

# PLAIN SPEAKING

CENTRAL PLAINS LIBRARY SYSTEM NEWSLETTER

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## What's Your Book Group Reading This Month?

Good books bring people together. October is National Reading Group Month. This month is the perfect time to celebrate the joy of shared reading and to start a group.

One of the main concerns about starting a group is where to find discussion guides. There is a terrific resource called [Reading Group Guides](#) that has tips to help your Reading Group get started, select books, and there are more than 4,000 reading guides available on this website. Each printable guide includes a bit about the book, some information about the author, and a number of questions that will inspire a meaningful discussion.

Here is a list of Discussion Guides available for Book Sets in the Central Plains Library System's collection. If you see a title you would like to borrow, please call or email the System Office and we will put your reservation in our book.

[Anatomy of a Miracle](#)

[Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks](#)

[Night Road](#)

[Orphan Train](#)

[Sold on a Monday](#)

If your group needs suggestions for titles to read, the website features new guides on the Home Page. The System considers all requests for Book Sets and will purchase them when funds are available.

Happy Reading!

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## Here are some upcoming conference events:

### THE WORLD TURNED UPSIDE DOWN: REINVENTING LIBRARIES IN CHANGING TIMES



Nebraska Library Association  
The World Turned Upside Down:  
Reinventing Libraries in Changing Times  
Hilton Downtown Omaha  
October 12-14, 2021

Association of Small and Rural Libraries  
The Biggest Little Library Conference  
Nugget Resort in Reno/Sparks, Nevada  
October 20-23, 2021



Internet Librarian  
Innovation in Library Technology & Communities  
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE  
October 26-28, 2021



Public Library Association  
PLA 2022  
Portland, Oregon  
March 23-25, 2022



Computers in Libraries  
Arlington, Virginia  
March 28-31, 2022

Remember, the Central Plains Library System has **Scholarships** available for either in-state or out-of-state events, as well as in-person or virtual conferences. [Click here](#) for more information or see page 13 for application.



## Celebrate **TEENtober** in October!

TeenTober is a new initiative from the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) that encourages teens to visit their library in October to discover media in all forms, technology, games, STEAM activities, and more. Use this bookmark to encourage participation and show off the many ways teens can learn new skills and fuel their passions in and outside the library. For flexibility, celebrate anytime during October, according to a schedule and duration that fits your needs. For more information, visit [ala.org/yalsa/teentober](http://ala.org/yalsa/teentober).



Tuesday & Wednesday, November 2-3, 2021  
Nebraska Innovation Campus Conference Center  
2021 Transformation Drive, Lincoln, Nebraska

As the Nebraska Library Commission's *Library Innovation Studios* project comes to a close, we are working with our partners to host the *2021 Nebraska Makerspace Conference* to continue to reach the following goals:

- Encourage a maker community going forward.
- Support the development and retention of permanent makerspaces.
- Encourage the development of a network of makerspaces.
- Share makerspace knowledge, experiences, successes and challenges.

As organizations and institutions interested in makerspaces, we invite you to join us for one or both days of our 2021 Nebraska Makerspace Conference. Day One is designed as a stand-alone event, but we simply could not fit all of the sessions offered into a single day. Day Two will be an extension of Day One but it will also offer a smattering of making sessions, demonstrations and an opportunity to experience a makerspace. Whether you decide to join us for one or both days, we look forward to seeing you there.

**For more information:**

<https://nlc.nebraska.gov/grants/innovationstudios/2021NebraskaMakerspaceConferenceFlyer.pdf>

**To Register:**

[https://events.egov.com/eventreg/NE/registrant.htm?action=new&\\_event=2021nebraskamakerspaceevent](https://events.egov.com/eventreg/NE/registrant.htm?action=new&_event=2021nebraskamakerspaceevent)

# 2021 Fall RAN Workshop

**FRIDAY  
NOV. 5**

Seward Memorial Library  
233 South 5th Street, Seward, Nebraska



## Kathi Wagner

*The Top Ten Reasons to Read Aloud with Others*

From increasing vocabulary to strengthening listening skills, the benefits of reading aloud are incredibly important to our children and our society as a whole. Kathi Wagner-Most, author, librarian, and parent, will discuss the top ten reasons for reading aloud and the incredible importance of sharing the magical world of words with others.

## Kim Jocelyn Dickson

*The Invisible Toolbox: Why Reading to Your Child is One of the Greatest Gifts a Parent Can Give*

Kim draws on thirty years in the elementary classroom, her own parenting experience, and the latest research in neuroscience, to explain the literacy crisis the U.S. faces and how it can be mitigated, one child at a time. She believes that every child begins kindergarten with a lunchbox in one hand and an invisible toolbox in the other. If a child has been read to from the beginning, their invisible toolbox will be equipped with all the foundational tools and motivation they need for success in school and beyond. (Zoom Presentation)

## Amber and Andy Ankowski

*How to Make Kids Love Books (Every Time You Open Your Mouth)*

Did you know that there's a sentence-swallowing, chapter-chewing, insatiably ravenous reader hiding inside every child? And the best way to lure it out...is with your voice! Join parenting authors Amber and Andy Ankowski as they explore the power of speaking to kids in ways that help them develop monstrous literacy skills, and a lifelong love of reading. Learn fun and easy techniques for turning read-alouds into conversations, seamlessly incorporating language learning into everyday activities, and choosing a balanced diet of book types that will keep kids clamoring for more! (Zoom Presentation)

## Advance and Online registration - \$35

Must be postmarked or submitted by October 29.

Please fill out the registration form and mail with your check or visit [www.readaloudnebraska.org](http://www.readaloudnebraska.org) to pay by credit card via PayPal. No PayPal account is needed.

## Onsite registration - \$40

Registrations received after October 29 will not include lunch.



Advance & Online registrations include lunch sponsored by Runza Restaurants!

## AGENDA

**8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

Registration, Refreshments, Welcome

**9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**

Breakout Session 1

**10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

Kathi Wagner Keynote

**11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

Breakout Session 2

**11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Lunch, Book Sales & Signing

**12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

Kim Jocelyn Dickson Keynote

**1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

Breakout Session 3

**2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

Amber and Andy Ankowski Keynote

**3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Closing, Evaluations, Book Sales

Please mail this registration with your check to:  
Read Aloud Nebraska      *Sorry, no purchase orders are accepted.*  
233 South 5th Street  
Seward, NE 68434

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Circle which breakout sessions you want to attend:

Breakout 1: a b c      Breakout 3: a b c

Breakout 2: a b c

# CRICUT MAKER FUN WORKSHOP



Join us for a day of fun getting to know the Cricut Maker and all the sweet things you can do with this machine! You will learn all about vinyl, iron-on (aka heat transfer vinyl), and foil which is just the tip of the iceberg that the Maker is capable of. You will become accustomed to using Design Space as well as get to try out the newly acquired Mug Press to make your very own custom coffee mug!



Wednesday, November 10th, 2021  
10am - 2pm

Atkinson Public Library  
210 West State Street  
Atkinson, NE 68713

3 CE's for each participant  
Lunch will be provided

\$5 registration fee to be paid at the door

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/1UB7jYyumKmKQYZs5>



# Central Plains Library System Hosts: Professional Behaviors & Habits Workshop

What exactly does it mean to display professional behavior?  
Are you setting yourself up for success or failure by the habits you  
are displaying? What can you do to improve your behaviors and  
habits that will help you achieve more success?

Join Erica Rose, Library Science Faculty and Program Coordinator  
for UNO's undergraduate library science program, as she explores  
this topic with us and gives us tips on what we can do to improve.

Tuesday, November 16th  
11am via Zoom  
1 CE for Attendees

Register Here: <https://forms.gle/x2jVjUvXGpzrdTSp7>

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.





## WITH CRICUT

Join us for an exciting workshop where you get to take the driver's seat and design your own projects using Cricut's DesignSpace. We will explore the in's and out's of DesignSpace and then turn it over to you to let your creative juices flow!

The System has several new pieces we have added to our Cricut collection including the Cricut Joy and the MugPress both of which will be utilized during this workshop. Due to the hands-on nature of this workshop, we will be limiting each session to 12 participants so get registered today!

10am - 3pm

4 CE Credits for Attendees

\$10 fee can be sent to the CPLS Office ahead of time or paid at the door.

Lunch will be provided.

Tuesday, November 30th

GRAND ISLAND: <https://forms.gle/xpqRuFoUdGSinpt48>

# CPLS SYSTEM NEWS WE CAN ALL USE:

## **Libraries Attaining Accreditation**

**The purpose of public library accreditation is to encourage excellent library service in Nebraska communities. Library Accreditation is valid for three years.**

### **Accreditation:**

- **establishes minimum standards for library service**
- **ensures that libraries adhere to certain standards**
- **offers libraries benchmarks**
- **offers libraries evidence that certain expenditures, services, and practices are needed and expected**

**Two libraries in the Central Plains Library System earned accreditation this year.**

**Elm Creek Public Library  
Jane Walker, Library Director  
Certification Level: Bronze**

**Maxine White-Sutherland Public Library  
Amy Coffman, Library Director  
Certification Level: Bronze**



## Maltman Memorial Public Library Director Retires

Deb Fairbanks has retired from the Maltman Memorial Public Library in Wood River. Deb worked tirelessly to become a Certified Public Librarian and attain accreditation for this library at the Silver Level. She has hosted countless after school programs and book club meetings. Deb's positive energy and love for reading will be missed at the library in Wood River.





CPLS was able to host our first hands-on workshop since the pandemic! We limited the attendance to just 12 participants not only for safety but also so we would be able to help all those who wanted to learn how to use Cricut Design Space.

Attendees received a lot of hands-on experience with designing as well as using some of the System's newest Cricut technology like the MugPress and the Cricut Joy!



MUG PRESS



MUG PRESS



MUG PRESS



CARD MAKING USING CRICUT JOY



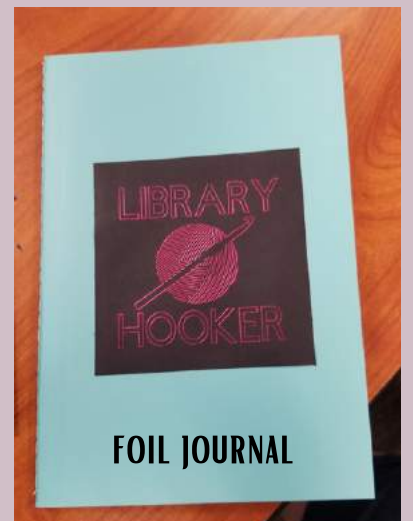
MUG PRESS



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FOIL JOURNAL

# WATER BOTTLES GALORE!



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**Central Plains Library System  
Board Meeting  
July 9, 2021, 10:00 a.m.  
Red Cloud, Nebraska**

**Present: Board Members:** Tony Anderson, Doris Brandon, Terri Eberly, Judy Hagan, Janene Hill, Terri Johnson, Lori Long, Linda Nickel; CPLS Staff: Denise Harders, Kay Kloppenborg, Autumn Carlson

**Absent:** Shelley Ruterbories, Matthew Williams

**Other Attendees:** Keri Anderson, Paige Bolin, Pat Crook, LaDonna Fetzer, Jane Hilton, Don Jardon, Lee Martischang, Karma Ragland, Amanda Shelton, Lara Strobl, Lana Tietjen

**Call to order/Roll Call:** President, Judy Hagan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call was taken.

**Approval of Minutes:** Linda Nickel made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2021, meeting. Doris Brandon seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as circulated in the meeting packet.

**Financial Reports:** Denise Harders reviewed the financial report. Janene Hill made a motion to approve the financial report. Lori Long seconded the motion. The financial reports were approved as circulated in the meeting packet.

**Correspondence:** Denise Harders read correspondence received

- Anne Backman-thank you for the group purchasing puppet order and donation
- Elk Creek Public Schools-thank you for the STEAM supplies
- David City Library-thank you for the book club kit
- Sargent Library-thank you for Summer Reading Program craft kits
- Mary Ellen Kilmer, Mitchell-thank you for Gift Card from the Winter Reading Program

**Director's Report:** Denise gave a recap of the report found in the board meeting packets. The staff were busy getting craft kits and STEAM kits out to libraries for the Summer Reading Programs. Denise visited various public libraries and school libraries to assist with weeding, delivering MakerSpace equipment, assisting with Word Press, supplying information for accreditation, attending dedications and SRP event. CPLS will continue with the Thursday morning zoom meetings. CPLS also hosted a variety of workshops and webinars during May and June.

**Old Business:**

President, Judy Hagan was presented a gift from the CPLS board for her years of service. Four current members are up for re-election. Names will be submitted during the Annual Meeting.

Election of Officers: The following slate was nominated and elected

- President: Terri Johnson
- Vice President: Tony Anderson
- Secretary: Terri Eberly

Full STEAM Ahead: The program has been successful and will be continued through 2021 with new activities posted on the 15th and the last Friday of each month.

**New Business:**

Preliminary 2021-2022 Budget was presented with a letter from the Nebraska Library Commission with the funding allocation for 2021-2022 in the amount of \$174,378. Additional monies from ARPA, balance in the checking account and other income bring the total income to \$199,178.00. The budget will be discussed and finalized at the October meeting.

Plan of Service 2021-2023. Denise presented the plan of service which is required by the Nebraska Library Commission.

The plan of service included the CPLS mission statement, service role: professional consulting, communication, training and support, supporting collection maintenance and development, providing reference and loan services, supporting youth services, providing technology development support, assisting in serving diverse populations and jointly working with the NLC. It was moved by Linda Nickels, and seconded by Terri Eberly to approve the Plan of Service for 2021-2023.

Upcoming Workshops. A list of workshops for the coming year was available in the meeting packet.

Office Storage. Additional storage is needed for some of the MakerSpace items and the Die Cut Machine. Denise included cost of the rental in the proposed budget. It was determined that we would lease the space for the upcoming year and re-evaluate the need for the space when the lease is due for renewal.

Other Business: Christa Porter presented her report via ZOOM and gave a recap of the material included in the board packet. The NLC is open for in-person business following CDC protocols. Highlights: ARPA money available to public libraries meeting criteria (do not need to be accredited) other grant moneys available through application.

Adjourn: Tony moved to adjourn the board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terri Eberly, Secretary

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**Central Plains Library System  
Annual Meeting  
July 9, 2021  
Red Cloud, Nebraska**

**Present:** Board Members: Tony Anderson, Doris Brandon, Terri Eberly, Judy Hagan, Janene Hill, Terri Johnson, Lori Long, Linda Nickel; CPLS Staff: Denise Harders, Autumn Carlson, Kay Kloppenborg; NLC: Christa Porter (zoom)

**Absent:** Shelley Ruterbories, Matthew Williams

**Attendees:** Keri Anderson, Paige Bolin, Michael Burris, Dixie Codner, Pat Crook, Jamie Dennis, Sherrie Dux-Ideus LaDonna Fetzer, Katie Foster, Jane Hilton, Don Jardon, Lee Martischang, Karma Ragland, Amanda Shelton, Lara Strobl, Lana Tietjen, Corey VomWeg, Laurie Yocom

**Call To Order:** President, Judy Hagan called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m.

**Welcome:** Denise Harders welcomed the attendees to the meeting and the attendees were introduced.

**Approval of Minutes:** It was moved by Linda Nickel and seconded by Lori Long to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2020, annual meeting. The minutes were approved as circulated in the meeting packet.

**Director's Report:** Denise gave a statistical overview of the year, highlighting the success of the Full STEAM Ahead program, the Thursday morning ZOOM meetings, the Reader Zone Initiative and the virtual workshops that were held. We survived COVID and have adapted to keep libraries and the System relevant and moving forward.

**Recognition of Outgoing Board Members:** Denise presented out-going President, Judy Hagan with a plaque for her service.

**Election of Board Members:** The following board members were elected or re-elected to serve on the CPLS Board: Tony Anderson, Terri Eberly, Terri Johnson, Janene Hill, Jamie Dennis, Jody Crocker and Sherrie Dux-Ideus.

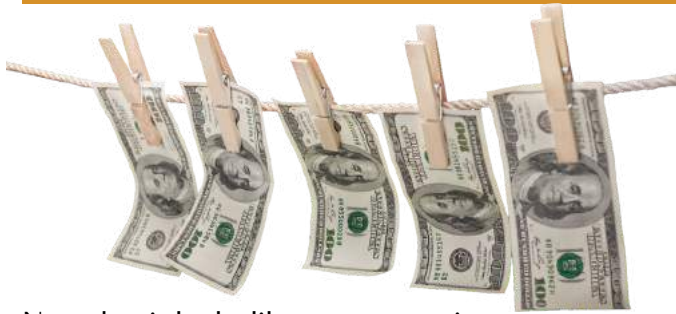
**Other Business:** The next board meeting will be October 9, 2021. Time and place to be determined.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned. All in attendance enjoyed a Salad Luncheon provided by Chapter Y, P.E.O. Attendees were welcome to a tour of Willa Cather's Childhood Home and the Moon Block Tour in downtown Red Cloud.

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





## CPLS HAS SCHOLARSHIP MONEY AVAILABLE!

Now that it looks like we are starting to return to some sort of "normalcy," many of you may be looking ahead to attending events such as the ALA Annual Conference being held virtually, the NLA Conference in Omaha, or the ARSL Conference in Sparks, NV. The System can help! We have money available for you!

Up to \$200.00 per event in Nebraska and \$300 for out-of-state events is available for registration, mileage, meal, etc. Only one scholarship per person per fiscal year (July - June). 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  
Hastings, NE 68901

## 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, 2021 thru June 30, 2022**, each CPLS member library has 10 free disc cleanings available to them. If you have not taken advantage of this service yet this year, be sure to get your discs turned in before June 30th!



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!

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# 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 Banty House** by Brown, Carolyn (MP3)  
**The Daydream Cabin** by Brown, Carolyn (MP3)  
**The Family Journal** by Brown, Carolyn (MP3)  
**Miss Janie's Girls** by Brown, Carolyn (MP3)  
**Sooley** by Grisham, John  
**A Cup of Silver Linings** by Hawkins, Karen  
**Golden Girl** by Hilderbrand, Elin  
**A Distant Shore** by Kingsbury, Karen  
**It's Better This Way** by Macomber, Debbie  
**Finding Ashley** by Steel, Danielle  
**The Girls in the Stilt House** by Mustian, Kelly (MP3)  
**Showdown in Gun Town** by Paine, Luran  
**Notorious** by Palmer, Diana (MP3)  
**Ocean Prey** by Sandford, John  
**Complications** by Steel, Danielle  
**In Times of Rain and War** by Wright, Camron (MP3)



## NEW BOOK CLUB KITS

### Golden Sower Nominees

**Count Me In**, by Varsha Bajaj

An uplifting story, told through the alternating voices of two middle-schoolers, in which a community rallies to reject racism.

**Paul, Big, and Small**, by David Glen Robb

A novel about the turbulent, emotional lives of teenagers who are struggling with life's challenges openly and sometimes in secret.

**Wildfire**, by Rodman Philbrick

Newbery Honor author Rodman Philbrick sends readers straight into the nightmare of a raging wildfire as 12-year-old Sam is trapped by explosive flames and deadly smoke that threaten to take his life. Can he survive?

**Wink**, by Rob Harrell

A hilarious and heartwrenching story about surviving middle school--and an unthinkable diagnosis--while embracing life's weirdness.

### Adult Title

**American Harvest: God, Country, and Farming in the Heartland**  
by Marie Mutsuki Mocket

For over one hundred years, the Mockett family has owned a seven-thousand-acre wheat farm in the panhandle of Nebraska, where Marie Mutsuki Mockett's father was raised. **American Harvest** is an extraordinary evocation of the land and a thoughtful exploration of ingrained beliefs.



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Oct 8 - CPLS Board Meeting - Kearney, NE (10am - 12pm)  
Oct 12 - 14 - NLA Conference (Omaha, NE)  
Oct 20 - 23 - ARSL Conference (Sparks, NV)  
Oct 21 - NLA's Third Thursday (11am - 12pm)  
Oct 26 - 28 - Internet Librarian Conference (VIRTUAL)
- Nov 2 & 3 - NLA's 2021 Nebraska Makerspace Conference  
Nov 5 - Read Aloud Nebraska  
Nov 10 - Cricut Maker Fun Workshop - Atkinson (10am - 2pm)  
Nov 16 - Professional Behaviors and Habits (11am - 12pm)  
(Virtual Zoom Workshop with Erica Rose from UNO)  
Nov 18 - NLA's Third Thursday (11am - 12pm)  
Nov 30 - "Fall" in Love with Cricut Workshop - Grand Island, NE (10am - 3pm)
- Jan 7 - CPLS Board Meeting  
Jan 26 - Summer Reading Program "Oceans of Possibilities" - TBD
- February Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead February - Preschool S.T.E.A.M. Story Time - TBD  
Feb 25 - Big Talk From Small Libraries
- Mar 10 - Summer Reading Program "Oceans of Possibilities" - TBD

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### UPCOMING BASIC SKILLS CLASSES

Class: Management/Supervision  
Class Date: 10/18 - 10/29  
Instructor: Holli Duggan  
Registration: 9/13 - 10/8

Class: Leadership  
Class Date: 11/1 - 11/12  
Instructor: Holli Duggan  
Registration: 9/27 - 10/22

Class: Library Services to Children & Teens  
Class Date: 11/29 - 12/10  
Instructor: Sally Snyder  
Registration: 10/25 - 11/19

### NCompass LIVE PRESENTATIONS

Oct 6 - The Queer Omaha Archives: The First 5 Years  
Oct 27 - Pretty Sweet Tech  
Nov 3 - Letters About Literature



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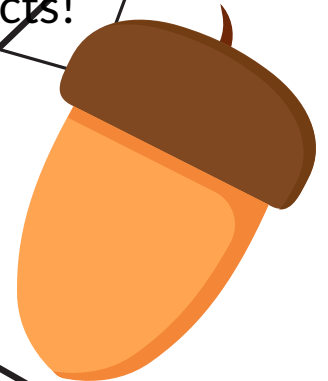
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