



## Summertime 2021, Here We Come!

*by Tammi Thiem*

I have now been the director of the Three Rivers Library System for a whole year! While it has not been quite what I expected due to the pandemic, it has been an amazing year. I can honestly say that I have learned something (and usually many somethings!) every single day. I am impressed by the talent exhibited by all of the TRaiLS librarians. There have been so many creative ways that you have served your communities during this trying year, and I am awed by the passion exhibited by all of you!

I enjoy our weekly TRaiLS Communication Meetings via Zoom, and I always look forward to them. I always try to have upcoming events to share and topics to cover, but sometimes the most beneficial meetings are the ones where we do not even get to all of those items. The most rewarding words to hear during those meetings are, "I have a question." What a perfect platform for us to all learn and share! While Zoom meetings are not as satisfying as in-person meetings, it is an excellent option that many of us have embraced. I look forward to times to come when we can get together to learn. Even when those days arrive, I fully intend to continue with our online version, although likely monthly rather than weekly.

We have had some terrific workshops recently, and there are some great ones coming up in the near future. Some of these are stand-alone events, and others are additions to our regular weekly virtual meetings. All provide valuable information. If you ever have a topic of interest, please do not hesitate to offer the suggestion. Chances are if you find it interesting, others will, too.

I have been thrilled to visit a few libraries recently. It has been an honor to share information with a couple of library boards about the "The Rural Library Trustee: Roles, Responsibilities and Relationships." Helping with the annual Public Library Surveys has been a satisfying experience, as well. Thank you for these opportunities!

I have heard of various approaches regarding summer reading programs for this year. A popular option is to offer as many outside programs as possible. Some librarians are fortunate to have large buildings to allow for social distancing among the attendees. There are librarians that are already offering in-person storytimes and will continue this for the summer. Some librarians are choosing to continue with take-and-make kits and virtual options. There is no right or wrong way to do things, as every community is different. The common theme among librarians is that they are offering services to their patrons to the best of their abilities. It is quite inspiring, and please know how much you are all appreciated.

As always, if there is anything I can do to help, please feel free to contact me. My email address is [tammi.thiem.trls@gmail.com](mailto:tammi.thiem.trls@gmail.com). My phone number is 402-910-7005. I would love to hear from you!

## At the TRaiLS Office

**THREE RIVERS LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS:**

### Summer Reading Presentation

with Jackie Steffen, from the Nebraska Extension Office

**On 31 March 2021 at 2:00pm**

Jackie Steffen will discuss STEM connections through this Summer Reading Program's theme: Tails and Tales. With new resources from the [Nebraska Extension Office](#), learning STEM through stories will be useful for a different type of Summer Reading Program. So join us [via Zoom](#) and stay for our weekly [TRaiLS Communication Meeting](#) to share ideas, challenges, and successes with other professionals.

**THREE RIVERS LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS:**

### WILD WORLD OF COPYRIGHT

with Dr. Melissa Cast-Brede

**6 April 2021  
at 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

Copyright can seem intimidating, but understanding the basics of Fair Use can help you navigate the ins and outs of using copyrighted materials. This interactive presentation will go over what questions to ask when using the four fair use factors to evaluate use of materials. We will then practice with library scenarios and a few taken from news headlines.

1 CE Available

Register at:  
<http://bit.ly/CopyrightReg>

**TRaiLS**

### Basic Skills Classes

#### Library Technology with Holli Duggan

Class Dates: 22 March 2021- 2 April 2021

Registration Dates: 15 February 2021 - 12 March 2021

#### Introduction to Cataloging (Organization of Materials)\* as self paced

Class Dates: 1 April 2021- 30 April 2021

Registration Dates: 22 February 2021 - 19 March 2021

#### Library Finance with Holli Duggan

Class Dates: 19 April 2021 - 30 April 2021

Registration Dates: 15 March 2021 - 9 April 2021

#### Intellectual Freedom / Core Values\* with Holli Duggan

Class Dates: 10 May 2021 - 21 May 2021

Registration Dates: 5 April 2021 - 3 May 2021

(\* Required Class)

### Calendar of Events

#### TRaiLS Communication Meeting

Online via Zoom

18 March 2021

1:00pm - 2:00pm

#### TRaiLS Communication Meeting

Online via Zoom

23 March 2021

2:00pm - 3:00pm

#### United Way 211 Presentation

Online via Zoom

23 March 2021

3:00pm - 3:30pm

## **Responding to the COVID-19 Infodemic: An NNLM Virtual Symposium**

Symposium website: <https://nnlm.vfairs.com/en/>

We are excited to announce that registration is open for a new NNLM virtual symposium focused on addressing the COVID-19 Infodemic in our communities.

### **What is the Symposium about?**

The COVID-19 pandemic highlights the disparities of underserved, minority and underrepresented communities. This includes ensuring equal understanding of accurate health information, education in hard hit communities and valuing inclusion in clinical research to overcome COVID-19.

The NNLM Virtual Symposium is an opportunity to address misinformation and mistrust, raise awareness about the pandemic and efforts to combat it. Symposium attendees can expect to come away from this experience with a better understanding of COVID-19 as well as strategies and programs that can be used to engage with communities.

We are excited to feature the following keynote speakers:

- **Vinay Gupta, MD, MPA**, Affiliate Assistant Professor, Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, Seattle, WA
- **Gregg Orton**, National Director, The National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA), Washington, DC
- **Elizabeth Wilhelm**, Health Communications Specialist, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Global Immunization Division, Atlanta, GA
- **Chris Pernell, MD, MPH, FACPM**, Chief Strategic Integration and Health Equity Officer, University Hospital, New York, NY

There will also be paper sessions, panels, and a networking space; more information will be announced in the upcoming weeks.

### **Who is the Symposium for?**

NNLM invites anyone who is interested in learning more about information-related issues during COVID-19, which includes, but is not limited to: health professionals, librarians, researchers, community-based organization staff, and students.

### **When is the Symposium?**

April 8-9, 2021

9a-2p PT/ 12p-5p ET

### **How can I attend the Symposium?**

Free registration is now open on our symposium

website: <https://nnlm.vfairs.com/en/registration>

### **Questions about the Symposium?**

Be sure to check our website soon for more information on the agenda, networking sessions, code of conduct, and a general FAQ. Any other questions can be sent to Tony Nguyen

at [ttnguyen@hshsl.umaryland.edu](mailto:ttnguyen@hshsl.umaryland.edu).

## **4-H STEM Reading Connections Resources**

4-H STEM Reading Connections Resources Download –

[https://ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3RetZ7vApLjeURM](https://ssp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3RetZ7vApLjeURM)

Learning Child Story Book Guides - <https://child.unl.edu/nebraska-4-h-stem-reading-connections-program>

## *Computers in Libraries*

### *Connect 2021 Virtual*

Online

23 March - 25 March 2021

## *BLOSSOM (National Library of Medicine) Symposium*

Online

24 March - 26 March 2021

## *Summer Reading Presentation with NE Extension Office*

Online via Zoom

31 March 2021

2:00pm - 3:00pm

## *TRaiLS Communication Meeting*

Online via Zoom

31 March 2021

3:00pm - 4:00pm

## *Wild World of Copyright Workshop*

Online via Zoom

6 April 2021

2:00pm - 3:00pm

## *TRaiLS Communication Meeting*

Online via Zoom

8 April 2021

10:00am - 11:00am

## *TRaiLS Communication Meeting*

Online via Zoom

13 April 2021

11:00am - 12:00pm

## *TRaiLS Communication Meeting*

Online via Zoom

21 April 2021

1:00pm - 2:00pm

## *Plum Creek Literacy Festival*

Concordia University in Seward, NE

17 April 2021

## *Teaching Technology in the Library Workshop*

Online via Zoom

27 April 2021  
1:00pm - 5:00pm

*Mountain Plains Library  
Association (MPLA)*

Online

28 April - 29 April 2021

*TRaiLS Communication  
Meeting*

Online via Zoom

29 April 2021  
2:00pm - 3:00pm

## Library News



### Stanton Public Library's Newest Collection

***Submitted by: Dorothy Fuller & Tami Barth***

The Dayco Company of Norfolk paid it forward with an unexpected \$200 donation to Stanton Public Library at Christmas. Librarians Tami Barth and Dorothy Fuller decided at that time to order books with an upbeat message for the children's shelves.

Two sets of titles from Crabtree Publishing Company will be making their new home at Stanton Public Library. Titles include *Building Confidence*, *Coping with Change*, *Growing Friendship*, and *Dealing with Challenges*. All ten books are designed for an interest level of grades one through five.

Watch for more details and cover photos on our [Facebook page](#). Thank you again to Dayco Company for reaching out to us this year!



### Bellevue University Library's Spring Poetry

***Submitted by: Alicia James***

Here at the Bellevue University Library, we are looking forward to spring and all of the wonderful activities we have planned! April will be an especially exciting month as there is both National Library Week and National Poetry Month happening. To celebrate the joys of poetry, we are setting up a display for "Poem in Your Pocket Day" on the 29th of April.

The display will consist of putting out a variety of poems for patrons to easily grab one and take with them to read during the day. The selected poems will be available in two formats. Patrons can choose a poem folded into a star or other fun

shapes; a laminated poem for long-term enjoyment; or even one of each format.

We can hardly wait to share this poetry event, as well as a variety of upcoming craft activities, community talks with guest speakers, and our National Library Week celebrations, with our community. Be sure to keep an eye out for details on all of our spring activities on [our calendar](#).

Do You Judge a Book by its Cover?

During the month of February...

Try a Blind Date with a Book at the Hartington Public Library



We're only letting you judge them based on one keyword.

Fill out a rate your date card for a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate!

Stop by the library to pick yours up today

P.S. We made sure all the BOOKS are Good!

## Hartington Public Library's Blind Date with a Book

*Submitted by: Tami Anderson*

Hartington Public Library held a fun program during the month of February called *Blind Date with a Book*. In an effort to get around judging a book by its cover, Hartington put keywords on the wrapping for patrons to judge with a chance to win a \$25 gift certificate.

## Information Station

### 2021 Computers in Libraries Virtual Conference Discount

The Nebraska Library Commission is pleased to announce that Information Today has again provided us with a discount code we can distribute to Nebraska librarians to use when registering for [Computers in Libraries Connect 2021](#). This conference will be held virtually.

**Discount code: NLCCIL21**

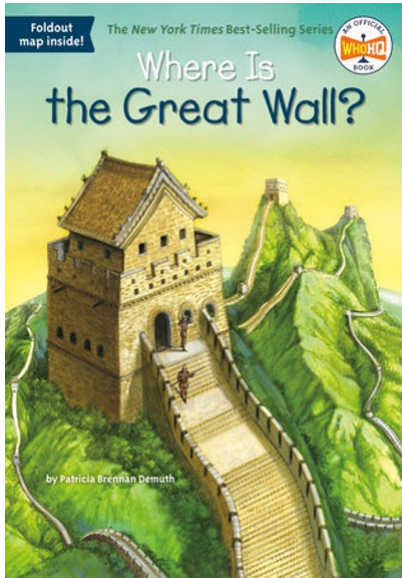
**Link to register: <https://pheedloop.com/cil2021/site/register/>**

When you register using this discount code, you will be eligible to receive **\$100 off the Virtual Pass**, which is normally \$299. This means you will only pay \$199.

The Virtual Pass (Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> through Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>) includes access to all keynotes and main conference sessions, networking, and the virtual exhibit hall. It also includes access to archived session recordings for viewing through June 1, 2021. (The Virtual Pass does not include access to workshops unless purchased separately. Workshops are separately priced and are not eligible for discounts.)

You can review programs here: <https://pheedloop.com/cil2021/site/schedule/>

## Review Corner



### Where is the Great Wall?

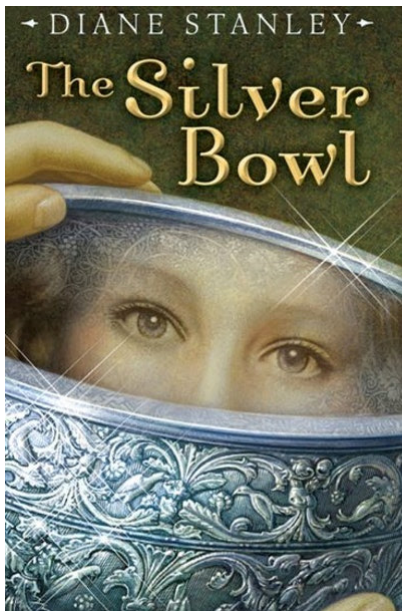
**By Patricia Brenna Demuth**

Recommended for 6th grade and up, for all library collections.

*Article by Jane Dodson*

This small book is absolutely packed with facts about the Great Wall of China. You will learn about the very beginnings of the wall and the leader who started it all. Years of social turmoil, greed, power hungry leaders, dynasties, slavery, amazing ancient engineering, building, tearing down, rebuilding are all a part of the great history of this massive symbol.

The black and white illustrations skillfully add to the text, as does the map that shows the span of the wall along with photographs of the Great Wall. The timeline at the end of this very informational book is a quick summary of the history of the wall. This volume compares to the "Where is, What Was, Who Was" series by Patricia Demuth, which gives a plethora of information about many topics. This book provides the reader with fact after fact about the history of the Great Wall, thus the history of China along with it. The reader would have to love nonfiction and history to enjoy this book. It would be a great source for a research project.



### The Silver Bowl

**By Diane Stanley**

Recommended for grades 4th-7th. Accelerated Reader 4.7.

*Article by Diane Limoges*

At the age of seven, Molly is sent to work for the king of Westria as a scullery maid. The only thing she brings with her to the castle is a secret of vision. After a time she is promoted to shining the silver where the visions become strong. She soon learns that the royal family is in danger and it is going to be up to her and a couple of friends to try to save Prince Alaric, the last of the royal family.

A combination of mystery and fantasy young readers will enjoy trying to figure out what will come next.


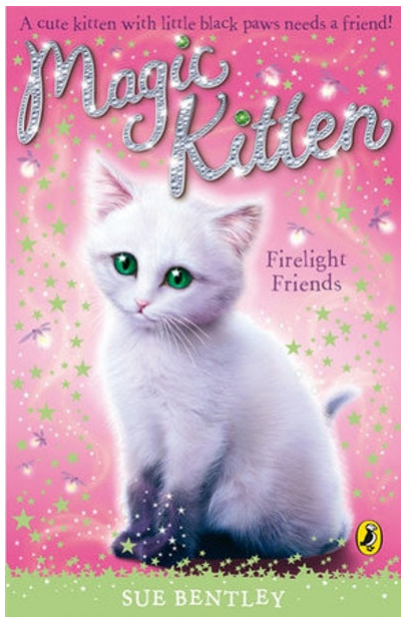
### Firelight Friends: Magic Kitten Series #10

**By Sue Bentley**

Recommended for grades 2nd - 5th for the public and school children's library.

*Article by T. Headley*

Flame is a magic kitten that is hiding from his uncle. Kara Parks is settling in at summer camp when Flame appears. She agrees to hide him. Flame's magic helps Kara and her roommates when they are being bullied. A cute story!



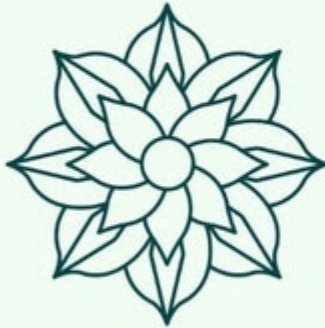
TINY AND MIGHTY INTEREST GROUP  
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NEBRASKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
What a great place to share ideas  
for small & rural libraries!

# TINY TUESDAYS

March 16, 2021  
10:00 am

email [rebecca@hafuboti.com](mailto:rebecca@hafuboti.com) to join!  
(NLA membership is not required)

**SAVE  
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[nnlm.gov/blossomSaveDate](https://nnlm.gov/blossomSaveDate)



# BLOSSOM

**March 24, 25, 26, 2021**

Building Life-long Opportunities for Strength,  
Self-Care, Outlook, Morale, and Mindfulness

**A free virtual symposium for library staff  
focused on their health and wellness.**

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## Speakers

Abigail Phillips  
Amanda Leftwich  
Amy Tureen  
Callan Bignoli  
Eamon Tewell  
Fobazi Ettarh  
Janet Damon  
Jennifer Carson

JJ Pionke  
Kaetrena Davis Kendrick  
Max Bowman  
Nikhat Ghouse  
Nisha Mody  
Tasha Nins  
Twanna Hodge  
Wendy Peters

And more!





# TEACHING TECHNOLOGY IN THE LIBRARY WORKSHOP

WHAT THE TECH DO PEOPLE NEED?  
HOW CAN THE LIBRARY HELP?

**April 27, 2021**

**1-5 PM**

**Here's what we will cover in this workshop:**

- Identify the tech skills adults really need
- Learn how to teach tech using tried and true methods of library programming & outreach
- Explore new ways to market necessary services
- Brainstorm & share ideas

**Instructor:** Amanda Sweet

**Hosted by TRLS**



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