



## Supporting libraries serving our communities

May– June, 2021

### Sundries - Connections Corner 2021

This issue of the Western Sun Connections Corner focuses on our community connections with individuals. Libraries have fundamental principles that govern our existence, whether we are educational or public focused. From the American Library Association (ALA) Action in 2004 "The Association advocates funding and policies that support libraries as great democratic institutions, serving people of every age, income level, location or ethnicity, and providing the full range of information resources needed to live, learn, govern and work."

As library staff we strive to understand, meet and anticipate the needs of our community. We take into consideration factors to ensure we are effectively serving our populations. To be fully accessible to everyone is not always possible due to budget or staffing limitations. Many times, these limitations are overcome by your flexibility and being ingenious and creative.

Full accessibility requires:

1. Understanding the demographics of our service population considering, the many cultures, languages, disabilities and age percentages in the service population
2. Ensuring accessible facilities and equipment.
3. Online presence that is friendly to users of all abilities. Website access that considers four types of disabilities, visual, hearing, motor and cognitive as well as languages that reflects the community. The ADA provides information on website accessibility on their website. <https://www.ada.gov/pcatoolkit/chap5toolkit.htm>. There are also sites that will evaluate your website for accessibility.
4. Policies and documents that ensure equal treatment. There are numerous examples of how policies ensure equal treatment. Recently, this example was on one of the listservs that talked about a patron wanting titles that no one else checked out. This person did not want to use Interlibrary Loan. Another responder shared their collection development policy that lists the parameters for purchasing material. This policy provides the reason why every requested book cannot be purchased. The person has the choice to receive the material through Interlibrary Loan. Policies ensure equal treatment and documentation to respond to a patron saying "if I were (fill in the blank) you would buy the book."
5. Staff trained to work with the variety of people who walk through the doors or call. Training for small libraries can consist of finding a webinar or reading about working with people from all walks of life.
6. Services and programs that reflect and expand the community needs and the library's mission. Providing a variety of services and programs will be beneficial as long as you evaluate what worked, what did not work, ask questions such as...if we do it again what will we do better or different or we will never do this again!

The Western Library System libraries always provide their patrons and residents with a welcoming presence and desire to provide information and materials and technology to read or enjoy. You are the one on one community connectors who:

- \* Allows a student who never feels like they "fit in" a place to be themselves when they come to the library. They know the school librarian is accepting.
- \* Provides a warm welcome without a look of surprise or fear when someone who may not be accepted in other businesses. Whether a town official, someone who is disabled or experiencing homelessness each person is treated with the same high quality customer service and welcoming facilities.

Transformation happens whenever we open ourselves to see another's experience, looking beyond our own vision and encountering another's pain, fear or hopes.

Winn Collier

"At a time when our public is challenged on multiple fronts, we need to recommit ourselves to the ideal of providing equal access to everyone, anywhere, anytime and in any format... By finally embracing equity of access we will be affirming our core values, recognizing realities and assuring our future."

Carla D. Hayden, ALA President, 2003-2005

## Mark Your Calendar

May 7: From Advocate to Activist. John Chrastka virtual presentation.: 1:00 (MDT)

May 11 Western Library System Board Meeting : Riverside Business Plaza, Scottsbluff: 10:00 (MDT)

May 19: WordPress Virtual Workshop. 12:00-4:00 (MDT)

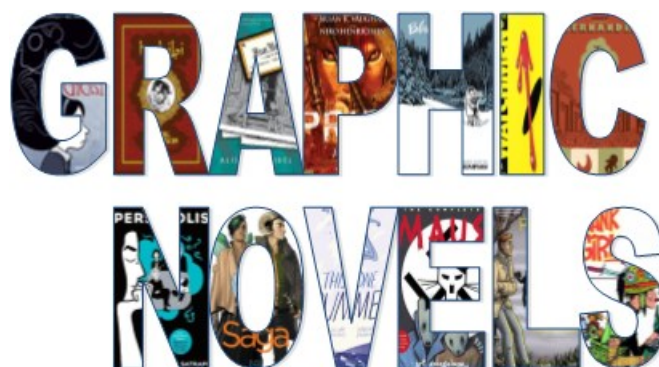
May 25: Teaching Technology Virtual Workshop: 12:00-4:00 (MDT)

July 20: Western Library System Annual Meeting: Kathleen Lute Public Library, Ogallala: 10:00 (MDT)

September 2: Nebraska Regional Library Systems Virtual Youth Services Retreat: 12:00-4:00 (MDT)

October 13-15: Nebraska Library Association Conference "The World Turned Upside Down - Reinventing Libraries in Changing Times": Omaha

October 20-23: Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Annual Conference, Reno, Nevada



### Children—Ages 6-12

Alexander, Kwame, *The Crossover*. Andersen Press, 2020  
Bell, Cece and Lasky, David. *El Deafo*. Amulet, 2020.  
Craft, Jerry. *New Kid*. Quill Tree Books/Harper Alley. 2020  
Gulledge, Laura :Lee. *The Dark Matter of Mona Starr*. Amulet, 2020  
Husted, Ursula Murray. *A Cat Story*. Quill Tree Books, 2020  
Hale, Nathan. *Blades of Freedom*. Amulet, 2020. (Book 8 of the Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales Stories)  
Levy, Debbie and Gardner, Whitney. *Becoming RBG: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Journey to Justice*. Simon and Schuster. 2019  
Telgemeier, Raina, *Guts*. Scholastic Press, 2019

### Teens

Bab Bonde.Jessica, Bergiting, Peter, Renta, Kathryn, Barbito, Sunshine. *We'll Soon Be Home Again*. Dark Horse Books, 2020.  
Gulledge, Laura Lee. *The Dark Matter of Mona Star*. Amulet. 2020  
Hyun Sook, Kim. *Banned Book Club*. Iron Circus Comics. 2020  
Riordan, Rick. *The Tower of Nero*. Disney-Hyperion.2020 (Book 5 of the Trials of Apollo Series)  
Yang, Gene and Pien, Lark. *American Born Chinese*. First Second. 2021  
Yank, Gene. *Dragon Hoops*. First Second. 2020

### Adults

Barajas, Henry and Gonzo, J. *La Voz De M.A.Y.O: Tata Rambo*, 2019  
Roca, Paco and Rosenberg, Susan. *The House*. Fantagraphics, 2019  
Sacco, Joe. *Paying the Land*. Metropolitan Books. 2020  
Stein, Garth and Southworth, Matthew. *The Cloven*. Fantagraphics, 2020  
Villieu, Valerie and Sarfati, Raphael, *Little Josephine: Memory in Pieces*. Humanoids. 2020

# GRAPHIC NOVELS

Graphic Novels are the May-June Western Sun’s featured bibliography. Yourdictionary.com provides this simple, general definition of a graphic novel as “a story of some length in comic-strip format usually bound as a book. Graphic novels can be found in almost any book genre. It is their format that categorizes them more than their content.” Penguin Random House defines a graphic novel as a book the “uses the interplay of text and illustrations in comic-strip format to tell a story.”

Graphic novels can often be distinguished by their characteristics including: images telling most of the story; heavy use of dialogue bubbles and narration boxes; similar in length to typical novels; bound like a book.

Graphic Novels vs. Picture Books or Illustrated Novel. Scholastic shares that graphic novels must tell a story “using a combination of words and pictures in a sequence across the page. “Picture books and illustrated novels typically tell a story through words, then use images to complement the story.

In an article published in the New York Times Sunday Review, February 21, 2021 titled *Your Kids Aren’t Too Old for Picture Books, and Neither Are You*. Pamela Paul, editor of the Book Review, advises us to consider a lifetime of picture books.

“First, appreciate what picture books, the real wizards of the literary world, do. With remarkable economy, they excel at the twin arts of visual and textual storytelling. Picture books are also one of the literary world’s great pleasures.

Think about the explosive popularity of graphic novels — books like “Guts” and series like “Dog Man” and the “March” trilogy — and how they’ve transformed children who didn’t read at all into ones who do, and those readers into voracious readers. What are children telling us but that they want to keep looking at pictures? That they are visual readers as much as they are readers of text? And that perhaps we shouldn’t be so quick to steer them away from books that respect children’s interests and the way their minds work. These, too, are “real” books.

In all likelihood, you still read picture books. What are all those manga and graphic novels and pricey coffee-table books and online comics we’re all staring at — not to mention Instagram stories and TikTok videos — if not, in essence, picture books for grown-ups? Stories with pictures.”

The bibliography on page 2 is for all ages. The list includes both popular graphic novels and ones published in the last two years

# CONGRATULATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

## LIBRARIES TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

The Hastings Memorial Library in Grant was elected in the second round of Libraries Transforming Communities grant for \$3,000.00. It was one of 517 libraries nationwide and 12 in Nebraska to receive funding.

This grant is an initiative and partnership with the American Library Association and Association of Rural and Small Libraries to assist libraries with the community engagement process. Staff is trained on how to work collaboratively with community members - library patrons, residents, faculty, students or partner organizations – to address issues for the betterment of the community.

## KREUTZ BENNETT DONOR-ADVISED FUND

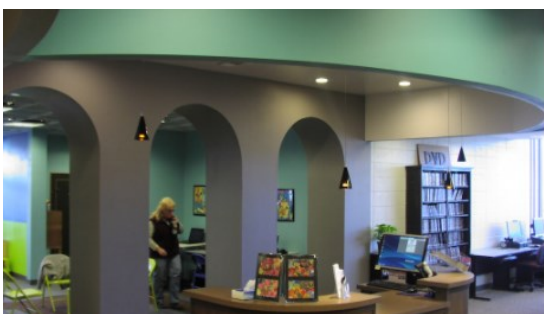
On April 19, fourteen community libraries in Nebraska received improvement grants from the Kreutz Bennet Advised Fund. Three are from the Western Library System. The fund was established by the late Shirley Kreutz-Bennett to distribute matching grants for public libraries in communities with populations under 3,000.

The following libraries received grants in 2021:



### Bayard Public Library

Bayard will use its grant to replace lighting, ceiling tiles and flooring. The funds will also aid an effort to remodel the front entrance to be ADA compliant. The purpose is to make the entire library space more inviting and brighter.



### Bridgeport Public Library

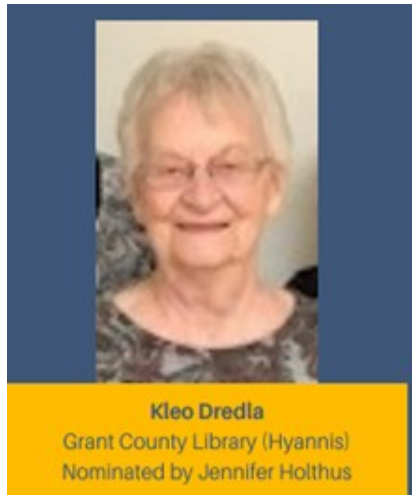
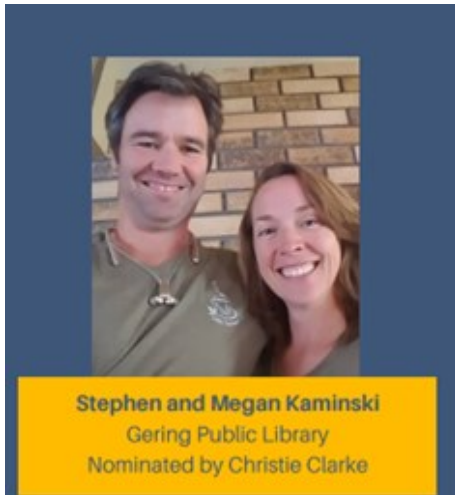
Bridgeport will renovate a fire hall building next to the library into a community meeting space as well as a place to hold their STREAM program. The renovation will increase the library size by 2,000 square feet, allowing for a STREAM program room, conference room and large meeting room and install ADA-compliant door handles throughout the building.



### Hastings Memorial Library (Grant)

The library will create a permanent makerspace. Hastings Memorial participated in the Library Innovation Studio through the Nebraska Library Commission in 2019. The travelling makerspace was used to create, share ideas and learn new skills. It was also used for the after school program. The grant will purchase a laminator kit, button maker kit, embroidery/sewing machine, desktop computers and software, 3D printer, heat press, vinyl cutter and a CNC Router.

The Nebraska Library Association honored outstanding volunteers. There were four from the Western Library System.



**Updates to the Western Library System Office:**

The office is excited to receive new laptops and monitors to replace the shopworn, outdated computer towers and monitors.

Bytes Computers was hired to establish a domain name, a One Drive account and provide a secure system to backup the files.

There are three e-mail accounts:

wls@westernlibrarysystem.com: Shared account between the Administrative Assistant and Director

jclapper@westernlibrarysystem.com : Administrative Assistant (Jer's account)

cindy.osborne@nebraska.gov: Director (Cindy's account)

## Summer Reading Workshop ~ Tales and Tales 2021

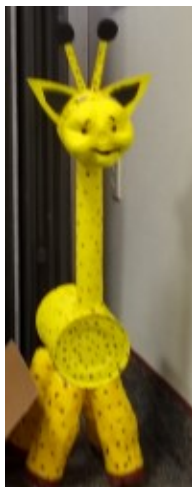
This year, there were two choices for the Summer Reading Workshop . The first session was a virtual workshop held on March 2 and the second one was hosted by the Prairie Winds Community Center in Bridgeport.



The attendees enjoy Sally Snyder's list of Summer Reading books via Zoom. The book on the screen is *Zoey and Sassafras Dragons and Marshmallows* Each of the 40 public libraries in the Western Library System received a copy of the book. Asia Citro, the author, graciously signed each of the copies.



Sarah Alfred - Morrill Public Library and Jeri Clapper—the Western Library System Administrative Assistant present *The Library Dragon* by Carmen Agra Deedy.



This darling giraffe was created by Priscilla Plasencio and her daughter, Alexa. Priscilla works at the Mitchell Public Library. The giraffe is made from recycled materials.



Staff from the Bridgeport Library, Lori Leonard, Marva Hutchinson and Tammy Covalt share their Tales and Tales ideas. Sarah Alfred enjoying the presentation.

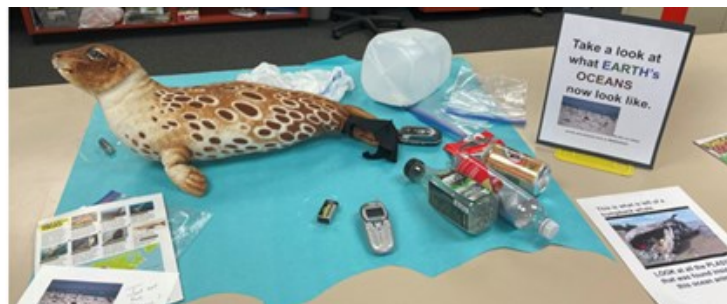


The cast for the *House that Jack Built* includes: Sarah Alfred, Priscilla Plasencio, Rachael Price—Gordon, Cynthia Horn - Alliance, Eileen Nightingale—Sidney, Marva Hutchinson.

# Around the Sun

Chadron Middle School, Cathy Kaus

Prior to Earth Day, Chadron Middle School Library paraprofessional , Maria Wollesen, created a beautiful springtime book display. She then started collecting trash from the school grounds. The week of Earth Day she placed the trash on the display. The students inquired where all the trash came from and were astonished when she said it was trash from the school. The “found” lunch container asking “How about saving your part of the earth? provided a meaningful message. There was also a display on ocean pollution. The week after Earth Day, the students “cleaned” the display by removing trash and placing in proper recycle bin.



## Hayes Center Public Library, Deb Lawson

The Hayes Center Public Library celebrated National Library Week by inviting the grade school students for lemonade and cookies served by the Library Board last Thursday. Library Director Deb Lawson explained a little bit about the Library, answered their questions and then read them a story. Again this year each class guessed how many items were in a glass container. The jar was filled with 78 marbles. The Fifth Grade class guessed closest and was treated to brownies donated by the Library Board.



### The Collaborative Summer Library Program

Many of the public libraries in the State of Nebraska and the Western Library System use the themes and merchandise prepared by the Community Summer Library Program (CSLP). This collaboration consists of 50 member states plus American Samoa, Cayman Islands, the District of Columbia, Guam, Mariana Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

Nebraska has been a member of CSLP since 1997. With this membership, each of the forty public libraries receive a flash drive filled with program, music and craft ideas and templates to use with the theme. This year's theme, Tails and Tales, provides exciting, fun learning opportunities for all ages.

The name of the program reflects the collaborative process of selecting themes and supporting materials. Each state has input into decisions made by the CSLP, such as future summer reading topics, according to the number of public libraries in the state. Nebraska has seven votes. Two representatives and the state coordinator represent Nebraska at annual meetings where the year's business is discussed and decisions are made. Sally Snyder with the Nebraska Library Commission is our state coordinator. An email is sent to librarians via the CHILDLIB-L mail group asking for input and votes for their topic preferences and slogan choices. The Nebraska votes are tallied and the top five choices are presented at the all-states CSLP Annual Meeting, where much discussion finally results in topics and slogans.



# Leyton Public Schools, Faith Jones

Students stay informed and challenged with the monthly potty posts created by Faith Jones. These are posted in the school restrooms.



# LJH Potty Post

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### CALENDAR

|    |                           |
|----|---------------------------|
| 02 | Dr. Seuss's Birthday      |
| 08 | International Woman's Day |
| 14 | Daylight Savings Begins   |
| 15 | Idea of March             |
| 15 | Clean/Pure Mon.           |
| 17 | St. Patrick's Day         |
| 20 | March Equinox             |
| 27 | 1st day of Passover       |

### BIRTHDAYS

|    |             |
|----|-------------|
| 03 | Teagan M.   |
| 06 | Katie E.    |
| 08 | Madilynn S. |
| 11 | Keith K.    |
| 14 | Halle G.    |
| 16 | Jonathon R. |
| 18 | Zajli B.    |
| 20 | Jayla S.    |
| 21 | Paige F.    |
| 27 | Miss Fort   |
| 28 | Skylar D.   |
| 28 | Lexi S.     |

February Answers:  
Staff trivia: Mr. Coffey  
Guess the Class: 8th

## Staff Trivia

- This teacher has taught for 23 years.
- Their favorite color is chrome.
- Their favorite college sports team is the Huskers.
- They have 5 pets.



**Staff Trivia**

"If March comes in like a lion, it will go out like a lamb." According to the Farmers' Almanac, the weather folklore stems from ancestral beliefs in balance, meaning if the weather at the start of the month was bad (like a roaring lion), the month should end with good weather (gentle, like a lamb).

### Riddle of the month:

If a rooster laid a brown egg and a white egg, what kind of chicks would hatch?

### LJH Events

**Track Practice Begins! No track competitions this month!**

**11 No Classes**  
*Professional Development*

**12 No Classes**  
*Spring Break*

**16 Quiz Bowl**



Everyone's Irish On March 17th.

### Also in March...

- 3 What if Cats & Dogs had Opposable Thumbs Day
- 9 International Fanny Pack Day
- 13 National Ear Muff Day
- 16 National Panda Day
- 21 Absolutely Incredible Kid Day: *All of our Leyton students are Absolutely Incredible!*
- 22 World Meteorological Day
- 29-31 The Borrowed or Barrowing Days  
According to an old Irish ballad: "Capricious March begged generous April for a loan (of days) and then rendered the three days awful."  
*The first of them was wind and wet,  
The second of them was snow and sleet,  
The third of them was such a freeze,  
It froze the birds' claws to the trees.*

<http://www.irishcultureandcustoms.com/Calendar/BorrowedDays.html>

### Why can't Elsa hold a balloon? Because she let it go!



## Guess the Class

- \* There are 4 girls and 5 boys in this class.
- \* They prefer PE over Art.
- \* They prefer dogs to cats.
- \* They would rather eat cheeseburgers than hamburgers.
- \* More like the Broncos than Chiefs.

**Daylight Savings begins on the 14th.  
Spring FORWARD one hour!**

A - Roosters don't lay eggs!

## Did you Know?????

### PUBLIC LIBRARIES SERVED NEBRASKA COMMUNITIES DURING THE PANDEMIC:

**82%** offered services when closed due to COVID.

**41%** presented live, virtual programs during COVID.

**33%** added or increased electronic materials.

**38%** offered recordings of programs during COVID.

**12%** offered library cards online BEFORE COVID.

**84%** provided outside Wi-Fi BEFORE COVID.

**38%** offer library cards online DURING COVID.

**79%** offered outside Wi-Fi DURING COVID.

**79%** offered reference services during COVID closure.

**25%** increased Wi-Fi access during COVID.

**83%** offered outside or curbside services.

**5%** experienced staff re-assignment to other depts.

\*91% of Public Libraries responded to the annual Public Library Data Survey.

During National Library Week, the Nebraska State Senators received a postcard with this information along with a thank you for supporting Nebraska's libraries. The Nebraska Library Association's Communications team created the postcard for the Advocacy Committee.



This useful tracking tool is brought to you free from the Nebraska Library Commission. It is available to any public, school, academic and special library in Nebraska. Reader Zone will track information on reading minutes, pages read, number of books or activities. The application can be downloaded to any device from desktop computers to phones.

Library staff, teachers, individuals and/or parents can track progress on any device from desktop computers to phones. The reporting system is invaluable to record statistics for your governing bodies and taxpayers.

It is a great tool for Summer Reading programs, 1,000 Books before Kindergarten and library specific programs and contests.

If you have not used Readers Zone, check out the demonstration video.

<https://readerzone.wistia.com/medias/zfntv8oyqu>

Here is how to sign up for Reader Zone.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeqanZirexSAKbWgt\\_SB62MHYDo8pJf8IeH4GEMFCq2Fydxpw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeqanZirexSAKbWgt_SB62MHYDo8pJf8IeH4GEMFCq2Fydxpw/viewform)

# Featured Resource from the Nebraska Library Commission

JOBS • CAREERS • NOW HIRING

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/>

The Commission recently refreshed the Jobs-Careers-Now Hiring Section.

Check out the crisp look and new content.

## Nebraska Library Commission

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... patrons? We've put together some

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["Can I Recycle This?" by Jenni](#)

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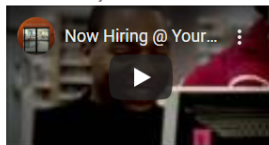
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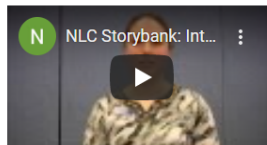
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2021 Internship Grants Now Available Nebraska Library Commission  
NCompass Live: NLC Grants for 2021 Nebraska Library Commission

#### Jobs & Careers

- Find a Job
- Explore Careers
- Network
- Find a Mentor

#### Scholarships

- Opportunities in Nebraska
- Other Funding Sources

#### Education

- Programs in Nebraska
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# SEMPER DISCO - ALWAYS LEARNING

## Upcoming *NCompass* Live

Upcoming *NCompass* Live events: Sessions count for Continuing Education 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/>

| NCompass Live Webinars                                       | Wednesdays 9am-10am (Mountain) |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Adult Book Clubs During the Pandemic: Reports from the Field | May 5                          |
| Going Solo in the Library                                    | May 19                         |
| Pretty Sweet Tech  | May 26                         |
| Mental Maintenance   | June 9                         |

## Basic Skills for Nebraska Librarians

| Class Dates   | Class   | Instructor     | Registration Dates |
|---------------|---|----------------|--------------------|
| 5/10 - 5/21   | <u>Intellectual Freedom/</u><br><u>Core Values*</u>       | Holli Duggan   | 4/5 - 5/3          |
| 6/7 - 6/18    | <u>Readers' Advisory</u>                                  | Sharon Osenga  | 5/3 - 6/1          |
| 7/5 - 7/16    | <u>Reference</u>  | Christa Porter | 5/31 - 6/25        |
| 7/26 - 8/6    | <u>Library Policy</u>                                     | Sharon Osenga  | 6/21 - 7/16        |
| 8/16 - 8/27   | <u>Collection Management*</u>                             | Denise Harders | 7/12 - 8/6         |
| 8/30 - 9/10   | <u>Programming &amp; Outreach</u>                         | Christa Porter | 7/26 - 8/20        |
| 9/20 - 10/1   | <u>Community &amp; Library*</u>                           | Sam Shaw       | 8/16 - 9/10        |
| 10/18 - 10/29 | <u>Management/Supervision</u>                             | Holli Duggan   | 9/13 - 10/8        |
| 11/1 - 11/12  | <u>Leadership</u>   | Holli Duggan   | 9/27 - 10/22       |
| 11/29 - 12/10 | <u>Library Services to</u><br><u>Children &amp; Teens</u> | Sally Snyder   | 0/25 - 11/19       |

\*Required classes for certification

The Nebraska Library Commission's website provides a link to free webinars compiled by the Wyoming State Library and includes the WebJunction offerings. This list is updated monthly.

<http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/CE/webinars.aspx?menu>



Virtual Workshop

Wednesday, May 19

12:00-4:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) 1:00-5:00 (Central Time)

The workshop will include:

- Using the new WordPress Editor
- Website page layouts and designs
- Responsive design techniques
- What should be included on my library's website?
- Best practices
- Idea sharing with workshop participants

Amanda Sweet, the Nebraska Library Commission's Technology Innovation Librarian, will be our instructor.

The number of participants is limited to ten.

Please register by e-mail to [wls@westernlibrarysystem.com](mailto:wls@westernlibrarysystem.com)

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## Virtual Workshop

Tuesday, May 25 12:00-4:00 p.m. (Mountain) 1:00-5:00 (Central)

The workshop will cover:

- Identifying tech skills adults really need
- Effective teaching methods
- Using tech for programming and outreach
- New ways to market services
- Ideas sharing and brainstorming with workshop participants

Amanda Sweet, the Nebraska Library Commission's Technology Innovation Librarian, will be our instructor.

The number of participants is limited to *twenty*.

Please register by e-mail to [wls@westernlibrarysystem.com](mailto:wls@westernlibrarysystem.com)

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*This event is funded with generosity from the four Nebraska Systems and NLA.*

NLA ADVOCACY COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

# FROM ADVOCATE TO ACTIVIST

*A presentation by EveryLibrary's John Chrastka*

**FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021 AT 2:00PM CST**

**This session looks at how our current advocacy model is failing libraries. We explore strategies and tactics used by some of the best community organizers, political action committees, and politicians. We will emphasize the resources and skills that librarians and library staff need to develop if they want to have the political and community support needed to increase support and funding.**

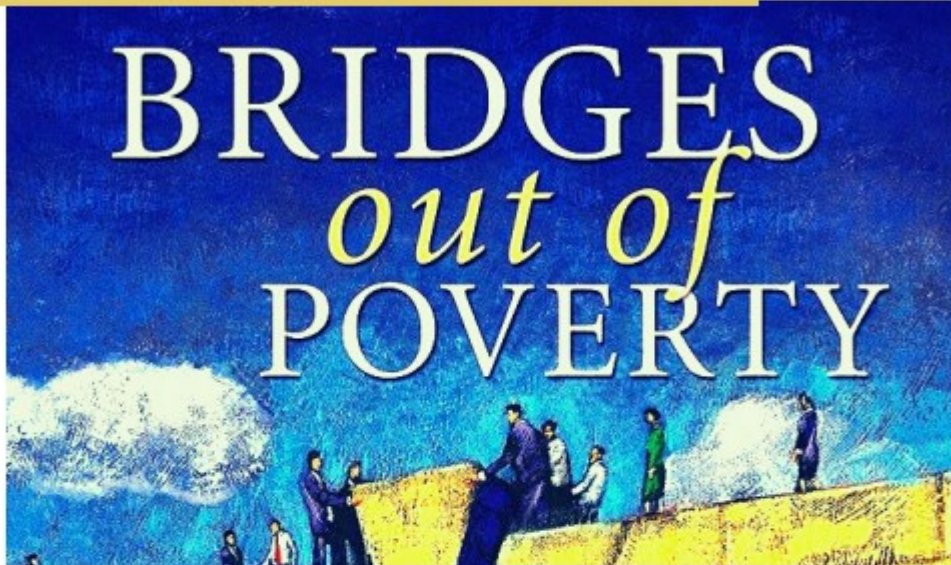


John Chrastka, founder of EveryLibrary, is a long-time library trustee, supporter, and advocate. Mr. Chrastka is a former president and member of the Board of Trustees for the Berwyn (IL) Public Library (2006 - 2015) and is a former president of the Reaching Across Illinois Libraries System (RAILS) multi-type library system. Previously, he was Director for Membership Development at the American Library Association (ALA). He is a member of ALA, the Illinois Library Association (ILA), and the American Political Sciences Association (APSA). He was named a 2014 Mover & Shaker by Library Journal and tweets @mrchrastka.

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**THE ALLIANCE POVERTY TASK FORCE**

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**TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Alliance Performing Arts Center**  
1450 Box Butte Ave, Alliance, NE

This workshop is a comprehensive approach to understanding poverty using the lens of economic class and provides concrete tools and strategies for a community to alleviate poverty. Participants will review poverty research, examine a theory of change, and analyze poverty through the prism of the hidden rules of class, resources, family structure, and language.

**REGISTRATION \$35\***  
**REFRESHMENTS & LUNCH INCLUDED**

Check-in & Networking Start at 8:00 a.m.

Register at [panhandlepartnership.com/events](http://panhandlepartnership.com/events)

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Email [kayla.gasker@panhandlepartnership.com](mailto:kayla.gasker@panhandlepartnership.com)

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## Library and Information Services Online Course Offerings

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

**Enrollment for Summer & Fall opens April 13, 2021**

Summer 2021: May 24, 2021 – July 29, 2021

Fall 2021: August 16, 2021 – December 10, 2021

### Summer 2021

#### **LIBR 2100 Reference Resources and Services**

*Marty Magee, Instructor*

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

### Fall 2021

#### **LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services**

*Marty Magee, Instructor*

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

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

#### **LIBR 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies**

*Michael Straatmann, Instructor*

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

- Leadership principles
- Management strategies
- Policies and procedures

#### **LIBR 2940 Library and Information Services Capstone Practicum**

*Patty Birch, Instructor*

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

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

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

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402-562-1418 or Toll Free at 877-222-0780**

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# Nebraska Administrative Code “Rule 10” Proposed Updates

The Nebraska Administrative Code, Title 92, Nebraska Department of Education Rule 10, Regulations and Procedures for the Accreditation of Schools and Rule 14 Regulations and Procedures for the Legal Operation of Approved Nonpublic Schools is being reviewed for updates. The draft proposals were released in April 22. The draft proposals are divided into three regulations...approval, accreditation, and accountability.

The Nebraska School Librarians Association (NSLA) relayed their concerns for school libraries and librarians from the approval section in these proposals.

005.01C Library Media Services. 005.01C1 Library. A school shall have a library area which is staffed or monitored by an adult and is available to students during the entire school day.

005.01C3 School Librarian. A K-12 school system and each secondary school system shall have a person holding a Nebraska Teaching Certificate with an endorsement appropriate for school librarian, or meeting Section 005.01C4 (teachers completing a school library endorsement), assigned on at least a one-half time basis to provide library media services to the school system.

Taken together, this new language could mean that a school district would only need to employ one half-time certified school librarian and staff the library or libraries with any other adult during the school day.

NSLA is committed to advocating for the students, the schools, and the school librarians in our state. A certified school librarian in every school should be an expectation, not a privilege.

The Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) provides this link with the draft proposals and a questionnaire to receive feedback. Your input is important, and anyone has the opportunity to participate. The feedback form is due by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

["NDE Seeking Public Input On Draft Approval, Accreditation, and Accountability Regulations."](#)

This is what the NSLA is doing to advocate school libraries, librarians and students.

- ◇ Meeting with other organizations for assistance with writing thoughtful, research-oriented position statements.
- ◇ Crafting a toolkit, a statement, and possibly a Zoom to share their recommendations and answer questions from all the Nebraska school librarians not just NLSA members
- ◇ Understanding that the earliest the draft proposal would be implemented would be for the 2022-2023 school year. The NDE wants input from a variety of sources so this may not be a realistic time frame.



## The Western Library System is offering you an out of this world opportunity for a



- \* Is this the year for you to.....
  - Join a library association? (ALA, ARSL, NLA, NLSA, MPLA, PLA)
  - Attend a workshop?
  - Attend a conference (in-person or virtually) ?
  - Sign up for a library related class?
- \* Is budget tight and monetary assistance is needed to pay for membership, or tuition or mileage?

The Western Library System is here to assist. All you need to do is apply for a scholarship which will be reviewed by the WLS Board's Scholarship Committee for approval. Click on this [link](#) for the details and the online application.

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| 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:

Send all requests to: Western Library System Fax: 308-632-3978  
615 S. Beltline Hwy West  
Scottsbluff, NE 69361 Email: [wls@westernlibrarysystem.com](mailto:wls@westernlibrarysystem.com)

# Western Library System Annual Meeting 2021



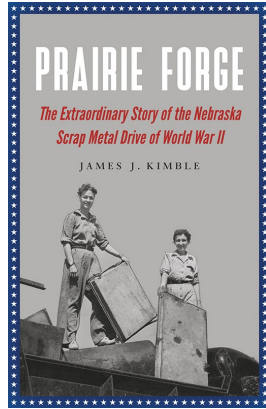
Mark Your Calendar Now!

Kathleen Lute Public Library  
610 West A Street  
Ogallala

**TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021**

Look for the upcoming registration info

## 2021 One Book One Nebraska



### About the book:

In the wake of Pearl Harbor, President Roosevelt called for the largest arms buildup in our nation's history. A shortage of steel, however, quickly slowed the program's momentum, and arms production fell dangerously behind schedule. The country needed scrap metal. Henry Doorly, publisher of the *Omaha World-Herald*, had the solution. *Prairie Forge: The Extraordinary Story of the Nebraska Metal Drive of World War II* tells the story of the great Nebraska scrap drive of 1942 - a campaign that swept the nation and yielded five million tons of scrap metal, literally salvaging the war effort itself. James J. Kimble chronicles Doorly's conception of a fierce competition pitting county against county, business against business and in schools across the state, class against class - inspiring Nebraskans to gather 67,000 tons of scrap metal in only three weeks. This astounding feat provided the template for a national drive. A tale of plowshares turned into arms, *Prairie Forge* gives the first full account of how home became home front for so many civilians.

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/discussion activities will be available <http://onebook.nebraska.gov>. Updates and activity listings are posted on the One Book One Nebraska Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/onebookonenebraska>.

### Book a Speaker

Host a scholar listed on the [Speakers Bureau](#) of Humanities Nebraska. Apply for a grant from Humanities Nebraska to finance your event. Public programs sponsored by not-for-profit organizations may be eligible for funding assistance from Humanities Nebraska. See <https://humanitiesnebraska.org/speaker-bureau-policies/> for details on their Speaker's Bureau General Public Programs Eligibility requirements and for steps to book a speaker and to access application forms.

***Prairie Forge: The Extraordinary Story of the Nebraska Scrap Metal Drive of World War II (Virtual Program Only)*** by James J. Kimble

***Sharpie: Nebraska's Queen of the Air*** by Diane Bartels

***Allied Invasion of Japan*** by Jack Campbell

***Nebraska Spirit: The North Platte Canteen*** by Charlotte Endorf

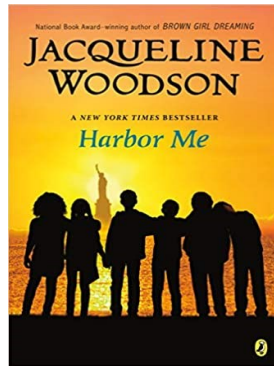
***Four Blue Stars in the Window: A Story of WWII*** by Barbara Eymann Mohrman

***Nebraskans Remember World War II*** by Doug Rung

### Discussion Questions

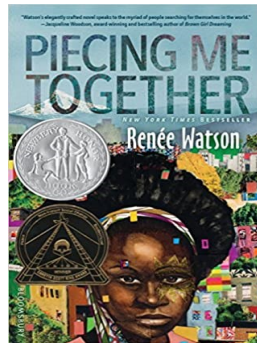
One Book One Nebraska provides thought-promoting discussion questions for book groups and individuals. Examples include: What was the role of the media in the scrap drive efforts? Were there any villains in the story?

## 2021 One Book For Nebraska Kids



### ***Harbor Me*** by Jacqueline Woodson

Six kids are invited to spend the last hours of school on Friday in the ARTT Room (A Room To Talk). Their only assignment is to talk to each other about anything. It starts slowly but before long they are sharing their private concerns and hopes with each other. And all agree to keep to themselves whatever is said on Friday afternoon. Haley's father is in prison, and she has never told anyone until now. Esteban is worried both about his father being deported, and about what that might mean for the rest of his family. Each of them has something they don't want other people to know, but by sharing with their group, they learn more about themselves and their worries, hopes and dreams.



## 2021 One Book For Nebraska Teens

### ***Piecing Me Together*** by Renee Watson

Jade (16) loves collage art and photography. She is a scholarship student at a mostly white prestigious private school and lives in what others consider a questionable area of Portland, Ore. She is invited to join the Woman to Woman program and if she stays with it for her last two years of high school she is guaranteed a college scholarship. During her junior year Jade makes friends with Sam (Samantha) who rides the same city bus to school. It isn't long before things begin to chafe her, how her white friend makes excuses for prejudiced behavior and how she feels sometimes like the school, and even her mentor, Maxine (who is black), thinks she needs saving. She finally works on speaking up for herself. When she hears about a black girl at a pool party who was beaten by police, she has trouble dealing with it, but finally finds a positive way to respond (with others) and make a difference.

[The One Book for Nebraska Kids and Teens 2021 page provides discussion guides and activities.](#)

To borrow the book bags from the Commission, contact the Commission Reference Services, 402-471-4016, 800-307-2665 or use this [form](#). Another source for book club kits is the [wiki](#) which lists libraries that share their kits.

# Western Library System Resources

| Available to Check Out                                 |
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| Blocks Rock  |
| BookKits (check WLS website for list)                  |
| Breakout Kits - One Platform - Escape Room             |
| Cricut and Heat Press                                  |
| Dragon Puppets - 1 red and 1 green (see picture below) |
| EVO Ozobot   |
| Frog Guiro   |
| Gizmos and Gadgets                                     |
| LEGO Boost and Book                                    |
| Makey Makey Classics                                   |
| Makey Makey STEM Kits (12 projects)                    |
| Star Punch (3 1/4 inches across)                       |
| Star Wars Droid and R2-D2                              |

| In Office Use                                       |
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| Book Repair System (Self-serve)                     |
| Disc Repair System (WLS staff will do this for you) |
| Embroidery Machine                                  |



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. 308-632-1350, Toll-Free 888-879-5303.



The ECO AUTOSMART DISC REPAIR SYSTEM is a full service machine, not just a buffer. It cleans and repairs your valuable discs. As long as the discs are not cracked or the scratches too deep we can fix them!

From July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2021, each WLS member library has 10 free disc cleanings. If you have any questions, please call the WLS office.

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