



Plain Speaking

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The program called 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenges parents to share 1,000 books with their child before he or she starts school. It sounds like a daunting task—1,000 books is a LOT of reading. However, if a parent will read 3 books per night, they will reach the goal in one short year. We want to get them started early, so even if a parent will only commit to one book per night, they will have no problem reading 1,000 books before their child goes to kindergarten.

A number of libraries in the Central Plains Library System are participating in this early literacy initiative. It may be something your library will want to consider. Early literacy efforts have a well-documented positive effect on children from birth to age 5. You should spend time planning your program and it will require some funding (so possibly some fund-raising).

First, decide on a program theme and choose how you will register and track your participants. A good place to begin is on the [Upstart website](#). There you will find a downloadable Start-Up Guide

and an Outreach Kit that includes a Welcome Letter for Parents, a Press Release, and other important documents. This resource also has book lists by age, bulletin board patterns, and coloring pages.

Almost all libraries offer rewards at significant milestones. Depending on your funds, you could give a prize for every 100 books finished. Maybe you will want to give fewer prizes along the way so that you can give a bigger prize to all the readers that get to 1,000 Books B 4 K. This program can be tailored to fit your library's budget and your patrons.

Another terrific resource is Pinterest. Go to <http://www.pinterest.com> and enter "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" in the search box. You will find book recommendations, crafts, activities, tracking methods, and ideas for possible rewards. You will also see themes that other libraries have used.

Marketing will be your next step. Display pamphlets and posters in your library and distribute them to daycare centers, Head Start programs, and doctors' offices. Go to the farmer's market or the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) office. Don't forget to promote your program on your library's website or Facebook page. Send a press release to the newspaper, television, and radio stations.

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Once it gets going, be sure to keep program statistics including:

- ◆ How many families are participating?
- ◆ How many children have completed the program?
- ◆ How has attendance at storytime been affected?
- ◆ Has the library's circulation increased?

This is a valuable program that, once established, will continue to grow. As 5-year-olds go off to school, younger siblings and their playmates will want to come to the library, too. Encouraging early readers is one of the most important things we do. Isn't it nice that it is so much fun!

Teachers and Librarians Invited to Host Letter Writing Clinics Grant Opportunity

Books make a difference in the lives of Nebraska young people. We know this because they say so in the letters they write to authors for the **Letters About Literature** competition. In her 2014 winning letter to Gary Soto, Sydney Kohl says, "The work inspired me to be true to myself, and also taught me the importance of each and every small perk in life. Our time on Earth is short, and might not be perfect, but as long as we take advantage of the opportunities given to us, maybe that's okay."



Nebraska teachers and librarians are invited to apply for \$300 grants to conduct Letters About Literature Letter Writing Clinics. Funding will be provided to introduce students to the Letters about Literature (LAL) contest and letter writing techniques, and to work with them to select books and craft letters to the authors. Grant funds can be used for items such as instructor honorariums, supplies, marketing, small participation prizes, etc. Applicants will target their efforts to specific age groups: grades 4-6, grades 7-8, or grades 9-12. A teaching guide is available at: <http://read.gov/documents/LAL-Teaching-Guide-REVISED.pdf>.

For more information about the LAL Letter Writing Clinic grant (**due March 30**), contact JoAnn McManus, Nebraska Library Commission, 402-471-4870, 800-307-2665, joann.mcmanus@nebraska.gov. This grant opportunity is sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book and Nebraska Library Commission, and supported by Humanities Nebraska.

Central Plains Library System Board Meeting January 12, 2017 10:00 a.m. Telephone Conference Call

Members Present: Tony Anderson, Jody Crocker, Judy Hagan, Kristi Hagstrom, Pat Hughes, Tim Johnson, Rochelle Krueger, Shawna Linder, Lori Long, Kathy Thomsen, Matthew Williams

Members Absent: Dixie Codner, Jane Hilton, Linda Nickel

Also Present: Denise Harders (CPLS Director), Sharon Osenga (CPLS Director), Sally Snyder (NLC Rep)

Call to Order / Roll Call:

- Judy Hagan called the meeting to order on 01/12/2017 at 9:59 a.m. Roll call followed.

Approval of Minutes:

- Tim Johnson made a motion that the minutes from the October 4, 2016 meeting be approved. Pat Hughes seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Financial Report:

- Sharon handed the finances over to Denise in November;
- Less has been spent than the budget predictions at this time;
- On page 6 of the budget the Telecommunications bill was taken out twice;
- All of the budgeted amount for board travel has been used, so it is suggested that April's meeting also be a telephone conference call;
- The charge to Folkmanis Puppets is reimbursable, as the different libraries pay for the puppets they ordered. Rochelle Krueger made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Lori Long seconded the motion. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Correspondence:

Sharon

- Trysta Gruber from Arcadia Public School Library
- Traci McKeon from Pleasanton Public School Library
- Shantel Eatherton from Horizon Middle School in Kearney thanked Sharon for the scrapbook information
- Betty Warnke from Sumner, Eddyville, Miller/Callaway thanked Sharon for her visit

Denise

- Claudette Wielechowski from Adams Middle School, North Platte, thanked Central Plains Library System for the scholarship to attend the NLA/NSLA Conference
- Judy Hagan, Atkinson Public Library thanked Central Plains Library System for the scholarship to attend NLA/NSLA Conference
- Teresa Shearer, Atkinson Public Library, thanked Central Plains Library System for the scholarship to attend NLA/NSLA Conference
- Kelsey Holbrook from Iowa thanked Denise for talking to the Library Skills class
- Susan Franklin from Perkins Library, Hastings College thanked Denise for her letter of support in her application for promotion

Director Reports:

Denise

- Denise received a letter from Janene Hill at the Minden Public Library thanking her for writing a letter of recommendation when she applied to graduate school at the University of Alabama
- Denise wrote a letter of support for the Nebraska Library Commission for a grant from the Institute of Museums and Libraries that would provide for mobile makerspace kits that would travel to libraries around the state
- Denise helped Shari Alber from the Blue Hill Public Library with the Pioneer system.

Sharon

- Richard Miller's retirement reception will be held at the Nebraska Library Commission on February 8. His last day will be March 3.

Old Business:

- By-Law Changes
 - ◇ Article V. Section 3A
Membership on the Board shall consist of no fewer than nine and no more than twelve members.
 - ◇ Article VI. Section 2
The Board Members shall elect officers of the Board at the Board Meeting immediately preceding the Annual Meeting of the general membership.

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Pat Hughes made a motion to approve the By-law changes as stated. Tim Johnson seconded the motion. The By-law changes were approved.

- CPLS Great Book Giveaway
 - Complete Louis L'Amour Set in Brown Binding – Ord Township Library
 - Time-Life "The Ole West" Series – Ravenna high School Library
 - Golden Sower Picture Books – McCook City Library
 - Golden Sower Picture Books – Logan County Library, Stapleton
 - Golden Sower Intermediate Books – Arapahoe Public Library
 - Golden Sower Intermediate Books – St. Mary's High School Library, O'Neill
 - Golden Sower Intermediate Books – Horizon Middle School, Kearney
 - Golden Sower Young Adult Books – Blue Hill Public School Library

Denise will deliver the books to the winning libraries.

- Sharon will close the Kearney Office on January 31;
 - ◇ The book sets that were not circulating have been weeded and the others have been sent to the Hastings Office;
 - ◇ Sharon has been sorting through the materials and files in the Kearney Office;
 - ◇ Rod Wagner has the guidelines for the dispensation of the furnishings and equipment;
 - * What furnishings and equipment that can be sold is to be sold
 - * Equipment and furniture that is not sold can be given to an organization with a 501c3
 - * The copier that is in the building will be sold to the owner of the building. Since there is no memory stick in the computer, we do not have to worry about pulling out those parts. The copier can be sold as is
 - * Sharon will be posting pictures of the furniture and equipment available including a desk unit, two office chairs, a four drawer file cabinet, and a paper cutter
 - * Sharon is working with Kay to learn QuickBooks
 - * Sharon will be taking her IMac and the desktop printer to use at her house until she retires.

New Business:

- Proposed By-law Change
 - ◇ The Board may change the By-laws by a majority vote of the Board members present at any meeting if at least one month's written notice is given to the members. If the following is approved by the Board in January, the membership will be notified in the February/March Plain Speaking newsletter. The final vote of the Board would then occur at the regular April meeting.
 - * Article IX. Section 2 Checks, Drafts, etc.
 - ◆ The current wording says, "The Board shall require one signature only on each check. The Board designates the System Director(s) to sign checks, drafts, and orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the Board or the System.

When Sharon retires in October, there will only be one Director. In the event of an emergency, it may be necessary for a Board Member to sign checks.

Suggested Wording is "The Board shall require one signature only on each check. The Board designates the System Director or, in the absence of the Director, a Board Member, designated by the Board at the beginning of the each year, to sign checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the Board or the System."

Matt Williams made a motion to approve the proposed by-law change. Tim Johnson seconded the motion.

- The next Central Plains Library Board meeting will be held on April 6, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
 - ◇ The Board will plan the annual meeting
 - ◇ Denise will check out wineries in the area

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Thomsen, Secretary



Official Notice of Proposed Change to the By-Laws of the Central Plains Library System

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The final vote on this proposed change by the CPLS Board will occur at the regular April meeting.

Richard Miller Retires



Goodbye to the tie...
RICHARD MILLER
is retiring!

Richard Miller, Director of Library Development at the Nebraska Library Commission, will retire in early March after 20 years in that position. Past professional library posts included Administrator of Southeast Library System (NE), Montana State Librarian, and numerous positions with the State Library of Missouri culminating with Assistant State Librarian. He was married to former librarian Rae Jean (Lewandowski) Miller (deceased) and has one daughter, Eleanor, who lives and works in Hong Kong. He earned his MLS at Drexel University in Philadelphia.

Richard's retirement party is on Wednesday, February 8, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Nebraska Library Commission.

Winter Workshop

February 10, 2017 at Kearney Public Library from 10:00 a.m.—2:45 p.m.

2020 First Avenue, Kearney

\$15/person, includes lunch

Schedule	Track One—South Platte Room	Track Two—Niobrara Room
10:00 -11:15	Strategies for Makerspaces	Dealing With Difficult People
11:30 -12:45	Coding	Libraries on the Edge: Technology Assessment Toolkit
1:30 -2:45	Google Forms	Outreach Strategies to Latino and Spanish-Speaking Families

Session Descriptions:

Strategies for Makerspaces—Craig Letteroff, Nebraska Library Commission

What is a makerspace? A makerspace is a place where people can gather and use resources to create something new. It can involve technology as cutting-edge as 3D printers or as established as looms and woodworking. In this session, we'll examine the elements of a makerspace, discuss possible policies and problems, and get some hands-on experience with a few makerspace items.

Dealing With Difficult People—Tina Walker, Keene Memorial Library, Fremont

Ever find yourself at the end of your rope? As many librarians can attest to, the everyday life of a librarian often includes that ONE patron or staff member that just WILL NOT cooperate or goes about and beyond to ruin everyone else's day. Or the one customer that likes to yell and curse at you for absolutely no reason. This presentation spends 75 minutes going over some basic ways to work with these kinds of patrons and staff members. From defining difficult people to learning why they may be difficult people to learning what your best response should be, you can learn how to more responsibly and professionally deal with these situations.

Coding—Jennifer Thøgersen, UNL

Technical skills, including computer programming/coding, are becoming more critical, and libraries offer a creative and educational environment ideal for exploring coding. In this session, participants will learn key reasons to host coding events in their libraries and will gain experience with existing resources available for such events. The objectives are to break down perceived barriers and to increase attendees' knowledge of and confidence in coding and coding events.

Libraries on the Edge: Technology Assessment Toolkit- Scott Childers, Southeast Library System

Join Scott Childers to learn about Edge, a set of tools that can be used to assess your libraries technology levels in equipment, staff skills and policies. These tools identify areas to work on and specifically focuses recommendations on working with the community decision maker4s. Edge is designed for public libraries, but there are parts that could be used by any type of library of any size.

Google Forms—Megan Boggs, Seward Public Library

Learn how to use Google Form for surveys or polls, program registrations, planning a meeting time and more. You can even collaborate on a form with others. The best part? It's free and easy to use!

Outreach Strategies to Latino and Spanish –Speaking Families– Gema Ramirez, Omaha Public Library

"In order to meet the changing and growing needs of our communities, it is becoming a basic service to reach out beyond our walls and make library services not only accessible but also relevant to diverse populations." - Camila Alire

We will discuss successful strategies that can be used for outreach to Latino and Spanish-Speaking Communities. We will also talk about barriers that libraries have or continue to face in their efforts to reach out and brainstorm solutions for breaking down these barriers.

Register at: <http://tinyurl.com/zjl52mx>



ONE BOOK

ONE NEBRASKA

Governor Ricketts Proclaims 2017 One Book One Nebraska: *Black Elk Speaks*

On Jan. 9, 2017 Governor Pete Ricketts signed a proclamation honoring **2017 One Book One Nebraska: *Black Elk Speaks***

by John G. Neihardt. In this year, people across Nebraska are encouraged to read this novel. The story of the Oglala Lakota visionary and healer Nicholas Black Elk (1863-1950) and his people, offers readers much more than a glimpse of a vanished time. Black Elk's searing visions of the unity of Humanity and Earth, conveyed by John G. Neihardt, have made this book a classic that crosses multiple genres and generations.

The **2017 One Book One Nebraska**

selection is among 150 books chosen to highlight the 150th year celebration of Nebraska's statehood. Rod Wagner, Director of the Nebraska Library Commission, presented the governor with a copy of the book.

Support materials to assist with local reading/discussion activities are available at <http://onebook.nebraska.gov>. Updates and activity listings will be posted there and on <http://www.facebook.com/onebookonenebraska>.

Summer Reading Program Workshop

BUILD A BETTER WORLD



March 27, 2017
St. Paul Library

[Register Online](#)



2017 Top Books for Teens and Children

John Newbery Medal for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature:

“The Girl Who Drank the Moon,” written by Kelly Barnhill.

Randolph Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished American picture book for children:

“Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat,” written and illustrated by Javaka Steptoe is the 2017 Caldecott Medal winner.

Corretta Scott King (Author) Book Award recognizing an African-American author and illustrator of outstanding books for children and young adults:

“March: Book Three,” written by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin, is the King Author Book winner. The book is illustrated by Nate Powell.

Coretta Scott King (Illustrator) Book Award:

“Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat,” written and illustrated by Javaka Steptoe, is the King Illustrator Book winner.

Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in literature written for young adults:

“March: Book Three,” created by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell, is the 2017 Printz Award winner.

Recognized worldwide for the high quality they represent, ALA awards guide parents, educators, librarians and others in selecting the best materials for youth. Selected by judging committees of librarians and other children’s experts, the awards encourage original and creative work. For more information on the ALA youth media awards and notables, please visit www.ala.org/yma.



Cutting Machines

These handy machines cut out letters and shapes from paper, felt, cloth, thin cardboard, magnetic sheets, and foam. CPLS owns two Ellison machines—one Original and a Prestige Space Saver—plus one Mark IV Accu-Cut Machine, and dies (including a 2" alphabet/numbers and a 4" alphabet/numbers). System members may check the desired machine and/or dies out for a month at a time. See the reservation schedule online at: <http://libraries.ne.gov/cpls/die-shapes/>. Call the Hastings CPLS office to reserve this equipment for your library.

Cover One Book Repair Service!

The System has purchased a binding repair machine that fixes a variety of types and sizes of books. This machine easily binds up to a 2½" thick book and it has a sliding wall to hold smaller books in place. It will also work with legal size and well as regular 8½ x 11" size items. Repaired books will be ready to use in just 20 minutes! Go to <http://www.coverone.net> and click on the link for Book Repair Demo on the left-hand side of the page to see it in action.

This machine is perfect to repair books with glued bindings that have "popped" and split into several big chunks, paperbacks that have come out of their covers, and books where individual pages are coming loose.



**Mail or bring your books to the Hastings System Office.
We will repair them for \$1 per book plus actual return postage.**

Disc Cleaning and Repair

The System Office has the ECO AUTO-SMART Fully Automatic 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, 2016 thru June 30, 2017, each CPLS member library has 10 free disc cleanings.



- If you have more than 10 discs that need fixing, you may send them to us and we will repair them and send them back with an invoice for 50 cents per disc plus return postage.
- If you come to the CPLS Office in Hastings and pick up the repaired discs, the charge is 50 cents per disc. A similar service at a retail video outlet costs more than \$5.00 per disc!

Audiobook Collection

CPLS owns over **800 circulating audiobook titles**. System member libraries may borrow audiobooks (CD, MP3, and Playaway formats) for a loan period of 90 days.

This Was A Man by Archer, Jeffrey

Pushing Up Daisies by Beaton, M.C.

Other Einstein by Benedict, Marie

The Mothers by Bennett, Brit

The Sleepwalker by Bohjalian, Chris

The Jealous Kind by Burke, James Lee

In Such Good Company by Burnett, Carol

No Second Chance by Coben, Harlan

To Capture What We Cannot Keep by Colin, Beatrice

Good Behaviour by Crouch, Blake

Commodore by Deuterman, P. T.

Lucky 666 by Drury, Bob and Calvin, Tom

The Whole Town's Talking by Flagg, Fannie

The Next by Gangi, Stephanie

My Own Words by Ginsburg, Ruth Bader

To The Bright Edge of the World by Ivey, Eowyn

An Obvious Fact by Johnson, Craig

The Most Dangerous Place on Earth by Johnson, Lindsey Lee

Dear Mr. M by Koch, Herman

When All the Girls Have Gone by Krentz, Jayne Ann

Matagorda by L'Amour, Louis

Killoe by L'Amour, Louis

The Couple Next Door by Lapena, Shari

Rogue Heroes by Macintyre, Ben

Daughters of the Bride by Mallery, Susan

The Chemist by Meyer, Stephanie

Behind Closed Doors by Paris, B. A.



View the list of titles on our website under Services and then call or email the System office to borrow or reserve titles.

Audiobook Collection—continued

Small Great Things by Picoult, Jodi

The Lost City of the Monkey God by Preston, Douglas

Apprentice in Death by Robb, J. D.

When the Music's Over by Robinson, Peter

The Kept Woman by Slaughter, Karin

Two by Two by Sparks, Nicholas

Light Between Oceans by Stedman, M. L.

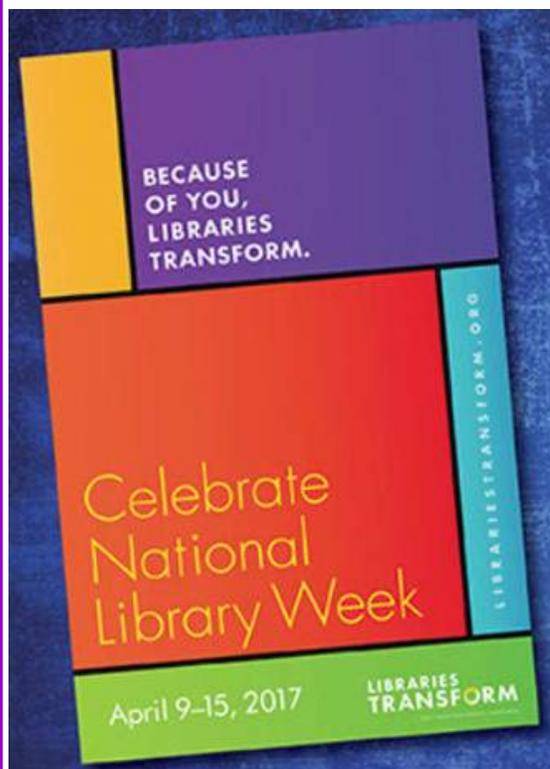
Seduced by White, Randy Wayne

Underground Airlines by Winters, Ben H.

Sex, Lies & Serious Money by Woods, Stuart

Celebrate National Library Week

April 9 – 15, 2017



Libraries are a resource for people of all ages to find what they need to transform their lives. In countless communities across our nation, children, students, and adults turn to libraries to learn, grow, and achieve their dreams. In addition to offering books, eBooks, computers, and other resources, libraries are expanding their traditional roles and providing opportunities for community engagement and delivering new services for small businesses, new Americans, and DIY-ers.

Today's libraries, librarians, and library staff are not just about what we have for people, but what we do for and with people. And "**Libraries Transform: The Expert in the Library**" puts this transformative work front and center before the public.

For more information on National Library Week, please visit www.ala.org/nlw

CPLS Has Scholarship Money Available

Up to \$100.00 per event for registration, mileage, meal, etc.

Only one scholarship per person per year.

Each Library Agency shall be limited to two scholarships per year.

Name _____

Library _____

Event _____

Date of event _____

Scholarship requested for _____ (meal, room, etc.)

Amount requested _____

Other information: _____



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Hastings, NE 68901

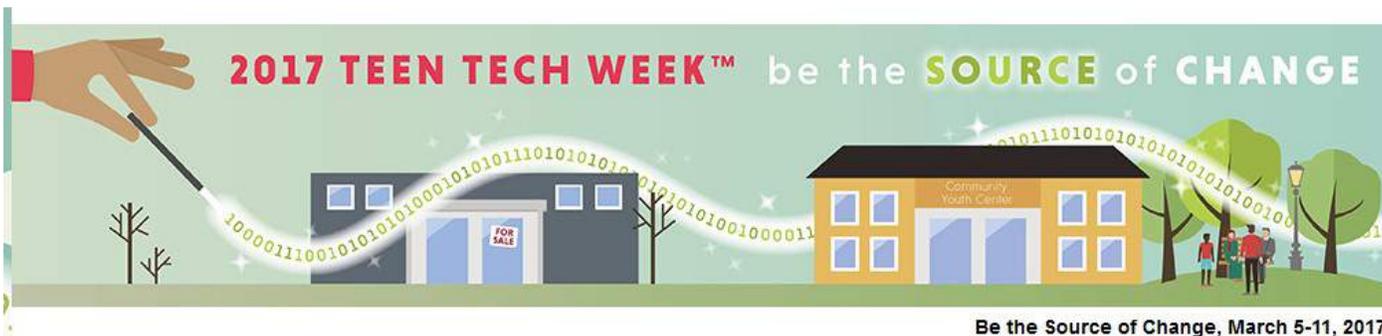


Public Library Statistical Report



The Nebraska Library Commission collects statistical data about public libraries and produces a variety of data products. Library Data Services is responsible for implementing the annual Public Library Survey, assisting Nebraska libraries in submitting the data, and reporting some of this information to the appropriate federal agencies. Library Data Services also provides information and data in support of Library Commission administrative, planning, and evaluation activities.

The next **Public Library Survey** will close on **February 17, 2017**.
For more information go to: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/stats/>.



Teen Tech Week™ 2017 March 5 – 11, 2017

Visit www.ala.org/teentechweek for free posters and all of your planning and resource needs to help you implement great digital literacy and tech-focused programs and services for and with the teens in your community, especially during TTW, March 5—11, 2017. This year's theme, **Be the Source of Change**, encourages teens to leverage technology available through their library to make a positive change in their community.

The Teen Tech Week™ Committee expanded YALSA's existing STEM Toolkit into a STEAM Toolkit. Download it for free at www.ala.org/yalsa/handouts

Find Great Teen Books!

All of YALSA's selected lists, and book and media award winners and honorees have been put into a fully searchable online database. Lists can be downloaded and customized for library use. Visit booklists.yalsa.net and be sure to add a link to this resource on your library's web site.



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▶ online.nebraska.edu/library



"My today started when I took my passion to the next level. I've always loved reading and loved the world that books could take me into. Although I was busy with my children at home and my career working in a school, the library science program at the University of Nebraska at Omaha helped me further pursue my passion. It gave me flexibility for my busy schedule, exposed me to real-life opportunities to experience a spectrum of libraries and prepared me for future trends in libraries. I love being a librarian and the role I play in being a gateway to knowledge."

Kim Gangwish
Library Science
University of Nebraska at Omaha



Why get a library science degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha?

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Also, ask about our blended master's programs.

Big Talk From Small Libraries

February 24, 2017

We've been listening! A comment we've heard pretty often is that so many presentations at conferences seem to be by and for librarians from larger libraries. Well, **Big Talk From Small Libraries** will change that!

This **free** one-day online conference is aimed at librarians from small libraries; the smaller the better! Each of our speakers is from a small library or works directly with small libraries.

Topics range from technology (new and old tech) to programming to new roles for the library. Come for the programs on what you're dealing with now or maybe learn something new to try.

Everyone is welcome to register and attend, regardless of how big or small your library. But, if your library serves a few thousand people, or a few hundred, this is the day for you. Click [here to register](#) for 8 hours of free CE. 8:45 am – 5:00 pm.



The Central Plains Library System is declaring April 2017, a “Month of Weeding”!

We want to encourage everyone to participate by agreeing to weed a section of their library that they have been avoiding. You know what it is—that corner, that shelf, that genre of books that you have put off weeding for a while. Now's the time! **ALL** Libraries in CPLS are eligible to participate!

How to Participate:



1. Send Sharon or Denise an email at sharonosenga@gmail.com or denise.cpls@gmail.com to let us know you want to participate.
2. If you need extra encouragement or help deciding what to weed, we will be glad to give advice and to lend a helping hand. Sharon will be available to come out and help you in person.
3. After you finish your weeding project, [fill out the form](#) on our Website.

Those who submit their forms to the CPLS Office by **May 10th** will be entered into a drawing for a Kindle Fire! It has rear and front facing cameras, 8 GB of internal storage, and up to 7 hours of reading, surfing the web, watching videos, and listening to music. The winning library will be selected in a random drawing on Thursday, May 11, 2017.

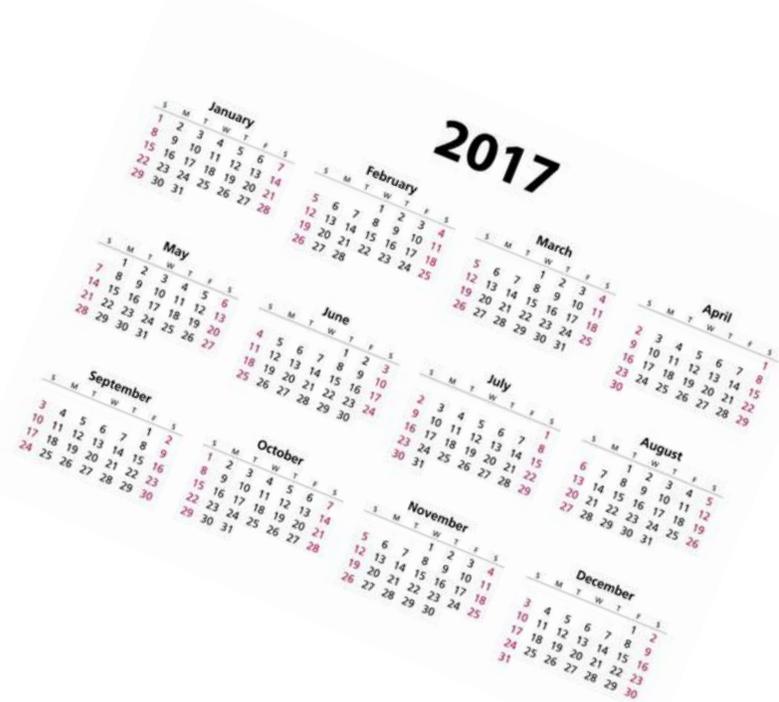
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Mark Your Calendar

- February 6 – 17 Basic Skills—Customer Service, Christa (Burns) Porter
- February 8 Richard Miller’s Retirement Party, Lincoln (see page 5)
- February 10 Winter Workshop, Kearney Public Library (see page 6)
- February 17 Public Library Statistical Report due (see page 12)
- February 20 Presidents’ Day Holiday, CPLS Office Closed
- February 24 Big Talk From Small Libraries 2017, Online (see page 15)
- Feb. 27 – March 10 Basic Skills—Library Governance, Denise Harders
- March 5 – 11 Teen Tech Week (see page 13)
- March 20 – April 14 Basic Skills—Organization of Materials, Allison Badger
- March 20 Nebraska Library Commissioners’ Meeting, Lincoln
- March 21 NLA Advocacy Day, Lincoln
- March 27 Summer Reading Program Workshop, St. Paul (see page 7)
- March 30 LAL Letter Writing Clinic grant due (see page 2)
- April Month of Weeding (see page 15)
- April 6 CPLS Board Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Conference Call
- April 9 – 15 National Library Week (see page 11)
- April 10 – 21 Basic Skills—Readers Advisory, Sharon Osenga
- April 24 – May 5 Basic Skills—Intellectual Freedom and Core Values, Sally Snyder

The death of a library, any library, suggests that the community has lost its soul.

~Kurt Vonnegut, Jr



We're On the Web

libraries.ne.gov/cpls

