



Supporting libraries serving our communities

March/April 2020

## SUNdries

Greetings

Coming to the Western Library System (WLS) is an exciting new adventure. The opportunity to support the 40 public libraries, 92 school libraries, six academic libraries and three special libraries is invigorating and humbling. I am eager to see your libraries and meet the staff that make our communities better through library services and resources. As the saying goes, libraries are the living rooms of the community and that holds true for any type of library.. Every library is an essential and valued resource in their communities. The role of the WLS is to provide the needed and desired resources and tools to support each of you and your libraries.

My recent position was with the High Plains Library District in northern Colorado. The District covers 4,000 square miles with Bookmobile and outreach vans. It also serves the cities and towns that are rapidly growing.

Thank you and kudos to Kathy Terrell for her work as the Interim Director. From the annual meeting, the Author Tour , Summer Reading Workshops and mentoring, she leaves a positive legacy.

Jeri Clapper, the knowledgeable, helpful administrative assistant manages the office. The services we provide are mobile and will come to you. We work together on our common goal and passion to effectively serve the residents in the WLS service area.

The WLS, Nebraska Library Commission, Jeri and I are dedicated to providing to support to your library and staff as you serve your communities. I can be reached by phone at 308-632-1350; 888-888-879-5303 or by E-mail [cindy.osborne@nebraska.gov](mailto:cindy.osborne@nebraska.gov). I will look forward to working together.

People working together in a strong community with a shared goal and a common purpose can make the impossible possible.

Tom Vilsack



<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/grants/Books2Kids/>

The Nebraska Library Commission has been awarded a \$28,000 grant for new books and eBooks from First Book, the nonprofit social enterprise focused on equal access to quality education for children in need. The award is part of First Book's [OMG Books Awards: Offering More Great Books to Spark Innovation](#), a program that will unlock more than \$4.7 million in funding to distribute 1.5 million brand new books and eBooks to children living in low-income communities in 33 states and territories. [Books2Kids Learning Initiative webinar - Recorded online session and presentation slides - 1 hour](#). Learn more about First Book, the Books2Kids Learning Initiative, and how your institution can participate in the grant

## One Book One Nebraska for Kids, Teens and Adults

Libraries across Nebraska will join other literary and cultural organizations in planning book discussions, activities, and events that will encourage Nebraskans to read and discuss this book. Support materials to assist with local reading .

Wouldn't it be great if kids all over Nebraska were talking about books? The Nebraska Library Commission & the Regional Library Systems have a program where kids can all read and discuss the same book. See page 9 of this issue of The Western Sun for details.

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## Mark Your Calendar

### Early March:

- ◆ Bookd2Kids application for grant. Credits must be used for books by March 15 and March 31 for eBooks

### March 5:

- ◆ Library Advocacy Day - State Capitol

### March 6:

- ◆ Deadline for Summer Reading Program Mini-grants

### March 10:

- ◆ WLS Board Meeting 10am, Riverside Plaza, Scottsbluff

### April 17

- ◆ Golden Sower Voting Deadline. List of nominees are on the Golden Sower webpage.

[Golden Sower Award](#)

### April 25:

- ◆ Nebraska School Librarians Day, 9:00-1:00  
Scottsbluff, ESU 13  
Kearney Public Library

# Upcoming NCompass Live

Upcoming NCompass Live events: Sessions count for CE credits.

**NCompass Live is broadcast live, every Wednesday, from 9am - 10am, Mountain Time.** For more information, to register for NCompass Live, or to listen to recordings of past events, go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/NCompassLive/>

March 4: The Healing Library: Responding to trauma in your community through non-traditional lending

March 25: Pretty Sweet Tech

April 1: Beta Testing for Social Wellbeing

April 15: Amplified Advisory with Video Book Talks



## Basic Skills for Nebraska Librarians: 2020 Schedule

Class Dates	Class	Instructor	Registration Dates
3/23 - 4/3	Library Technology	Holly Woldt	2/17 - 3/13
4/1 - 4/30	Introduction to Cataloging (Organization of Materials)*	Self-paced	2/24 - 3/20
4/20 - 5/1	Library Finance	Self-paced	3/16 - 4/10
5/11 - 5/22	Intellectual Freedom / Core Values*	Sally Snyder	4/6 - 5/1
6/8 - 6/19	Readers' Advisory	Sharon Osenga	5/4 - 5/29
7/6 - 7/17	Reference	Christa Porter	6/1 - 6/26
7/27 - 8/7	Library Policy	Sharon Osenga	6/22 - 7/17
8/17 - 8/28	Collection Management*	Denise Harders	7/13 - 8/7
8/31 - 9/11	Programming & Outreach	Christa Porter	7/27 - 8/21
9/21 - 10/2	Community & Library*	Sam Shaw	8/17 - 9/11
10/19 - 10/30	Management/Supervision	Scott Childers	9/14 - 10/9
11/2 - 11/13	Leadership	Holli Duggan	9/28 - 10/23
11/30 - 12/11 11/20	Library Services to Children & Teens	Sally Snyder	10/26 -

(\* Requisite class)

Register on the Nebraska Library Commission [Training and Events Calendar](#).

[Description of Basic Skills courses](#)

[Basic Skills Planner](#)--for program participants to keep track of their progress

For further information, contact [Holli Duggan](#), NLC Continuing Education Coordinator.

## Cool News!!

On February 3rd, The Nebraska Library Commission awarded \$24,500 Internship Grants to twenty-two Nebraska public libraries.

“The internships are a great opportunity for students to get involved in library work. Beyond earning money and gaining valuable work experience, the student is exposed to the broad range of library services and programming. Internships provide an opportunity for the student to view the library as a viable and satisfying career choice. In addition, interns bring a fresh perspective and their own unique talents to the library.” said Nebraska Library Commission Director Rod Wagner.’

The following libraries in Western Library System include:

Bayard Public Library

Grant, Hastings Memorial Library

Kimball Public Library

Oshkosh Public Library

## Award Winning Books:

### **John Newbery Medal:**

“New Kid.” written by Jerry Craft

### **Ralph Caldecott Medal:**

The Undefeated,” illustrated by Kadir Nelson, written by Kwame Alexander

### **Coretta Scott King (Author) Book Award:**

“New Kid” written by Jerry Craft

### **Coretta Scott King (Illustrator) Book Award:**

“The Undefeated,” illustrated by Kadir Nelson, written by Kwame Alexander

### **Coretta Scvott King/John Steptoe New Talent Author Award:**

“Genesis Begins Again,” written by Alicia D. Williams

### **Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe New Talent Illustrator Award:**

“What is Geven from the Heart,” illustrated by April Harrison, written by Patricia C. McKissack

### **Theodor Seuss Geisel Award:**

“Stop! Bot!” written and illustrated by James Yang

**And, many more! Check them out on the American Library Association website!**

# Around the Sun

Hemingford Elementary



Big things are happening in the elementary library! Ms. Karla has decorated with a pirate theme, and is implementing a new reading incentive program. Students in first, second, and third grades receive a “punch card” and get a punch every time they get 100% on an AR quiz. After five punches, they get to choose a prize from the small “treasure chest.” After ten punches, they can select an item from the medium chest, and after fifteen punches they get to pick a prize from the large chest! A wide variety of prizes are available, from pencils and bookmarks to snack foods and even books! Additional grade levels will be able to participate soon.

Ms. Karla wants to thank Mr. Karney for his help with the treasure chests and to everyone who has loaned their pirate-themed decor! Also, several anonymous community donors have offered to provide funds that can be used to purchase prizes--your support is greatly appreciated! Thank you so much!



## Lied Scottsbluff Public Library



Lied Scottsbluff Public Library will soon have jigsaw puzzles available for checkout! Thanks to a generous donation we were able to start this collection and are excited to see how it is received in the community.

We have over 15 puzzles that will soon be available, varying in size from 300-3,000 pieces. Some have large pieces for easy handling, others are regular-sized. We have a 3D puzzle, several themed puzzles (think Game of Thrones and Disney), scenery puzzles, and many more. We have also started a community puzzle, located in the fireplace room of the library that we encourage everyone to help with. This puzzle will stay out until it is completed, then will be replaced by another from the collection. So far, it has been popular with the small groups that visit the library regularly.

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Judy Oltmanns of the Lied Scottsbluff Public Library accepted the Sandra Herzinger Award, the NLA Technical Services Round Table distinguished service award, in October of last year. The award is given to a Nebraska library worker who has demonstrated exceptional work in the profession and/or has been an advocate for technical services. Judy has been a cataloger, teacher, interim co-director, supervisor, supporter, and advocate for libraries her entire career. Congratulations, Judy!

**“Librarians are tour-guides for all of knowledge”**

**Patrick Ness**

Send your pictures and information on what is happening in your library, so we can “tour” your library and your community. Items can be sent to [cindy.osborne@nebraska.gov](mailto:cindy.osborne@nebraska.gov)

Summer Reading Workshops in Alliance on February 10 and Imperial on February 12.

WLS thanks the Alliance and Imperial libraries for hosting the workshops. Participants heard excellent presentations, shared creative ideas and take-home crafts.



Elaine Bleisch from Alliance  
Puppet Presentation



Kathy Terrell and Sarah Alfred, Morrill Public Library  
and the dragon reading "There was an old knight  
who swallowed a dragon."



And the winner  
is.....  
Kathy and Sarah  
showing one of  
the prizes.



Attendees enjoy a lively topic at Imperial.



Sherry Preston, Gering Library, presented ideas for adult programming in Imperial.

## WLS Has Scholarship Money Available

### Western Library System Scholarship Application

- Up to \$300.00 per event for registration, mileage, meals, etc.
- All member libraries are eligible.
- Only one scholarship per person every two years.
- Scholarship recipients will provide a brief article in the System Newsletter as a form of resource sharing within one month of completion of the activity. Submit articles to the WLS office.

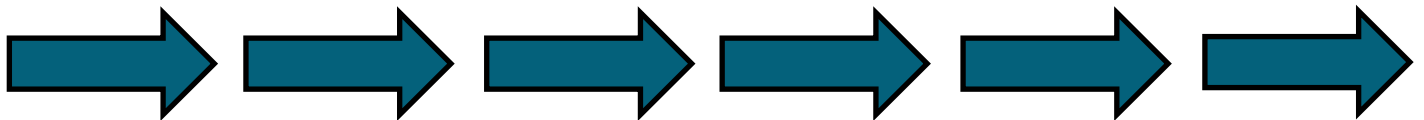


Name:	
Library/School Agency:	
Phone and Email:	
Event Date:	
Requested Amount:	

Please describe the activity, why you want to attend this activity, and how it will contribute to your professional growth. Be as specific as possible with the date, location, and function of the Activity:

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Remember to apply for the mini Summer Reading  
Program Grants!

**Deadline is March 6th!**

Combine with another library for even more buying  
power!

## Brush Up On NebraskAccess Statewide Databases With NEW Training Videos

Do you feel like your NebraskAccess database-searching skills are getting rusty? Or maybe you're new to the Nebraska library world and haven't had a chance to dip into the databases yet? If either scenario sounds familiar, you might want to check out our NEW short training videos. Ten videos are available so far. The shortest video is just under three minutes and the longest is just over fifteen.

Links to these new training videos appear on the [Librarian's Toolbox: Help](#) page:



Links to individual videos also appear on database-specific "About" pages. On the [Databases Available to Nebraskans](#) page, click on the question mark icon to the right of a database logo/annotation to access the "About" page for that database:



If we've created a training video for that database, it will appear in the "Help Resources from the Nebraska Library Commission Staff" section of that database's "About" page:



We hope the information and search examples included in these videos will give you an extra boost of confidence when searching and promoting the NebraskAccess databases. Let us know what you think!

Posted on the Nebraska Library Commission webpage [June 18, 2019](#) by [Susan Knisely](#)



## 2020 One Book One Nebraska

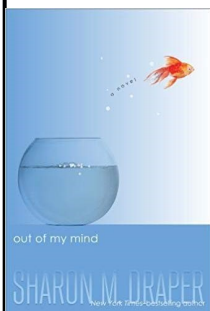
### One Book One Nebraska Adults: All the Gallant Men by Donald Stratton



Written by Donald Stratton, with Ken Gire. As the anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attacks approaches, a great-grandfather of five and one of five living survivors of the *Arizona*, offers a unprecedentedly in reflection on the tragedy that drew America into the greatest armed conflict in history. *All the Gallant* is a book for the ages, one of the most remarkable — and remarkably inspiring .

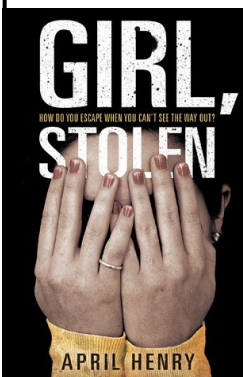
<http://onebook.nebraska.gov/2020/index.aspx>

### One Book For Nebraska Kids : Out of my mind by Sharon Draper



Melody has a sharp brain in a body with cerebral palsy. She is frustrated with learning the alphabet over and over when she has a photographic memory (or nearly so). Since she cannot talk, the neighbor, Mrs. V., rigs up a word and alphabet board on her wheelchair. Finally Melody is sent to "inclusion classes" where children from room H-5 experience a real classroom for certain subjects. Melody loves this chance to learn. But it isn't until she gets her best "gizmo" ever that she really has a chance to become a part of the class.

### One Book For Nebraska Teens: Girl Stolen by April Henry



Sixteen-year-old Cheyenne Wilder is sleeping in the back of the car while her stepmother gives her a prescription for antibiotics. Before Cheyenne realizes what's happening, the car is stolen.

Griffin hadn't meant to kidnap Cheyenne and once he finds out that not only does she have pneumonia, but that she's blind, he really doesn't know what to do. When his dad finds out that Cheyenne's father is the president of a powerful corporation, everything changes. There's a reason to keep her.

How will Cheyenne survive this nightmare?

<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/Youth/OBOK/>

## News You Can Use:

### The Western Library System owns several industry leading pieces in their Makerspace collection including:

- ~ Cricut Maker with an EasyPress Heat Press
- ~ Embroidery Machine (inhouse use only)
- ~ Button Maker
- ~ two littleBits S.T.E.A.M. sets  
(Star Wars Droid and Gizmo & Gadgets)

### Other WLS Services include:

#### Cover One Book Repair Service!



The Western Library System has a binding repair machine that fixes a variety of types and sizes of books. Take advantage of this useful service to save your valuable books and avoid the cost of replacements. Only .50¢ per book.

Go to <http://www.coverone.net/>

Bring your books into the WLS office to make your own repairs! Call the WLS office for an appointment.

\*In addition, we also carry a Blocks Rock! Set, 13 Makey Makey kits, a frog guiro, and four Breakout EDU kits which are available for check out.

\*We have a star punch (3 1/4 in. across)

\*2 large dragon puppets (1 red, 1 green)

#### Disc Cleaning and Repair!



The Western Library System has a new ECO AUTOSMART Disc Repair System. It is not just a buffer, but a full-service machine, to both clean and repair your valuable discs. Save those discs that won't play! As long as they are not cracked, we can fix them.

From July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020, each WLS member library has 10 free disc cleanings. If you have any questions, please call the WLS office.

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