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CENTRAL PLAINS LIBRARY SYSTEM NEWSLETTER

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It's here! 2-1-21 Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead February.

We are focusing on **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering, **A**rt, and **M**ath programming for all ages, Preschool – Young Adults.

In order to receive the activities in your Inbox, you need to belong to the CPLS email list. Join by going to [Subscribe to a Nebraska Library Commission Mailing List](#).

Starting today, February 1, 2021, and every weekday this month, we will distribute one or more S.T.E.A.M. projects for use in a variety of ways. These projects can be used for in-person programs such as story times or crafternoons. Or, the supplies and instructions can be sent home in bags.

Or, the activities can be used in a virtual “do-along-with-me” format.

Be on the lookout for this icon  in the email announcing each project. It indicates that the System will provide some of the materials for your program at no cost to you. Let us know how many people you expect or the number of take-home bags you plan to distribute and we will get the supplies to you.

Watch the linked [“Welcome”](#) video for more details.

The [first project](#) is also included.

Let's get going Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead!



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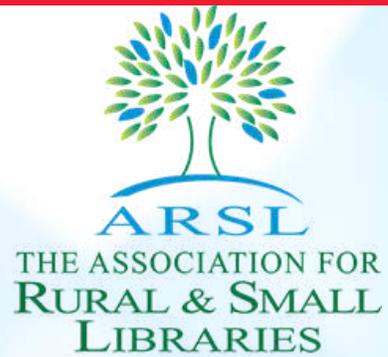
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ARSL Leadership Institute



We are excited to announce that applications for ARSL's pilot Leadership institute, **Outstanding In Their Field** (<https://arsloutstanding.org/>), are officially open! We are looking for 30 outstanding people who are currently working in rural and small libraries to join us for this special professional development opportunity.

Applications will be accepted through February 24th, 2021.

Participants, a.k.a. "Outfielders," will undertake 18 months of online and in-person interactive sessions.

It's a BIG commitment, and rewarding! Participants will gain:

- skills and confidence as leaders
- a network of colleagues throughout the country
- experiences at two ARSL conferences

The ARSL Leadership Institute is for accidental library leaders: people who may not have a Masters in Library and Information Science and maybe not even a college degree. They work in a small and/or rural library who are now are ready to grow as leaders. These folks came into the library from various jobs: the cashier at the local Mini-Mart with good customer service skills, the cataloger who worked at the library for 12 years and just became the new library director, or the schoolteacher who ends up running the public library.

They already are informal leaders and are ready for change.

If they don't find a way to step up as leaders, they may leave libraries. We want to catch them and help them find new ways to be outstanding in the field!

All participant travel, materials, and instructional expenses (worth approximately \$8000) are covered by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services ([IMLS](#)). So, while there are no monetary costs for participants, they will outlay their time, consistent engagement, and dedication to growing themselves and others as leaders.

The Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) seeks applicants representing a wide variety of communities and has a commitment to the representation of groups that have been historically marginalized or excluded due to ethnicity, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, ability, economic background, educational attainment, and age.

Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries



**A SPECIAL GRANT
OPPORTUNITY
FOR SMALL AND
RURAL LIBRARIES**

Apply January 4 – March 4, 2021

The American Library Association (ALA) invites libraries in small and rural communities to apply for grant funding to help them address issues of concern in their communities.

Up to 650 U.S. libraries in small and rural communities will receive \$3,000 each to tackle issues ranging from media literacy to COVID-19 safety to unemployment. Grants will be awarded in two rounds in 2020 and 2021.

The deadline to apply for Round 2 is March 4, 2021.

Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries is part of ALA's longtime commitment to preparing library workers for the expanding role of libraries. The initiative is offered in partnership with the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL).



2021 SUMMER READING VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH (RESCHEDULED DATE)

THURSDAY, MARCH 11TH

JOIN CENTRAL PLAINS LIBRARY SYSTEM AT OUR VIRTUAL SUMMER READING WORKSHOP, TAILS AND TALES! WE HAVE SOME EXCITING IDEAS TO SHARE WITH YOU TO MAKE YOUR SUMMER READING PROGRAMS SPECTACULAR! THERE WILL BE A VARIETY OF SESSIONS TO PEAK YOUR INTEREST INCLUDING (BUT CERTAINLY NOT LIMITED TO):

**BOOK REVIEWS WITH SALLY
BEST OF THE BEST MANUAL IDEAS FOR VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING
SHARABLE PROGRAMS FROM AROUND THE SYSTEM
MAKE TAILS & TELL TALES WITH JODY
BOOKMARK EXTRAVAGANZA
PUPPET PREVIEW
PRIZES**

[REGISTER HERE](#) TO ATTEND EITHER EVENT. PLEASE NOTE THAT REGISTRATION WILL BE CLOSED A WEEK PRIOR TO THE EVENT IN ORDER TO HAVE ALL THE GOODIE BAGS AND CRAFTS THAT WE WILL BE DOING SENT OUT TO EACH PERSON ATTENDING. BE SURE TO PLAN AHEAD AND GET REGISTERED TODAY!

This activity is supported in part with funding from the State of Nebraska and from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.



FULL S.T.E.A.M. AHEAD FEBRUARY

WE MAY HAVE BITTEN OFF MORE THAN WE CAN CHEW BUT WE ARE PLANNING ON GOING FULL-S.T.E.A.M. AHEAD DURING FEBRUARY ANYWAY!

Join CPLS for an ALL FEBRUARY LONG celebration as we Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead our way through the month!

**Kickoff Meeting:
Monday, 2/1/21 (2pm)**

Every weekday you will find a new, exciting S.T.E.A.M. activity delivered directly to your inbox! Then you can choose which activity you want to sign up for to share with your patrons. Our S.T.E.A.M. activity kits, including instructional video, materials, etc will be provided to your library free of charge!

This activity is supported in part with funding from the State of Nebraska and from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

BECKY PASCO RETIRES

AFTER 23 YEARS AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA OMAHA'S LIBRARY SCIENCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS. DR. BECKY PASCO RETIRED ON DECEMBER 18, 2020. SHE IS OFF TO NEW ADVENTURES!



AT UNO, DR. PASCO IS AFFECTIONATELY AND ACCURATELY REFERRED TO AS "THE LIBRARY GODDESS". FOR THOSE WHO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW AND WORK WITH HER, EVEN THIS GRAND TERM FALLS SHORT. AS HEAD OF UNO'S LIBRARY SCIENCE PROGRAMS, SHE WAS A VISIONARY LEADER, AN INSPIRATIONAL TEACHER AND A POWERHOUSE EXECUTER OF MAJOR INITIATIVES. SHE WAS ALSO A SHINING EXAMPLE OF "BOOTS ON THE GROUND", DRIVING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF MILES ACROSS OUR STATE TO MEET, ENCOURAGE, AND SUPPORT NEBRASKA LIBRARIANS. HER WORK HAS ENSURED ACCESSIBLE, QUALITY LIBRARY SCIENCE EDUCATION FOR THE BETTERMENT OF LIBRARIES ACROSS OUR PROFESSION. UNO LIBRARY SCIENCE IS COMMITTED TO CONTINUING HER LEGACY AND IS DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO REST UPON THE STRONG FOUNDATION SHE BUILT.

DR. SARA CHURCHILL IS TAKING OVER AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL LIBRARY EDUCATION PROGRAM AT UNO. ERICA ROSE WILL CONTINUE AS THE COORDINATOR FOR THE UNDERGRADUATE LIBRARY SCIENCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS AT UNO. INQUIRIES FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE UNO LIBRARY SCIENCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS SHOULD BE DIRECTED AS FOLLOWS:

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GRADUATE SCHOOL LIBRARY PROGRAM

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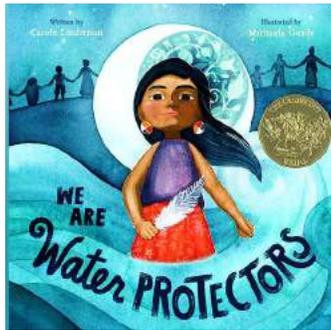
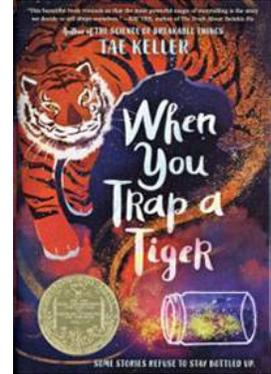
UNDERGRADUATE LIBRARY SCIENCE PROGRAMS



2021 ALA Youth Media Awards

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

When You Trap a Tiger, written by Tae Keller.



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

We Are Water Protectors, illustrated by Michaela Goade. The book was written by Carole Lindstrom.

Coretta Scott King Book Awards recognizing an African American author and illustrator of outstanding books for children and young adults:

Before the Ever After, written by Jacqueline Woodson, is the King Author Book winner.

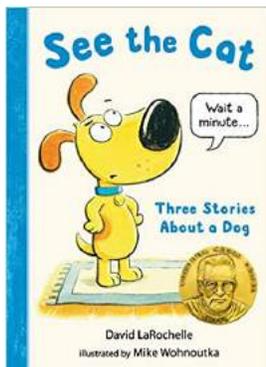
R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul, illustrated by Frank Morrison, is the Coretta Scott King Illustrator Book winner. The book is written by Carole Boston Weatherford.

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

Everything Sad Is Untrue (a true story), by Daniel Nayeri.

Odyssey Award for best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults:

Kent State, produced by Paul R. Gagne for Scholastic Audio, is the 2021 Odyssey Award winner. The book is written by Deborah Wiles and narrated by Christopher Gebauer, Lauren Ezzo, Christina DeLaine, Johnny Heller, Roger Wayne, Korey Jackson, and David de Vries.



Theodor Seuss Geisel Award for the most distinguished book for beginning readers:

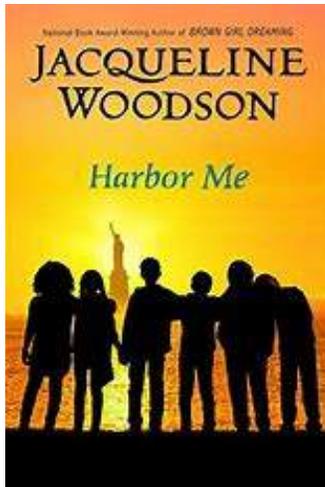
See the Cat: Three Stories About a Dog, written by David LaRochelle and illustrated by Mike Wohnoutka.

[Click here for a PDF of the complete list.](#)

One Book for Nebraska Kids and Teens 2021

2021 One Book For Nebraska Kids

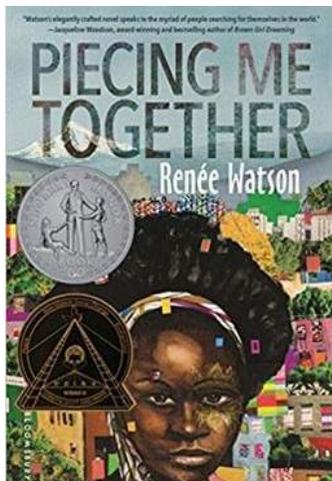
Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson



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.

Free eBooks

Open Culture eBooks - "The best free cultural & educational media on the web."

Planet eBook - "A list of all the free ePUB, PDF and MOBI eBooks published on Planet eBook."

Standard E-Books: A collection of high quality, carefully formatted, accessible, open source, and free public domain ebooks.

Project Gutenberg: a library of over 60,000 free eBooks, featuring the world's great literature here, with a focus on older works for which U.S. copyright has expired.

The Online Books Page: Provides a searchable database to a long list of authors and books that have fallen into Public Domain. Maintained by the University of Pennsylvania, which also highlights a celebration of women writers.

Bibliomania: Thousands of e-books, poems, articles, short stories and plays, in easy formatting to make it accessible to the visually impaired using screen readers and speech synthesisers.

HathiTrust: A partnership of academic and research institutions, it offers a collection of millions of titles digitized from libraries around the world.

Many Books: More than 50,000 free ebooks in a number of genres, you can also search for books in multiple languages.

Free Computer Books: Provides books on computers/coding, mathematics, technical books, and more, as well as lecture notes. This site only provides links, the books are hosted on multiple other sites.

Librivox: provides free public domain audiobooks, read by volunteers from around the world.

International Children's Digital Library: a digital library of outstanding children's books from around the world and in hundreds of languages.

Internet Archive: a library of fiction, popular books, children's books, historical texts, and academic books based on a wide range of interests. Includes archives of old radio shows too.

Questia: a library of more than 5,000 free books filled with classics, rarities, and textbooks; they also offer tutorials for writing research papers.

Free eBooks.net: Offers five free books per month of fiction, nonfiction, academic, textbooks, and (children and adult) audiobooks.

ProPlay: Offers the text of professionally-produced stage plays.

Audible (Amazon): They are offering some e-audiobooks for free, esp aimed at children.

The Chronicles of Now: Short fiction torn from today's headlines; major authors are commissioned to write short stories inspired by news of the day.

Ghost City Press: Offers pdfs of their annual Micro-Chapbook Series; poetry.

Junior Library Guild: Offering free access to online reading platforms. Includes access to Aiden Tyler, Quaran-Teen, a new and original story being updated in real time, illustrated, and read aloud by Rex Ogle each week.

enki: Offers open access to a large range of e-books; includes graphic novels and kids' comics. (may be CA-based only)

Epic Stream: A list of where to find the over 450 volumes of manga being made available to read for free online.

Roadmap to Resilience: Recommended by PC Behavioral Health, this book by Donald Meichenbaum, Ph.D. has been made free and offers help in dealing with the crisis.

The Digital Public Library of America now has Open Bookshelf

<https://freebooks.dp.la/collection/groups>





April 4-10, 2021 is National Library Week, a time to highlight the essential role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. The theme for this year's National Library Week is "Welcome to your library," which promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building and that everyone is welcome to use their services. Whether people visit virtually or in person, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging and community through learning, discovery and exploration.

[Click here for a sample press release, a social media post, Twitter and Facebook graphics, and themed items available for purchase through the ALA Store.](#)



CITIZEN SCIENCE MONTH

APRIL 2021

In just a couple of years, Global Citizen Science Month (April) has grown from a single day of events, to a coordinated effort supported by SciStarter, the National Library of Medicine, Arizona State University, the Citizen Science Association, Science Friday, National Geographic, and many other collaborators from around the world. Global Citizen Science Month encompasses online events and opportunities to contribute to projects from home.

To get started, go to CitizenScienceMonth.org where you can:

- Add or find an online event
- Download free resources for online events, including social media titles promoting participating from home
- Find projects you can do online and from home

See page 19 for training opportunities and free resources regarding Citizen Science Month.



2021 Winter Reading Challenge

Ending February 28, 2021

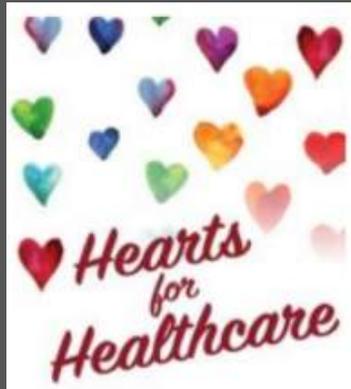
The Nebraska Regional Library Systems and the Nebraska Library Commission want citizens of Nebraska to stay warm this winter and enjoy the terrific library books available in public libraries across the state. To participate, go to ReaderZone.com or download the Reader Zone app on your smart device.

Register for the Snow Many Great Books! program with this 5-digit code 93723. Complete at least eight of the twenty challenges by February 28th to be eligible for a Grand Prize Drawing for one of three \$50 Visa Gift Cards. Please choose books you've never read from your home library. Books can be fiction or nonfiction, and J, YA, or Adult. **Contest is open to all Nebraskans ages 10 and older.** Drawing will be held March 15, 2021.

- Read a book with “snow” in the title.
- Read a book set in a place where it typically snows.
- Read a book in bed, under a blanket.
- Read a book with a recipe in it.
- Read any large print book.
- Read a nonfiction book about a winter sport.
- Read a book with a picture of a penguin or a polar bear on the cover.
- Read with a scarf and gloves on.
- Read a book about traditions.
- Read a favorite book from your own childhood.
- Read a book that became a movie.
- Read to someone younger than you.
- Read a book on a cold and snowy day.
- Read a book with “blue” in the title.
- Listen to any audiobook.
- Read in your pajamas.
- Read a book where winter plays a part in the story.
- Read a book with a one-word title.
- Read a classic you've been meaning to read.
- Read a book recommended by your librarian.



CPLS SYSTEM NEWS WE CAN ALL USE:



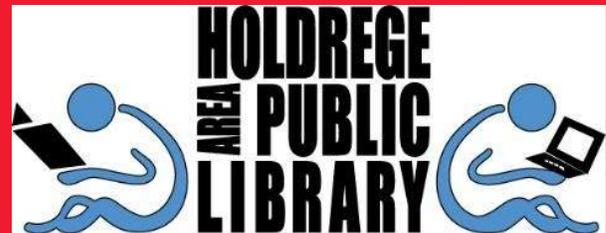
North Platte Public Library has a fun community project for February called **"Hearts for Healthcare!"**

As a sign of gratitude to our healthcare workers during this pandemic, they are asking the community to show their support by displaying a heart in a window during the month of February!

Patrons can purchase one or more of the laser cut wooden hearts made in the Library's Creation Station. Decorate it any way they wish and let their creativity shine! Then, display the heart in their window or front door for healthcare professionals in the neighborhood to see on their way to or from work! This is a great family project to do together!

Patrons are also encouraged to share their hearts on social media with the hashtag:

#HeartsforHealthcareWorkers



We are opening our annual **Blind Date With a Book** event, encouraging all patrons to choose a book based on something other than the cover. Books that were selected have a "pickup line" shown on the display window, and if that sentence intrigues you, you can take that line to the front desk and check out that book. This will be running until February 16th, but your selection will be greater the earlier you participate.

This year, our Circulation Manager was careful to choose a large selection of genres, so the books range from Sci-Fi and Western through Literary fiction and Mystery, with a scattering of Non-fiction and Christian fiction as well. For those that spend a great deal of time behind a windshield, audiobooks are included and have their own section this year.

Ravenna Public Library Receives National Grant

Ravenna Public Library has been selected as one of 200 libraries to participate in Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries an American Library Association (ALA) initiative that helps library workers better serve their small and rural communities.

The competitive award comes with a \$3,000 grant that will help the library address community food insecurity and create a community garden.

“We are so proud to be chosen for this amazing opportunity,” said Library Director Joy Kyhn. “This grant will allow our library to get to know our residents better and help us build a happier and healthier community for our families.”

As part of the grant, Ravenna Public Library staff will take an online course in how to lead conversations, a skill vital to library work today. Staff will then host a conversation with residents about food insecurity in the community and use the grant funds to create a community garden.

“Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries”
is an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA)
in collaboration with the Association
for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).

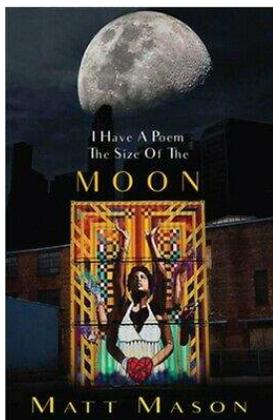


AUDIOBOOK COLLECTION

CPLS owns over 1,200 circulating audiobook titles. System member libraries may borrow audiobooks (CD, MP3, and Playaway formats) for a loan period of 90 days. Here are some new additions:



New Book Set



The System Office has more than 70 book sets to lend to schools, libraries, and book clubs. We recently added a set with 12 copies of *I Have a Poem the Size of the Moon* by Nebraska State Poet, Matt Mason (2019-2023). The Nebraska State Poet is selected based on artistic excellence and exemplary professionalism demonstrated by significant publications and special honors, an established history of community service in the advancement of poetry in Nebraska, and the ability to present poetry and interact effectively with a public audience.

As Nebraska State Poet, Mason will serve a five-year renewable term as an advocate for poetry, literacy, and literature in Nebraska. His duties will include giving public presentations and readings, leading workshops and discussions, and providing other outreach in schools, libraries, literary festivals, and various venues in rural and urban communities throughout the state.

Please contact Kay at the System Office by email at cplsasst@gmail.com or toll-free at 1-800-569-4961 to borrow this or any other of our book sets.



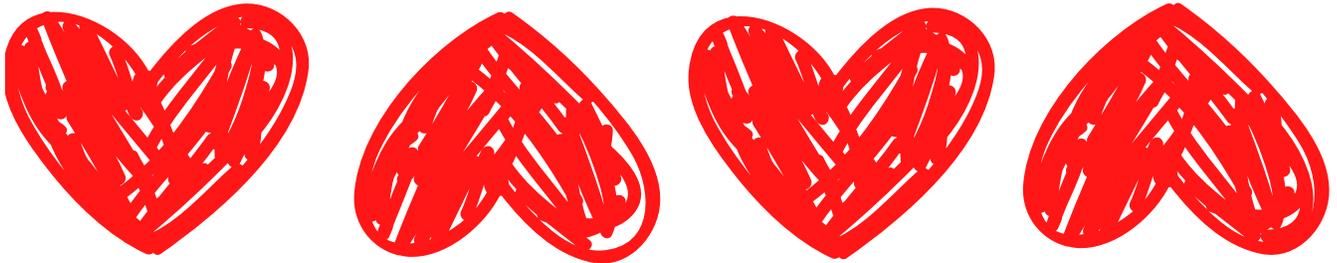
Disc Cleaning and Repair

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, 2020 thru June 30, 2021, each CPLS member library has 10 free disc cleanings available to them.

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!



Cover One Book Repair Service

The System has 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 as 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 System Office.
We will repair them for \$1 per book plus return postage cost.

MASTER OF LIBRARY SCIENCE INFO SESSION

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UNIVERSITY
ACCELERATED ONLINE PROGRAMS

Hey School Librarians! The BIG Benefits of Partnering with Your Public Library

Kiersten Kerr

February 3rd, at 1:00 pm CT

Join the live meeting at <https://emporiastate.zoom.us/j/96913788145>.

An Introduction to Personal Finance

Amy Becker

February 4th, at 2:00 pm CT

The purpose of this webinar is to provide an introduction to the different life cycle stages of Personal Financial Planning. We will also delve into the fraud aspect and look at ways to protect yourself and others from being potential victims. The webinar is designed to provide overviews of the different aspects of your personal finance picture and help you become more comfortable talking about your finances. Amy Becker is a recent graduate of Emporia State University's Library and Information Sciences Masters Program. She has her undergraduate degree from Kansas State University with an emphasis in Personal Financial Planning. In 2013, she received her Master's in Business Administration from Emporia State University. She has almost ten years of banking experience. She is from the Topeka Kansas area and currently resides in Santa Clarita, California. Join the live meeting at <https://emporiastate.zoom.us/j/97110253157>.

Harry Potter

Brian Meadors and David Hogue

February 11th, at 2:00 pm CT

In 2002, the Cedarville School Board in Crawford County, Arkansas, ordered the removal of J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter books from library shelves, holding that "witchcraft or sorcery [should not] be available for study." School librarian Estella Roberts, standing on policy, had the books reviewed—and unanimously approved—by a committee of teachers and administrators that included a child and a parent. However, the case was eventually brought to trial and ultimately decided in federal court, where it set a precedent for libraries in the years since then.

Presented by the two attorneys representing both sides of the case, this webinar will consider the origins of the book ban, the civil procedures and legal arguments involved, and implications for collection development in all kinds of libraries. Join the live meeting at <https://emporiastate.zoom.us/j/93033146326>.

Per Your Last Email: Trauma-Informed Communication for Trying Times (and All the Time)

Bryce Kozla

February 18th, at 1:00 pm CT

2020 was quite the year, to put it mildly. 2021 promises new opportunities and challenges amid continued demands for normalcy against the backdrop of a collective traumatic event. Oh, by the way, did you respond to that email from a few weeks ago? No, the other one. There's no doubt the pandemic and other high-profile crises are affecting our brains and our lives. How can we effectively communicate with one another in order to maintain trust and transparency for our staff and patrons? Bryce Kozla, presenter of "Being Trauma-Informed During a Pandemic" is back with some go-to tips for successful interactions when possibly everyone involved is affected by prolonged, toxic stress.

Join the live meeting at <https://emporiastate.zoom.us/j/97531766398>.

Promote Your School Library Using CANVA - Easy and FREE

Kiersten Kerr

February 24th, at 1:00 pm CT

Join the live meeting at <https://emporiastate.zoom.us/j/92631874696>.

FREE WORKSHOPS



Network of the
National Library of Medicine

Concrete Recommendations for Cutting Through Misinformation During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Feb. 2, 2021 12pm - 1pm (CT)

<https://nnlm.gov/class/concrete-recommendations-cutting-through-misinformation-during-covid-19-pandemic/29820>

The COVID-19 pandemic presents multifaceted challenges for the US health care system. One such challenge is in delivering vital health information to the public—a task made harder by the scourge of health misinformation across the information ecosystem. For this event, we will discuss recommendations for public health advocates and communication professionals drafting communication campaigns to maximize the chance that timely health advisories reach the public.

Self-Care During Stressful Times

Feb. 3, 2021 11am - 12pm (CT)

<https://nnlm.gov/class/self-care-during-stressful-times/29024>

Self-care is more than bubble baths and coloring books. Let's talk about the ethic of care and how it applies to ourselves, what boundary-setting looks like, as well as some tips and tricks to keep yourself centered and avoiding burnout (and yes, we'll talk a little about bubble baths and coloring books too).

Standup for Health: Health and Wellness Services for Your Community for Public Libraries

Feb. 8 - Mar. 7th, 2021

<https://nnlm.gov/class/stand-health-health-and-wellness-services-your-community-public-libraries/28085>

Do you work in a public library? Are you interested in engaging with other public librarians and staff members to improve your knowledge and comfort with health and wellness related reference and services? Over four weeks we will explore consumer health, health references in a public library environment, free health resources for library staff and patrons, and developing health and wellness related programming.

PNR Rendezvous: Serving Library Users with Mental Illness: A Crash Course on Controlling Clashes

Feb. 17, 2021 1pm - 2pm (PT)

<https://nnlm.gov/class/pnr-rendezvous-serving-library-users-mental-illness-crash-course-controlling-clashes/27264>

Patrons who show signs of mental illness can be confusing and upsetting to the toughest and most seasoned among us. What do you say to someone wandering around holding a loud and animated conversation with himself? How do you accommodate the child with autism who insists on rearranging your DVD collection, or the adult with obsessive-compulsive disorder who demands that you check out her books a certain way? What rights do the mentally-ill have with regard to public services, and what legal liabilities are associated with their presence in the library? This webinar increases your understanding of mental illness, teaches effective methods of communicating with mentally-ill patrons who are creating a disturbance in the library, helps you protect staff and patrons in rare instances of possible violence, and shows you how to locate resources you can lean on when necessary.

FREE WORKSHOPS (continued)

National Library of Medicine Resources for Citizen Scientists

Feb. 25, 2021 1pm - 2pm (ET)

<https://nnlm.gov/class/national-library-medicine-resources-citizen-scientists/29982>

Citizen science is happening all around you! Citizen scientists in your community are participating in bird and butterfly counts, contributing to Alzheimer's research, monitoring air quality, and collecting genetic information--all furthering and advancing our greater scientific knowledge. Citizen science is an amazing way to participate in research efforts, and it can often be done from a mobile device, from one's home, or from a library. Libraries are ideal partners for citizen scientists! In this class, participants can expect to learn how to support citizen science in their communities and ways that libraries can easily participate. Participants will learn about citizen science library program models, free National Library of Medicine resources to incorporate into citizen science library programs, and sources of funding to explore for buying testing kits or supporting community research efforts. Citizen science library programs are perfect for all ages, and all types of libraries.

Pitching Public Health to Public Libraries: Finding Common Ground

Mar. 9, 2021 1pm - 2pm (CT)

<https://nnlm.gov/class/pitching-public-health-public-libraries-finding-common-ground/30243>

As public health practice and public librarianship evolve to meet the current needs of communities, their goals and missions are converging, but we use different language. In this webinar, we'll discuss how to find common ground, establish shared language, and identify how libraries and public health departments can work together to promote the health of their communities.

Caring for the Mind: Providing Mental Health Information at Your Library

Mar. 16, 2021 2pm - 3pm (ET)

<https://nnlm.gov/class/caring-mind-providing-mental-health-information-your-library/27432>

Responding to questions involving topics on mental health is challenging even for the most experienced librarian. In Caring for the Mind, participants will learn how to effectively provide mental health information at their libraries. Participants will learn about the best electronic resources to consult as well as ways to improve their print collections. Best approaches for handling interactions with emotional patrons will also be discussed. Other topics covered include: bibliotherapy; assessment/testing; and the future of mental health. This class will increase participants' skills for providing mental health information for care providers and the public.

Healthy Aging at Your Library: Connecting Older Adults to Health Information

Apr. 9, 2021 10am - 12pm (MT)

<https://nnlm.gov/class/healthy-aging-your-library-connecting-older-adults-health-information/21737>

This "train the trainer" class is designed to help library staff assist their older adult patrons find health information. Discover techniques for helping older adults find health information on the Internet, learn what makes a website older adult-friendly; plan library programs on health topics; and explore some recommended health websites for older adults.



NCompass Live Webinars

2021 One Book One Nebraska: "Prairie
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Feb 3 1-2pm ****SPECIAL TIME****

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Education Programs Leading to
Credentials in Librarianship

Feb 10 10am-11am

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Engagement with Soft Skills: Using Board
Games at the Library

Feb 17 10am-11am

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Pretty Sweet Tech: How to Make Green
Screen Videos Using Free and Low-Cost
Tools

Feb 24 10am-11am

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Ways to Fill Your Shelves Without
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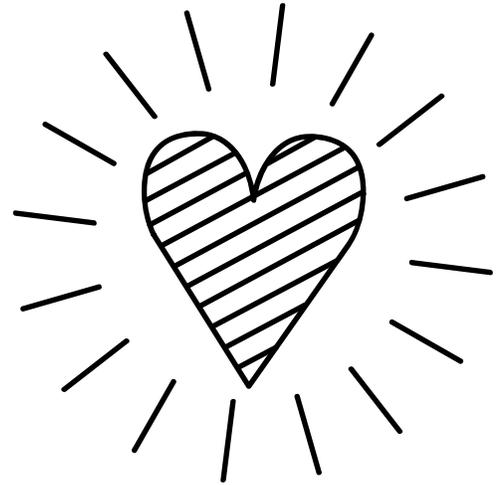
Mar 17 10am-11am

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Pretty Sweet Tech: How I Turned My
Dad's Home Into a Smart Home Using
Amazon Alexa Devices

Mar 31 10am-11am

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UPCOMING BASIC SKILLS CLASSES

Class: Customer Service

Class Date: 2/8 - 2/19

Instructor: Christa Porter

Registration: 1/4 - 1/29

Class: Library Governance

Class Date: 3/8 - 3/19

Instructor: Denise Harders

Registration: 2/1 - 3/1

Class: Library Technology

Class Date: 3/22 - 4/2

Instructor: Holli Duggan

Registration: 2/15 - 3/12

Class: Introduction to Cataloging
(Organization of Materials)

Class Date: 4/1 - 4/30

Instructor: Self-paced

Registration: 2/22 - 3/19

Class: Library Finance

Class Date: 4/19 - 4/30

Instructor: Holli Duggan

Registration: 3/15 - 4/9

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