

# MERIDIAN MONITOR

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JUNE/JULY 2014

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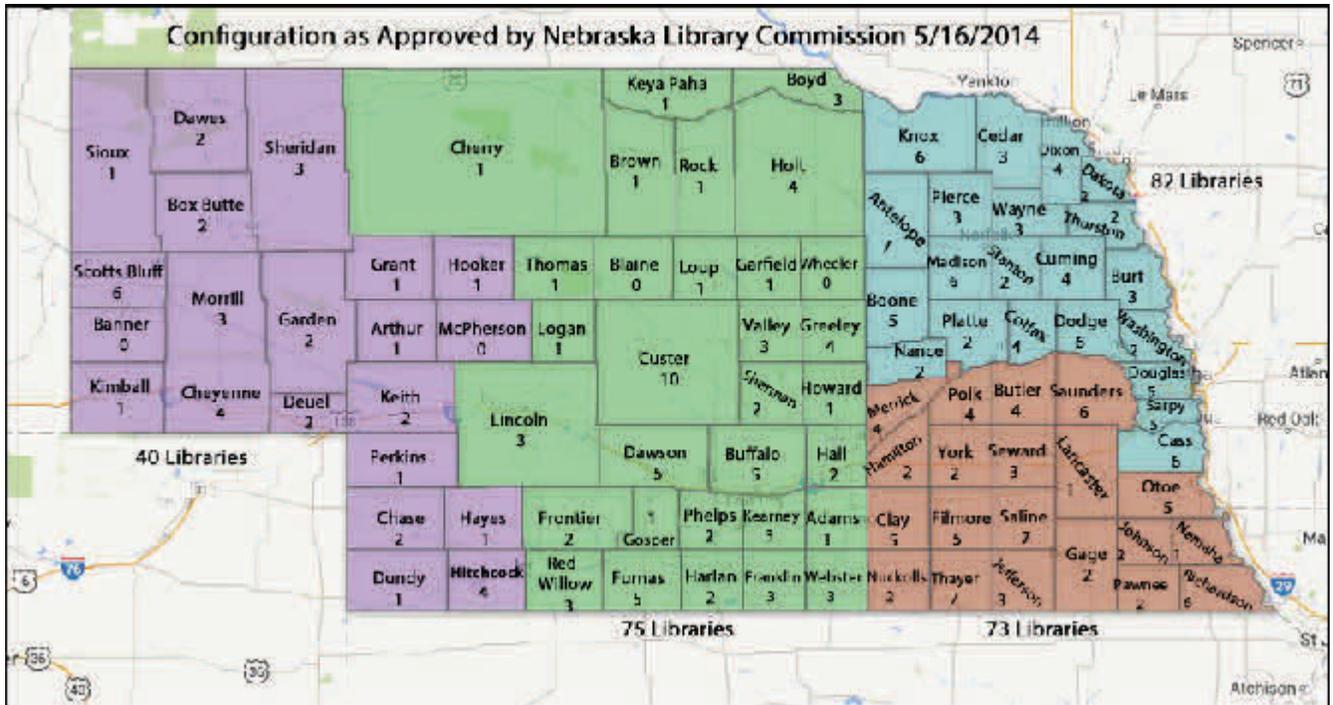
## **Library Commission Approves Change in Regional Library System Areas**

At its meeting on May 16 the Nebraska Library Commission approved a change in Nebraska's regional library system structure based on recommendations from the Nebraska Regional Library Systems Configuration Task Force. As a result, Nebraska's current six regional service areas will be re-organized into four regional areas. The regional changes are expected to be in place no earlier than January 2015.

State and federal budget cuts in past years and flat funding in recent years prompted consideration of reducing the number of Nebraska regional library systems. Failure to secure increased funding for the current state biennium budget led to formation of the task force to develop recommendations for regional organization. The task force met several times before proposing regional options. The regional options were presented for discussion at the Library Commission's March 2014 meeting.

Library Commission staff, regional library system directors, and regional library system boards are working on implementation actions to create the new regional entities.

The Regional Library Systems Task Force Configuration report, questions and answers about regional changes, and the new regional map are available via the Library Commission's website: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/systems/>



### Author Mary Stewart

A few weeks ago, I learned that one of my favorite authors during my teens/20's has passed. Mary Stewart was 97 years old.

I came to her via her romantic suspense novels. She was a master at giving the reader a sense of place and her novels are almost all in exotic settings. Her heroines were not 50's housewives but (for the most part) women of sense and adventure. What is interesting in contrast to today's authors is that she wrote these books in first person. It's hard for me to choose just one favorite title but I suppose the first one I read sticks with me the most: Madam, Will You Talk? Anyone who has read the book will not forget the question: Who's Johnny?

My favorite opening sentence is from one of her later books: I met him in a street called Straight.

What is amazing is that I remember these details over 40 years later!

Others most likely came to Stewart via her popular Merlin trilogy.

Whichever path you took, you were/are in for a great read! I still have my paperback copies of my favorites. Perhaps it's time to read them again.

**NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LITERATURE FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2014 / 8:30 A. M. - 4:00 P. M.**

**NORTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE / LIFELONG LEARNING CENTER**

**801 East Benjamin Avenue, Norfolk, NE**

**Funded by the Norfolk Library Foundation and the City of Norfolk**

**FEATURING:**



**\*KELLY DiPUCCHIO\***

**2015 Golden Sower Award nominee for *CRAFTY CHLOE***



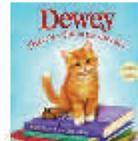
**\*SHEILA TURNAGE\***

**2015 Golden Sower Award nominee for *THREE TIMES LUCKY***



**\*S. A. BODEEN\***

**2015 Golden Sower Award nominee for *THE RAFT*  
2012 Golden Sower Award winner for *THE COMPOUND***



**\*VICKI MYRON\***

**2012 Golden Sower Award winner for *DEWEY: THERE'S A CAT IN THE LIBRARY!***

**Dennis Drevo Memorial Luncheon Speaker**

**ALSO:** 2014-2015 Golden Sower Previews by Karen Drevo & Marci Retzlaff; Book Display & Discount Sales by Norfolk Public Library Foundation of titles by Kelly DiPucchio, Sheila Turnage, S.A. Bodeen, and Vicki Myron; Sales of Golden Sower Items; Autograph Session/Book Signing with Kelly DiPucchio, Sheila Turnage, S.A. Bodeen, and Vicki Myron; Door Prizes; 5 Continuing Education Hours (for all day attendance) from the Nebraska Library Commission for School & Public Librarians; 5 Professional Growth Points (for all day attendance) for Teachers/Staff employed by Norfolk Public Schools

**Advance tickets** are available at Norfolk Public Library OR by mail order. To order tickets by mail, **send a completed registration form with full payment** (write checks to "Norfolk Library Foundation—Literature Festival") to:

Literature Festival  
Norfolk Public Library  
308 W. Prospect Avenue  
Norfolk, NE 68701

For more information, contact Karen Drevo at NPL by phone (402/844-2108) or e-mail [kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us](mailto:kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us)

**A wonderful way to spend a summer day FOR LITERATURE LOVERS OF ALL AGES!**

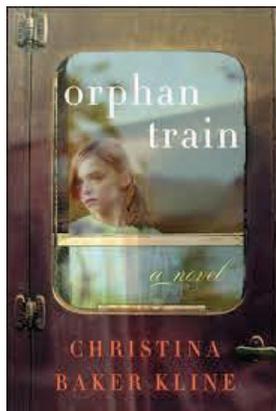
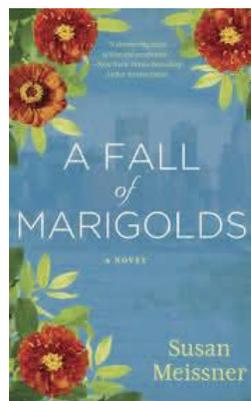
## BOOKS OF THE MONTH

*A Fall of Marigolds*  
by Susan Meissner

The fall of marigolds refers to a scarf that ties together the two stories in this book; that of nurse Clara Wood who witnesses the horror of the Triangle Shirt Factory fire in 1911 and Taryn Michaels, who is involved in the September 2001 World Trade Tower tragedy. Each loses a loved one and is living in an “in-between” place, not able to go back but also not able to move forward with their life. It’s a story of love and loss and, for Clara, an ethical decision that could change lives. Includes a Reader’s Guide for use with book club groups. Beautifully written, I could not put this book down. Highly recommended.

*Orphan Train*  
by Christina Baker Kline

This is the story of two women at very different places in their lives: a 91 year old orphan train survivor and a young troubled teen. Their paths cross and as they come to know each other better, they find that they have much in common. The book includes a lot of information on how the orphan trains worked and the reader can feel real empathy for these children as they are evaluated and criticized at each train stop. The characters tend to be a bit stereotypical but there is a reason it’s called stereotyping: these are characteristics that are real in many people. Recommended.



## WEEK OF WEEDING

Another successful year! Our libraries weeded 4005 items during the week of April 7-11. The oldest items were an 1895 travel guide to Austria and an 1898 history book. The NOOK e-reader was won by Shelton Public Library.



## Upcoming Basic Skills Courses

7/7 - 7/18 Intellectual Freedom and the Core Values of Librarianship

7/21 - 8/1 Communication

9/8 - 9/19 The Community and The Library

9/22 - 10/3 Programming & Outreach

10/20 - 10/31 Collection Management

11/3 - 11/14 Readers Advisory

12/1 - 12/12 Library Finance

Register to take these courses on the Nebraska Library Commission website.



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Register at: <http://www.slj.com/summerteen/>



Nebraska readers have spoken! With 75,545 votes, the winners have been determined:

**Primary Winner:**

***Even Monsters Need Haircuts*** Written and Illustrated by Matthew McElligott

**Primary Honor Books:**

***Mitchell's License*** Written by Hallie Durand Illustrated by Tony Fucile

***Interrupting Chicken*** Written and Illustrated by David Ezra Stein

**Intermediate Winner:**

***Wonder*** by R.J. Palacio

**Intermediate Honor Books:**

***The Unwanteds*** by Lisa McMann

***The Candymakers*** by Wendy Mass

**Young Adult Winner:**

***Legend*** by Marie Lu

**Young Adult Honor Books:**

***Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25*** by Richard Paul Evans

***Between Shades of Grey*** by Ruta Sepetys

# TheEdgars



Best paperback original: *The Wicked Girls* by Alex Marwood

Best Novel: *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger

Best Juvenile: *One Came Home* by Amy Timberlake

Best Young Adult: *Ketchup Clouds* by Annabel Pitcher

Best First Novel by an American: *Red Sparrow* by Jason Matthews



## 2014 Teens' Top Ten Nominees

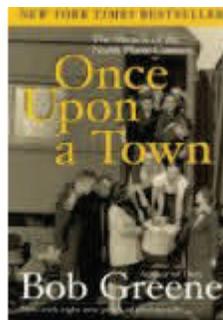
YALSA officially announced the 2014 Teens' Top Ten Nominees on April 17, Celebrate Teen Literature Day.

This year's list of nominees features 25 titles that were published between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013.

The nominees are as follows:

- **Arnett, Mindee.** "The Nightmare Affair." Tor Teen.
- **Banks, Anna.** "Of Triton." Macmillan/Feiwel and Friends.
- **Bardugo, Leigh.** "Siege and Storm." Macmillan/Henry Holt Books for Young Readers.
- **Block, Francesca Lia.** "Love In The Time Of Global Warming." Macmillan/Henry Holt Books for Young Readers.
- **Charbonneau, Joelle.** "The Testing." Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

- **Dashner, James.** "The Eye of Minds." Random House/Delacorte Press.
- **Edwards, Janet.** "Earth Girl." Prometheus Books /Pyr .
- **Gleason, Colleen.** "The Clockwork Scarab." Chronicle Books.
- **Gray, Laurie.** "Maybe I Will." Luminis Books.
- **Henry, April.** "The Girl Who Was Supposed to Die." Henry Holt Books for Young Readers.
- **Howard, A. G.** "Splintered." ABRAMS/Amulet Books.
- **Kate, Lauren.** "Teardrop." Random House.
- **Konigsberg, Bill .** "Openly Straight." Scholastic.
- **Laybourne, Emmy.** "Monument 14: Sky On Fire." Macmillan/Feiwel & Friends.
- **Richards, Natalie D.** "Six Months Later." Sourcebooks/Fire.
- **Rowell, Rainbow.** "Eleanor & Park." Macmillan/St. Martin's Griffin.
- **Sales, Leila.** "This Song Will Save Your Life." Macmillan/Farrar, Straus and Giroux.
- **Sanderson, Brandon.** "Steelheart." Random House/Delacorte Press.
- **Sanderson, Brandon.** "The Rithmatist." Tor Teen.
- **Smith, Jennifer E.** "This is What Happy Looks Like." Little, Brown & Company.
- **Smith, Andrew.** "Winger." Simon and Schuster.
- **Stine, R.L.** "A Midsummer Night's Scream." Macmillan/Feiwel & Friends.
- **Tucholke, April.** "Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea." Penguin/Dial.
- **Winters, Cat.** "In The Shadow of Blackbirds." ABRAMS/Amulet Books.
- **Yancey, Rick.** "The 5th Wave." Penguin/ Putnam Juvenile.



Copies of the "One Book" selection for this year are available for loan from the System Office.

## **\$32,000 in Internship Grants Awarded to Nebraska Public Libraries**

The Nebraska Library Commission and the Nebraska Library Association recently awarded **21st Century Librarian internship grants** totaling \$32,000 to twenty-one Nebraska public libraries. These internship grants will support public library interns, who will contribute to the scope and value of the diverse programs and activities in Nebraska's public libraries.

"The internships offer valuable work and learning experiences for the interns and helpful assistance to the participating libraries. We thank the participating libraries for their contributions to the internship program and we wish this year's group of interns the very best for great and worthwhile experiences," said Nebraska Library Commission Director Rod Wagner.

Funding for the project is provided through a Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), administered through the Nebraska Library Commission. Such funding helps the Nebraska Library Commission and the Nebraska Library Association continue to support the missions and goals of libraries across Nebraska and statewide efforts to recruit the next generation of Nebraska's librarians.

Student interns will learn about library work as they shadow and assist with day-to-day library operations and implement special projects. Interns will lead youth summer reading program activities, conduct training sessions to teach senior citizens to use technology, facilitate book discussion activities, help develop and update library Website and Facebook pages, create young adult library programs and spaces, work on publicity materials for library programs, sort and preserve archival materials, and assist in a host of other worthwhile activities.

In 2013, interns brought their technology skills to the forefront, much to the appreciation of the library staff, library customers, and their communities:

- One intern completed videos of summer reading activities as a promotional tool.
- Another intern created an instructional video on Overdrive (downloadable eBook and audio book collections) use, and added to the website.
- A third intern started a library Facebook page.

Said one intern: "I learned that librarians need to have very extensive knowledge regarding the operations of computers and their programs. It was very surprising, but I can see how necessary this knowledge is now that books, journals and magazines are becoming digitized."

The following Nebraska libraries received internship grant funding in March 2014:

- Atkinson Public Library
- Bassett, Rock County Public Library
- Cozad Public Library
- Emerson Public Library
- Grand Island Public Library
- Grant, Hastings Memorial Library
- Howells Public Library
- Kimball Public Library
- La Vista Public Library
- Lincoln City Libraries
- McCook Public Library
- Neligh Public Library
- Norfolk Public Library
- North Bend Public Library
- Omaha Public Library
- Papillion, Sump Memorial Library
- Ponca Carnegie Library
- Schuyler Public Library
- Shelby Public Library
- Valparaiso Public Library
- Verdigre Public Library



**Meridian Library System**

**Annual Meeting**

**July 28, 2014**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Lexington Public Library**

**Schedule:**

**11:00-Noon Business Meeting/Review of 2013-2014  
Introduction of New Board Member**

**Noon Lunch catered by Madeline's in Lexington**



**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Library:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclose \$10/person for lunch with registration form.**

**Mall to: Meridian Library System, 816 East 25th Street, #7  
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