



# Plain Speaking

Central Plains Library System

*Educate Connect Inspire*

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## How Safe Is Your Library?

What was the first thought that came into your mind? Safety of the patrons? Safety of the materials? Both of those are important, but in this case we are looking at the safety of library employees. Unfortunately, this topic might not come up until something has happened. Sharon Osenga recently attended a seminar sponsored by the Three Rivers Library System with Pat Wager from Denver as the presenter.

During one portion of the program, participants were asked to audit the physical surroundings of their libraries thinking about the safety of the staff. Security is about more than just locked doors. As you read these questions, think about how your library building stacks up and how it could be better.

- ◆ Is the desk positioned so that staff can move around freely?
- ◆ Are you able to see people as they come in the door and as they move around the library?
- ◆ Is there room in the front of the library for a line to form at the desk?
- ◆ Is there lighting at the front, back and all entrances to the library?
- ◆ Are there isolated areas inside the library?
- ◆ Do you have exterior windows?
- ◆ Does the exit door have a window?
- ◆ Do you have security cameras or motion-sensor lights?

This is an abbreviated list of questions from Pat Wagner's handouts. If you have concerns about safety and the security of your library staff, contact Sharon or Denise for more information.



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# NEST 529, College Savings Plan Scholarships!

We are excited the NEST 529 contest continues for this year's summer reading program. It is the opportunity for children and teens, ages 3-18, to have their names entered into a drawing for a \$529 scholarship. Fifteen names will be drawn, five each from our three Congressional Districts. In order to be included in the drawing, children and teens need to complete their library's summer reading program, as determined by each individual public library. Additionally, each winner's home library will receive \$250.



Information, Official Rules, and a sample file for name submissions can be found [here](#).

Instructions included on Tab 1 of the sample submission file are:

- ✦ Please inform parents or guardians of the library's intention to submit the children's names for the drawing. The parent or guardian has the right to exclude their child from the drawing.

Print out and post the [Official Rules](#) for the NEST 529 drawing.

- ✦ As stated in the Official Rules — "Eligibility: Participation is open only to individual, legal Nebraska residents 3 to 18 years of age as of the date of entry."
- ✦ Include a phone number &/or email address to contact each child/teen. (Space for these is included on Tab 2 of the Excel file designed for submission.)
- ✦ Libraries must submit contestant information electronically to the Library Commission.
- ✦ If you do not have Excel or another spreadsheet program, send us the names electronically in an email.
- ✦ In order to receive the scholarship, after the drawing the parents of the winners must agree to establish a 529 College savings account.

Email the completed file to [Sally Snyder](#) by the **Deadline** of 11:59:59 p.m., CT, on **August 25, 2016.**

Visit this Library Commission web [page](#) for links to the complete rules and a poster to display in your library.

**Central Plains Library System Board Meeting  
July 22, 2016 - 10:00 am  
Kearney Public Library  
2020 West First Ave.**

**PRESENT:** Dixie Codner, Jody Crocker, Judy Hagen, Pat Hughes, Tim Johnson, Rochelle Kruger, Shawna Lindner, Sky Seery, Kathy Thomsen

**ABSENT:** Debra Moninger, Kristi Hagstrom

**ALSO PRESENT:** Denise Harders (CPLS Director), Sharon Osenga, (CPLS Director), Rod Wagner (NLC Rep), Kay Kloppenborg (CPLS Admin Asst.) Matthew Williams, Jane Hilton, Terri Johnson

**Agenda**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Jody Crocker called the meeting to order on 7.22.16 at 10:03 am. Sky Seery was appointed temporary Secretary.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Judy Hagen moved to accept April 18, 2016 minutes, Kathy Thomson seconded. The motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Carried over \$7,000 to next year's budget. Audiobooks will be weeded. More bulk loan this year, McCook will be the only provider as Hastings is in construction. Under budget in Director travel and Scholarships. Tim Johnson made a motion to approve the financial reports as read. Pat Hughes seconded. The motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** One thank you card from Cheryl Roblyer at Taylor Public Library.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Denise – made contact and is headed to Bartlett soon. Teaching Collection Management Basic Skills. Held a Weeding Workshop.

Sharon - Taught at the South Dakota Library Institute. Taught Readers Advisory Basic Skills. Visited with Elm Creek. Spent time working on workshop speakers. "Financial" computer was repaired and has some issues. QuickBooks 2016 was installed on Kay's computer as a backup.

Kudos to Denise for taking on the Western Library System newsletter while they are in transition with the director position.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Bulk Loans** – Hastings is really busy, w/construction and space constraints. McCook is the only provider w/15 libraries wanting to use the bulk lending. Nine are in the CPLS, 6 are outside of CPLS. The board decided to offer the bulk lending program for one year. Jody Crocker was so accommodating and the bulk lending continued – thank you to Jody Crocker and McCook Public Library. The bulk lending serves the large print need for NE libraries. Pat Hughes suggested informing the other System Directors of bulk lending so hopefully they will pick it up in their system. Jody Crocker hates to lose the libraries that depend on us, perhaps another year of service – until the Western Library System has a director in place. Jody is also happy to continue the service, it's not a hardship. Rochelle Kruger suggests continuing the program for another year, informing directors, and going from there. CPLS puts in \$1500, each library puts in \$50. It's split between the lending libraries. It's 200 titles per year for those libraries.

Directors will talk w/other system directors; Bulk Lending will continue.

**System Awards**—Nomination was received from an active and loyal Holdrege volunteer—Sierra Kline—who will be at Annual Meeting.

### Proposed Workshops 2016-2017 –

Youth Services Day – August 19<sup>th</sup>

Lucy Atkins  
Sheryl Feinstein  
Bruce Arant

E-Rate

Christa Burns

Strategic Planning/Accreditation

Richard Miller

Summer Reading Program

Workshop  
January and March

Trustee Training—in progress

Leadership Workshop

Joyce Neujahr  
Tina Walker

Winter Workshop-Kearney

Craig Lefteroff  
Denise Harders  
Scott Childers

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Recognition of Outgoing Board Members** – Sky Seery and Debra Moninger are our outgoing board members.

**\*\*Sample Ballot** – Bylaws state 12-15. Initial thought was to take up to twelve members but with all of the interest, it could bring 15 members. Will probably revisit bylaws to bring that number down in the future. Rochelle Kruger made a motion to approve the ballot. Shawna Lindner seconded, the motion carried.

**\*\*2016-2017 Budget Approval** – Carried over \$6,500 and will finally transfer/close the \$8,000 from RVLS (let go of the E-Rate issues!). In January, professional periodicals will change. Those carried that are also carried in NebraskaAccess will be cut. The computer line may go over. Kathy Thomson suggested that we give them a 2.4% raise, as opposed to the 2.25% raise included in the budget. Pat Hughes made a motion to bring the raise to 2.4% (in line with the state). Shawna Lindner seconded, the motion carried. The April meeting may be held in person, so this will change that budget line. Shawna Lindner made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 budget w/changes made. Tim Johnson seconded, the motion carried.

### CPLS Board Meeting Schedule-

**October 4<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) – in Lexington 10am**  
**January – phone conference**  
**April – phone conference**  
**July - 2017 Annual Meeting**

### OTHER BUSINESS:

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am to Annual Meeting of the Membership. Shawna Lindner made a motion, Tim Johnson seconded. The motion carried.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** October 4, 2016 in Lexington.

Respectfully submitted,

Sky Seery



# LIBRARIES TRANSFORM™

2016 NLA/NSLA Joint Conference

October 19-21, 2016

Omaha, NE

Ramada Plaza Hotel Omaha

Registration is officially open!

Sign up to be inspired by great speakers and informational sessions at the

**Libraries Transform™  
2016 NLA/NSLA Annual Conference  
in Omaha, Nebraska,  
taking place October 19-21.**

Take advantage of **Early Bird pricing before September 9!** Click here to register and begin your library's transformation: <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/page/Neplib2016>

## Be There From the Beginning

Kearney High School has scheduled the Ribbon Cutting for their new building.

On **Monday, August 15**, at 12:00 Noon there is a ceremony in the Concert Hall and Theater.

Tours of the school will be offered from 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm and from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.



## A CELEBRATION OF Nebraska Books

**SAVE the DATE** Oct. 29, 2016  
2:30-6:30pm

**NEBRASKA HISTORY MUSEUM**  
131 Centennial Mall North • Lincoln, NE



### JOIN US TO CELEBRATE:

2016 One Book One Nebraska  
*The Meaning of Names* by Karen Gettert Shoemaker  
Nebraska Book Award Winners  
2017 One Book One Nebraska Announcement  
Mildred Bennett & Jane Geske Award Presentation  
Reception and Book Signings

*More Info:*  
[centerforthebook.nebraska.gov](http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov)  
[facebook.com/NebraskaCenterfortheBook](https://www.facebook.com/NebraskaCenterfortheBook)

## Seery Receives Promotion

Mid Plains is implementing a Learning Commons style of library service by combining the Learning Resource Centers with the Student Success departments on both the North Platte and McCook campuses. **Sky Seery** has been named the **Area Assistant Director of Learning Resource Centers.**



**Congratulations, Sky!**

## Calling All Jodi Picoult Fans!

Do you love character-driven novels of family, love, and loss? Are you waiting (not so) patiently for Jodi Picoult's October release of her new book ***Small Great Things***? If you answered yes to either of these questions, this list of 2016 titles with heartwarming—and heart-wrenching—stories is perfect for you.

[The Perfect Neighbors](#) by Sarah Pekkanen  
[The Turning Point](#) by Freya North  
[What Was Mine](#) by Helen Klein Ross  
[We Could Be Beautiful](#) by Swan Huntley  
[In Twenty Years](#) by Allison Winn Scotch  
[Most Wanted](#) by Lisa Scottoline  
[Somewhere Out There](#) by Amy Hatvany  
[The Secret Life of CeeCee Wilkes](#) by Diane Chamberlain  
[Family Tree](#) by Susan Wiggs  
[The Good Goodbye](#) by Carla Buckley  
[Missing Pieces](#) by Heather Gudenkauf  
[Truly Madly Guilty](#) by Liane Moriarty  
[All Is Not Forgotten](#) by Wendy Walker



Wright, Kristina. *BookBub Blog*. Posted on July 22, 2016.



### Nominations Accepted Until August 15 for Literary/Literacy Awards

The Nebraska Center for the Book is accepting nominations to honor Nebraska's champions of literature and literacy. Awards will be presented at the Celebration of Nebraska Books on October 29. The **Jane Geske Award** is presented annually to a Nebraska **organization** for exceptional contribution to literacy, books, reading, libraries, or literature in Nebraska.

The **Mildred Bennett Award** recognizes an **individual** who has made a significant contribution to the fostering of the literary tradition in Nebraska.

For more information see <http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/awards.html>.

Nomination forms are available at <http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/nominationforms.html> or contact Rod Wagner, Nebraska Library Commission Director, [rod.wagner@nebraska.gov](mailto:rod.wagner@nebraska.gov), 402-471-4001, [800-307-2665](tel:800-307-2665).

## Tips for Successful Story times

### A Booklist Webinar

By Sharon Osenga

Below are some great ideas to help you prepare and present interesting, successful storytimes!

Check out this blog for ideas: <http://storytimesecrets.blogspot.com>.

#### Story Time Mindset:

- **Investment:** You need to be 100% invested in story time. Immerse yourself in the world of children and children's literature. You need to see story time as something valuable and important.
- **Confidence:** I know I can do it. If you need to, pep talk yourself into confidence.
- **Humility:** Knowing what we are good at and knowing what we cannot do well. Play to your own strengths and around your weaknesses. Be open to criticism.
- **Recognize** that you are an instructor and also a student – there is more I can learn.
- **Service:** Make the story time about what your community wants – don't worry about yourself. Focus on serving the community. Your own agenda needs to take a back seat to what the community wants and needs.
- **Creativity:** Create your own circumstances. Don't imitate what others do. There are many right ways to do story time. Creativity brings freedom to create your own style.
- **Flexibility:** If you are rigid, you must be able to go with the flow and abandon something if it's not working. Have a back-up plan. Give yourself permissions to bail on a book.
- **Collaboration:** You are not alone. There is a network you can connect with online, twitter, facebook, local librarians, etc.

#### Story Time Materials:

What you use can make or break a story time.

Make intentional decisions. Don't choose haphazardly.

Evaluating materials:

- Read-aloud-ability
- Rhythm
- Rhyme
- Accuracy
- Repetition
- Versatility
- Community Culture
- Personal Preferences
- Developmental Needs
- Consider aesthetics – how books look to the audience.
- Seek to engage your audience. Some books, games and rhymes are more successful than others. Make this a group experience.



#### Story Time Map (Plan)

Story time plans are essential documents for every performer. Type up your plan and have a copy in front of you.

Having it on paper means you can fill the time within your time frame. Seeing the story time plan laid out in front of you means you don't have any gaps.

- Opening/closing Activity
- Transitions
- Memory Savers
- Back-Up Plans
- Save all story time plans for future use

#### Recognizing Success

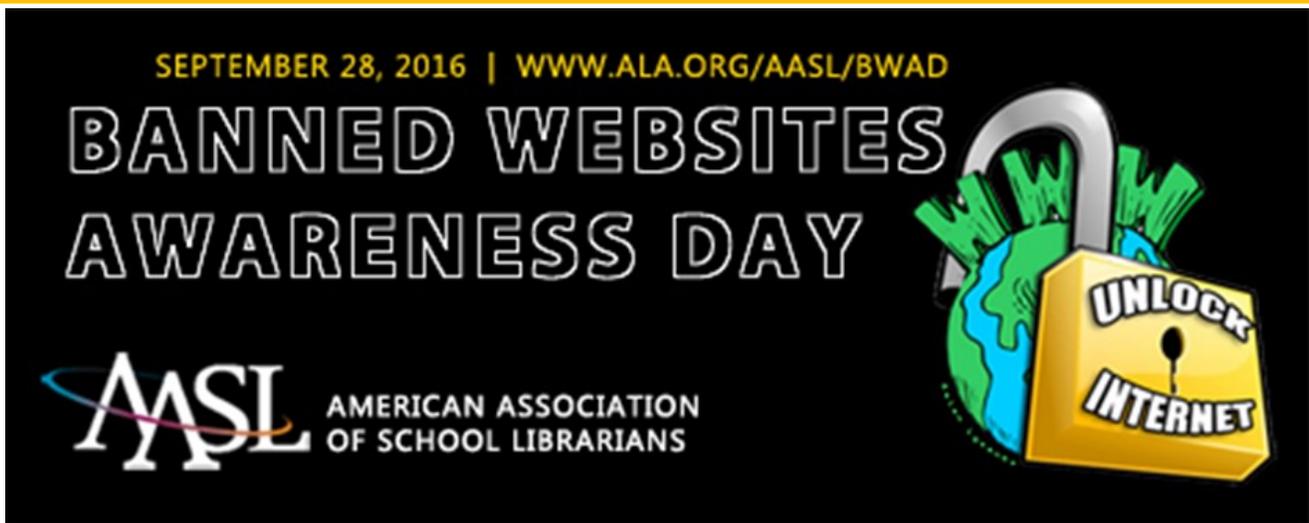
##### Subjective Indicators

Personal feelings  
 "Story time High"  
 Personal observations of audience experience

##### Objective Indicators

Circulation  
 Attendance  
 Evaluation (peers, supervisor)

**Conclusions: Everyone can do story time** if they are willing to do the work.



To raise awareness of the overly restrictive blocking of legitimate, educational websites and academically useful social networking tools in schools and school libraries, AASL has designated one day during Banned Books Week as Banned Websites Awareness Day. On Wednesday, September 28, AASL asks school librarians and other educators to promote an awareness of how overly restrictive filtering affects student learning.

Go to <http://www.ala.org/aasl/advocacy/bwad/resources> for resources and activities.

## National Friends of Libraries Week October 16-22, 2016

United for Libraries will coordinate the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual National Friends of Libraries Week. Use the time to promote your group in the community, to raise awareness, and to increase membership. This is also an excellent opportunity to recognize your Friends group for the help and support of the library.



## 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!



***The Apartment*** by Steel, Danielle  
***The Nest*** by Sweeney, Cynthia D'Aprix  
***All is Not Forgotten*** by Walker, Wendy  
***Journey to Munich*** by Winespar, Jacqueline  
***Walking the Himalayas*** by Wood, Levison  
***Family Jewels*** by Woods, Stuart



## Letters About Literature

Letters About Literature is a national reading and writing promotion program sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress and presented in partnership with participating affiliate state centers for the book. The contest is coordinated and sponsored in Nebraska by the Nebraska Center for the Book and the Nebraska Library Commission, with support from Houchen Bindery, Ltd. and Chapers Bookstore in Seward.

To enter, readers write a personal letter to an author, living or dead, from any genre—fiction, nonfiction, or poetry, contemporary or classic—explaining how that author's work changed the student's way of thinking about the world or themselves.

Contest participants compete on three levels:

- Level I for young readers in grades 4-6
- Level II for young adult readers in grades 7-8
- Level III for readers in grades 9-12

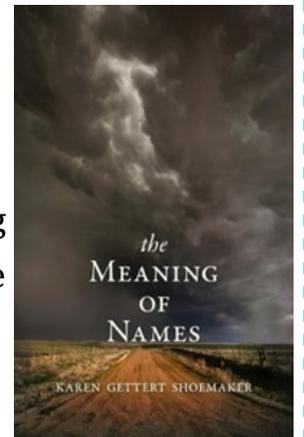
The deadline for submissions for the 2016/2017 contest is **Dec. 2, 2016, for Level 3** and **Jan. 9, 2017, for Level 1 and Level 2.**

For more information go to:

<http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/programs/LAL.html>.

## Behind *The Meaning of Names*

Karen Gettert Shoemaker is providing a program through **Humanities Nebraska**. She is the author of the One Book One Nebraska 2016 selection and she reads from and discusses the role of family stories and historic research in the writing of her historic novel, *The Meaning of Names*. This presentation includes discussions of World War I, the Influenza Pandemic of 1918, the experiences of immigrants and first-generation Americans in the early 1900s, and the role of men and women in a changing society, as well as the many subjects readers bring to the conversation.



To learn more about the **Humanities Nebraska** program and to book a date for this terrific speaker go to :

<http://humanitiesnebraska.org/>.

# 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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**Send your request to:** Central Plains Library System  
2727 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street # 233,  
Hastings, NE 68901



## Books in a Series

### Books in Series Database



A series is two or more books featuring the same character or characters. For listings of your favorite series in order, *search by* **AUTHOR** or **TITLE** or **SERIES** name. (searches cannot be combined)

**Search by author**

Search Authors

**Search by book title**

Search Titles

**Search by series title**

Search Series

Do your patrons love to read series? Whether it is Nora Roberts, Sue Grafton, or Janet Evanovich, people like to know that the characters and settings that are familiar will continue on. The Nebraska Library Commission Reference Librarians have made your life easier. They have prepared a database that will let you speak confidently about series sets. Go to <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/ref/booksinseries.asp> to use this helpful tool. There are links to seven more online Series Guides available, as well.

# Youth Services Day

August 19, 2016

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Wilson Public Library

910 Meridian Avenue

Cozad

Join us in Cozad to relax, participate in sessions directed towards youth services, enjoy wonderful food, network, and share ideas. The cost is \$15/person, includes lunch.

Register at: <http://goo.gl/forms/XFAJK5UpJ0H91ZIB2>

9:30-10:00 **Registration**

10:00-11:15 **Out of Box Programming Ideas for Teens with Lucy Adkins**

*Interested in encouraging young people to tap into their creativity using the resources of the library? In this presentation, we will discuss how writing groups and writing partners—using the generative writing process—can inspire potential slam poets, songwriters—all writers—to dream more and unleash the imagination.*

11:30-12:45 **Behind the Scenes with Bruce Arant, Author and Illustrator**



*Children's book author/illustrator, Bruce Arant, provides an entertaining glimpse of the twists and turns he has encountered along the path of traditional publishing. His book, *Simpson's Sheep Won't Go to Sleep!*, has garnered notable attention including: two 2014 Nebraska Book Awards, nominee for the 2015-2016 Golden Sower Award; selected to represent the state of Nebraska at the 2015 National Book Festival; placement on the Nebraska 150 Book List. Bruce will be available afterwards for book sales and signing.*

12:45-1:30 **Lunch**

1:30-3:30 **Libraries Serving Youth: Growing the Brain! With Sheryl Feinstein, Dean of Education, UNK**

*This special interactive presentation will focus on the transforming brain of our babies, children, and teens in relation to libraries. The fascinating changes that are popping, generating, and igniting in our youths' brains shed light on how to best understand, support, and mentor these mystifying creatures.*



# CPLS News

We are pleased to **WELCOME** these newest members to the **CPLS Board**.

**Tony Anderson**, a Library Advocate from Alma, served as a UNL Extension Educator, before retiring in June 2015. He previously served 2 terms on the Republican Valley Library System board, and is a graduate of the Nebraska LEAD program. Tony's wife, Keri, is the Director of Hoesch Memorial Library in Alma. Recently, Keri has appointed Tony as the Alma Library's "Technology Volunteer".

**Jane Hilton**, has been a librarian for the past 32 years, the last 17 as the director at Elwood Public Library. She has seen so many changes in libraries and their functions in those years. She was around when librarian accreditation came to be and was among the first to go through that program. Next came working to get libraries accredited. Sometimes it has been a struggle to keep the small town libraries in step with all the changes that have taken place but it has been worth it for most towns and their libraries. Four years ago Jane's town and community worked together to raise matching funds for a grant to build a new library. After lots of hard work, it was so exciting to see a dream become a reality. Jane has served on the RVLS board in the past and thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the librarians and their struggles and joys in the newly formed CPLS system.

**Lori Long**, is the school librarian/technology integration specialist at Gothenburg Junior/Senior High School and has held this position for six years. From 2003-2005, she was the library director at the Gretna Public Library and served on the Eastern Library System Board at that time. She has a Masters degree in Secondary Education with a Library Media K-12 endorsement from the University of Nebraska-Omaha and she is pursuing another Masters degree in Instructional Technology from Fort Hays State University.

**Linda Nickel**, a library advocate, has recently retired from the Gibbon Public Library after twelve years of service. She was the Children's librarian for two years and then served as the Library Director for ten more years. She previously served two terms on the Meridian Library System Board. For many years, Linda has been passionate about libraries serving all members of their communities.

**Matthew Williams**, has a passion for libraries and the people who frequent them, both in person and online. Matthew has twenty-six years of public library experience. He started as an Assistant Library Director in Antioch, IL for 5 years, then served as the Library Director of Watertown Public Library in Watertown, WI for 11 years before moving to Kearney in January of 2006. He has an MLIS from Rosary College (now Dominican University) in River Forest, IL and a Bachelor of Arts in English from Trinity International University in Deerfield, IL. He is currently serving on the Nebraska Library Commission's "State Advisory Council on Libraries".

## Changes at Mid-Plains Community College

Long time library assistant **Lois White** is retiring from the **Mid-Plains Community College Library** in North Platte. She has been in the library for more than 10 years. She will be greatly missed.

**Tina Walker**, the Coordinator for Library Services for **Mid-Plains Community College** has accepted the position of **Library Director at Keene Memorial Library** in Fremont, Nebraska.



Left to right: Monique Myers, Sky Seery, Lois White, Tina Walker

## Annual Meeting



L-R: Cynthia Blum, Sierra Klein, and Denise Harders

The **Central Plains Library System** held its Annual Meeting of the Membership on Friday, July 22, 2016. Five new members were elected to the System Board and an Annual Report of Services Provided was given to each person in attendance. The report can be accessed on the CPLS webpage by clicking on the "About" tab and scrolling down. The winner of the **Helping Hands Award** for an outstanding library volunteer is **Sierra Klein** who volunteers at the **Holdrege Area Public Library**. Sierra was nominated by Cynthia Blum.

A Humanities program followed the meeting and lunch. **David Seay's** program featured demonstrations and stories of folk instruments such as harmonica, penny whistle, Lakota style flute, ocarina, pan pipes, yak horn, bugle, musical saw, banjo, singing bowl and limbertoy.



# Central Plains Library System

## Mark Your Calendar

- August 19 ..... CPLS Youth Services Day, Cozad (see page 13)
- Aug. 22-Sept. 2 ..... Basic Skills—Library Policy, Sharon Osenga
- August 25 ..... Deadline to enter NEST 529 College Scholarships contest (see page 2)
- August 25-26 ..... Youth Service Retreat, Camp Carol Joy Holling, Ashland
- September 5 ..... CPLS Offices Closed—Labor Day Holiday
- September 9 ..... Meeting of the Nebraska Library Commission, Lincoln
- September 12-23 ... Basic Skills—Programming and Outreach, Anneka Ramirez
- September 21 ..... Three Rivers Library System Fall Workshop, Norfolk
- September 23 ..... “Leading During Times of Change” Workshop, Seward Public Library
- October 3-14 ..... Basic Skills—The Community and the Library, Sam Shaw
- October 4 ..... PLS Board Meeting, Lexington, 10:00 am
- October 10 ..... CPLS Offices Closed—Columbus Day Holiday
- October 16-22 ..... National Friends of Libraries Week (see page 8)
- October 19 ..... Pre-Conference, Do Space, 72<sup>nd</sup> and Dodge, Omaha (see page 5)
- October 20-21 ..... NLA/NSLA Annual Conference, Omaha (see page 5)
- October 20-22 ..... MPLA Annual Conference, Loveland, Colorado
- Oct. 24-Nov. 4 ..... Basic Skills—Management & Supervision, Scott Childers
- October 27-29 ..... ARSL Annual Conference, Fargo, ND

The public library is one of the few places left where one can be private.

~Lawrence Clark Powell



We're On the Web

[libraries.ne.gov/cpls](http://libraries.ne.gov/cpls)