



THE FAKE NEWS EPIDEMIC

Article by Anneka Ramirez

Over the past couple months you have no doubt read or heard about the proliferation of fake news sites. The surge of discussion about fake news surrounds accusations that fake news swayed the U.S. presidential election, and a [study](#) done by the Stanford History Education Group which found that a shocking number of young people ranging from middle school to college possess ineffective media literacy skills.

Even while the prevalence of fake news and low levels of media literacy is disheartening it cannot be that surprising to those of us who routinely navigate the sea of information for a multitude of audiences. We see the [varying levels](#) of comfort and knowledge using devices, searching online databases, browsing the internet, even finding print resources.

Popular conversation is now focusing on the importance of access to reliable information as well as media and information literacy. This recent coverage gives each of us an opening to offer tips, tricks, and education for the communities we serve and to partner with other literacy advo-

cates. Below are articles and resources for librarians seeking to include more information and media literacy in library activities:

[From one-shot sessions to embedded librarian](#): Lessons learned over seven years of successful faculty-librarian collaboration by Brian T. Sullivan and Karen L. Porter

[False, Misleading, Clickbait-y, and/or Satirical “News” Sources](#) by Melissa Zimdars

[Fake News Libguide](#) created by Indiana University East Library staff

[Fighting Fake News](#): How libraries can lead the way on media literacy by Marcus Banks

[Information Literacy](#): Unlocking the framework by Karen Muller

[In the war on fake news, school librarians have a huge role to play](#) by Kaitlyn Tiffany

[Fake news prompts Oakland libraries to offer free New York Times subscriptions](#) by Lisa Fernandez

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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- Bedtime Math Club
- Youth Book Group Games
- Scholarship Recipients
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- Review Corner

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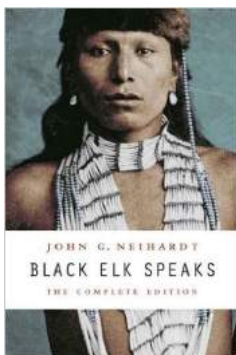
Library and position: Director at Fullerton Public Library

Favorite quotation about books or reading: I'm a Dr. Seuss nut and this is one of my favorites! "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

What's your favorite book of all time? Hmmmm, that is a hard one because I have so many favorites! But I would have to say *Wuthering Heights*, it has been my favorite and really stood out to me since I read it in high school.

Do you judge a book by its cover? I would have to say that initially I do! A good cover really pulls you in and makes you pick it up.

What is your idea of a perfect holiday vacation? I'm a homebody and easy to please... a perfect holiday vacation for me is curled up by my fireplace with a good book!



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

Check out the [NCompass Biennial Report](#) to read about the activities of the Nebraska Library Commission over the last two years.

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

If you want to take part in One Book One Nebraska for 2017, the TRaiLS office will have a book kit of fifteen copies available beginning on January 16th! So be sure to keep your eyes on our [Libib page](#).



AT THE TRAILS OFFICE

TRaiLS Scholarships

Did You Know?

The 2017 Library Improvement Grants, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) from Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant monies, are now available. To apply to go the [NLC Grant Application Form](#). Deadline is January 24th!



The goal of the Nebraska 150 Reading Challenge is to draw attention to the best literature produced from Nebraska and to highlight the varied cultures, historical time periods, and locations that are featured in the selected books. [Download the Nebraska 150 Reading Challenge Entry Form!](#) Don't forget to submit the completed lists by February 28th!

In 2016 the Three Rivers Library System awarded 10 scholarships to our system members for a total amount awarded of \$3,580. To read about the experiences click the their names below.

Continuing education scholarships are available to attend state, regional, and nationwide conferences and events. These scholarships are available to any director, media specialist, staff member, or trustee at libraries in the TRaiLS service area. To see the available scholarships and download the TRaiLS Scholarship Application go to our [website](#).

ALA Annual Conference 2016

- ◆ Mary Jo Mack

GAME: Gaming As Meaningful Education Conference

- ◆ Jennifer Goss

NLA/NSLA Conference 2016

- ◆ Jennifer Norton
- ◆ Nancy Black
- ◆ Jennifer Praest
- ◆ Katie Hollmann
- ◆ Tammi Thiem

What's New in Young Adult Literature Conference

- ◆ Erica Rose
- ◆ Cathy McMahon

ARSL Conference

- ◆ Bailey Halbur

System Peer Coordinator for Douglas, Sarpy, and Cass

We are pleased to announce that Bailey Halbur, Assistant Director at the Baright Public Library (Ralston), has been selected to begin as a System Peer Coordinator for Three Rivers Library System. She will be serving the counties of Douglas, Sarpy, and Cass. We are excited to have Bailey join us in promoting shared learning and collaboration in TRaiLS.

To learn more about the System Peer Coordinator service model [visit http://libraries.ne.gov/trls/system-peer-coordinator/](http://libraries.ne.gov/trls/system-peer-coordinator/)

IMPROVING YOUR GRAPHIC NOVEL COLLECTION

Graphic novels have become a really popular genre in libraries but unfortunately some educators and parents aren't as supportive of their youth reading graphic novels as they are about general fiction. But if you're interested in expanding your graphic novel collection, you can check out the [blog post](#) from ALA's Association for Library Service to Children about graphic novels. The Knowledge Quest blog post discusses the truth about

graphic novels as well how to choose the right graphic novels for your collection.

They have three lists of popular graphic novels, broken up by age level as well as [a list of award winning](#) graphic novels.

Hopefully [this article](#) can shed some light on graphic novels and help explain why graphic novels can be so important to your collection.

BOOK RIOT'S 2017 READ HARDER CHALLENGE



Book Riot is having their third annual reading challenge. We thought it would be a fun way to jazz up your reading lists. [Book Riot](#) has 24 challenges from “read a book published between 1900 and 1950” to “read a banned book” and it might be a fun way to read something outside of your normal genre. Can you get through all 24 challenges for the upcoming new year? [Click the logo](#) to the left to find out!

UPCOMING BASIC SKILLS COURSE AND REGISTRATION DATES

Class Dates:	Class Title:	Registration Dates:
1/9 - 1/20	Communication*	12/5/16 - 12/29/16
1/23 - 2/3	Library Technology	12/19/16 - 1/12/17
2/6 - 2/17	Customer Service*	1/3 - 1/26
2/27 - 3/10	Library Governance	1/30 - 2/16
3/20 - 4/14	Organization of Materials*	2/17 - 3/9
4/10 - 4/21	Readers' Advisory	3/13 - 3/30
4/24 - 5/5	Intellectual Freedom and the Core Values of Librarianship*	3/27 - 4/13

* Required class

Calendar of Events

National Science Fiction Day
2 January 2017

SELS Strategic Planning Workshop
Syracuse Public Library
12 January 2017
1:00pm—4:00pm

A.A. Milne's Birthday
18 January 2017

Webinar Watch Party—ALA Webinar Workshop: How to Respond to a Security Incident at Your Library
North Bend Public Library
19 January 2017
1:30pm—3:30pm

TRLS Strategic Planning Workshop
Lied Randolph Public Library
24 January 2017
10:00am—1:00pm

Summer Reading Workshop
Sump Memorial Library in Papillion
27 January 2017
10:00am—1:00pm

Take Your Child to the Library Day
4 February 2017

Valentine's Day
14 February 2017

Summer Reading Workshop
Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk
3 March 2017
10:00am-1:00pm

LIBRARY NEWS

Math Club in the Library

Article by Staci Sandman

The Albion Public Library hosted two sessions of Crazy 8s Math Club this fall. Grades K-2 met on Tuesdays and grades 3-5 met on Wednesdays for 8 weeks. The lessons were basic for K-2 and a bit tougher for the older group. The idea behind this group is that MATH CAN BE FUN! I have never been great at Math and it made me think about kids that may struggle to understand these concepts as well.

Crazy 8s introduces Math in a way that gets kids out of their seats. One of the themes was “Flying Marshmallows.” The kids built a catapult out of spoons, rubber bands and popsicle sticks and then got to fling their marshmallows as far as possible. Since it was “math,” they also measured distances and changed their catapult as needed. And, they ate a few marshmallows too!

Another exciting lesson was “Glow-in-the-Dark Geometry” where the kids built shapes out of glow sticks... In the dark! They had a few challenges, like making a repeating pattern of the same shape... Squares and triangles were easy... Hexagons were frustrating! They also spent a lot of time making houses and monsters for some added fun!

Highlights included: a 5th-grader proving me wrong on many occasions... And several students saying they learned to enjoy math... So did I! Also, we had a few lessons that had to be redesigned... But, it was a huge hit and I would do it again!

Crazy 8s is a recreational afterschool math club that helps kids enjoy the math behind their favorite activities. To see more information about this program check out [the website](#).

Norfolk Public Library Employee and Volunteer recipients of city’s Employee Excellence Award



Marci Retzlaff works at the Norfolk Public Library as a Library Technician and also in Youth Services. She was nominated for the Employee Excellence Award by Library Director Jessica Chamberlain.

"Marci produces high quality work, embraces change and has a positive attitude that enables her to work extremely well with her co-workers and the public," Chamberlain wrote as part of Retzlaff's nomination. She noted that some of the people who grew up loving story time with Retzlaff as youngsters are now bringing their own children to story time.



In her 25 years of employment, Lenaya Callies has worked in several different capacities for the City of Norfolk. Hired as a police officer, she has worked in records in the Police Division and is currently a paralegal in the City Attorney's office.

City Attorney Clint Schukei nominated Callies writing that in addition to her paralegal work, for the last seven years she has also assisted the Norfolk Public Library by selecting and delivering books to up to 60 patrons who are not able to travel to the library because of health conditions.



Have you submitted your proposal to Big Talk From Small Libraries? The deadline is January 13th 2017! <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/bigtalk/call-for-speakers/> The online conference will be held February 24th!

LIBRARY NEWS

Wakefield's Christmas Cheer



Wakefield Community School put up their Christmas board in the library. It is a bulletin board with QR codes for the answers to the Christmas jokes. They used QRstuff.com to generate the codes using the plain text to type in the answers. They copied the codes onto PowerPoint slides and added the joke question and the pictures, then printed the slides as handouts.

Retirements and New Hires

Deb Wesh was recently hired as the new librarian at the Arlington Public Library. Deb replaces Kay Stork, who is retiring after twenty years at the library. Deb was an elementary counselor for ten years in the Fremont Schools. To read more about Deb click [here](#).



After fifteen years at the Plattsburgh Public Library, Evis Zamora retires on January 3rd. To read more about Evis's fascinating journey around the world and Plattsburgh, see the article at the [Plattsburgh Journal](#).



Let us know about retirements or new hires at your library by sending a picture and 50 words or less about the impact of those librarians to Chelsea at trls.assistant@gmail.com

INFORMATION STATION

Games for Youth Book Groups

Getting young people interested in a book discussion can be tricky sometimes. Here are a few fun games to try with your book group to liven up the discussion and engage all participants.

Quickie Strategy: Story—Story

For the story-story game, a small group of students creates a silly story together. Players must say and mimic three actions: they must take the last action the person before them said, make it their own, and pass along a new action. For example, if the last thing a player said was “And I fell down,” the next player would take, make, and pass their actions: “And I fell down, and I found a rock, and I put it in my pocket.”

- 75+ Reading Strategies: Boost Achievement and Build a Life-Long Love of Reading (K-3) by Danny Brassell. Check out this book from the [TRAILS Professional Collection](#).



Hollywood Bowl

Cast a book as a movie. Pass around a bowl with folded slips of paper containing titles of recent book selections. Each member (or team of 2) draws a title and casts the movie. Take turns reading out everyone's choices.

Variation: Using the current book only, have everyone write his/her casting choice.

-[Lit Lovers Games and Icebreakers](#)

Literary Snowballs

Sounds silly, but it's lots of fun. Divide into 2 teams on either side of the room. Hand everyone an 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper on which to write a question from the book.

Crumple the sheets into “snowballs” and, at a signal, throw them across the room to the other team. The team who correctly answers the most snowballs correctly wins

Scoring:

2 points—to a team for each correct answer
1 point—to the other team for each incorrect answer.

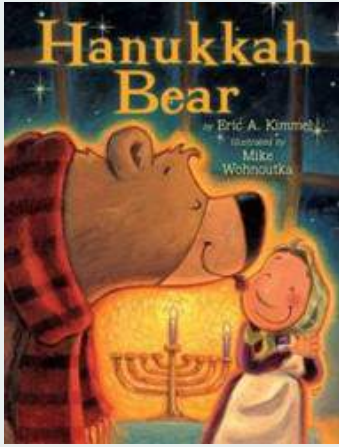
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MAKE SOMETHING

Curious about different types of makerspaces? Check out the Making It Podcast!

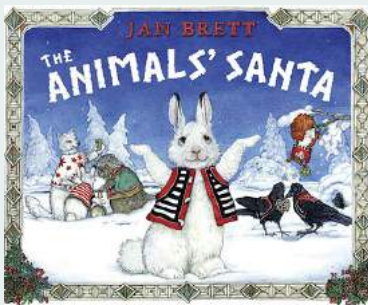
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Hanukkah Bear

By Eric A. Kimmel

Recommended for Pre-K—2nd grade.

Article by Lara Morrow, O'Neil.

An old bear awakes in the middle of his wintertime slumber and is hungry. He follows his nose to Bubba Bryna's home where a delicious smell is coming from her home. She is preparing to have a Hanukkah celebration at her home. The Rabbi is coming and she is busy making potato latkes for her guests. The bear smells the potato latkes and can't resist knocking on her door. Bubba Bryna is 98 years old and hearing/seeing is quite a challenge for her. She opens the door thinking her guests have arrived. The bear comes in and Bubba thinks it's the rabbi who is a big burly man anyway. Since she can't see or hear the bear follows Bubba's lead and helps Bubba light

the menorah, plays dreidel, and finally eats. The bear is ready to go so Bubba sends him on his way with a scarf she has made for the rabbi. A little while later, the rabbi and Bubba's friends show up and Bubba is confused. She figures out an imposter has been in her home. They figure out the imposter was a bear by the footprints he has left behind. The rabbi and his friends make more potato latkes and celebrate Hanukkah. Meanwhile, the old bear finds his burrow deep in the forest and settles down for a long slumber with the scarf Bubba made him snug around his neck. Young children will love this book! The big bear and the growling sounds he makes will keep them laughing throughout the book. This is a cute story about Hanukkah and uses several terms that children should know about the holiday. Illustrations are charming and delightful to young children's eyes.

The Animals' Santa

By Jan Brett

Recommended for Pre-K—2nd grade.

Article by Latricia Olson, Randolph

Jan Brett has done it again. The Animals' Santa is a beautifully illustrated book that tells of Little Snow's first Christmas Eve. None of the animals know who the animals' Santa is, but they try to convince Little Snow, a snowshoe rabbit, of his existence by telling him of all the beautiful gifts they have found on Christmas morning. The creatures venture guesses as to who the animals' Santa could be. Little Snow still doubts that there is an animals' Santa. Big Snowshoe,

Little Snow's brother, designs a wind chime made of ice shards to alert everyone when Santa arrives. Although the chimes ring out in the night, there are no footprints in the snow. As gifts begin to fall from the sky they look up and see the snowy owl flying overhead distributing gifts. Little Snow becomes a believer. While the story itself is charming, it is the richness of the illustrations that elevate the book to a Christmas classic. The quillwork borders and the sidebars showing details such as the elf lemming's hard work constructing the gifts for the animals, make the book a visual feast that children will never tire of.

TRaiLS Webinar Watch Party

January 19, 2017

1:30—3:30 pm

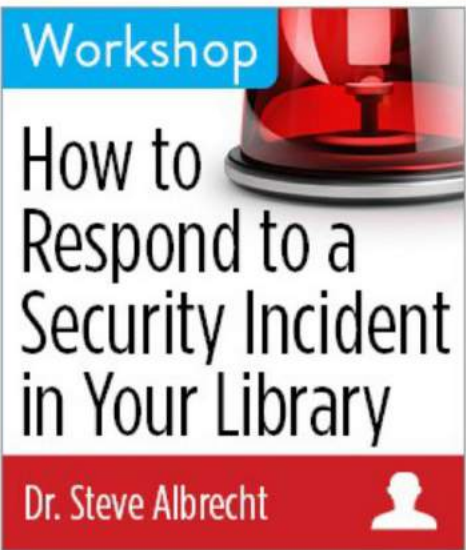
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Register for free at <http://bit.ly/WebWatchParty>

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Workshop

How to Respond to a Security Incident in Your Library

Dr. Steve Albrecht 

“As important as it is to try to prevent library security incidents, it’s not always possible to avoid them, and the way you respond when they happen is crucial. Dr. Steve Albrecht, a security expert and former police officer, will show you how to respond effectively.

This session will take the top 10 security, behavior, crime, or emergency-related incidents that occur in libraries and describe the issues, the concerns, and the responses surrounding them. Many of the scenarios will involve challenging or problem-inducing patrons, and others will discuss responses to events that staff might not always know how to deal with properly.”

These activities are supported in part with funding from the State of Nebraska and from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Nebraska Library Commission



Three Rivers Library System

SUMMER READING WORKSHOPS

**Featuring Summer Reading Sharing and Door Prizes
Light lunch provided at both workshops**

Sump Memorial Library, Papillion

January 27, 2017

10:00am – 1:00pm

Please register by 20 January
at <http://bit.ly/2017SRP>
3 c.e. credit hours available

Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk

March 3, 2017

10:00am – 1:00pm

Please register by 28 February
at <http://bit.ly/2017SRP>
3 c.e. credit hours available

SUMMER READING PROGRAM MANUAL INFORMATION

2017 CSLP Webinar Dates:

Children's Program Manual – Tuesday, January 10, 2017
There will be two identical sessions offered.

Session 1: 11:00 a.m. Central Standard Time

Session 2: 1:00 p.m. Central Standard Time

Early Literacy Program Manual

Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time

Teen Program Manual

Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time

To register for these webinars, please visit the following website: <http://shopcslp.com/cslp/pages/webinars>



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