

# PLAIN SPEAKING

CENTRAL PLAINS LIBRARY SYSTEM NEWSLETTER

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## NEBRASKA 1K READING CHALLENGE

In this difficult year, librarians learned about using technology to do a wide variety of tasks. One example is using Reader Zone to keep track of Summer Reading Goals instead of collecting that information on paper reading logs. Some found it difficult to manage. Others liked the way it was set up. Some patrons struggled to record their minutes and others loved using the app. Just like any other bit of new technology, Reader Zone takes some time to master.

Reader Zone has given us the chance to collect some pretty amazing statistics. As of the end of July, Nebraska readers have read 244,781 pages; plus 11,206 chapters; plus 19,085 books; plus 1,553,361 minutes!! Readers have also completed more than 2,500 literary activities. Reader Zone allows each library to designate what type of goal their patrons should work towards (i.e. pages, chapters, books, or minutes read). So, it is not just about the minutes...there is a LOT of reading going on!

Now we have another great opportunity and all you need to do is advertise it. The Nebraska Library Commission, the Nebraska Regional Library Systems, and Reader Zone are joining forces to offer the Nebraska 1K Reading Challenge for all ages. Every Nebraskan that reads 1,000 minutes in August and records it in Reader Zone will receive an exclusive vinyl sticker and be entered into a drawing for a new waterproof, 32 GB Kindle Paperwhite. Two Kindles will be given away to Challenge Winners and their libraries will also receive a matching Kindle.

[Click on this link](#), print the poster of your choice, and put it up in your library. It features the five-digit code (NEB1K) that will get your patrons started on the challenge. The first time a person logs in with this code, he or she will be asked for an address. That is so we can mail the sticker to everyone that completes the challenge and the Kindles to the drawing winners. I will be able to sort the data and provide each library with the number of their patrons that participate (and win!). Please help promote this terrific program to keep Nebraskans of all ages reading through the month of August!



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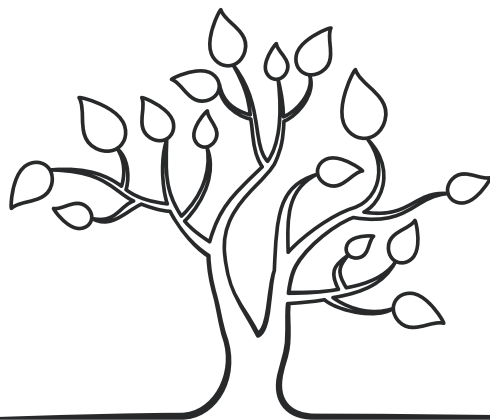
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# ARSL RECEIVES GRANTS FROM IMLS FOR LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE.

The Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) is pleased to announce that we have been selected to receive a Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program Award for our “Outstanding in Their Field” ARSL Leadership Institute.

As the premier organization representing rural and small libraries, ARSL recognizes the uniqueness of these libraries and is committed to providing professional development that builds capacity and excellence within this community of practice.

With \$249,947 over three years, this Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant will fund the development of an immersive institute tailored to elevate those in key positions in rural and small libraries to step confidently into leadership roles in their libraries, their communities, our association, and the larger library field.



## **"The Voice of Small & Rural Libraries"**

Beginning in April of 2021, participants will engage in residential, online, and conference experiences spanning 18 months. Applications to participate will become available in December of 2020.

This leadership institute is unique because the intended audience are those in the smallest or most rural libraries in the U.S. Often these “accidental librarians” have no formal education and little local guidance or support. ARSL seeks to develop their understanding of and commitment to professional values while they gain practical managerial skills.



**ARSL 2020 VIRTUAL  
CONFERENCE  
SEPTEMBER 28-  
OCTOBER 2**

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OPENS JULY  
15TH!  
ONLY \$50 FOR  
MEMBERS**

## **6 kid-friendly websites for free arts and crafts**

“Children need to learn, play, and stay active for well-rounded growth. These free websites for activities, crafts, and arts for kids will ensure they stay occupied while growing their skills and knowledge.” ...by Mihir Patkar.

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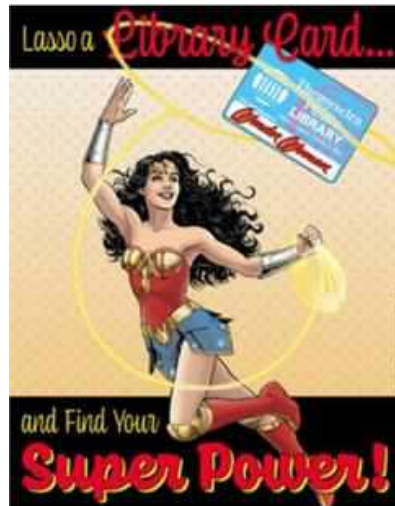
UPCOMING BASIC SKILLS CLASSES:

Class Date: 8/17 - 8/28  
Class: Collection Management  
Instructor: Denise Harders  
Registration: 7/13 - 8/7

Class Date: 8/31 - 9/11  
Class: Programming & Outreach  
Instructor: Christa Porter  
Registration: 7/27 - 8/21

Class Date: 9/21 - 10/2  
Class: Community & Library  
Instructor: Sam Shaw  
Registration: 8/17 - 9/11

Class Date: 10/19 - 10/30  
Class: Management/Supervision  
Instructor: Scott Childers  
Registration: 9/14 - 10/9



September is  
Library Card  
Sign-Up  
Month!

This September, DC's Wonder Woman is embarking on a new mission to champion the power of a library card as Library Card Sign-Up Month Honorary Chair.

[Click on this link](#) to learn more about this event and the FREE tools that are available for registered libraries. Sign up to receive print PSAs, digital graphics, artwork for library cards, PSA scripts, a sample press release, proclamation, and more.

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# NCompass Live Webinars

The Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund: Grants to Nebraska's Small-Town Public Libraries

Aug 5 10am-11am (Central) [Register](#)

Drive-Thru User Testing

Aug 19 10am-11am (Central) [Register](#)

Pretty Sweet Tech

Aug 26 10am-11am (Central) [Register](#)

Discount Shopping with the NLC

Sep 9 10am-11am (Central) [Register](#)







# NEBRASKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

NLA is now seeking nominations for several elected positions. At the NLA Board level, we are seeking candidates for:

**Vice-President/President-Elect:** This is a 3-year commitment (President-Elect, President, Past President) with an estimated average workload of 4-6 hours per month, especially during conference planning season. For the 2021 year, the position's responsibilities will be:

- Attend NLA Board meetings and events, filling the role of President when the current President is unavailable
- Chair the Professional Development Committee, serving as Program Chair on the 2021 NLA Conference Committee
- Serve on the NLA Executive Committee
- Attend the Chapter Leaders Forum at either the 2021 ALA Midwinter or the 2021 ALA Annual conference

**Secretary:** This is a 2-year commitment with an estimated average workload of 3-5 hours per month, especially in the Fall. For the 2021 year, the position's responsibilities will be:

- Keep the minutes of general meetings of the Association, the Board of Directors meetings and Executive Committee meetings
- Provide draft and approved versions of NLA Board and Annual meeting minutes to Executive Director so they can be posted on the NLA web site
- Serve on the NLA Executive Committee

**ALA Councilor:** This is a 3-year commitment with an estimated 6-8 hours per month. For the 2021 year, the position's responsibilities will be:

- Represent the NLA at meetings of the American Library Association
- Submit an annual report to the NLA concerning current library activities at the national level
- Shall be a member in good standing of the ALA

There are also several offices open in our Sections and Round Tables. Please contact Group leadership for more information on open elected positions and their responsibilities.

## Eligibility

Any active member of NLA is eligible to run for **Vice-President/President-Elect, Secretary or ALA Councilor**. Any active member of both NLA and a Group may run for office within that Group. Please note that membership must be active on **July 1, 2020** to be eligible to run.

Visit the [NLA Elections Page](#) for more details.

# 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.

- Hello, Summer* by Andrews, Mary Kay  
*Don't Turn Around* by Barry, Jessica  
*Pretty Things* by Brown, Janelle  
*Notes on a Silencing* by Crawford, Lacy  
*American Dirt* by Cummins, Jeanine  
*Dear Evan Hansen* by Emmich, Val  
*The Guest List* by Foley, Lucy  
*The Guardians* by Grisham, John  
*The Guest List* by Foley, Lucy  
*28 Summers* by Hilderbrand, Elin  
*The Missing Ones* by Hill, Edwin  
*Little Secrets* by Hillier, Jennifer  
*Another Man's Moccasins* by Johnson, Craig (MP3)  
*Any Other Name* by Johnson, Craig  
*The Cold Dish* by Johnson, Craig (MP3)  
*Depth of Winter* by Johnson, Craig  
*The Dark Horse* by Johnson, Craig (MP3)  
*The Highwayman* by Johnson, Craig  
*Kindness Goes Unpunished* by Johnson, Craig (MP3)  
*Land of Wolves* by Johnson, Craig  
*The Henna Artist* by Joshi Alka  
*Things in Jars* by Kidd, Jess  
*The Girl Who Lived Twice* by Lagercrantz, David  
*One Night Gone* by Laskowski, Tara  
*Long Bright River* by Moore, Liz  
*The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Morris, Heather  
*The Dutch House* by Patchett, Ann  
*City of Windows* by Pobi, Robert  
*These Women* by Pochoda, Ivy  
*The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Richardson, Kim Michele (MP3)  
*Hideaway* by Roberts, Nora  
*Good Girl, Bad Girl* by Robotham, Michael  
*The Murder List* by Ryan, Hank Phillippi  
*Girls of Summer* by Thayer, Nancy  
*Island of Blue Dolphins* by O'Dell, Scott,  
*Take Me Apart* by Sligar, Sara  
*The Deep* by Rivers Solomon  
*Big Summer* by Weiner, Jennifer  
*Before We Were Yours* by Wingate, Lisa  
*The Book of Lost Friends* by Wingate, Lisa  
*The Coyotes of Carthage* by Wright, Steven

September 3 | 1-4 PM

Via Zoom

# Joint *Virtual* Youth Services Retreat

**Presentations to include: YA Literature and Leadership, Lightning Rounds on top teen and children's books, Diversifying Children's Books in the Middle Grades, and an Author talk with Candace Fleming. With time afterwards for networking.**

Register at

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfliCb3gjTVDKW2SyVfNqrodiN\\_frpJ9ePtYYICL0vF93sOmg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfliCb3gjTVDKW2SyVfNqrodiN_frpJ9ePtYYICL0vF93sOmg/viewform)

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# CPLS Board Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2020, 11:00 a.m.  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

**Present:** Tony Anderson, Doris Brandon, Terri Eberly, Judy Hagan, Janene Hill, Terri Johnson, Lori Long, Linda Nickel, Matthew Williams

**Absent:** Jane Hilton, Shelley Ruterbories

**Also present:** Denise Harders, Autumn Carlson, Kay Kloppenborg, Mike Burriss, Cynthia Blum, Dixie Codner, Jamie Dennis, Mo Khamouna, Michelle McCay, Krista Porter, Kathy Thomsen

**Call to order/Roll Call:** Judy Hagan called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. Roll call was taken.

**Approval of Minutes:** Janene Hill made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2020 meeting. Lori Long seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as circulated in the meeting packet.

**Financial Reports:** Denise Harders reviewed the financial reports. Linda Nickel made a motion to approve the financial report. Terri Johnson seconded the motion. The financial report was approved.

**Correspondence:** Denise shared correspondence from:

- Marty Magee with CCC regarding the online classes available
- Barb from Axtell library, thank you for the Kindle Fire she received in the drawing of the week of weeding

**Director's Report:** Denise Harders shared her report. Due to COVID-19 the quarter looked vastly different due to cancellation of programs, activities and classes.

- Denise and staff spent much of the time gathering, preparing, and publishing weekly lists of free resources for librarians and patrons use.
- Kay was busy with die cut requests for libraries unable to access the machines.
- Facilitated Thursday Morning Meetings open to all library staff and board members for any interested Nebraska libraries. Attendance varied from 25-45 people each week. The Zoom meetings were made available to those unable to attend. Topics discussed were varied and dealt with COVID-19 closing and reopening policies, how libraries were dealing with SRP and other library programming, budget concerns, dealing with the stress of COVID-19.
- Reader Zone was well received throughout the state. NLC will reimburse CPLS for the initial outlay of expense. Use of the app will continue through August for the statewide reading challenge

**Old Business:**

- Denise presented the 2020-2021 budget for discussion and approval. CPLS received letter from NLC regarding funding commitment for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 fiscal year. The funding allocation is \$169,711.00 (\$85,962.00 in state funds and \$83,749.00 in federal Library Services and Technology Act). After discussion, it was moved to give the CPLS staff a 2% salary increase. A motion was made by Terri Johnson and seconded by Matthew Williams to approve the 2020-2021 budget with a 2% salary increase for CPLS staff. Motion was approved.

Election of officers for the 2020-2021 year. Current officers expressed their consent to serve for another term, there being no other nominations from the floor the slate of officers presented President, Judy Hagan; Vice-President, Tony Anderson; Secretary, Terri Eberly. It was moved by Terri Johnson and seconded by Doris Brandon to accept the slate of officers. Motion was approved.



**New Business:**

- Upcoming workshops were discussed. Workshops will be in virtual format while COVID still presents problems.
- Virtual Thursday morning director/staff meetings will continue
- CPLS has a You Tube Channel –stay tuned for programs
- NLA annual conference was cancelled

**Other Business:**

- Next board meeting will be October 9th at 11:00 a.m. via ZOOM

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terri Eberly, Secretary



# CPLS Annual Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2020—1:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting

Present: Denise Harders, Autumn Carlson, Christa Porter, Tony Anderson, Keri Anderson, Doris Brandon, Terri Eberly, Judy Hagan, Janene Hill, Terri Johnson, Lori Long, Matthew Williams, Kathy Thomsen, Steve Fosselman, Mo Khamouna, Dixie Codner, Jamie Dennis, Cynthia Blum, Michelle McCay-Broyles, Mike Burris, Katie Foster, Mary Koch.

Absent: Jane Hilton, Linda Nickel, Shelley Ruterbories

Denise Harders welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced Christa Porter, Director of Library Development. Christa Porter gave the report from the Library Commission:

- NLC Office Update: As of Monday, July 6, offices and the TBBS are open by appointment only. 60% of staff working from home. Passport service remains suspended.
- COVID19-Pandemic Resources for Libraries: Information regarding pandemic preparedness, current outbreaks, list of library closings, accommodations and openings can be found on the NLC website. IMLS provides updates regarding how long the virus remains active on library materials.
- Biennium Budget Request: State agency budget requests are due September 15. State and local tax receipts have declined significantly due to pandemic. State budgets will be affected with possible reductions in the current fiscal year that began July 1 and for the next biennium beginning July 1, 2021.
- LSTA Appropriations: There has been no action at this point on appropriations for federal agencies and programs for the federal fiscal year beginning October 1.

- Library Innovation Studios Project: The trainer sessions for Superior will begin on July 21-22. The number of people to be trained will be reduced. More equipment videos and recorded webinars are being produced for library staff and volunteers. NLC will not be hosting the Maker Showcase at the 2020 Nebraska State Fair due to COVID.

- IMLS Cares Act Funds for Grants to States: IMLS received \$50 million in CARES Act funds for the coronavirus response in libraries and museums. The NLC received \$175,000. Part of the funding has been designated to cover the statewide subscription to Reader Zone. The remaining \$165,000. Was made available to libraries through a competitive grant process. Application deadline was June 30, 2020. 73 applications were received requesting \$281,046. Applications are being reviewed and recipients will be notified by the end of July. There is no monetary match required for the funding.

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## CPLS Annual Meeting Minutes (continued from Page 9)

- E-rate Funding year 2020 Update: As of July 2, 2020, USAC released Wave 9 of funding commitment decision letters. 59 libraries funded for \$180,725. Check NLC website for a list of recipients.
- NUSF-117-E-Rate Special Construction State matching Grant Program: In response to the Rural Broadband Task Force Report, the Nebraska Public Service Commission has implemented a program to incentivize new fiber construction to public libraries through the FCC's E-Rate Special Construction Program. This program allocates one million dollars of funding over a four-year period to schools and libraries to assist with fiber builds to their city. See website for full details.  
<https://www.nebraska.gov/psc/ordes/telecom/2020-05-19%20NUSF-117%Order.pdf>
- NCompass Live Schedule: NCompass Live is broadcasting weekly and Christa noticed an increase in the number of participants. See Website for detailed schedule, registration and information.
- Basic Skills 2020 Schedule: See the NLC website for class schedules.

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by President Judy Hagan, followed by the introduction of attendees.

The minutes of the of the July 12, 2019, meeting was read. It was moved by Tony Anderson and seconded by Janene Hill to approve the minutes with a correction to the call to order date (July 18, 2018 to July 12, 2019). Motion carried and minutes approved as corrected.

Director's Report: Denise Harders presented the annual report.

- Reader Zone extended usage through August with a statewide Reader Challenge.
- Weekly ZOOM meetings held on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m. will continue as needed.
- Virtual workshops.
- Meeting of the Minds (director's only)
- CPLS YouTube Channel and other social media platforms will feature training sessions and ready-made programming. Participants will receive CEs for the sessions.
- New experience kits will be available.
- New S.T.E.A.M. equipment rolled out.

Other Business: ARSL 2020 will be virtual. Grant recipients will receive information on guidelines of covered costs.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. Virtual Tours of the Loup River Distilling and the Museum of Nebraska Major League Baseball were made available to attendees.

The activity was 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 administrated by the Nebraska Library Commission.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terri Eberly, Secretary



## 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.

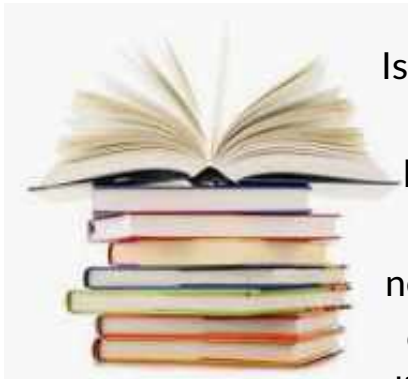
Mail or bring your books to the System Office. We will repair them for \$1 per book plus return postage cost.

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## Upcoming Workshops

These two workshops will be held individually via Zoom and posted to the CPLS YouTube Channel for those that are unable to attend the live events. Watch your email for the Zoom invitations with dates and times for these sessions.

### Book Clubs Reimagined



Is your book club feeling stale? Has attendance dropped? Are you struggling to keep people engaged in the technology-heavy environment? It is time to reimagine reading groups and try out new ways to better meet your community's needs. Consider the possibility of a "walk and talk" book club or a group that meets in the park. In this workshop we will discuss these options and more as we look for ways to create a unique book club your community will love. (1.5 CEUs)

### Making Surveys Work for Your Library

In order to create the libraries our patrons want and need, librarians are continuously learning about our users. Surveys assist us with this task as one of the most efficient means of gathering information directly from our users. The best surveys give us insights that we can gain only by asking our patrons the questions that they alone can answer. This workshop is based on the book with the same title by Robin Miller and Kate Hinnant. (1.5 CEUs)





JOIN READERS ACROSS  
NEBRASKA

# 1,000 MINUTE CHALLENGE

Aug 1st- Aug 31st

Use code:

**NEB1K**

Read 1,000 minutes in the  
month of August and Receive  
an exclusive vinyl sticker!



 Reader Zone



Great books to  
help get kids  
(& their grown-ups)  
away from  
screens for a bit.

Bathe, Buff, and Beautify: DIY Crafts and Recipes for Natural Body Care by Aubre Andrus. Capstone. ISBN 9781515734468.

Plant, Sow, Make & Grow: Mud-tastic Activities for Budding Gardeners by Esther Coombs. illus. by author. Button. ISBN 9781787080256.

DIY Circus Lab for Kids: A Family-Friendly Guide for Juggling, Balancing, Clowning and Show-Making by Jackie Leigh Davis. Quarto/Quarry. ISBN 9781631593475.

The Kitchen Pantry-Scientist: Chemistry for Kids: Homemade Science Experiments and Activities Inspired by Awesome Chemists, Past and Present by Liz Lee Heinecke. Quarto/Quarry. ISBN 9781631598302.

Crazy Contraptions: Build Rube Goldberg Machines That Swoop, Spin, Stack, and Swivel: with Hands-On Engineering Activities for Kids by Laura Perdew. Nomad Pr. ISBN 9781619308268.

Forensics: Super Science and Curious Capers for the Daring Detective in You by Anne Ruppert & Kate Messner. National Geographic. ISBN 9781426337444.

Treat Yourself!: How To Make 93 Ridiculously Fun No-Bake Crispy Rice Treats by Jessica Siskin. illus. with photos. Workman. ISBN 9780761189800.

Easy Paper Projects: 60 Crafts You Can Wear, Gift, Use and Admire by Maggy Woodley. Page Street. ISBN 9781624148507.

The Water Cycle!: With 25 Science Projects for Kids by Anita Yasuda. illus. by Tom Casteel. Nomad Pr. ISBN 9781619308671

For more lists of books that will inspire reading, talking, and playing together as a family,  
[click on this link.](#)

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# Nebraska Library Association

Dear NLA members:

Nominations are now being accepted for the **Sandra Herzinger Award** (Technical Services Round Table's Distinguished Service Award)!

Technical services employees often feel like the unsung heroes of the library world, working in back rooms while patrons (and even some colleagues) have little idea of how their contributions affect the library. The Sandra Herzinger Award will be given to a Nebraska library worker who has demonstrated exceptional work in the profession and/or has been an advocate for technical services.

Each nominee for the TSRT Technical Services Distinguished Service award must:

- Be employed in, or formerly employed in, a technical services position in a Nebraska library (According to the TSRT website, technical services includes: acquisitions, collection development, cataloging and classification, preservation, serials control, interlibrary loan and document delivery).
- Be an active and involved employee of his/her library, as well as an active and involved member of the Nebraska library community
- Have a proven record of demonstrating the value of technical services, both to colleagues within the library community and to library patrons
- It is not necessary for the nominee to be a member of TSRT.

Nomination Process:

Please fill out this form to nominate a colleague you think is deserving of this award.

If desired, you may also submit up to two letters which support and endorse your nomination. Such letters may provide further information about the nominee.

Nominations and letters of support must be received by **August 31, 2020**. If you are unable to use the form or would prefer email, please submit your nomination to the TSRT Chair, Meg Mering, at [mmering1@unl.edu](mailto:mmering1@unl.edu).

Please use this opportunity to give a shout out to a technical services hero.

Thank you for your nominations!

Meg Mering  
TSRT Chair  
[mmering1@unl.edu](mailto:mmering1@unl.edu)





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**Registration is live! Visit [www.ala.org/united/virtual](http://www.ala.org/united/virtual) to register.**

This interactive three-day virtual conference is **FREE** for librarians, trustees, Friends groups and Foundation members in Nebraska because we are Statewide Group Members (paid for by the Nebraska Library Commission). What a great opportunity for your Board Members to earn CEs for the Board's Certification! (And they will learn from the best.)

- Participate in live Q&A sessions with presenters.
- Network with colleagues across the country in roundtable discussions.
- Enjoy exclusive access to keynote speakers and authors.
- Receive a certificate of attendance (for live participation or on-demand viewing).
- **Access the recorded programs for 12 months following the virtual event.**

Program topics will include:

- Advocacy and Equity: How Library Boards Can Create Lasting Impact through Compelling Cases and Outreach
- Understanding Donor Data Analytics: Why it Matters and What You Can Do With It
- Strategies for Solving Board Problems
- Great Boards Don't Happen by Accident: A Proactive Approach to Building an Effective Board
- Working with Friends and Foundations: Playing for the Same Team
- Ask, Listen, Plan: Engaged Planning for Trustees, Directors and Other Library Leaders
- ...and more!

Keynote speakers include:

- Jim Taylor, Vice President of Leadership Initiatives, BoardSource [Integrating Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity into Your Board Culture]
- Jan Masaoka, CEO, California Association of Nonprofits
- ...and more!

Visit [www.ala.org/united/events\\_conferences/virtual](http://www.ala.org/united/events_conferences/virtual) for details, registration form, and schedule.



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## Printable Mask Posters

Would you like some gentle reminders for your patrons to wear masks in your library building? The Wyoming State Library has created these posters for you to use. [Click on this link](#) for a full-size downloadable JPG you can print and post in your building.





Strong libraries are essential to the recovery of communities devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic. To help guide communities, library workers, and library supporters along the path to recovery, on July 15 ALA launched a curated, online repository of tools, guides, and resources. The [ALA COVID-19 Recovery website](#) includes everything from the latest information on safely reopening libraries to funding opportunities available on the local, state, and federal level. It will be updated often and replace the existing COVID-19 Response page that has served the community through the pandemic thus far. The online resource center is arranged into four sections: Advocacy and Policy; Education; Data and Research; and Guidance Content and Protocol.

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## Online Story Time

Penguin Random House Open License  
Online Story Time and Classroom  
Read-Aloud Videos and Live Events

**LICENSE EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 31st, 2020**

In order to encourage reading and classroom read-aloud experiences, and to support schools and public libraries forced to close by the escalating COVID-19 outbreak, Penguin Random House is permitting teachers, librarians and booksellers to create and share story time and read-aloud videos and live events, according to the following guidelines which have been extended to December 31, 2020. This Open License is not meant to grant permission for the posting of any pre-recorded audiobook product.

For complete details, go to  
<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/penguin-random-house-temporary-open-license/>.



# The National Willa Cather Center Is Open!

After several months of necessary closure, the National Willa Cather Center reopened its doors on July 16. For now, the Center will be open Thursday - Saturday, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and precautions are in place for the safety of our guests and staff. The bookstore and art gallery are open, as well as museum exhibit spaces, and guided tours are available by reservation only.

**We look forward to seeing you in Red Cloud!**

<https://www.willacather.org/>

**REALM Project  
Offers FREE  
Webinar on  
August 4th**



Through the REopening Archives, Libraries, and Museums (REALM) Project, OCLC, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and Battelle are conducting research on how long the COVID-19 virus survives on materials that are commonly handled in archives, libraries, and museums. Join staff from OCLC, IMLS, and Battelle for a free WebJunction webinar to learn more about the testing process, how to present results to your stakeholders, project resources to inform your local decisions, and what you can expect from the project in the months to come.

[Register](#) for the webinar.

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