in the region.
- ◆ One for [Public Librarians](#) in the region.

We're always updating our website with spotlights on new book kits and information about upcoming workshops. **Our website can be found at:** <https://libraries.ne.gov/trls/>

## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS



Three Rivers Library System hosts:

BIBLIOSTAT TRAINING  
with Sam Shaw

16 November 2020 from 10:00 am - Noon (Part 1)  
17 November 2020 from 10:00 am - Noon (Part 2)

Join us for this two-part workshop to learn all about what will be expected for this year's Bibliostat survey. Ask Sam Shaw, the Nebraska Library Commission's Survey Administrator Data Coordinator all about how the survey is important to your library.

SIGN UP AT: [HTTP://BIT.LY/BIBLIOTRAINING](http://bit.ly/BIBLIOTRAINING)



THREE RIVERS LIBRARY SYSTEM HOSTS:

2021 VIRTUAL SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Join us to talk about next year's theme, Tails & Tales! And meet some presenters who will give you a taste of presentations that they'll offer.

1 December 2020 from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

Schedule:

1:00pm - 1:30 pm - [Henry Doorly Zoo](#)  
1:30pm - 2:00 pm - [Sally Snyder](#)  
2:00pm - 2:15pm - small break  
2:15pm - 2:45 pm - [Morrill Hall](#)  
2:45pm - 3:15pm - [Nebraska Extension Office](#)  
3:15 pm - 3:30pm - small break  
3:30pm - 4:00pm - [Wildlife Encounters](#)  
4:00pm - 4:30pm - [Lisa Papp](#)  
4:30pm - 5:00pm - [Nebraska Games and Parks](#)

Register at: <http://bit.ly/trlsSRP>  
Available for 3.5 CE



## GRANTS

Don't forget to apply for grants for your library! Check out the upcoming grants below:

- ⇒ [Nebraska Library Internship Grant](#) which is due on 10 November 2020
- ⇒ [Libraries Transforming Communities](#) is due on 2 December 2020
- ⇒ [Continuing Education and Training Grant](#) is due on 9 December 2020

And if you're looking for a grant for

Humanities Nebraska, look no further! Three Rivers Library System has a grant specifically for [Humanities Nebraska](#) programming. Check it out on our website at: <http://libraries.ne.gov/trls/calendar-2/scholarship-opportunities/>

## FREE WEBINARS

The following [free webinar list](#) presents a subject guide of library-related webinars with program descriptions and links to registrations. Many webinars are archived, so you can view them later if you don't catch the initial broadcast.

This list and more information can also be found at: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/webinars.aspx>

### UPCOMING BASIC SKILLS COURSE AND REGISTRATION DATES

Class Dates:	Class Title:	Registration Dates:
11/2 - 11/13	<a href="#">Leadership</a>	9/28 - 10/23
11/30 - 12/11	<a href="#">Library Services to Children &amp; Teens</a>	10/26 - 11/20

\* Required class

### [2021 Virtual Summer Reading Program](#)

Online  
1 December 2020  
1:00pm—5:00pm

### [TRaiLS Communication Meeting](#)

Online  
2 December 2020  
11:00am—12:00pm

### [TRaiLS Communication Meeting](#)

Online  
10 December 2020  
12:00 pm—1:00 pm

### [TRaiLS Communication Meeting](#)

Online  
15 December 2020  
1:00pm—2:00pm

### [TRaiLS Communication Meeting](#)

Online  
23 December 2020  
2:00pm—3:00pm

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Hartington Public Library's Halloween

*Submitted by Tami Anderson*

Unfortunately, there wasn't a Halloween party this year, but the dedicated librarians still brought book characters to life, treats, and a craft for all the Halloween trick or treaters.



### Getting Creative at Bellevue University

*Submitted by Alicia James*

The Bellevue University Library has made sure to stay safely connected with our patrons this fall through a variety of methods- including to-go craft bags, socially distanced lectures, and digital events.

Our first activity of the school year was moon sand kits which BU students were able to come into the Library and pick up. The prepackaged bag included the supplies and instructions needed to assemble the craft at home as well as themed button badges and moon facts.

We have had two of our signature lectures so far this year, one covered the evolution of literary detectives and the other discussed the life of a notable female bootlegger from Nebraska. These sessions were held through Zoom as well as having distanced in-person attendance.

For our online activities, we created a [digital escape room](#) that

was shared with our students, faculty, staff, and community. The Library also hosted its first Facebook Live event which showcased different ways to create art pieces with recycled book pages.

To see more from us here at BU, visit our [Facebook page](#) and check for upcoming events [here](#).



## Stanton Community Public Library's Autumn Book Review: *Little Acorns Produce Wise Oak Trees*

*Submitted by Dorothy Fuller*

A swirl of golden, orange, and brown autumn leaves has been dancing about a silhouette of an oak tree both inside and outside Stanton Health Center's front solarium window. This has become Stanton's "Wish Tree." Behind each leaf is written a message: a wish, a hope, or a prayer for those around us.

*Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate, a short junior novel, inspired Stanton Library Book Club to write messages on leaves to contribute to Stanton's tree. Between August and October 2020 people took turns reading. [Three Rivers Library System provided the books.]

The Stanton Public Library greatly appreciates Stanton Art teacher, Mr. Cole Beebe, and two of his creative students, for designing and painting the image of the "Wish Tree" on the outside of one of the health center's windows. The painted tree pattern just happens to echo that of the Health Center's etched welcome sign.

Twenty-one Stanton citizens read the book. At the same time, Susan Kai read aloud to 15-20 Stanton Health Center residents who listened to early chapters of the novel.

The narrator, a quiet, old oak tree, reveals his simple message. The tree's unexpected words and actions lead to important changes. These changes, in turn, led all of the readers in Stanton to create their own wishes by writing them on the back of colorful laminated leaves to complete the art students' tree.

When the librarians arrived one morning to add "wish leaves" to the tree, they were surprised to find residents had already posted many leaves covered with their own meaningful wishes on the inside of the window. The tree is now overwhelmed with more than seventy-five messages scrawled on the backs of bright autumn leaves, inside and out.



Stanton Health Center residents, led by Activities Director Sharri Wolff and Susan Kai, read a large portion of *Wishtree* following exercise time each day in the center's solarium.

Some of our readers' wishes for residents and citizens of Stanton include: hope; harmony and healing; prayers; love and peace; improved health; happiness; strength and sunshine; simply believe; embrace life; stretch and find "happy wonder" in the simplest things. We send warm wishes, smiles, and prayers to friends and family.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Story Walk with the Lied Lincoln Township Library

*Submitted by Wendy Ketelsen*

The Lied Lincoln Township Library in Wausa was thrilled to be able to provide a new program for families at a time when the library wasn't able to have "in library" programs. On September 21, a Story Walk was placed throughout Gladstone Park. The Story Walk was up for two weeks and on October 26th another was put up for one week.

A Story Walk has as many as 25 signs displaying the pages of a children's book. Each sign had one or two pages of the book, plus an arrow showing which direction to go to find the next sign. At the end of the walk, children or parents were encouraged to fill out a notebook with names of participants.

The first Story Walk book was *Mother Bruce* by Ryan T. Higgins. More than 100 adults and children visited the Story Walk. The second Story Walk was *At the Old Haunted House* by Helen Ketteman and was enjoyed by many families in Wausa.

The library was able to provide the Story Walk because of grant money from the CARES Act Grant. The project was supported in part by the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the federal institute of Museum and Library Services and granted by the Nebraska Library Commission.



### Finding the Best Reference Books without Spending a Ton of Time

*Submitted by Melissa Cast-Brede*

While there are lots of articles and discussions about the reduced need for reference collections, there's still a time and a place for a good reference book. A well-organized reference book can save our patrons time and energy that they might be wasting Googling and Googling and Googling.

It can take a lot of time to assess reference books and select them. That's why it's good to know about tools for finding them. Here's a couple that I follow regularly to make sure the good ones don't get missed.

1. Every year, *Library Journal* publishes a list of the top reference books arranged by subject with brief descriptions on what makes each one special.

Mahnaz, D., Knapp, M., Lothrop, P., Pugl, D., Selwyn, L., & Tench, R. (2020, March 10). Can't miss print titles: Best reference 2019. *Library Journal* <https://www.libraryjournal.com/?detailStory=best-print-reference-2019>

2. Every month, *Choice 360* publishes a list of the top community college books with a section on reference books. Lists for community college libraries are very versatile. A book that works for a community college student will also be good for a college-bound high school student, and a public library patron who wants an introduction to a topic.

Top 75 community college titles. (n.d.) *Choice 360*. <https://www.choice360.org/choice-picks/category/top-75-community-college-titles/>

# LIBRARY NEWS

## Stanton Public Library Book Club Reads: All the Gallant Men by Donald Stratton

*Submitted by Dorothy Fuller*

Nebraska WWII member of the U.S. Navy, survivor of Pearl Harbor, and author Donald Stratton provided our book club’s most popular read for the summer of 2020. This first-hand account of the devastation of the USS *Arizona* in Pearl Harbor, and the survival of a small handful of men (including Stratton), elicited numerous comments from our Stanton readers. The written responses of those readers were forwarded to the Nebraska Library Commission in Lincoln and used as a base for this review.

All the Gallant Men written by Donald Stratton (and Denver journalist Ken Gire) is both informative and interesting. Events in this 2017 novel move rapidly and help capture readers’ attention. We can understand why this has been chosen as the 2020 “One Book One Nebraska,” and we consider it to be a worthwhile read for anyone seeking specific details related to Pearl Harbor and events that followed.

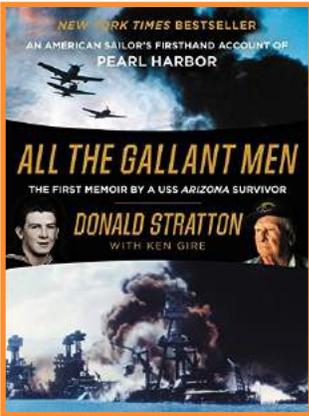
Since many, if not most, of our families in Nebraska experienced having young men they knew well being called away to WWII, this book contributes experiences many soldiers were unable to return to tell.

Stratton and Gire worked together to create a gripping, true narrative of the horror and destruction of this war and the noble yet painful years of recovery to follow. Some of our readers were left wondering how Donald Stratton was able to reveal so much to us so clearly. Stratton is one man, but his story represents many.

Side Notes to consider related to this article and its relevance:

\*This article would be most relevant any time between Mid-November and Mid-December, since Veteran’s Day is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11, 2020.

\*December 7, 1941, was the day the USS *Arizona* went down.



## Stanton Public Library’s Happy Pumpkin Search

*Submitted by Tami Barth*

**Happy Pumpkin Search!**

Find all 33 Happy Pumpkins and receive a \$25 gift certificate to the Stanton Business of your choice!  
Find 25 Happy Pumpkins and receive a \$15 gift certificate to the Stanton Business of your choice!

The Happy Pumpkins can be found in the windows of Stanton businesses and public buildings.

Please call the library (402-499-2230) to get a form to record where you find each pumpkin.

The forms will be available beginning Tuesday, October 23 at the Stanton Public Library. Please return the forms to the library or put them in the book drop slot in the south door of the library by Monday, October 26.

There will be letters on each pumpkin. Please use these letters to indicate where you found each pumpkin. You will not need to enter any buildings to find the pumpkins. An example of the Happy Pumpkins is pictured below.

Please remember to indicate the Stanton Business you want the gift certificate to be from. One gift certificate per family.

We would like to thank the Friends of the Library for sponsoring the event.



In October, Stanton Public Library held a Happy Pumpkin Search around town, at businesses and public buildings, for families to find. Five families found all 33 pumpkins and won \$25 gift cards to local businesses. It was sponsored by Friends of the Stanton Public Library and was a wonderful success.

**Happy Pumpkin Hunt!**

Look for the happy pumpkins, example below, in the windows of Stanton Businesses and Public Buildings. You will be able to see them without entering the buildings. Identify the location next to the matching pumpkin letters.

If you find all 33 pumpkins your family will receive a \$25 gift certificate to the Stanton Business of your choice. If you find 25 your family will receive a \$15 gift certificate to the business of your choice. Limit one gift certificate per family. Please complete as much of this form as you are able to and return it to the library by 10/27/20. You may call to make an appointment during our hours of operation or put the form in the book drop slot in the south door of the library.

Happy Hunting! Please thank Friends of the Library for sponsoring this event!

AJBC	SCC
BHS	SCPP
C	SHC
CB	SLL
CH	SK
CLS	SPT
DES	SP
EPT	SS
EO	SSB
GR	STAC
KAB	STY
LDC	SUTAW
FRB	TJB
FMS	USGA
GH	WQ
SA	WFF
SC	

Names of Searchers: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested business for your certificate: \_\_\_\_\_



## INFORMATION STATION

### Emporia State University's Upcoming Info Sessions

*Submitted by Elizabeth Hoffman*

#### ◇ **Master of Library Science Info Session**

Emporia State University's School of Library and Information Management will be hosting an Online Info Session on Saturday, November 14th at 11:00 am CST to answer some common questions about the MLS program. Register at [http://bit.ly/InfoSession\\_SLIM](http://bit.ly/InfoSession_SLIM) to join us. If you would like to view the info session but are unable to attend, register and we will send you a recording.

#### ◇ **Bringing Local History Alive** *presented by Marlys Lien and Mary Carpenter on 20 November 2020 at 2:00pm.*

Zoom Link: <https://emporiastate.zoom.us/j/93143473096>

Does your library have a special collection full of rich historic details about the community you serve? While relatively few people actively seek out primary local history materials, everyone loves to hear stories about the place they live. This presentation will discuss how to get your community to engage with your local history collections using social media, traditional media, and library programming. Finally, the presentation will explore ways to get people in your community to share their own stories.

Both Marlys Lien and Mary Carpenter are working at Council Bluffs Public Library in Iowa. Marlys is Adult Programming Librarian and Mary is Support Service Manager.

#### ◇ **SLIM Continuing Education Courses in Spring 2021**

Visit our online catalog at [https://secure.touchnet.com/C20725\\_ustores/web/store\\_cat.jsp?STOREID=33&CATID=180](https://secure.touchnet.com/C20725_ustores/web/store_cat.jsp?STOREID=33&CATID=180)

Price: \$125 per course

#### **Time Management Skills** January 25—March 19, 2021

Effective time management can make a huge difference in your productivity and feelings of satisfaction with your work. In this six-week course you will learn techniques and explore tools for

managing your time, increasing your productivity, and collaborating with others. You will discover free and low-cost technology tools that can help you with time tracking, task management, goal and priority setting, and team projects. Examples and exercises in the course will specifically focus on time management for library and information professionals. Brenda Hough, author of the book [Crash Course in Time Management for Library Staff](#), will help you plot your personal path to time management success. Instructor: Brenda Hough.

#### **Grant Writing** March 22—May 7, 2021

Have a great idea that needs grant funding but don't know where to start? Think applying for a grant is too complicated? Think again! This course will help you understand how to identify funding resources, the process of creating and submitting a grant, and how to seek continuing funding for your project. Instructor: Carmen Cowick

#### **Resources for Young Families** March 22—May 7, 2021

This course explores the importance of the role of parents/guardians as a child's first teachers and how librarians can foster the development of early literacy in the home. Students apply knowledge of community evaluation and childhood development to the design of parent education and outreach services. Emphasis will be given to outreach in historically underserved populations, encouraging parent interaction with children, and early language development in young children. Instructors: Elizabeth Hoffman & Jeana Menger

#### **Work & Our Well-Being** March 22—May 7, 2021

The coronavirus pandemic is impacting almost every aspect of our lives. Many library employees are under a great deal of stress and are experiencing a high level of uncertainty. An emphasis on workplace well-being is more important than ever. How can we take care of ourselves and take care of one another as we respond to the needs of our communities? Instructor Brenda Hough

## INFORMATION STATION

### Network of the National Library of Medicine Upcoming Classes

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*Submitted by Kiara Comfort*

◇ **Libraries Build Healthy Communities: Going Virtual at Brooklyn Public Library on 10 November 2020**

Health programming is a staple offering at many public libraries. With the onset of COVID-19, staff at Brooklyn Public Library took their health programming virtual. During this one hour webinar, staff and community partners from Brooklyn Public Library will share how they adapted health programming into a virtual environment. For more information: <https://nnlm.gov/class/libraries-build-healthy-communities>

◇ **The Importance of Librarians in Building Health Literacy Partnership and Programs on 11 November 2020**

This is a hands-on workshop that will engage the participants in ideas to build health literacy within the communities they serve. It is based on the lessons learned while putting together health literacy programs for refugees, English language learners, and literacy learners, in conjunction with health providers and other providers of health information. The central role that librarians can play in these type of endeavors will be highlighted. For more information: <https://nnlm.gov/class/importance-librarians-building-health-literacy-through-partnerships-and-programs/28126>

◇ **Evaluation Information during Covid-19: Preprints, retractions, rumors, and more on 16 November 2020**

In the midst of a global pandemic, every person has to balance the “need for speed” with the risks of moving too fast. Healthcare providers seek reliable information about treatments while making immediate

life-or-death decisions. Researchers investigate biological mechanisms and interventions to combat COVID-19 and share their findings as quickly and responsibly as possible. And each of us wades through the flood of headlines and rumors for answers that will keep up safe. Looking at the case of hydroxychloroquine and COVID-19, we will explore the risks and rewards of different forms of information, from published articles to tweets. For more information: <https://nnlm.gov/class/evaluating-information-during-covid-19-preprints-retractions-rumors-and-more/28155>

◇ **Food for Thought: Exploring Nutrition Information Resources on 17 December 2020**

This class is designed to assist librarians, public health workers, health professionals, and the general public in locating authoritative information on nutrition and topics relating to nutrition. Background information on the importance of nutrition information to other health-related topics will be included, and resources for locating nutrition-related statistics and evidence-based practice will also be identified. For more information: <https://nnlm.gov/class/food-thought-exploring-nutrition-information-resources/27007>

## SCHOLARSHIP EXPERIENCES

### PLA at Nashville! Librarians Descend Upon Music City!

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*Article by Gayle Roberts*

Before I begin to sing praises of PLA conferences, I wish to express my gratitude to the Three Rivers Library System for the grant funds that helped make this trip possible! I do believe PLA's bi-annual conference is well worth attending, and I am forever thankful that I was able to attend this year's gathering in Nashville. Two Years --- Portland, Oregon! Save the dates!

I registered for a full day's pre-conference as well as the weeklong conference. I attended "The Person-Centered Approach to Providing Library Services," led by a panel of librarians from Denver, San Francisco, Detroit, and New York. These systems are large enough that they have integrated social work services into their public libraries. It was a fascinating discussion. Critical conversations took place at our table, which I shared with librarians from Canada, New York, Texas and Tennessee. Although many of our libraries came from different angles, all agreed that our roles in public libraries are changing, and we must rise to the challenge. Obviously, not all of our library systems were large enough to hire social workers, but discussions of community partnerships were invaluable.

The day before sessions began, I toured the Nashville Public Libraries. They have been doing extensive remodeling and building, and their libraries are popular and populated! One branch we visited holds story time daily at 10:15 am, and attendance runs 80-90 children each day!

Thursday and Friday was session after session, and I gravitated to marketing, podcasting and video presentations; and self-care. Preventing burn out, especially as our roles change, shared nothing new --- but helped to remind us to breathe, relax, and shut off our phones!

I always love visiting with the vendors and try to thank them all for coming and for supporting libraries. PLA never disappoints -- 300 vendors were there to show us what's new and upcoming; new authors and new books; and new trends. I was happy to train on the Value Line database, which we had just recently trialed through the Nebraska Library Commission. I connected with our ILS vendor, our Envisionware reps and of course, Baker and Taylor and so many others. I made new connections with public librarians from all over. Our trials are similar; our experiences the same; and we share our love for libraries.

### 2019 Public Library Association Conference

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*Article by Jessica Chamberlain*

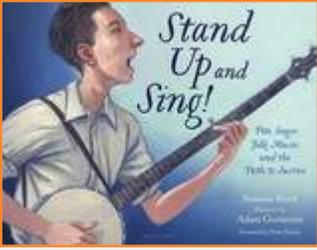
I am so grateful that I was able to attend the Public Library Association Conference in Nashville this past February. Although it feels like much more than a month ago with all the changes these recent weeks have brought, I did learn a lot of valuable information. Most of the sessions I attended were grouped around increasing access to the library, removing barriers to participation for both patrons and staff, and how to encourage both feedback and innovation in our library.

This year, our library has made the marketing of our programs and services a priority. In a session I attended called "Decreasing Barriers to Library Use," the speakers listed "Awareness" as a barrier to people using the library. If people aren't aware of what you're doing and how you can help, then that constitutes a barrier to your services. I had never seen marketing in this light, and it gave our priority on better marketing much more emphasis and urgency.

I was able to attend Dr. Bettina Love's "Big Talk" session on Thursday morning. She is an award-winning author, college professor and a powerful speaker on social justice. Although her primary focus is on reforming the education system, much of her presentation was very applicable to the public library setting. She encouraged all the attendees to get out of their comfort zones and push for social justice and equity in our libraries.

I was also able to tour the award-winning Nashville Public Library. I always learn so much when visiting other libraries, be they big or small. Looking at their signage, displays, and organization had me jotting down several notes to myself of ideas I could bring back and scale for our library. This was a very valuable conference. I would encourage any public librarian who hasn't gone before, to put this conference on their "Career Bucket List!" Their next conference will be in 2022 in Portland, Oregon.

## REVIEW CORNER



### **Stand Up and Sing!**

**By Susanna Reich**

Recommended for 4th or 5th grade and up.

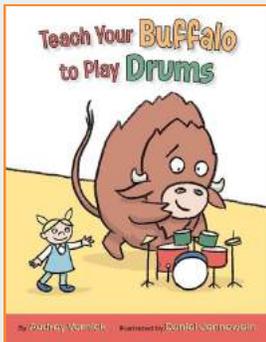
*Article by MeMe Smith*

The subtitle of this book *Peter Seeger: Folk Music and the Path to Justice* tells the story of the artist who grew up during the depression and went on to become famous for using his musical talents to advocate for the poor and downtrodden. Beautiful and realistic artwork help to tell the stories behind his banjo playing, his participation in peace marches, and his song writing. This short-read biography should

appeal to young artists as well as youth who are beginning to delve into politics and social consciousness. It will be great for discussion. This volume contains author's notes, a list of quotes, selected sources, and a list of recordings. Youth and families, which enjoyed stories about Woody Guthrie, will probably gravitate to this and other stories about fellow musician Pete Seeger. Although the reading level is fourth or fifth grade and up, and the subject matter is relevant for their ages, the book is sized and formatted as a picture book which might not be appealing to youth in those grades.

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



### **Teach Your Buffalo to Play Drums**

**By Audrey Vernick**

Recommended for preschool through 2nd grade.

*Review by Carol Tramp*

You brought your buffalo home when he was very small. Your friends didn't think it was a great idea. They got to know him and thought he was swell. You found out your buffalo really

loves music. He wrote his own symphonies, he loves to bang on pots. You hate his pounding on everything to make music. So you buy him a drum set. He loves them. He has a few problems like he can't find a chair to sit on, he can't use his drum sticks, but you solve the problems. When you get to the school concert you discover something new, your buffalo really wants to dance!



### **The Eighth Day**

**By Dianne K. Salerni**

Recommended for 5th—8th grade

*Review by Diane Limoges*

Jax Aubrey is forced to go live with his 18-year-old guardian, Riley Penare when his father is killed in a car accident. Nothing feels right any more. Then the morning of his 13th birthday he wakes up to find that no one is around. Later he finally learns from Riley that he is part of an elite group that lives an eighth day, set between

Wednesday and Thursday. Though at first it seems like it might be ok to have an extra day he soon learns that it's not as great as it's cracked up to be. Riley is responsible for keeping the girl next door, who only lives in the eighth day, safe from people who want to use her to eliminate the first seven days of the week. King Arthur and the Excalibur became part of the present to bring the past and the present together in an interesting storyline and may encourage young readers to pick up the classic.

**Three Rivers Library System hosts:**

B I B L I O S T A T  
T R A I N I N G

*with Sam Shaw*

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16 November 2020 from  
10:00 am - Noon (Part 1)

17 November 2020 from  
10:00 am - Noon (Part 2)

**Join us for this two-part workshop to learn all about what will be expected for this year's Bibliostat survey. Ask Sam Shaw, the Nebraska Library Commission's Survey Administrator/Data Coordinator all about how the survey is important to your library.**

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SIGN UP AT: [HTTP://BIT.LY/BIBLIOTRAINING](http://bit.ly/bibliotraining)





THREE RIVERS LIBRARY SYSTEM HOSTS:

# 2021 VIRTUAL SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Join us to talk about next year's theme, Tails & Tales! And meet some presenters who will give you a taste of presentations that they'll offer.

1 December 2020 from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm.

Schedule:

1:00pm - 1:30 pm - Henry Doorly Zoo

1:30pm - 2:00 pm - Sally Snyder

2:00pm-2:15pm - small break

2:15pm - 2:45 pm - Morrill Hall

2:45pm - 3:15pm - Nebraska Extension Office

3:15 pm - 3:30pm - small break

3:30pm - 4:00pm - Wildlife Encounters

4:00pm - 4:30pm - Lisa Papp

4:30pm - 5:00pm - Nebraska Games and Parks

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

Available for 3.5 CE

**T R a i L S**  


## Library and Information Services

Online Course Offerings

**Spring 2021**

**January 11, 2021 – May 6, 2021**

Enrollment for Spring Semester 2021 opens

Thursday, Nov. 12, 2020



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### **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

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### **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

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### **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

<b>Fall 2021</b>	<b>Spring 2022</b>
Libr 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services	Libr 2100 Reference Resources and Services
Libr 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies	Libr 2150 Managing Collections in Libraries and Information Agencies
Libr 2940 Library Science Capstone Practicum	Libr 2210 Cataloging and Classification

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