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Year-Long Access to Reader Zone!

Download the free app or sign up and record minutes directly on the [Reader Zone website](#).

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 read 244,781 pages; plus 11,206 chapters; plus 19,085 books; plus **1,553,361 minutes!!** Readers also completed more than 2,500 literary activities. So, it was not just about the minutes...there was a LOT of reading going on this past summer!

Now we have another great opportunity. The Nebraska Library Commission, the Nebraska Regional Library Systems, and Reader Zone are joining forces to offer **year-long access** to Reader Zone free of charge for Nebraska libraries.

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This access is for public libraries, school libraries, and academic libraries. If you want your patrons to keep track of the reading they do, either by minutes, pages, chapters, and/or books, Reader Zone can do it. If you want to help parents in your community keep track of the books they read in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, Reader Zone can do it. If a classroom teacher wants to have a reading competition (girls vs. boys or Mrs. Smith's class vs. Mr. Jones class), Reader Zone can do it. Any kind of reading program record-keeping, Reader Zone can do it.

Here is [a link to an educational video](#) that will help you understand the program.

[Click on this link to sign up and get your password for Reader Zone.](#)



Reader Zone



NLA Third Thursday Chat October 15, 2020

WHEN

October 15, 2020 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

TICKETS

\$0.00 NLA Member Ticket

\$0.00 Non-Member Ticket

ZOOM INFORMATION

The Zoom meeting info will be sent with your meeting registration email once you have registered.

For questions, email:

nlaexecutivedirector@nebraskalibraries.org



[REGISTER](#)

NLA Third Thursday Chats – Beginning October 15 at 11 am Central, the Nebraska Library Association will be hosting a monthly hour-long Zoom session on the third Thursday of the month. The purpose behind these sessions is to allow librarians across the state to network and share information on different topics.

Our first session will focus on COVID-19 and Reopening Libraries. Additional topics will be based on feedback from attendees and announced a week before the monthly session.

ILA Virtual Conference



Dear Fellow Librarians,

Last year, librarians from all over Iowa and Nebraska enjoyed gathering in La Vista to hear, learn, and exchange ideas with colleagues from both states. Since then, the world and our libraries have experienced numerous and continuing changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic - including the cancellation of the annual Nebraska Library Association conference this fall. The Iowa Library Association also made the difficult decision to cancel the in person conference. That said, it was the ILA Board's desire to strive to continue to deliver quality content to Iowa librarians despite this year's challenges. As a result, ILA has been working to develop a virtual event in lieu of our physical conference.

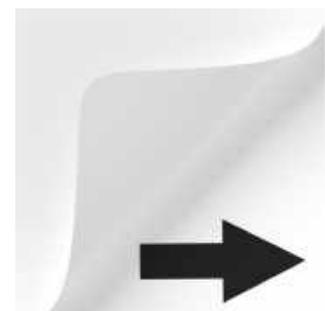
In an effort to support the librarianship profession we wanted to extend an invitation to once again join your colleagues in Iowa for this virtual conference. The ILA virtual conference is Thursday, October 15 but sessions will also be available 30 days after the conference to view on demand! ILA will extend member rates to all NLA members making this conference just \$50 per person. If you have a multiple staff from a library interested in participating we also have group rates for 5+ staff available! Additionally, we added an unemployed/ furloughed registration to help make this accessible to those impacted.

We will have Author Heather Gudenkauf present the Keynote "Libraries: A Calm in the Storm" and 16 wonderful concurrent style sessions.

To see all the information including session titles and descriptions and registration [click here](#).

Iowa Library Association Conference

GREAT OPPORTUNITY ON
THE NEXT PAGE!



Flash CE Grant!

Applications now open to
attend the 2020 Iowa Library
Association Conference

Due Wednesday, Oct. 7!

Flash CE Grant!

Posted on September 29, 2020
by Holli Duggan

We are opening applications for just one week to cover registration costs to attend the Iowa Library Association's virtual conference on October 15th! ILA has extended a special \$50 registration rate for Nebraska Library Association (NLA) members. Non-members can register for \$80 or Trustees for only \$20.

More information about the conference can be found at the links below:

- [Conference Details](#)
- [Registration](#)
- [Keynote Speaker](#)
- [Sessions](#) (Recordings will be available after the conference.)

CE Grant Details:

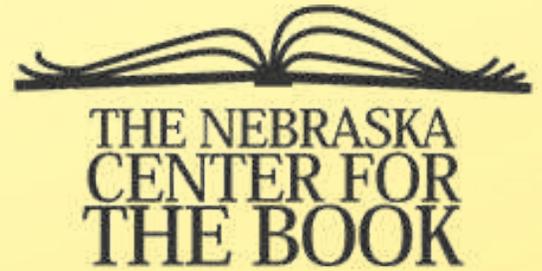
- The applicant must be either 1) employed in an accredited Nebraska public library or a state-run institutional library at the time of application, or 2) a current board member of an accredited Nebraska public library. You do not need to be a member of NLA to apply.
- These are for individuals only (no group applications).
- Applications are due by 11:59 pm (CST) on Wednesday, October 7th.
- You will also need to submit a separate indication of support form.
- Applicants will be notified on Thursday, October 8th.
- You must register for the conference by Monday, October 12th.

Apply Now!

Note: This mini-round of CE grants is separate from our 2021 Continuing Education grants which will be available for applications starting on Monday, October 5th and will be open for online learning, other out-of-state conferences, and larger CE projects. For more information on those grant opportunities, please see our main [CE Grants Information page](#).

If you have any questions, please contact [Holli Duggan](#).

Celebrate Nebraska's 2020 Book Award Winners at Week Long Virtual Celebration



Celebrate Nebraska's 2020 Book Award winners with author readings and an awards presentation ceremony at the Nebraska Center for the Book's week long virtual Celebration of Nebraska Books starting October 19th. Winners of the 2020 Nebraska Book Awards will be honored and the celebration will include readings by some of the winning authors, designers and illustrators of books with a Nebraska connection published in 2019. And the winners are:

Children's Picture Book: *Your Bridge to History* by Portia Love & Preston Love, Jr.
Illustrated by Regina Jeanpierre.
Publisher: Preston Publishing

Children's Picture Book Honor: *Major: A Soldier Dog* by Trevor Jones. Illustrated by Ming Hai.
Publisher: Six Foot Press

Cover/Design/Illustration: *The Spirit of Nebraska: A History of Husker Game Day Traditions - the Tunnel Walk, Mascots, Cheer, and More* by Debra Kleve White.
Design by Concierge Marketing and Publishing Services.
Publisher: Cheerful Books

Fiction: *See Willy See* by Faith Colburn.
Publisher: Prairie Wind Press

Fiction Honor Series: *The Line Between: A Thriller and A Single Light: A Thriller* by Tosca Lee.
Publisher: Howard Books

Nonfiction Investigative Journalism: *Zoo Nebraska: Dismantling of an American Dream*
by Carson Vaughan.
Publisher: Little A

Nonfiction Nature Reference: *Great Plains Birds: Discover the Great Plains* by Larkin Powell.
Publisher: Bison Books

Nonfiction Immigration Story: *Citizen Akoy: Basketball and the Making of a South Sudanese American* by Steve Marantz.
Publisher: University of Nebraska Press

Nonfiction Nebraska Perseverance: *Nebraska During the New Deal: The Federal Writers' Project in the Cornhusker State* by Marilyn Irvin Holt.
Publisher: Bison Books



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Nonfiction Native American History: *Lakota America: A New History of Indigenous Power*
by Pekka Hämäläinen.

Publisher: Yale University Press

Poetry: *This Bright Darkness* by Sarah McKinstry-Brown.

Publisher: Black Lawrence Press

Poetry Honor: *In a Good Time* by Mark Sanders.

Publisher: WSC Press

The virtual Celebration of Nebraska Books will also honor winners of the 2020 Jane Geske and Mildred Bennett awards. The Mildred Bennett Award recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to fostering the literary tradition in Nebraska, reminding us of the literary and intellectual heritage that enriches our lives and molds our world. The Jane Geske Award is presented to a Nebraska organization for exceptional contribution to literacy, books, reading, libraries, or literature in Nebraska. It commemorates Geske's passion for books, and was established in recognition of her contributions to the well-being of the libraries of Nebraska.

The 2020 One Book One Nebraska selection, *All the Gallant Men: An American Sailor's Firsthand Account of Pearl Harbor* by Donald Stratton with Ken Gire (William Morrow, 2016) will be featured in a keynote presentation. The introduction of the 2021 One Book One Nebraska book choice will conclude the festivities on Friday, October 23rd.

The Celebration of Nebraska Books is sponsored by Nebraska Center for the Book and the Nebraska Library Commission, with support from History Nebraska's Nebraska History Museum. Humanities Nebraska provides support for One Book One Nebraska. The Nebraska Center for the Book is housed at the Nebraska Library Commission and brings together the state's readers, writers, booksellers, librarians, publishers, printers, educators, and scholars to build the community of the book, supporting programs to celebrate and stimulate public interest in books, reading, and the written word. The Nebraska Center for the Book is supported by the national Center for the Book in the Library of Congress and the Nebraska Library Commission.

As the state library agency, the Nebraska Library Commission is an advocate for the library and information needs of all Nebraskans. The mission of the Library Commission is statewide promotion, development, and coordination of library and information services, "bringing together people and information."

The most up-to-date news releases from the Nebraska Library Commission are always available on the Library Commission website, <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/publications/newsreleases>.



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:

The Color of the Sun by Almond, David
Little Faith by Butler, Nickolas
Big Lies in a Small Town by Chamberlain, Diane
Blue Moon by Child, Lee
The Midnight Line by Child, Lee
The Last Romantics by Conklin, Tara
Fair Warning by Connelly, Michael
The Poet by Connelly, Michael (MP3)
The Scarecrow by Connelly, Michael
The Cinderella Deal by Cruise, Jennifer
Final Option by Cussler, Clive
Journey of the Pharaohs by Cussler, Clive
The Titanic Secret by Cussler, Clive
The Vengeance of Mothers by Fergus, Jim
The Wives by Fisher, Tarryn
You Don't Know Me by Foster, Sara
Camino Winds by Grisham, John
Ten Drugs by Hager, Thomas
The Book of Lost Names by Harmel, Kristin
The Overdue Life of Amy Byler by Harms, Kelly (MP3)
Fast Girls by Hooper, Elise
A Walk Along the Beach by Macomber, Debbie
First Cut by Melinek, Judy
The Giver of Stars by Moyes, Jojo
Willa's Grove by Munson, Laura
Dear Edward by Napolitano, Ann
The Sacrament: A Novel by Olafsson, Olaf
The Secrets of Love Story Bridge by Patrick, Phaedra
The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek
by Richardson, Kim Michele
Blessings in Disguise by Steel, Danielle
All Things Left Wild by Wade, James



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.



Bestselling Book from the Year You Were Born



Ever wonder what was the bestselling book the year you were born? Ever wonder what novel your parents might have seen in bookstores? This is a list of the bestselling books of each year from 1920 to 2016:

<https://www.bookbub.com/blog/bestselling-books-the-year-you-were-born?position=2&source=multicontent&target=title>

This would be a terrific display. Gather the books you have in your collection and make a 3x5 card for each of the corresponding years. Place the cards in front of the appropriate books and make a large title poster.

Hello, All Nebraska Librarians -

On behalf of the NLA Board of Directors, I am excited to announce that the NLA Board members have unanimously approved the next phase of our 125th Anniversary Celebration: welcoming 125 new librarians to the NLA!



During the first week in January we will be holding a random drawing for 125 free memberships for anyone who has either never been a part of the NLA, or for those whose memberships have been lapsed for at least 5 years.

Applicants need to fill out [this simple form](#) with their name and email, starting now through the rest of 2020. Only one entry per person will be accepted. That's it! We want this process to be as straightforward as possible.

Please note that if a new member wants to join a Section or Round Table, then s/he/they will need to pay for that membership.

If you are a current NLA member, then please help spread the news of this opportunity. Be assured that we have something special coming for you, too, in the near future. As with any volunteer organization, we are only as strong and impactful as our members make us. With the opportunity to have a large amount of fresh ideas, perspectives, and energy pouring into the NLA, we feel confident that we will continue to benefit Nebraska librarians for another 125 years and beyond.

Sincerely,

Rebecca McCorkindale
NLA Past President

For questions, please contact: nlaexecutivedirector@nebraskalibraries.org

Introducing the All New Cricut Foil Transfer Kit

The CPLS office has added the new Cricut tool called Cricut Foil! Make your projects shine with stunning foil accents – think cards, invitations, gift boxes & more. This unique, pressure-activated tool gives you pro-level, polished results that last. It's 3 tools in 1 with interchangeable fine, medium & bold tips that work with either the Cricut Air Explore or Cricut Maker machines.

Check out this [quick video](#) on how it works!

If you want to use this cool new tool for all your upcoming projects, be sure to call the office or email Autumn to reserve a Cricut machine and request that the Cricut Foil tips are included in your reservation. We can't wait to see all the fun projects you come up with!



AFCON Annual Meeting (via Zoom)

"Current Topics in Intellectual Freedom in Libraries"

**2 CE for Nebraska Public
Library Staff**

**October 17, 2020
10am-12pm**

**Register at
[https://forms.gle/WpcvSb
YYtQVoACpV6](https://forms.gle/WpcvSbYYtQVoACpV6)
by October 15
to receive a Zoom link**

10:00 AM Introduction by President John Bender

10:05 AM *Public Library Programming: Achieving the Balance* with Vicki Wood.

Public Libraries strive to be inclusive in their program and event offerings. Community pushback and protests can lead to self-censoring and fear of offering programs considered controversial by some members of the community. How does the Library decide what programming to include, and how does it protect the rights of all community members to be seen, heard, and to feel safe in the library, while staying true to the ideals of Intellectual Freedom? *(Includes 10 minutes for questions)*

10:45-10:50 Presentation of Academic Freedom Award to Brenda Ealey

10:50-10:55 Break

10:55 *Balancing the Books* with Devra Dragos.

There are difficult challenges to be faced in building and maintaining a collection of popular eBooks and digital audiobooks for public libraries due to numerous, expensive, and constantly changing publisher models for selling to libraries. *(Includes 5 minutes for questions)*

11:15-11:20 Break

11:20 *The Electronic Academic Library: Licensing Resources Versus Ownership and Implications for Access* with Jim Shaw.

College and university libraries commonly spend 75% to 85% of their acquisition's budgets on electronic resources. That is how they provide access to many thousands of electronic books, research journals, historical archives, and other resources. Many may not appreciate, however, that libraries do not actually own electronic resources, but instead purchase licenses which permit use within certain parameters. For example, academic licenses typically permit off-campus use only to current faculty and students. Non-affiliated persons may usually access resources on computers at the library, but that is not guaranteed. Spending so much on electronic resources necessarily implies that when budgets are cut, some of those licenses will not be renewed and access for everyone is lost. Libraries have been able to leverage electronic resources in ways that provide more to their users than ever, but this new era could prove volatile and create further separation between the haves and have-nots. *(Includes 10 minutes for questions)*

11:50 Annual Meeting



Second REALM Webinar Scheduled

**Collections and Facilities:
Caring for your resources during COVID-19**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020

3:00 PM Eastern

Amid COVID-19, many archives, libraries, and museums are reopening and expanding access to services in their communities. The challenges of reopening during a pandemic have led to many questions about the handling of materials as well as the management of building operations. From allowing the virus to die naturally, to using disinfectants, to applying UV light or heat treatment—there are many options to consider. Join this 60-minute WebJunction webinar from the REopening Archives, Libraries, and Museums (REALM) project to hear how some organizations are implementing policies and procedures around the use of these various treatments and considerations that could inform your own local decisions. You'll also hear an update on REALM testing efforts and the development of project resources.

[Register now](#)





UPCOMING BASIC SKILLS CLASSES

Three of these Basic Skills classes were postponed earlier this year but will now be offered .
at this time. These are indicated with a (*).

Class: <u>Library Technology</u> Instructor: Holli Duggan	Class Date: 10/5 – 10/16 (*) Registration: 9/25 – 10/2
Class: <u>Management/Supervision</u> Instructor: Scott Childers	Class Date: 10/19 – 10/30 Registration: 9/14 – 10/9
Class : Leadership Instructor: Holli Duggan	Class Date: 11/2 – 11/13 Registration: 9/28 – 10/23
Class: <u>Library Finance 2020</u> Instructor: Holli Duggan	Class Date: 11/16 – 12/4 (*) Registration: 10/12 – 11/9
Class: <u>Library Services to Children & Teens</u> Instructor: Sally Snyder	Class Date: 11/30 – 12/11 Registration: 10/26 – 11/20
Class: <u>Intellectual Freedom</u> Instructor: Holli Duggan	Class Date: 12/14 – 1/4 (*) Registration: 11/16 – 12/7

There will be more classes added and an updated 2021 schedule, so if you are unable to attend these dates, there will be more options coming up. These classes will hopefully help if you need to finish up your Basic Skills certification requirements. Please note that Finance and Intellectual Freedom do fall over holidays, but they are scheduled to allow for extra time, if needed. These classes, like the other Basic Skills classes, do not require you to be logged in at any specific times.



NCompass Live Webinars

Migrating to an Open-Source ILS in an Academic Library.

Oct 21 10am-11am (Central)

[Register](#)

Pretty Sweet Tech

Oct 28 10am-11am (Central)

[Register](#)

Creating an Open Educational Resource: Grenzenlos, Deutsch, German
Language Curriculum

Nov 10 10am-11am (Central)

[Register](#)



Upcoming classes:



Connections: Virtual Anti-loneliness Programs in the time of COVID-19 (Oct. 7)

Loneliness and social isolation are rampant in America, according to many experts. The Center for Disease Control calls loneliness an epidemic and says it has a higher morbidity rate than obesity (about the same as smoking two packs of cigarettes a day). Studies have shown that loneliness cuts across all age, social, race, and economic demographics. We have many virtual friends, but few in reality. COVID-19 has exacerbated this problem. While many of the programs outlined are designed for in-person, there are ways public libraries can help combat loneliness even in a remote fashion.

Evaluating Health and Medical Information on Wikipedia (Oct. 14)

The circulation of misinformation online can be damaging to public health. English Wikipedia is the eighth most-visited website in the U.S. How accurate and authoritative are health information articles on Wikipedia? Join this webinar to sharpen your information literacy skills with a walk through of the inner workings of Wikipedia. This webinar gives special attention to health and medical information articles, fringe theories, and controversial topics covered in the news. You can gain an insiders' perspective on the editorial process of Wikipedia to confidently evaluate the quality of health and medical information articles and content on the popular free online encyclopedia.

Beyond an Apple a Day: Providing Consumer Health Information at Your Library (Nov. 13-Dec. 11)

This hands-on class will cover the health information seeking behavior of consumers and the role of the librarian in the provision of health information for the public. Come learn about the evolution of consumer health, health literacy and the e-patient. Participants will leave equipped with knowledge of top consumer health sites. We will discuss creative ideas for health information outreach. The class will wrap up with an opportunity to explore effective marketing approaches and develop an elevator speech.

Rural Health Resources (Nov. 19)

Evidence shows that there are marked health disparities between those living in rural areas versus their urban counterparts. Not only do rural residents suffer from higher incidence of chronic illness, they also have limited access to primary care services and are more likely to be uninsured or under-insured. This webinar will describe hallmarks of rural America, identify access challenges of living in rural communities, and equip participants with tools to service the health information needs of those living in rural communities. We will explore websites from the National Library of Medicine, U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service, Rural Health Information Hub and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The origins of each website will be explained. Each of the websites contain consumer-level information and offers an opportunity for data downloads. The downloads will be demonstrated. These resources are relevant to nurses, librarians, public health workers, allied healthcare professionals, educators, faith- and community-based organizations.

DNA to Z: Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Testing (Nov. 20)

This webinar class will provide an overview of the history and current state of direct-to-consumer (DTC) genetic testing, which has become extremely popular in recent years. The differences between ancestry and health testing will be explored. The veracity of claims commonly made by testing companies will be assessed, and concerns and challenges surrounding these tests will be examined. Attendees will learn where to go to find essential background information about genetics needed to understand DTC tests and how to locate more advanced professional assistance. This class can also provide a template for information professionals looking to offer similar programs at their own libraries.



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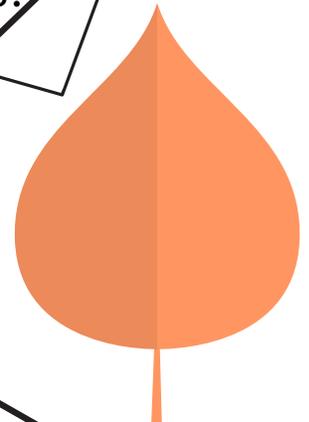
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