

THE WESTERN



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Supporting libraries serving our communities

May ~ June 2022

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Nebraska~The Good Life is Calling~ Nebraska Passport

This issue of the Western Sun celebrates the Nebraska Passport program. According to the [Nebraska Passport](#) website. “The purpose of the Nebraska Passport is to help travelers discover Nebraska’s hidden gems. The Nebraska Passport is special because it offers a wide variety of travel adventures, including museums, parks,



restaurants, wineries, retail stores and more. “ The 2022 Nebraska Passport program runs from **May 1 to September 30, 2022.**



There are twelve locations in the Western Library System on the Nebraska Passport list for 2022. Receive a passport stamp on July 19 when you attend the Western Library System’s annual meeting. See pages 14 and 15 for details.

Here is the pinpoint map of the locations. The list of locations is on page 2.

The Western Library System will be sponsoring an author tour this fall. The Board requested an adult author for the 2022 tour and the Author Tour Committee* selected Tosca Lee. Here is her [website](#):



Ms. Lee will be visiting three locations in the Western Library System.

- October 11, Sidney High School Auditorium. 6:30 pm
- October 12, Kathleen Lute Library, Ogallala, 6:30 pm
- October 13, Alliance Public Library, 6:30 pm

She specifically chose Sidney and Ogallala for speaking locations as her latest book, *A Single Light*, takes place in Western Nebraska. She references landscapes and locations from Sidney to North Platte. *A Single Light* is the second book in this duology. The *Line Between* is the first book.

The Western Library System will be ordering the duology and providing books for libraries in the Western Library System who want to add them to their collection. Bookkits will be available for your book clubs to read before attending an event. See page 17 for more information on Tosca Lee and her writings.

*Committee members: Sarah Alfred (chair), Ethan Nelson, Sherry Preston, Cindy Osborne.

Nebraska Passport Locations in the Western Library System



385 Meat Market

Bridgeport



Farm To Family Cooperative

Hay Springs



Our Lavender Co.

Big Springs



Ash Hollow State Historical Park

Lewellen



I&L Coffee Roasters

Mitchell



Papa Moon Vineyards, Winery & Cider House

Scottsbluff



Carhenge

Alliance



Marketplace & Company - Pesto Fine Italian

Mitchell



Pioneer Trails Museum

Bridgeport



Dawes County Historical Museum

Chadron



Nebraska Coffee Company

Kimball



Scottsbluff YMCA Trails West

Scottsbluff

Mark Your Calendar

Mountain Time for all listings

May 10: WLS Board Meeting -
Riverside Business Plaza and Zoom
@ 10:00

June 9: Bridges out of Poverty
(Community Lens) Alliance High
School 9:00-3:00 \$25.00.

[Registration Required.](#)

June 30: Nebraska Book Awards
Competition Entry Deadline. \$40.00
Entry Fee. [Information.](#)

July 19: Western Library System
Annual Meeting - Papa Moon
Winery & Cider Scottsbluff
(pages 14 & 15)

August 3-6: MLA/MPLA/PNLA
Tri-Conference "Building Bridges~
Renewing Community" Missoula,
MT

September 1-2: Nebraska Youth
Services Retreat; Camp Carol Joy
Harding. Ashland, NE (page 10)

September 14-17: ARSL Annual
Conference "Connecting at the
Crossroads: on Track to Real
Change" Chattanooga, TN

October 5-7: Nebraska Library
Association Annual Conference,
Kearney, NE

"Chat" Opportunities: Energizing
discussions with other library
staff—Open to all:

- ◆ First Wednesday @5:00
during school year. Wisdom
Wednesdays, NLSA
- ◆ Third Tuesday @9:00 and Third
Wednesday @ 2:00; Tiny and
Mighty Special Interest Group,
NLA
- ◆ Third Thursday @10:00, NLA Chat
- ◆ Fourth Wednesday @Noon Chew
and Chat, MPLA

Contact the WLS Office if you are a
non-member interested in joining the chats.



WORLD OCEANS DAY EDUCATION

<https://worldoceanday.org/>

The theme for 2022 is Innovation for a
Sustainable Ocean.

Observe the day on June 8 or Oceans
Week June 1 to June 8. This is a
counterpart to Earth Day. Oceans
provide us 80% of our oxygen as well as food, medicine and jobs; we live
on watersheds affecting oceans. Here are some ideas libraries have
successfully used to commemorate World Oceans Day and Week.



- Bookmarks
- Mural – group participation
- Ocean Hero Activity
- Plan to Reduce Our Water Usage
- Reading Event
- Art Competition
- Essay Contest
- Film Viewing

[Listen and watch](#) ** the Youth
Orchestras of San Antonio
perform Alan Hovhaness' Opus
229. No. 1 "And God Created
Great Whales", Opus 229. No. 1.
"And God Created Whales" was
composed in 1970, a commission
from Andre Kostelanetz and the



New York Philharmonic. It has become one of Hovhaness' most loved and
famous compositions. Hovhaness incorporated vocalizations by actual
humpback whales from a recording by Roger Payne. The first whale
vocalizations begin at clip 2:55. The work has been credited as one of the
early attempts by many artists to save whales from extinction. The
spectacular pictures in the background provide a feeling that you are one
with the whales.

**You may have to skip through the ads!!!

Celebrations

E-Rate Funds

Wave 1 of E-rate funds as of April 23, 2022, was announced. Congratulations to the following libraries on receiving Internet discounts.

Bayard Public Library

Hayes Center Public Library

Paxton Public Library

Culbertson Public Library

Kimball Public Library

Sidney Public Library

Hastings Memorial Library

Lied Imperial Public Library

Stratton Public Library

Grant Opportunities

CREATIVE AGING ARTS PROGRAM (CAAP)

Engaging Older Adults through Drama, Music, Writing, Dance, and Art

APPLY NOW for summer workshop grants!

A limited number of *Creative Aging through the Arts Program (CAAP)* grants are still available for artist-led workshops at non-profits, libraries, and other local government agencies serving older adults in Nebraska. Grant applications are accepted first-come, first-served for programs taking place through August 31. Grants cover all costs of CAAP workshops including artist fees, travel costs, and art supplies.

Applicant organizations select from a list of trained CAAP Artists to lead a series of workshops in music, creative writing, drama, dance or artmaking. Participants develop artistic skills while socialize with peers. Programs end with a final performance, exhibit or reading, shared with the local community. Contact nac.info@nebraska.gov for further information.

These grants are made possible through the *Leveraging State Investments in Creative Aging* initiative of the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA) and E. A. Michelson Philanthropy.



- ◇ 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten?
- ◇ Oceans of Possibilities?
- ◇ Reading program for higher education first-year students?
- ◇ Adults enrolled in a program competing for prizes?

Are you tracking progress on paper or spreadsheets or paying for a tracking system ?

Reader Zone delivers an easy, user friendly, online tracking system. It is available to academic, public, school and special libraries . The software is offered free thanks to the Nebraska Library Commission. Denise Harders, Central Plains Regional Library System Director is the administrator.

To learn more about Reader Zone, watch Jake Bell, founder of Reader's Zone presented a workshop expressly for Nebraska Libraries in February. Here is the [workshop link](#).

[Please complete this form](#) to sign up for Reader Zone.

If you are already signed up, your 5-digit code and your password should still be valid.

Contact Denise at denise.cpls@gmail.com with questions regarding sign-up.

Resources for our communities

Library Partners for for Mental Health Awareness Month

A letter from Terri Haynes, ESU 13.

“As you know, libraries are often a ‘go to’ place for many community members. Some visit for ordinary reasons such as to find a good book to read or find some research on a topic of interest. Others may come by for some form of comfort such as warmth or social interaction.

Each May is Mental Health Awareness Month. It is a great time to promote wellness to your communities. Libraries are a great community partner to promote wellness information.

You can do this with some of our no cost ideas or ideas with some modest costs.

Following is a list of ideas you can use within your libraries and even partner with some community organizations or patrons.

NO COST LIBRARY IDEAS:

1. Showcase books, movies, materials that promote physical and mental health for adults.
2. Showcase books, movies, materials that promote good character building for your youth.
3. Use character building books for your children’s programs
4. Create a [bibliotherapy collection](#) from your resources.
<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/therapy-types/bibliotherapy>
5. Use the color green during May. Green is the color used to bring awareness to mental health.
6. Promote mental wellness on your social media accounts.
7. Display flyers regarding mental wellness
8. Display calming digital visual or audio pieces. Such as an animal cam, tropical fish tank for video and audio can be some instrumental music such as flute or harp music or singing bowls.
9. Download this free Toolkit from Mental Health America (MHA): There is a quick form to complete to receive the download. [Toolkit Download:](#)

NO COST COMMUNITY IDEAS:

1. Ask to make proclamations at your City Council meetings, County Commission meeting and School Board meetings. (there is a sample proclamation in the MHA Toolkit)
2. Ask a mental health provider to join you on your local radio or TV show to promote the activities and your library. You could also make a podcast or social media recording.
3. Hold a Mental Health Awareness Walk. Tip: Coordinate the walk with one of the proclamations. Example: Wear green clothing or add green ribbons. Walk to City Hall from a designated area and arrive in time to conduct the proclamation.





4. Use some of the articles or social media to promote wellness in your local newsletters, newspapers or radio.
5. Ask community business to promote mental wellness on their digital signs. Your local Chamber may be able to help with this as well.

LOW COST IDEAS:

1. Change your exterior light bulbs to green bulbs to honor May as Mental Health Awareness Month
2. Give out sidewalk chalk to children to display some positive messaging or pictures on their sidewalks or the library sidewalks.

IDEAS NEEDING FUNDS:

1. Light up a community landmark with green bulbs

Examples: Chimney Rock is illuminated in green during May. C-Hill at Chadron is illuminated with green solar lights (the solar light globes have been painted green). County court houses can use green exterior bulbs.

2. Increase your library inventory on materials promoting mental health awareness.
3. Create a calm corner with sensory tools. Sensory tools can be: silicone sponges, glitter wands, fidgets, etc.
4. Sensory furnishings: standup desks with pedals or climbers; pedals to add to stationary furniture, wobble stools or wobble boards, etc.

Feel free to contact me with questions or how these ideas might work for you. We have been using them in our community and schools. I am the project manager for a mental health grant at Chadron Public Schools, Terri Haynes at thaynes@esu13.org

This project, jointly undertaken by the Nebraska Department of Education and Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Behavioral Health, is made possible through Nebraska’s AWARE-SEA Grant (Number 1H795MO80960-01) from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Selected “Best of” Non-fiction Mental Health Books.

The Body Keeps Score, Bessel Van der Kolk, Memories of Ages Press, 2021

(Don’t) Call Me Crazy: 33 Voices Start the Conversation about Mental Health, Kelly Jensen, editor, Algonquin Young Readers. 2018

Maybe You Should Talk to Someone. Lori Gottlieb. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2019

Own Your Past Change Your Future: A Not-so-Complicated Approach to Relationships, Mental Health and Wellness, John Delony, Dave Ramsey Publishing, 2022

Own Your Self: The Surprising Path beyond Depression, Anxiety and Fatigue to Reclaiming Your Authenticity, Vitality and Freedom. Kelly Brogan, Hay House, 2019

This is Depression, Diane McIntosh, Page Two Books, 2019

Your Happiness Toolkit, Carrie Maxwell Wrigley, Morning Light Publishing, 2019

There are excellent non-fiction and novels that tackle mental health issues for children and young adults.

Check for [websites](#) such as Read Brightly for selections of high quality.



Celebrating Nebraska Pollinators

Nebraska Public Media is partnering with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Bee Lab for programming inspired by [My Garden of a Thousand Bees](#),⁽¹⁾ the 40th-season-premiere episode of *Nature* on PBS. Join fellow Nebraskans across the State for activities that celebrate Nebraska's pollinators and native plants, and learn about how you can help support this essential part of our ecosystem.. Check out their [website](#).

Sampling of events in the Western Library System :

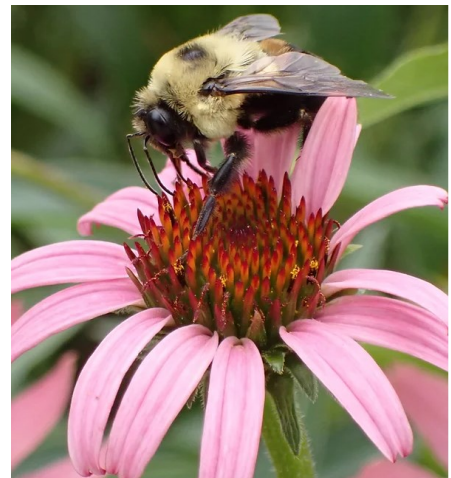
Friday, May 6 1:00 pm, MT	Cravath Memorial Library Hay Springs	Screening of My Garden of a Thousand Bees
Thursday, May 12 3:45 pm, MT	Kimball Public Library	Afterschool STEAM Club focused on pollinators and native plants
Saturday, May 14 2:00 pm, MT	Chadron Public Library	Native plant workshop with a gardener
Friday, June 10 4:00-7:00 pm, MT	Gering Civic Plaza	Partner event with the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum

Hand in Hand with this Nebraska Public Media event:

[WILDFLOWERWEEK](#), WITH THE NEBRASKA STATE ARBORETUM FRIDAY, JUNE 3 THROUGH SUNDAY, JUNE 12.

Friday, June 10	Wildcat Hills South of Gering	Wildflower Outing in the Wildcats
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[NEBRASKA POLLINATOR WEEK](#) ~ JUNE 20-26, 2022



⁽¹⁾ My Garden of a Thousand Bees follows acclaimed wildlife filmmaker Martin Dohen, who., locked down by coronavirus, turns his lenses on the surprising and spectacular bees living in his own urban garden in Bristol, England .

Nebraska Public Notices [Database](#)

WHAT ARE PUBLIC NOTICES?

Public notices are notifications to taxpayers and citizens, as established by state statutes or by order of a court. They are also sometimes referred to as "legal notices."

WHY ARE THEY PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPERS OF 'GENERAL CIRCULATION'?

Public notices must be actively disseminated to taxpayers and citizens who may be affected by the information contained in the notice. All government records are intended to be open and "available," but only if people know where to search. The information in public notices is so essential to an informed citizenry that it needs to be published and made available where people will find it. When notices are published in newspapers, they are also then posted onto the internet. states require that taxpayers and citizens be legally notified through public notices in newspapers of the activities of their government entities and courts. In Nebraska, that includes information pertaining to notice of meetings, proceedings or minutes of meetings, elections, annexations, budgets, property taxes and hearings, delinquent payments, hearings, ordinances, foreclosures and many other vital official matters of government entities; for courts, examples of required public notices include filings of estates, law suits, dissolutions, custody, assumed names, foreclosures, and many others.

SEARCH PUBLIC NOTICES:

POPULAR SEARCHES

SEARCH KEYWORDS:

All Words Any Words Exact Phrase

EXCLUDE:

FILTERED BY:

COUNTY	Any	+
CITY/VILLAGE	Any	+
PUBLICATION	Any	+
DATE RANGE	1/17/2022 3/17/2022	+

RESET

SEARCH



DEPT. OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

The Nebraska State Unit on Aging has teamed up with GetSetUp to provide hundreds of live online classes to keep seniors mentally, physically and socially active. Classes are interactive, easy to join, offered day and night and free for our community.

<https://www.getsetup.io/partner/nebraska>.

Designed for 60+ these classes can be accessed at home or at your libraries. This is helpful if staffing or other resources are not available to present classes. This site requires a login. Getsetup will send informational e-mail. It is easy to unsubscribe from these e-mail.

Subject areas and number of courses.

Aging in Place (277)
Apple (31)
Art (214)
Budgeting (18)
Business (46)
Communication (111)
Computers (49)
Cooking (50)
Creativity (99)
Exercise (236)
Facebook (6)
Financial Planning (25)
Food & Nutrition (82)
Google (31)

Government (3)
Grandparenting (2)
Hiring and Jobs (0)
Investments (11)
Long Term Care (178)
Mental Enrichment (242)
Mental Fitness (45)
Microsoft Suite (7)
Music (307)
New Skills (217)
Online (179)
Organization (39)
Phones (35)
Photography (35)

Podcasting (4)
Self Help (128)
Small Business Tools (38)
Social Hours (76)
Social Media (14)
Staying Connected (197)
Storytelling (70)
Teaching Tools (20)
Tech in Your Life (45)
Technology (170)
Travel (62)
Video (12)
Wellness (429)
Writing (21)

Resources for Library Staff

Nebraska Youth Services Librarians Retreat

The Annual Retreat is back in person along with virtual options.

September 1 and 2, 2022 at
Camp Carol Joy Holling,
Ashland, NE
More Information will be coming!!!



Topics may include:

- ASL Storytimes
- Board Games Teen Advisory Boards, Board Games
- Increasing Reading among children
- Intellectual Freedom and how to manage book reconsiderations
- Yoga techniques for storytime calming

Enjoy:

- Time to collaborate with fellow library staff
- Indoor and outdoor activities

Western Library System library staff—Be thinking about travelling east to attend. Carpooling or a van is an option.

Participate in Youth Services Outreach Week, May 16-20, 2022

Take part in the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) 2022 Youth Services Outreach Week by submitting a photo of your staff performing outreach with kiddos and brag about programs that you are proud of! Youth Services Outreach Week will take over ABOS social media platforms the week of May 16-20, 2022. The deadline for submissions is Friday, May 6, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Central Time.

To submit your information:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZiXlcwjUtNZk1Y0y_SK_6C-Pwsiu1JZIPYv8ScGB1natzFA/viewform

Follow Youth Services Outreach Week:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/abosoutreach>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/ABOS_Outreach

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/abos.outreach/>



Nebraska Library Commission Featured Resource

Links to [Professional Library Organizations](#)

Nebraska Organizations

[Nebraska Library Association - Sections and Roundtables](#)

[Nebraska Library Association \(NLA\)](#)

[Nebraska School Librarians Association \(NSLA\) formerly NEMA](#)

Regional, National and International Library organizations

[American Library Association \(ALA\)](#)

[ALA Emerging Leaders Program](#)

[American Association of School Librarians \(AASL\)](#)

[Assn. of Specialized, Government, and Cooperative Library Agencies \(ASCLA\)](#)

[Association for Library Collections & Technical Service \(ALCTS\)](#)

[Association for Library Service to Children \(ALSC\)](#)

[Association of College and Research Libraries \(ACRL\)](#)

[Library & Information Technology Association \(LITA\)](#)

[Library Leadership and Management Assn. \(LLAMA\)](#)

[New Members Round Table \(NMRT\)](#)

[Office for Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services](#)

[Public Library Association \(PLA\)](#)

[Reference and User Services Assn.\(RUSA\)](#)

[United for Libraries](#)

[Young Adult Library Services Association \(YALSA\)](#)

[American Association of Law Libraries](#)

[American Indian Library Association](#)

[International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions \(IFLA\)](#)

[Medical Library Association \(MLA\)](#)

[Midwest Chapter Music Library Association](#)

[Military Libraries Division of the Special Libraries Association](#)

[Mountain Plains Library Association \(MPLA\)](#)

[Music Library Association \(MLA\)](#)

[National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos, and the Spanish-Speaking \(REFORMA\)](#)

[Special Libraries Association \(SLA\)](#)

Regional and National Archivist Organizations

[HathiTrust Digital Library](#) HathiTrust is a partnership of academic and research institutions, offering a collection of millions of titles digitized from libraries around the world.

[Kansas City Area Archivists \(KCAA\)](#)

[Midwest Archives Conference](#) The Midwest Archives Conference is the nation's largest regional professional association for archivists. Founded in 1972, MAC now has approximately one thousand individual members.

[The Society of American Archivists \(SAA\)](#)

Mentoring Organizations

[Library Leadership and Management Assn \(LLAMA\) Mentoring Program](#)

[New Members Round Table \(NMRT\) Mentoring Committee](#)

Semper Disco - Always Learning



Educational Opportunity Center

AIM EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

CENTER BRINGS CODING TO

NEBRASKA LIBRARIES

Check out a Tech Kit from the Nebraska Library Commission, then invite Carlos Williams from AIM to facilitate an activity in your library!

How Does it Work?

1. Email Carlos at carlosw@aiminstitute.org to plan a Tech Kit Activity, or call 402-301-4392
2. Check out a Tech Kit Through the Mail from the Nebraska Library Commission
<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/tech/kits/kits.aspx>
3. Carlos from AIM will come to your library to facilitate the activity!
4. This is a free service and works for all ages.



**Nebraska
Library
Commission**

**ONLY AVAILABLE TO WESTERN
& CENTRAL PLAINS LIBRARIES
IN NEBRASKA**

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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)
Digital Literacy Training for Seniors: Sponsored by the Nebraska State Unit on Aging	May 18
Pretty Sweet Tech: Computers in Libraries update	May 25
The Heartland Honors 9/11 Victims and Survivors	June 1



Archived Shows

There is a treasure trove of library learning in the Ncompass Live [archived recordings](#). Find topics in the robust search feature. The recordings are free for anyone to watch on PC and Mac computers. Nebraska library staff and boards can receive continuing education hours by applying for the credits [here](#).

Basic Skills for Nebraska Librarians

5/9 - 5/20	Intellectual Freedom / Core Values*	Holli Duggan	4/4 - 5/2
6/6 - 6/17	Readers' Advisory		5/2 - 5/30
7/4 - 7/15	Reference	Christa Porter	5/30 - 6/24
7/25 - 8/5	Library Policy		6/20 - 7/15
8/15 - 8/26	Collection Management*	Denise Harders	7/11 - 8/5
8/29 - 9/9	Programming & Outreach	Christa Porter	7/25 - 8/19
9/19 - 9/30	Community & Library*	Sam Shaw	8/15 - 9/9
10/17 - 10/28	Management/Supervision	Holli Duggan	9/12 - 10/7
11/7 - 11/18	Leadership	Holli Duggan	9/26 - 10/21
11/28 - 12/9	Library Services to Children & Teens	Sally Snyder	10/24 - 11/18

(* Required Class)



Library and Information Services

Online Course Offerings

Fall 2022

August 15, 2022 – December 9, 2022

Registration for Fall Semester 2022 opens
Monday, April 11, 2022

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 principal pieces of learning from the LIS program.

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

Library and Information Services Online Course Offerings	
Fall 2022	Spring 2023
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

For more information on the Library and Information Services program,
see: <https://www.cccneb.edu/lis/>

For information concerning Admissions or Registration, contact:
Dee Johnson djohnson@cccneb.edu,
402-562-1418 or Toll Free at 877-222-0780

Central Community College is an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution.



Western Library System

Annual Meeting

~ July 19, 2022~

Rock 'n' Wine



Discover the History of Rock' n' Roll

Explore Wine Making

Indulge with a delicious Mexican meal

Papa Moon Vineyards & Winery

230975 County Road J, Scottsbluff

9:30 a.m. Registration with coffee, tea and continental breakfast

10:00 a.m. ***It's Only Rock & Roll*** presented by Randall Snyder

11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting

followed by buffet catered by El Charrito

After-Lunch Tours of the Winery Available.

Board Meeting follows at Riverside Business Plaza

[Register here](#) or complete the paper form (page 16) and e-mail to wls@westernlibrarysystem.com or mail to:

Western Library System
615 S. Beltline Hwy. West
Scottsbluff, 69361

In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held at the
Elite Health Center 840 W. 42nd Street, Scottsbluff



Western Library System

Annual Meeting

July 19, 2022

Registration Form



Library/Entity: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Name of attendee(s):

E-mail to wls@westernlibrarysystem.com

or mail to:

Western Library System
615 S. Beltline Hwy. West
Scottsbluff, NE 69361



TOSCA LEE

“**TOSCA LEE** is the *New York Times* bestselling author of eleven novels. Her work has been translated into seventeen languages and optioned for TV and film. She is best known for her nuanced prose, unexpected points of view, meticulous research, and high-octane thrills.

“Tosca Lee infuses every speaking engagement and presentation with a compelling mix of **wisdom and heart.**”

Nicole Baart, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Little Broken Things*

Tosca Lee’s books:

- ◇ *A Single Light*, September 17, 2019, Simon & Schuster
- ◇ *The Line Between*, January 2019, Simon & Schuster
- ◇ *Firstborn*, May 2017, Simon & Schuster
- ◇ *The Progeny*, May 2016, Simon & Schuster
- ◇ *The Legend of Sheba: Rise of a Queen*, September 2014, Simon & Schuster
- ◇ *Ismeni*, August 2014, Simon & Schuster
- ◇ *Iscariot: A Novel of Judas*, February 2013, Simon & Schuster
- ◇ *Havah: The Story of Eve*, 2008, NavPress; re-released by B&H Publishing 2010; re-released by Simon & Schuster 2014
- ◇ *Demon: A Memoir*, 2007, NavPress; re-released by B&H Publishing 2010; re-released by Simon & Schuster 2014

The Books of Mortals with Ted Dekker

- ◇ *Forbidden*, September 2011, Hachette Book Group
- ◇ *Mortal*, June 2012, Hachette Book Group
- ◇ *Sovreign*, June 2013, Hachette Book Group

Ms. Lee’s speaking bio provides a list of accolades. She has received the following kudos for her duology alone.

- 2020 International Book Award – Mystery (*The Line Between*)
- 2020 International Book Award – Science Fiction (*A Single Light*)
- 2020 Killer Nashville Silver Falchion (*The Line Between*)
- 2020 Killer Nashville Silver Falchion finalist (*A Single Light*)
- 2020 High Plains Book Award finalist (*The Line Between*)
- 2020 Nebraska Book Award (*The Line Between, A Single Light*)
- 2020 Virginia People’s Choice Awards finalist (*The Line Between*)
- 2019 Literary Titan Gold (*A Single Light*)
- 2019 Goodreads Choice Awards Semifinalist (*The Line Between*)
- 2019 Library Journal Starred Review (*The Line Between*)

"A Single Light" by Tosca Lee—Nebraska Public Media All About Books Podcast Hosted by Pat Leach, Director of the Lincoln City Libraries.

Air Date: 09/26/2019

Best-selling Nebraska author Tosca Lee has written a sequel to her thriller, “A Line Between.” Her latest novel is set in Western Nebraska where survivors of a global pandemic emerge from an abandoned missile silo into a world they didn’t expect to find. Hear an interview with author Tosca Lee about her new book, “A Single Light”

Here is the [link](#) to the podcast.

The Western Sun thanks Nebraska Public Media for generously giving permission to provide the readers the link to the podcast.

Western Library System Board



The Western Sun was published before the ballots for the 2022 election were due. As of the publication date, there were three unopposed candidates and no write-in candidates.

The nominees are:

Academic/Special Representative: Cheryl Hamilton ~ Western Nebraska Community College

District D: Representative: Jennifer Holthus ~ Grant County Public Library

School Library Representative: Judy Starke ~ Garden County Schools

The election results will be announced the first week of May.

Ethan Nelson, newest Board member, representing District B, presented an Ncompass Live “Starting a Game Board Club at a Small Library” on April 20th. The recording, presentation and supporting material can be found [here](#).

School Library Representative, Matt McLaughlin, also serves as the Bayard Tree Board chairman. The Tree Board was featured in the April 23rd Star Herald for their grants from the Arbor Day Foundation’s Community Tree Recovery Program. On Earth Day, April 22, Bayard celebrated their gift of 180 trees at Library Park and learned how to properly plant trees. Residents received 50 trees and the rest are scheduled for planting around the Bayard community. Bridgeport also received the grant for 75 trees with 50 being given to residents for planting. The trees are replacements for a devastating tornado years ago.

What are the roles and responsibilities of the Western Library System Board?

The Board consists of representatives who reside in the 21-county area served by the WLS. The Board is a 501(c)3 organization.

Committees:

Commits to serving on committees working with other Board Members, WLS staff and library staff volunteers.

Fiduciary:

Funding is received from the Nebraska Library Commission (NLC). The NLC receives funding from the State of Nebraska and from the Library Services and Technology (LSTA) Act and distributes to the four regional systems. Ensures fiduciary responsibility as defined in the Grant Agreement, Policies and Procedures and Bylaws

Governance:

Works with the Director and WLS staff to ensure the governing documents are current:
Bylaws, Plan of Service (updated biannually) and Policies and Procedures

Meetings:

Attends Board meetings and committee meetings

Personnel:

Director: Works with the NLC to hire and evaluate the System Director. The Director is an employee of the State of Nebraska. Administrative Assistant: Works with the Director to hire and evaluate.

Representation:

Represents their District or library types by:

Conferring with constituents for their ideas, needs and wants and relaying that information.

“Members of the Board and staff of the Western Library System are encouraged, as individuals, to take an active role within the state and regional library communities.



Western Library System Scholarship Application

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

Submit electronically [here](#).

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

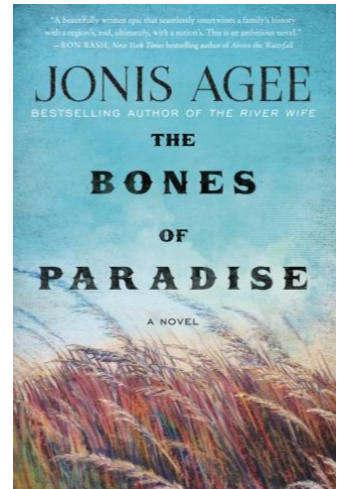
Please describe the activity, why you want to attend this activity, and how it will contribute to your professional growth. Be as specific as possible with the date, location, and function of the activity:

Send your request to: Western Library System
615 S. Beltline Hwy. West
Scottsbluff, NE 69361 Email: wls@westernlibrarysystem.com

2022 One Book One Nebraska ~ *The Bones of Paradise*

During 2022, join fellow Nebraskans by reading and discussing *The Bones of Paradise: A Novel* (William Morrow, 2016). The novel was written by Jonis Agee, a native Nebraskan and was selected for the 2022 One Book One Nebraska.

The press release announcing the selection stated “*The Bones of Paradise*” is a multigenerational family saga set in the unforgiving Nebraska Sand Hills in the years following the massacre at Wounded Knee—it is an ambitious tale of history, vengeance, race, guilt, betrayal, family, and belonging, filled with a vivid cast of characters shaped by violence, love, and a desperate loyalty to the land. The One Book One Nebraska selection committee enjoyed the intricate plot development and well developed characters. They felt that the novel was a compelling read and contained a variety of themes that would engage discussion on a number of topics. Jonis Agee is an award-winning author of twelve books. Her awards include the John Gardner Fiction Award, the George Garrett Award, a National Endowment for the Arts grant in fiction, a Loft-McKnight Award, a Loft-McKnight Award of Distinction, and two Nebraska Book Awards. A native of Nebraska, Agee teaches at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.

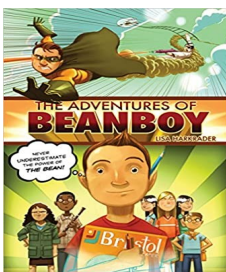


Libraries across Nebraska will join other literary and cultural organizations in planning book discussions, activities, and events that will encourage Nebraskans to read and discuss this book. Support materials to assist with local reading/discussion activities are available [here](#). Updates and activity listings will be posted on the One Book One Nebraska Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/onebookonenebraska>.

One Book One Nebraska is sponsored by Nebraska Center for the Book, Humanities Nebraska, and Nebraska Library Commission. The Nebraska Center for the Book brings together the state’s readers, writers, booksellers, librarians, publishers, printers, educators, and scholars to build the community of the book, supporting programs to celebrate and stimulate public interest in books, reading, and the written word. The Nebraska Center for the Book is housed at and supported by the Nebraska Library Commission.

A bookkit with ten copies is available to check out from the Western Library System.

Kids: *The Adventures of Beanboy* by Lisa Harkarder



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Teens: *Stupid Fast* by Geoff Herbach

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Western Library System Resources

Golden Sower and Professional Book Collection

The Western Library System is now offering the Golden Sower nominated books from 2021 and 2022 for check out. Here is the [list](#) which includes bookkits (set of eight) for the following.

- ◇ Because of the Rabbit—Cynthia Lord
- ◇ Dragon Hoops—Gene Luen Yan
- ◇ Dragon Ops—Mari Mancusi
- ◇ Lion of Mars—Jennifer L. Holm
- ◇ News of the World: A Novel—Paulette Jiles
- ◇ Roll with It—Jamie Sumner
- ◇ Strike Zone—Mike Lupica
- ◇ Twins—Varian Johnson, Shannon Wright

Contact the WLS offices if you are interested checking out these books. Later in 2022, the items will be available to check out using.



The Western Library System has a binding repair machine that restores 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.

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.

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