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Spring Cleaning in the Library!

by Tammi Thiem



If anyone read the latest newsletter from the Central Plains Library System (and I certainly hope that everyone did, as there is lots of great information for all Nebraska librarians!), you likely saw that the topic of weeding was discussed. Many of you probably weed some books all year long. After all, librarians spend lots of time in the stacks and notice worn and outdated books. However, I think it is a great idea to incorporate a weeding project with spring cleaning.

Why do libraries need to be weeded? After all, isn't it exciting to see shelves overflowing with books from the floor to the ceiling? Actually, it is hard for patrons to find books when the shelves are packed too tightly, and librarians know the struggle of trying to put books away when shelves are too crowded. It has been proven that circulation increases when shelves are no more than three-quarters full. The collection will look more inviting, and it will be far easier to maintain the collection.

How do you decide what to weed? Some items are easy. If a book is in poor condition, it should be removed from the collection. In some cases, a new copy may need to be purchased as a replacement. If a book is outdated or irrelevant, it should be removed. Many nonfiction titles may contain information that is no longer accurate, and it could be a detriment to the library to continue to hold books that contain obsolete information. For example, medical and science books should be reviewed frequently. If a book no longer gets checked out, it may no longer be of interest to patrons. Shelf space in libraries is valuable, and each book needs to merit its worth to take up that space.

Classics may be a bit tricky. While many classics are available digitally, you need to carefully consider your readers. Would the patrons who would most enjoy reading a classic actually read a digital copy? If not, you may want to keep a physical copy. However, many copies tend to be yellowed with small print, and this does not make for a pleasant reading experience for anyone.

What do you do with a series that goes on forever? I have heard of some libraries that get the newest titles and keep the very first few, but they weed the books in between. This frees up shelf space, and the loyal readers can continue reading the newest editions as they are released. Do not feel obligated to keep books on the shelf that are not moving regularly, even if they are part of a series.

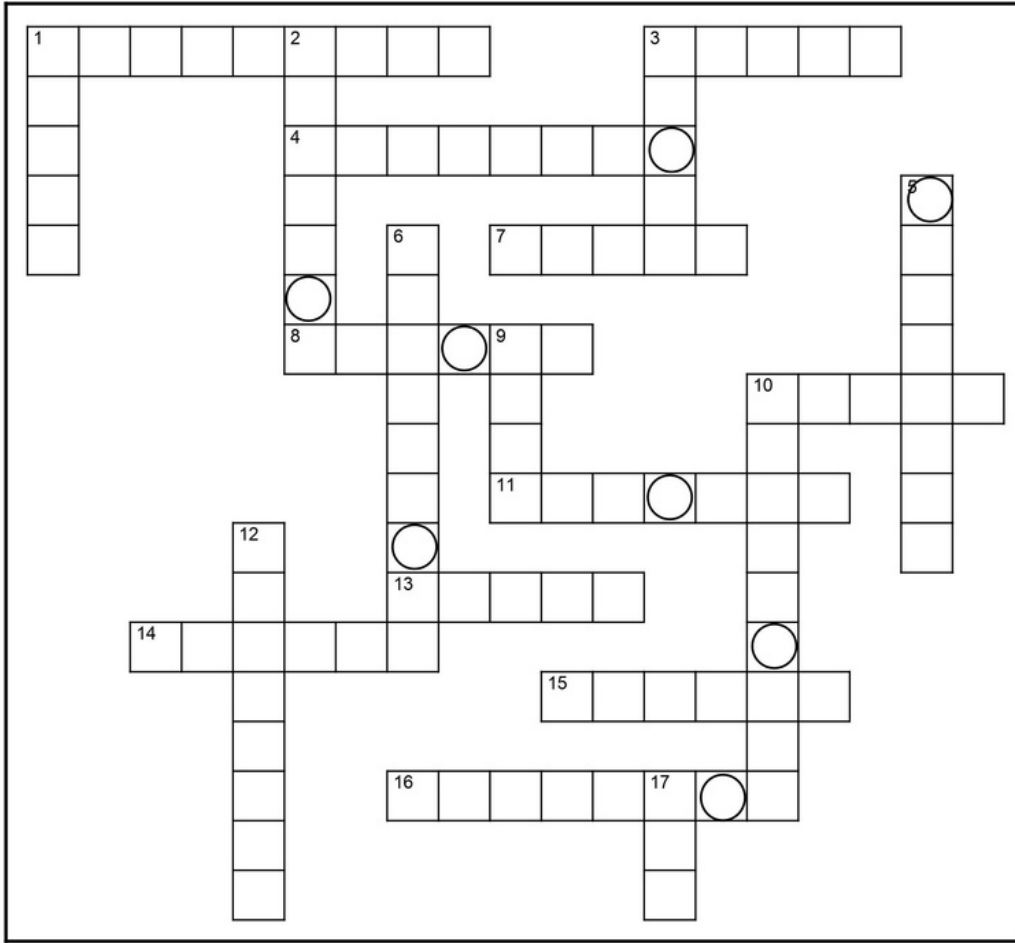
Remember that nearly all books can be obtained through the interlibrary loan service. This includes classics, middle-of-a-series books, nonfiction, and more. It even includes those books that sat on the shelf for a decade without being touched until it was weeded, and then suddenly a patron decided it was a must-read!

If anyone wants some help with a weeding project, let me know. I will be happy to come help! Email me at tammi.thiem.trls@gmail.com or send me a text or give me a call at 402-910-7005. You can reach me through the office at 402-330-7884.



At the TRails Office

Complete the crossword puzzle. Unscramble the circled letters to reveal a famous mystery writer.
Send your answer to Chelsea at trls.assistant@gmail.com by May 20th to be entered in a drawing for a prize!



Across

- 1 Alex Cross series author
- 3 Myron Bolitar series author
- 4 Amos Decker series author
- 7 Stone Barrington series author
- 8 Author of *The Notebook*
- 10 *Safe Harbour* is her best-selling novel.
- 11 Mississippi-based lawyer turned author
- 13 Author of *Where Are the Children?*
- 14 Author of *Firefly Lane*
- 15 Author of *Odd Thomas*
- 16 Rose Harbor series author

Down

- 1 Armand Gamache series author
- 2 She also writes as JD Robb
- 3 Jack Reacher series author
- 5 Harry Bosch series author
- 6 Stephanie Plum series author
- 9 Author of the *Green Mile* and *It*
- 10 Will Trent series author
- 12 Author of the *Prey* series
- 17 Joe Pickett series author

THREE RIVERS LIBRARY
SYSTEM PRESENTS:

[http://bit.ly/Digital
Handouts](http://bit.ly/DigitalHandouts)

Check out the link for a folder of flyers from presenters for your Summer Reading Program. We're always updating the information, so check back anytime.



Basic Skills

(* Required Class)

Intellectual Freedom / Core Values* with Cindy Osborne

Registration Dates: 4 April 2023 - 2 May 2023

Class Dates: 8 May 2023 - 19 May 2023

Readers' Advisory with Tammi Thiem

Registration Dates: 2 May 2023 - 30 May 2023

Class Dates: 5 June 2023 - 16 June 2023

Reference with Christa Porter

Registration Dates: 30 May 2023 - 24 June 2023

Class Dates: 3 July 2023 - 14 July 2023

Upcoming NCompass Live

Public Libraries & Wikipedia: Creative Collaborations

Date: 3 May 2023 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

The 2023 Public Library Accreditation Process

Date: 10 May 2023 from 10:00 am - 11:00am

Read the Rainbow: Serving the LGBTQ+ Community in Your Library

Date: 17 May 2023 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

La Biblioteca Es Para Ti - Building Community Relationships in a Different Language

Date: 24 May 2023 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Bots for the Community!

Date: 31 May 2023 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

NLC Book Club Spotlight

Book Club Spotlight:
[The Reading List](#)

Mackenzie Marrow is the librarian in charge of book clubs at the Nebraska Library Commission and wants to share with everyone the hidden gems in the [NLC's Book Club Collection](#). Below is an excerpt, but to read the full details go to [Mackenzie's blog post](#).

*We follow two reluctant readers: Widower Mukesh, who, upon reading an **old library book** left by his late wife, finds comfort and solace in the characters who help the memory of his wife live on. Energized by the experience, Mukesh decides to make an effort to connect with his shy granddaughter through her love of books—leading him to a small Wembley library. In the library, we meet Aleisha, a disillusioned but whip-smart teen working in the slowly dying library over the summer to support her sick mother. Aleisha has no particular love for libraries or books until she is handed a mysterious list of books titled “Just in case you need it.” Inexplicably drawn to reading the first on the list, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, Aleisha encourages Mukesh to read it as well.*

Calendar of Events

SKILLS Virtual Meeting

Online

3 May 2023

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

SKILLS Meeting

Ponca Carnegie Library

5 May 2023

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

SKILLS Virtual Meeting

Online

10 May 2023

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Public Library Accreditation 2023

Workshop

Online

16 May 2023

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

SKILLS Virtual Meeting

Online

18 May 2023

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

SKILLS Virtual Meeting

Online

23 May 2023

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Apollo Nebraska User Group Meeting

Seward Memorial Library

24 May 2023

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Public Library Accreditation 2023

Workshop

Online

24 May 2023

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

SKILLS Virtual Meeting

Online

24 May 2023

9:30 am - 11:30 am

SKILLS Virtual Meeting

Online

31 May 2023

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

2023 TRaILS Annual Meeting

Genoa Indian School Museum

4 August 2023

Library News

Tilden Public Library's May Day Basket Making Party

by Cindy Simeon

The Tilden Public Library will be hosting the 5th annual Give a Smile – May Day Basket Making Party on Friday April 28th from 2:30 – 5:00 pm in the Library's Lied Auditorium. Create your very own unique May Day baskets that you can give to a family member, friend, or neighbor on May 1st for May Day, and if you so desire make another for yourself. Enjoy an afternoon of crafts, treats, raffle prizes, and fun for the whole family. All materials will be provided. Brighten up someone's day and make them smile with a May Day Basket! This event is sponsored by the Tilden Library Foundation.



Springfield Memorial Library's National Honor

by Kellie Seiber

We just wanted to share this exciting news! We are very honored to have been nominated, and now selected as a Finalist, for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service! There are 15 libraries and 15 museums across the country that were selected and we are the only library in the Midwest. We are proud to represent Springfield, the state of Nebraska and all of the Midwest!

The "Share Your Story" campaign where the Institute of Museum and Library Service encourages members of the community to share why the library has impacted them, how it has made a difference in their lives, and why they love their library. The campaign runs April 3rd - May 12th on social media using #ShareYourStory and #IMLSmedals in all the posts. Throughout the campaign, the Institute of Museum and Library Services will take a day to spotlight each finalist on their Twitter, Facebook and Instagram pages - Springfield Memorial Library's day is Friday, May 5th.

They also encourage us to host a Finalist celebration so we are planning on an Open House ice cream party after school on Friday, April 28th.

New Directors Around the Region

Arlington Public Library

by Julie Jones

My name is Julie Jones, newly-hired librarian of Arlington Public Library. Originally from Omaha, I received my degree in German from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and my studies abroad in Berlin, Germany. I enjoy language and grammar; my family affectionately calls me a "word dork," and of course, I play online scrabble!

My husband and I have a blended family of five children, ages 11 to 24, and we live on a 17-acre ranch with horses, a mule, a mini donkey, goats, chickens, a turkey, ducks, quail, dogs, cats, rabbits, and a guinea pig... and I photograph as much of everything as I can. Every once in a while, my old Canon and I figure out how to produce a great photo.

I am loving my job, and I have so many ideas for the library. There is so much work to be done!



Scholarship Experiences

2022 NLA Conference

by Sheila Hoelsing

As many smaller school facility librarians, it was such a blessing to be able to find means to attend the NLA conference thanks to the generosity of the Three Rivers Library System. This generous organization covered not only the conference cost but also room and board and meal costs. So many wonderful speakers and sessions were organized during this year's conference. We began our activities with a tour of the Kearney Public Library facilities, which is always a great way to glean ideas to spread to our own libraries. Our first learning opportunity was held at the Kearney library, in which we attended the session: Library and Archival Disasters and Collection Salvage presented by Michael Straatmann. This was a two-hour presentation that covered the concept of book salvage and care. We learned about the differences in collections material salvage needs, the actions needed to preserve each type and the difference avenues to cover during many different types of disasters. Mr. Straatman took us through many different disaster scenarios, prevention tips and preemptive planning strategies. My favorite part of his session, was the hands-on practice working with different damaged materials and actually practice on salvage techniques. Other sessions we attended included "Bad Bosses: Tales from the Dark side of Library Management presented by Brooke Zarco, Quiet Censorship by Garren Hochstetler, and many other very informative sessions. Our keynote speaker was exceptional and offered so many excellent viewpoints and tools to use in our everyday libraries. I think what I took away the most from this conference was the need to not step back and allow the fear of conflict from keeping us from doing what is right, and that is to cover all bases, all aspects of learning for all aspects of learners. Once again, I want to thank the Three Rivers Library System and its staff for the opportunity to attend the NLA Conference in Kearney.

Scholarship Experiences

2022 ALSC National Institute

by Jodi Norton



In September 2022, I was awarded a Three Rivers Library System Continuing Education Scholarship, and I am truly thankful. This scholarship helped me attend the 2022 Association for Library Service to Children's (ALSC) National Institute in Kansas City, Missouri. This was the first in-person conference I've attended post COVID-19, and I was excited to connect with fellow librarians both professionally and socially.

I chose the ALSC National Institute for three reasons. It was close to home, a capped attendance number, and the entire conference centers around children's librarians and others that serve mainly children and families. The speakers, guest authors, and educational sessions did not disappoint. Many left me with new ideas, hope, and even a sense of pride.

The conference started out with Author Christina Soontornvat speaking at our Opening General Session. This two-time Newbery Honoree has written several books for children of all ages and shared with us the experience she's had while writing her newest book, a graphic novel, that centers around herself and a middle school friend as they try out for cheerleading. The Tryout Making the Squad Means Risking It All is lighthearted, genuine, and very relatable. It's a must read for anyone that wants to laugh and relive their middle school experiences.... good or bad!

Day two started out with an excellent keynote speaker! Dr. Nicole Cooke spoke about being radical and encourage library staff to develop and/or improve our radical practices, create change, and help fight injustice in our communities and with our co-workers. Each day, we encounter many people in our libraries and their experiences may be very different from our own. Let's be radical and make them feel at home. To do this, we need to be open to new experiences, build trust, and have a willingness to be vulnerable with everyone. The goal is to make them feel so comfortable that they are excited to return to the library either as a user or staff member.

Besides guest authors and keynote speakers, the institute offered several educational sessions that sparked new ideas and helped me think of post COVID-19 libraries in different ways. Two of my favorite sessions supported the need for libraries to partner with various people and organizations in the community. It's so important to be visible to our community, which means we need extend our services throughout the city. Can we partner with healthcare systems, food pantries, shopping malls, chiropractors, or grocery stores? Maybe hold a storytime in the local park, community center, popular restaurant, and/or apartment complex once a month. Ask teachers if they want you to deliver books to their classroom. Whatever partnership you create is sure to benefit all involved and hopefully help families develop that love of reading!

Overall, my experience at the conference was rewarding. I'd recommend attending the 2024 ALSC National Institute in Denver, Colorado. Apply for scholarships, talk to Library Board, or build it into your budget. However you attend, you will not be disappointed.

Scholarship Experiences

28th Annual Youth Services Retreat

by Peggy Leiting

It is always such a pleasure to meet with librarians around the state and talk about some of my favorite things, books, games and technology. The 28th Annual Youth Services Retreat at Camp Carol Joy Holling allowed me to do just that and plenty more. The two-day event was filled with great speakers and many ideas to take home along with several book recommendations. The circulation of graphic novels has increased dramatically over the past two years, and I am always looking for new titles to add. This is not a genre that I take the time to read so it was quite helpful, and I now have many new titles on my wish list.

Amanda Winkler gave an informative session on American Sign Language. Not only did she share ways to incorporate ALS into story time but she gave us a little background on Deaf culture and how she became interested in using it in the library.

Gaming and technology were hot topics with many suggestions on how to incorporate gaming and technology kits in your library. Amanda Sweet had several technology kits to play with and shared with us the process of borrowing them for our libraries.

Vicki Wood shared with us the importance of sound policies and reconsideration forms when someone has a complaint about library materials. This was a timely session as we have recently seen an uptick of book challenges in the library community. A great reminder to review policies with your library board and staff. Our final session was "Keeping the Peace During Children's Events' with Take 5". This was a fantastic way to end the day with movement and yoga and great tips on how to calm and center children. I think this is a skill we can all work on and I hope to look into incorporating more of the "Take 5" techniques in our library programs. Relax and breathe, wonderful advice!

I am thankful for the TRAILS continuing education grant that allowed me to attend the retreat in such a lovely place.

28th Annual Youth Services Retreat

by Kathy Stender

TOP SECRET

Hey, want to know a secret? Do you know that one of the best retreats for librarians working with children/youth takes place in the fall at Camp Carol Joy Holling? If you have ever thought of attending this, make room on your calendar now! This retreat is packed full of great workshops that help you learn about the latest and greatest things in the youth library area. This past fall included some very interesting workshops including Storytimes with ASL, Gaming with the library, and keeping the peace during Children's events with Take 5. Offering a bit of downtime at the end of the day gives you a great opportunity to meet other librarians and find out what's going on where they are located. I would like to thank the Three Rivers System for the scholarship to attend this retreat. By providing a scholarship to events like this allows small/rural libraries to attend such wonderful events!



WEDNESDAY,
MAY 24,
2023

WHO: Biblionix (via Zoom) and your fellow librarians IN PERSON.

WHAT: Join us for a day of discussion and learning! This will be an open forum with an opportunity for libraries interested in the [Biblionix Apollo ILS](#) to learn more, as well as current users to ask questions, get feedback from your peers, learn how others utilize various features, and more.

WHERE: Seward Memorial Library, 233 S. 5th Street, Seward, NE 68434.

WHEN: Wednesday, May 24, 2023.

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| 9:00 a.m. | Refreshments, introductions, open forum begins. |
| 12:00 p.m. | Break for lunch. |
| 1:00 p.m. | Open forum continues. |
| 1:30 p.m. | Q&A Session with Biblionix, open forum continues. |
| 3:00 p.m. | Tentative wrap up. |

COST: FREE to attend, although lunch is on your own.

OTHER NOTES:

- 5 CEU's for Nebraska Certification will be submitted to NLC on your behalf.
- Bring a laptop and your EXTERNAL Apollo username/ password if possible.

QUESTIONS can be directed to:

- Becky Baker at (402) 643-3318 or Becky.Baker@SewardLibrary.org,
- Sarah Johnson at (402) 759-3416 or SJohnson@CityOfGeneva.org

REGISTRATION:

Complete this [ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM](#) for each person attending from your library. Registration deadline is May 19, 2023.

Library and Information Services

Fall 2023 Online Course Offerings

Aug. 21, 2023 – Dec. 15, 2023

Enrollment for Fall Semester 2023 opens

Monday, April 10, 2023



LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services

Marty Magee, Instructor

This course, the recommended first in the Library and Information Services curriculum, provides introductory information in multiple areas.

- Library history and organizations
- Foundation Principles/Code of Ethics
- Information databases and Internet usage

LIBR 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies

Michael Straatmann, Instructor

This course includes the theories, concepts and activities integral to leading and managing 21st Century libraries and information agencies.

- Leadership principles
- Management strategies
- Policies and procedures

LIBR 2940 Library and Information Services Capstone Practicum

Patty Birch, Instructor

This capstone course is the last course in the Library and Information Services program. Students will complete 40 hours of service learning in a host library. The course also includes a review of the principal pieces of learning from the LIS program.

- Prerequisites: LIBR 1010, 2100, 2150, 2210, & 2250

<i>Fall 2023</i>	<i>Spring 2024</i>
Libr 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services	Libr 2100 Reference Resources and Services
Libr 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies	Libr 2210 Develop and Organize Collections
Libr 2940 Library Science Capstone Practicum	

New changes...

Beginning Fall 2023, the LIBR 2210 Cataloging & Classification course has been merged with the LIBR 2150 Managing Collections in Libraries & Information Agencies class. The new combined class is LIBR 2210 Develop and Organize Collections to be offered in Spring 2024.

And the Library & Information Services Certificate has been reduced from 18 credit hours to a 15-credit hour program.



For more information on the Library and Information Services program, see:

<https://www.cccneb.edu/lis/>

For information concerning Admissions or Registration,

contact: Dee Johnson djohnson@cccneb.edu,

402-562-1418 or Toll Free at 877-222-0780

Central Community College is an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution.



Looking for program ideas for 2023 Summer Reading?



Remember that the Three Rivers Library System offers scholarships to pay for Humanities Nebraska programs!



Fill out an easy application at <http://bit.ly/HNScholarship>



Explore <https://humanitiesnebraska.org/> for an interesting speaker



KIND Nebraskans: Personal Stories of Nebraskans in World War II



Encounters with World Music
Humanities Nebraska



Nebraska's Musical Smorgasbord: Music from Various Ethnic Groups in Nebraska
Humanities Nebraska



How Chocolate Twice Conquered the American Continent: A Deliciously Historical Perspective
Humanities Nebraska



Music From Around the World
Humanities Nebraska

How Chocolate Twice Conquered the American Continent: A Deliciously

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.

THREE RIVERS LIBRARY
SYSTEM PRESENTS:



This Quarter's Topic: Summer Reading Programs

Get together with librarians near you to Share Knowledge, Ideas, Learning, and Library Solutions! You are welcome to join any or all of the meetings for networking and discussions. They will be worth 3 Continuing Education Credits each. If your plans allow, stick around for lunch afterwards.

Research has shown that networking with fellow librarians is beneficial professional development that improves professional practice, promotes shared leadership, and helps people remain in the profession. Do NOT feel guilty when you leave your library for these meetings because isolation is unproductive.

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

6 March 2023 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Stanton Public Library

7 April 2023 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Valley Public Library

5 May 2023 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Ponca Carnegie Library



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SAVE THE DATE!

SUMMER READING CRASH COURSE

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 | Online

[NEBRASKALIBRARIES.ORG/SURVEY.PHP?ID=38](https://nebraskalibraries.org/survey.php?id=38)

THREE RIVERS LIBRARY
SYSTEM PRESENTS:



Get together virtually with librarians to Share Knowledge, Ideas, Learning, and Library Solutions! You are welcome to join any or all of the meetings for networking and discussions. They will be worth 1 Continuing Education Credits each.

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THREE RIVERS LIBRARY
SYSTEM PRESENTS:



BOARD MEMBERS
WELCOME &
ENCOURAGED

Topic: Library Board Responsibilities

Get together with librarians and board members near you to Share Knowledge, Ideas, Learning, and Library Solutions / Boards Offer Necessary Unique Skills. They will be worth 2 Continuing Education Credits.

Join us at this SKILLS BONUS meeting for a discussion about board meetings and some suggestions on how to get the most out of those meetings.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/SKILLSBONUS>

24 May 2023 from 9:30 am - 11:30 am at Tilden Public Library



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