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Looking Forward...

It is April 1, 2020, and we have no idea what the future will hold. Looking back over the last month, it is easy to be negative—all kinds of schools are out until the fall; the local, state and federal officials are heavily burdened with difficult decisions; businesses are working really hard not to fail; families are facing untold hardships; hospitals are preparing for the worst; and, we can't imagine how bad it will be when the worst happens here.

This is where I have to look forward. The time will come when our libraries and our communities will be bustling with activity. Families will be running errands, children will be playing in the sunshine, and libraries will be offering programs to help stave off the summer slide. In the big scheme of things, this time is not all that far off. We don't know when for sure; we'll have to wait for those in the medical community to let us know.



When that time comes, we will be ready to roll!

In this issue, there are workshop descriptions (we will schedule dates ASAP); lists of resources and services the System continues to offer our members; exciting new kits you may borrow for your upcoming programs; and stories of successes by CPLS libraries.

The traditional CPLS Week of Weeding has been extended to 6-Weeks of Weeding. Be sure to let us know how you are doing and what treasures you are finding as you have the time to clean and organize your shelves of material. Entries for the two Kindle Fire Tablets are now due by May 1. We decided to extend the deadline for our Group Puppet Order until May 1, as well.

So, for me, looking forward is better than looking back. Let's look forward to the sweet chaos that will be our Summer Reading Programs this year. 2020 will most certainly be memorable.

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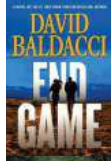
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Audio Books Newly Available



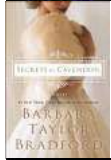
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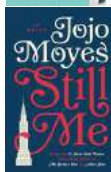
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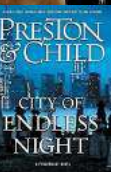
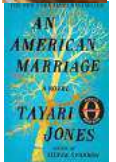
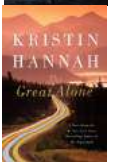
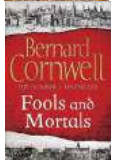
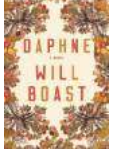
[An American Marriage](#) by Tayari Jones

[The Neighbor](#) by Dean Koontz

[Trapped](#) by Lindsay McKenna

[City of Endless Night](#) by Preston & Child

[Fall from Grace](#) by Danielle Steel



For a complete list of audio books that CPLS offers, please visit us on LibraryThing by [clicking here](#).



*Central Plains Library System Cordially Invites You to
Attend the Grand Summer Reading Gala*

Final Ballroom Location

Hopefully Before Summer Begins!

10 am ~ 3:30 pm

**Grand Island Public Library
1124 W. 2nd Street
Grand Island, NE 68801**

Each participant will
earn **5 CEU Hours**
for attending.

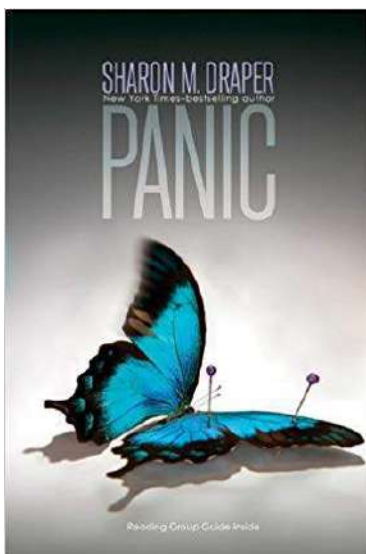
The cost for each Prince
or Princess will be **\$10**
with lunch included.

Payment may be sent to
the CPLS office or paid at
the door.

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.



Exciting New Book Club Kit (13 copies Available)



This gripping, chillingly realistic novel from *New York Times* bestselling author Sharon Draper, “by turns pulse-pounding and inspiring” (Kirkus Reviews), shows that all it takes is one bad decision for a dream to become a nightmare.

Diamond knows not to get into a car with a stranger.

But what if the stranger is well-dressed and handsome? On his way to meet his wife and daughter? And casting a movie that very night—a movie in need of a star dancer? What then?

Then Diamond might make the wrong decision.

It’s a nightmare come true: Diamond Landers has been kidnapped. She was at the mall with a friend, alone for only a few brief minutes—and now she’s being held captive, forced to endure horrors beyond what she ever could have dreamed, while her family and friends experience their own torments and wait desperately for any bit of news.



We're excited to announce our second Library 2.020 mini-conference: "**Small, Rural, and Independent Libraries**," which will be held online (and for free) on Wednesday, June 17th, from [12:00 - 3:00 pm US-Pacific Daylight Time](#) (click for your own time zone).

This mini-conference will focus on innovation and innovative thinking in rural, independent, tribal, and other small libraries --as well as the many unique challenges that they face. A diverse array of keynote panelists and curated presenters will cover topics that will likely include:

- *Innovations to provide Internet access and training to rural patrons;*
- *New ways that small libraries can offer services that the big urban libraries offer;*
- *Taking community partnerships to the next level;*
- *How workers from small and rural libraries can easily connect with each other to get ideas and keep innovating;*
- *Novel ways to fund special programs;*
- *Unique "Internet of Things" offers that are tailored to specific communities;*
- *Safety, security, and ways to deal with emergencies when the sheriff's department is far away.*

This event is being organized in partnership with Jim Lynch from [TechSoup for Libraries](#), Kate Laughlin from the [Association for Rural & Small Libraries](#), and [The School of Information at San José State University](#).

This is a free event, being held live online and also recorded.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

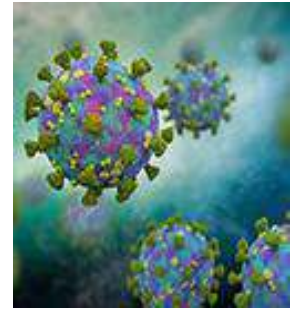
to attend live and/or to receive the recording links afterward.

Please also join this Library 2.0 network to be kept updated on this and future events.

The call for proposals is now open [HERE](#).

Everyone is invited to participate in our Library 2.0 conference events, which are designed to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing among information professionals worldwide. Each three-hour event consists of a keynote panel, 10-15 crowd-sourced thirty-minute presentations, and a closing 30-minute keynote. Register (free) as a member of the Library 2.0 network to be kept informed of future events. Recordings from previous years are available as well as a Library 2.0 YouTube channel.

HELPFUL RESOURCES FOR LIBRARIANS COPING WITH THE COVID-19 CRISIS



A Facebook group for health-focused librarians

You may already be a member of ALA's [Programming Librarian Interest Group](#) on Facebook. But did you know there is another Facebook group specifically for librarians and library workers who are interested in health and wellness? Hundreds of people have joined [Libraries Are Champions of Healthy Communities](#), and it's a great place to seek information and networking during the pandemic. Request membership to join.

Free, printable handwashing posters

Yes, it's being said a lot — but we could all use a reminder. Print one of the CDC's [free \(and fun\) handwashing posters](#) or share with your patrons so they can print one out at home.

Graphic Novel & Comic Books for Youth

→ "[Preparedness 101: Zombie Pandemic](#)," is a free resource that helps younger readers understand the importance of being prepared for an emergency, and also offers a preparedness checklist.

→ [Comics for Good](#) has a [comic series on COVID-19](#), along with [free print-outs and coloring pages](#). There are translations of the comics in [multiple languages](#) as well.

Online Storytime & Programming

→ <https://www.edsurge.com/news/2020-03-17-how-librarians-continue-their-work-digitially-even-as-coronavirus-closes-libraries>

→ <https://programminglibrarian.org/articles/online-story-time-coronavirus-it%E2%80%99s-fair-use-folks>

→ <https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/moving-programming-online/>

[Online Story Time & Coronavirus: It's Fair Use, Folks](#) (March 24, 2020)

Misc. Articles

→ <https://programminglibrarian.org/articles/serving-patrons-experiencing-homelessness-covid-19-shutdown>

→ [Manage Anxiety & Stress](#), from the CDC

→ *American Libraries* has published an article, [How to Sanitize Collections in a Pandemic](#) (March 27, 2020), which provides advice from several conservators on the proper way to disinfect circulating materials

Free Webinars

→ <https://www.ims.gov/webinars/mitigating-covid-19-when-managing-paper-based-circulating-and-other-types-collections>

→ [Libraries and COVID-19: Providing Virtual Services](#) ([resources from the webinar](#))

→ [Libraries and COVID-19: Managing Strategies and Stress](#) ([resources from the webinar](#))

→ [Public Libraries Respond to COVID-19: Free Webinar Series](#) (Thursday, March 26–Thursday, April 16, 2020)

→ [Evaluating Online Library Data - April 1](#), 1:00 pm Central Time

→ [Engaging Library Supporters During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#), **April 1**, 3:00 pm Eastern Time

This webinar will help Library Foundation and Friends of the Library groups stay engaged with their supporters and communities while navigating the many challenges of COVID-19. The recording of the webinar will also be made available to all at no cost following the live presentation.

→ [Managing Remote Workers](#) - **April 7**, 1:00 pm Central Time

→ [Coronavirus Frauds and Scams: What You Need to Know](#) - **April 8**, 2:00 - 3:00 pm Eastern Time

— Past Webinars —

→ [Tips for Suddenly Switching to Online Reference and Access Services](#) - originally presented March 27

→ [Libraries and COVID-19: Providing Virtual Services](#) - archived link, originally hosted March 26

→ [Copyright for Campus Closures: Exploring the Copyright Issues around Moving Instruction and Reference Online](#) - originally presented March 20

→ [Libraries and COVID-19: Managing Strategies and Stress](#) - archived link, originally hosted on March 20

→ [Pandemic Pedagogy: Resources for Library Instruction at a Distance](#) - originally presented March 18

→ [Information Literacy at a \(Social\) Distance: Strategies for Moving Online](#) - originally presented March 17

CPLS Annual “Week of Weeding” Extended Through May 1st



It is time for Spring Cleaning! Many of us have found that we have an unexpected amount of time available to us during this time. This affords us a great opportunity to sort through our collections so when we are open again, we can offer the public the best, updated collections we can!

I want to encourage everyone to participate by agreeing to weed a section of your library that you 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 me an email at denise.cpls@gmail.com to let me know that you want to participate.
2. If you need extra encouragement or help deciding what to weed, I will be glad to give advice and to lend a helping hand. Call or email to set up an appointment.
3. After you finish your weeding project, let me know how it went by filling in the form below.

Those who submit their forms to the CPLS Office by May 1st will be entered into a drawing for one of **TWO** Kindle Fire Tablets. The winning libraries will be selected in a random drawing on Monday, May 4th, 2020.

Week of Weeding Participation Form

Library _____

Section Weeded _____

How many books were weeded? (approximately) _____

Best (or worst) thing that was weeded out? _____

I’d love to see some “before and after” photos of your project. You can email digital pictures or submit printed photos with this participation form. (Pictures are not required and will not affect your library’s chance to win a Kindle Fire.)

Return the form via email or mail to:

Central Plains Library System, 2727 West 2nd Street #233, Hastings, NE 68901





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EARN YOUR MASTER OF
LIBRARY SCIENCE
DEGREE

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SATURDAY, MARCH 7 • 11AM CST

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 • 11AM CST

SATURDAY, MAY 9 • 11AM CST

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School of LIBRARY & INFORMATION MANAGEMENT



Library and Information Services

Online Course Offerings

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

Enrollment for Fall 2020 opens April 14, 2020

Fall 2020: August 17, 2020 – December 11, 2020

Fall 2020

LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services

Marty Magee, Instructor

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

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

LIBR 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies

Michael Straatmann, Instructor

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

- Leadership principles
- Management strategies
- Policies and procedures

LIBR 2940 Library and Information Services Capstone Practicum

Patty Birch, Instructor

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

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

<i>Library and Information Services Online Course Offerings</i>	
Fall 2020	Spring 2021
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 information concerning Admissions or Registration, contact:

Dee Johnson djohnson@cccneb.edu 402-562-1418 or Toll Free at 877-222-0780

Group Puppet Order

Folkmanis has more than 250 puppets of all sizes available. The company has been making the most innovative and engaging specialty puppets in the world since 1976, delighting imaginations and winning nearly every industry, child development, and kid-tested award - many repeatedly.



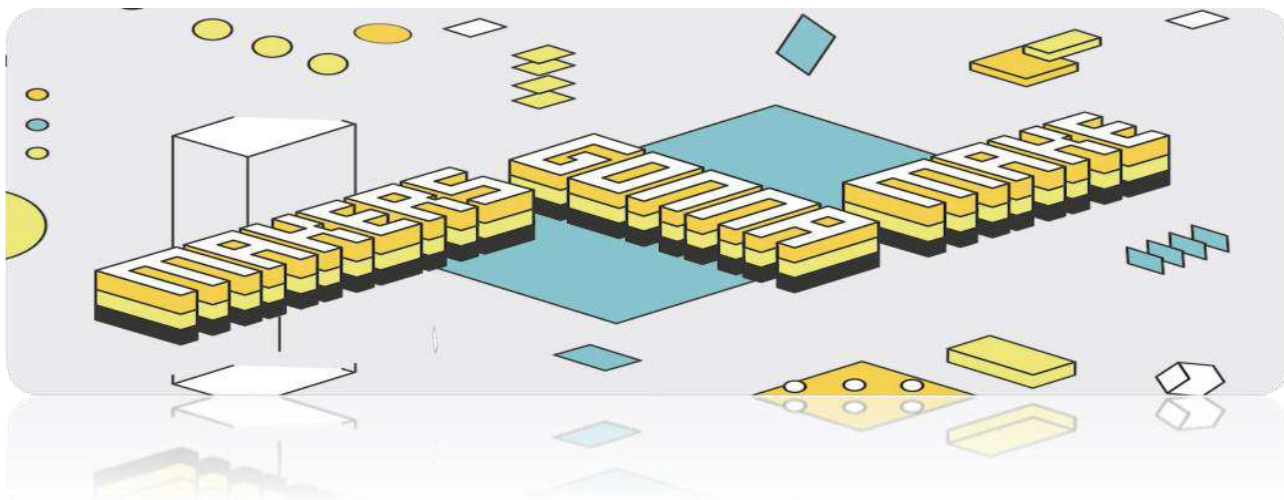
We will be placing a group order on Monday, May 4th, 2020. If you would like to order puppets for your library, go to <http://www.folkmanis.com> to see pictures and videos. Our group rate is 50% of the price listed on the website, plus 15% for shipping. For example, the new **Music Box Unicorn** (Item #3161) puppet's retail price is \$79.99. She has a movable mouth and you wind her tail to activate the music box and hear her enchanting melody. We pay \$40.00 plus \$6.00 for a total of \$46.00. It is SO new, it is not even on the website, yet.

If you would like to order any puppets, please call Kay toll-free at 1-800-569-4961 or email her at cplsasst@gmail.com by **Friday, May 1st, 2020.**



Future Basic Skills for Nebraska Librarian Classes

Class Dates	Class	Instructor	Registration
4/1—5/31	Introduction to Cataloging (Organization of Materials)	Self-paced	2/24—3/20



Come see what's new! Join us for an interactive workshop where you will get to explore *all* the latest items that CPLS has to offer you! We have added *A TON* of top recommended Makerspace items suitable for any ages and any budget. *All* the Makerspace items we will be using that day will be available for borrowing after both workshops are complete.

The two locations for this workshop are:

Lexington Public Library
907 N Washington St.
Lexington, NE 68850

Hastings Public Library
314 N Denver Ave
Hastings, NE 68901

Each attendee will leave with hands-on experience and the tools necessary to go back to their home library and implement new ideas for their library.

Participants will receive 3 CEU Hours.

Space is limited to the first 20 people at each location.

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.





Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund focuses on empowering libraries

Today’s libraries provide important services that go far beyond books. They are used for community gathering places, internet access, remote conferencing, public meetings, after-school programs, and increasingly, for wildly popular makerspaces for children and adults. Recently, the Kreutz-Bennett Donor-Advised Fund, an affiliated fund of Nebraska Community Foundation, helped six small-town Nebraska libraries provide access to STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) activities by providing grants totaling \$46,321.

For full details, visit the NLC NCompass Blog at <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/nlcblog/2020/03/31/small-town-libraries-get-help-for-high-tech-makerspaces-with-kreutz-bennett-grants/>

Funds will be used to purchase STEAM-related equipment, software, supplies and improve facilities in the following libraries: Bridgeport Public Library, Central City Public Library, Clay Center Public Library, Kimball Public Library, Lied Pierce Public Library, **Ravenna Public Library**.

An additional \$86,750 in grants was awarded to the following libraries for program enhancement, facilities improvement, or work leading to accreditation: **Axtell Public Library**, **Garfield County Library in Burwell**, Geneva Public Library, Genoa Public Library, Hruska Memorial Public Library in David City, **Logan County Library in Stapleton**, Rising City Public Library, **Rock County Public Library in Bassett**, Shelby Public Library.

The Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund encourages all libraries serving communities with populations under 3,000 to review the grant guidelines and carefully consider how new improvements might better serve families. Following Ms. Kreutz Bennett’s wishes, a Fund Advisory Committee composed of her nieces and nephews recommends grants each year. All grants require a one-to-one match in local funding and evidence that the project has broad community support. Grant seekers should review the [guidelines and application procedures](#). The first short applications are due October 1, 2020. If invited, full applications will be due in January 2021. For more information, contact Kristine Gale, NCF community impact coordinator, 402.822.0466 or kgale@nebcommfound.org.

CPLS Has Scholarship Money Available

Up to \$200.00 per event in Nebraska and \$300 for out-of-state events 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: _____

Send your request to: Central Plains Library System
2727 W. 2nd Street # 233



Cricut Design Space 101

**Feeling overwhelmed?
Confused about all the buttons on Design Space and what they mean?
Do you group, attach, or weld?
Do you do all three?**

Join us for a fun filled afternoon where we will break down the basics of Design Space, learn some short-cuts and have you completing your own projects before you leave!

**Gothenburg Public Library
1104 Lake Avenue
Gothenburg, NE 69138**

Each participant must bring the following to complete the projects:
Laptop Computer (charging cords as well)
New T-shirt of your choice (washed and dried)
Your creativity!

You will receive 3 CEU's for participating in this workshop. We will be designing and completing a T-shirt and a water bottle for Summer Reading!

Due to space, we are limited to 15 participants that will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. However, if there is overwhelming interest in the workshop, we will try to hold another one in May before Summer Reading begins.

Registration will be announced at a later date.

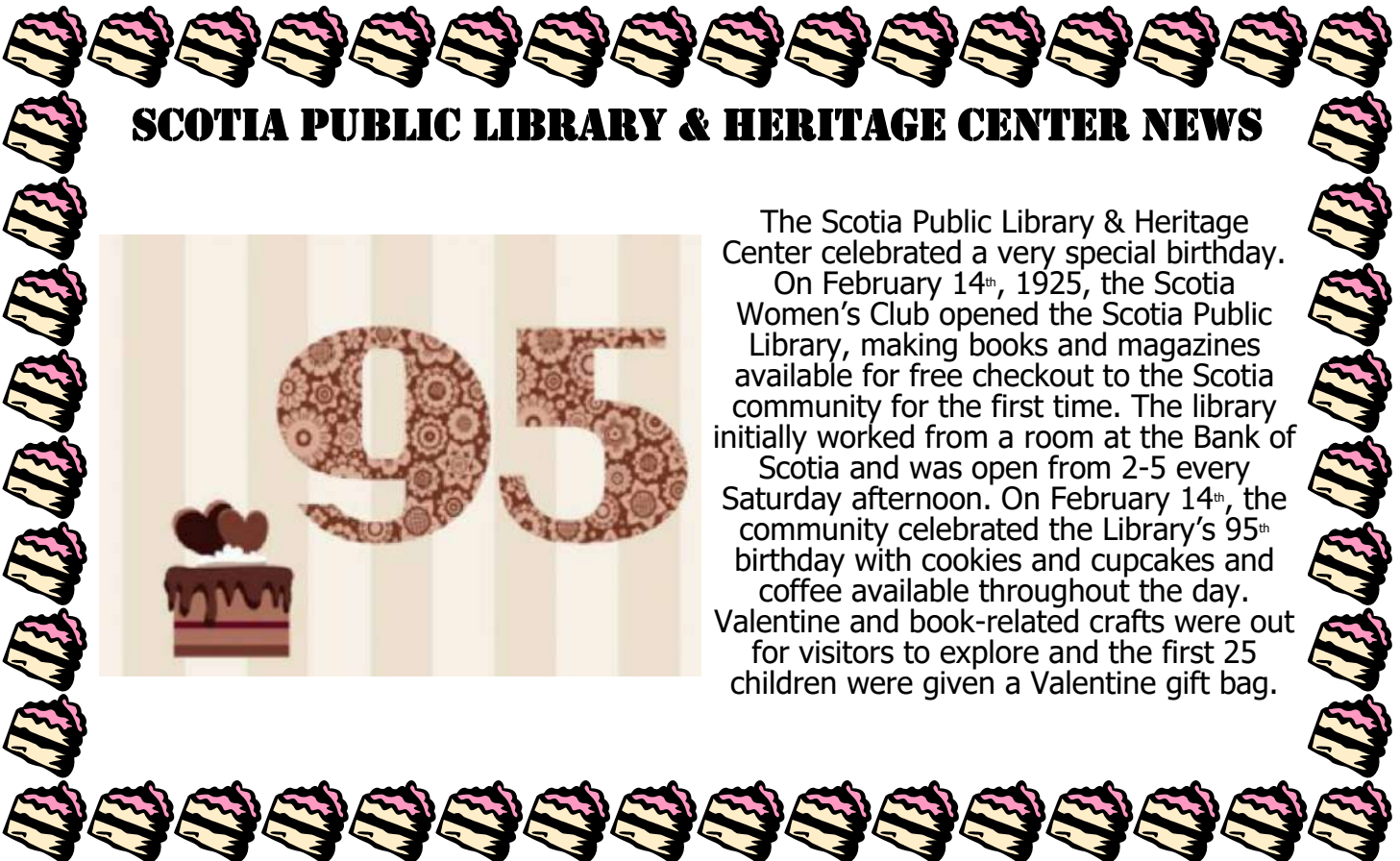
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SAVE THE DATE

CENTRAL PLAINS LIBRARY SYSTEM INVITES YOU TO
JOIN US FOR OUR **2ND** ANNUAL GOLDEN SOWER
READING DAY FILLED WITH READING THE LATEST AND GREATEST
BOOKS IN ORDER TO FINALIZE THE GOLDEN SOWER NOMINATION
LIST. COME JOIN IN THE FUN AND HELP SHAPE
THE FUTURE OF OUR READERS.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH, 2020 (TENTATIVE)
KEARNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

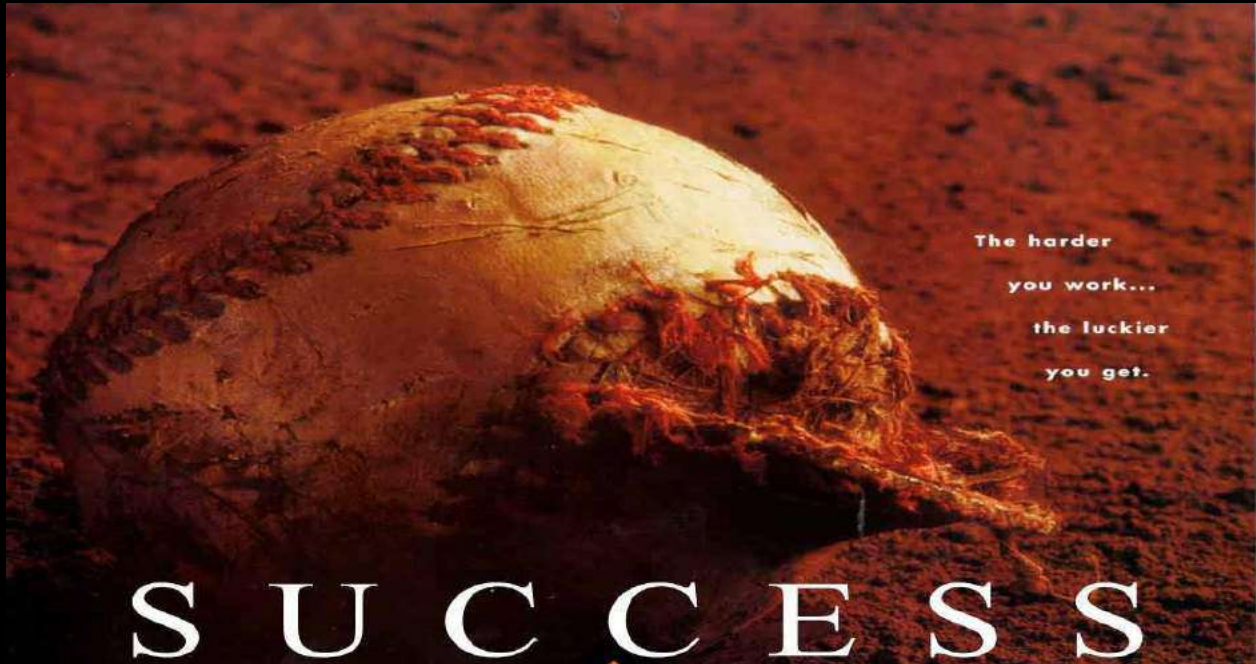


SCOTIA PUBLIC LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTER NEWS



The Scotia Public Library & Heritage Center celebrated a very special birthday. On February 14th, 1925, the Scotia Women's Club opened the Scotia Public Library, making books and magazines available for free checkout to the Scotia community for the first time. The library initially worked from a room at the Bank of Scotia and was open from 2-5 every Saturday afternoon. On February 14th, the community celebrated the Library's 95th birthday with cookies and cupcakes and coffee available throughout the day. Valentine and book-related crafts were out for visitors to explore and the first 25 children were given a Valentine gift bag.

SAVE THE DATE



We have been working hard this year at Central Plains Library System. And we feel very fortunate to have such a great bunch of Librarians we get the pleasure of working with throughout the year. To celebrate the success of this System, we invite you to our Annual Meeting this summer.

**FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2020
ST. PAUL, NE**

CPLS Board Meeting Schedule

April 17, 2020—Tele-Conference, 11:00 am
July 10, 2020—Board & Annual Meeting (St. Paul)

Paper Circuits available from CPLS



Central Plains Library System has Paper Circuits to loan to its members. A paper circuit is a low-voltage electronic circuit that is created on paper or cardboard using conductive copper tape, LEDs and a power source such as a coin-cell battery. Creating paper circuits is a good way to teach the basics of electricity and how circuits function. In addition to being educational, they can also be a fun makerspace project that helps to bring artwork and paper craft to life. By adding sensors, buzzers and motors to your circuit, you can also add another dimension of interactivity. These simple projects are great for all ages and all makerspaces.

Come to our **Makers Gonna Make** workshops to see the Paper Circuits and many more kits you may borrow.

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, 2019 thru June 30, 2020, 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!

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 actual return postage.



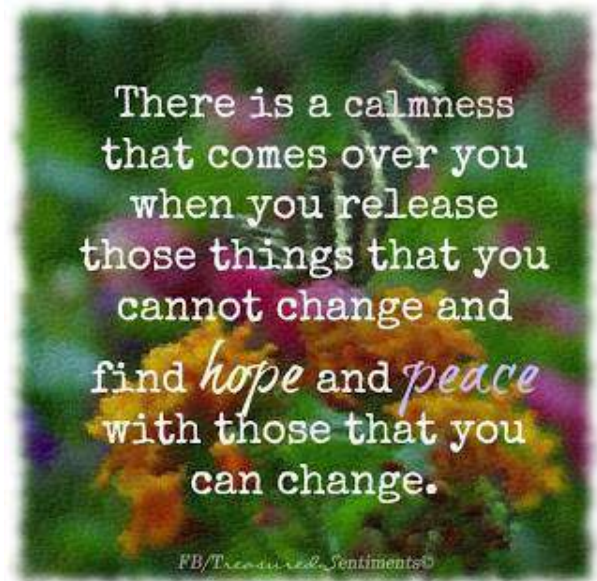
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Mark Your Calendar

- April.....CPLS Annual Week of Weeding Continues All Month
- April 17.....CPLS Board Meeting, Phone Conference
- May 1.....Deadline to order Folkmanis Puppets
- June 5.....Golden Sower Reading Day, Kearney Public Library (Tentative)
- July 10.....CPLS Board & Annual Meeting, St. Paul, NE (Tentative)

Postponed Workshops To Look Forward To Once It Is Safe To Do So

- Final Grand Summer Reading Gala 2020, Grand Island Public Library
- Makers Gonna Make Workshop, Lexington Public Library
- Makers Gonna Make Workshop, Hastings Public Library
- Cricut Design Space 101 Workshop, Gothenburg Public Library



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