



## The Challenge of Reopening Libraries

*Article by Tammi Thiem*

Many libraries are opening their doors to the public. The terms “soft-opening” and “gentle-opening” are often used to reflect the gradual transition that is occurring. Most libraries are implementing carefully considered guidelines, rules, restrictions, and policies for their reopening. For example, librarians are likely including more rigorous cleaning regimes in their daily task schedules. Hand sanitizing stations are often located inside library doors with signs instructing patrons and visitors to use these before entering the premises. Many library staff wear masks and provide masks for their patrons. Some libraries limit the number of patrons allowed in the library at one time, and some limit the amount of time patrons may stay in the library. All librarians have been diligent in doing all they can to keep their staff members and community members safe and healthy when visiting their local library.

Summer reading has a completely different look this year. Every librarian I have visited with has expressed what a challenge this year has been regarding programming. Without the in-person aspect, summer reading has just not been the same. It is never as much fun reading a book aloud without the interaction of a group of youngsters. Librarians miss the children wiggling in the audience, the excited interruptions and questions, and the interested delight as they examine the book’s pictures. The motivation to provide educational and fun activities for children is simply not the same when the librarian is not included in the process of delivering those activities in

person. In spite of these downsides, many librarians are still doing their best to offer these services to their young patrons. There are many virtual story times being held, and there are many to-go kits being provided. Librarians are a creative group, and this is proven repeatedly as they step up to the challenges of 2020.

The Three Rivers Library System has been hosting Zoom meetings roughly each week for the last few months. The day of the week and the time rotates in the attempt to accommodate the schedules of everyone, as they do all differ. The dates, times, and link will be listed on the Nebraska Library Commission’s calendar. Unfortunately I found that not everyone has been receiving my emails. If you have not gotten emails from me regarding the Zoom meetings, please contact me so I can ensure your name is included on my email list.

Exciting news! Reader Zone noted that the state of Nebraska hit the 1,000,000 – minute mark on July 2nd! Isn’t that fabulous? I am afraid that the summer slide this year may be worse than normal, so it is wonderful to witness the magic that librarians do for communities. Watch for details about the statewide 1,000 Minute August Reading Challenge coming up.

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!

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Retirement at Cedar Rapids Public Library
- A Thank You Note to Libraries
- TRaiLS Communication Meetings
- Plattsmouth Public Library’s Summer Reading Activities
- Scholarship Experiences

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## Scholarships

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TRaiLS continuing education scholarships are available to attend state, regional, and nationwide conferences and events. Any director, media specialist, staff member, or trustee at libraries in the TRaiLS service area may apply. Applications will be reviewed by the scholarship committee after the deadline to apply for each specific scholarship has passed. Scholarship recipients will be notified prior to the event with money awarded after attendance of the event.

An application to apply can be found at <http://libraries.ne.gov/trls/calendar-2/scholarship-opportunities/>

### Did You Know:

The NLC has a page of resources regarding COVID-19? Check out [this page of links](#) for all the resources!

**Our Annual Meeting is Virtual!**  
**Join us on August 7th from**  
**9:00 am—11:30 pm**  
**Join our Zoom Meeting via**  
**our Zoom Meeting Room**

## Check out our TRaiLS Communications Meetings!

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During these times of limited social contact, virtual meetings have become more important than ever. The Three Rivers Library System offers weekly communication meetings via Zoom so librarians can share their ideas and thoughts with other library professionals. Rather than holding these meetings at the same time each week, they are rotated in an attempt to accommodate everyone's schedules to allow everyone the opportunity to participate. The meetings are always held in the same Zoom Room at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9630441280>

If you have never before used Zoom and are uncomfortable with the format, please contact Tammi Thiem (phone: 402.910.7005 or email: [tammi.thiem.trls@gmail.com](mailto:tammi.thiem.trls@gmail.com)). One-on-one meetings can be held to experiment with the Zoom format and provide a stress-free learning platform. This would be a great chance to test the internet capacity, video and camera, and audio and microphone. (Although cameras and microphones are preferred, these are NOT necessary in order to attend and interact at these meetings.) Check out the most current dates on [the NLC calendar](#).

## E-RATE ADDING MULTIFACTOR AUTHENTICATION TO LOGIN PROCESS

From the weekly [USAC Schools & Libraries Program News Brief](#):

USAC is adding multifactor authentication (MFA) to increase the security of Universal Service Fund (USF) IT applications. MFA is a method of authenticating a computer user during the login process by requiring the user to enter two or more separate pieces of information, such as a password known to the user and a code we generate and send to the user to enter in order to gain access.

Tonight (July 24) starting at 9:00 pm EDT, we will be uploading the necessary software, creating accounts for EPC users and BEAR Form filers in One Portal (our MFA security system), and then testing everything. This work will continue through the weekend. We plan to send out emails notifying you that you can log in to your new One Portal accounts starting on Monday, July 27.

After you log in to One Portal, you will see a dashboard with links to the application(s) you can access (your “entitlements”). For example, if your username in EPC is also the email address you use to file BEAR Forms, you will see links to EPC and the BEAR Form after you log in to One Portal.

Please keep the following in mind:

- Add **noreply@usac.org** to your safe senders list so that you can receive your verification code.
- We are creating a One Portal account for each unique EPC username or BEAR Form email address. If you use the same email address for both applications, we will create a single One Portal account that will provide access to both.
- For the near term, BEAR Form filers will need to retain their BEAR login information – Billed Entity Number (BEN), Personal Identification Number (PIN), email address, and last name. Your One Portal username will not carry over into the BEAR Form, and you do not need multiple One Portal accounts if you file BEAR Forms for more than one billed entity. You can refer to previous editions of the SL News Brief for information about MFA: [June 26](#), [July 10](#), and [July 17](#). USAC will send an email on July 27 to all program participants who have new One Portal accounts with information on how to log in to One Portal for the first time.

If you need assistance, you can call the Client Service Bureau (CSB) at (888) 203-8100.

## FREE WEBINARS

The following [free webinar list](#) presents a subject guide of library-related webinars with program descriptions and links to registrations. Many webinars are archived, so you can view them later if you don’t catch the initial broadcast.

This list and more information can also be found at: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/webinars.aspx>

### UPCOMING BASIC SKILLS COURSE AND REGISTRATION DATES

Class Dates:	Class Title:	Registration Dates:
8/17 - 8/28	<a href="#">Collection Management*</a>	7/13 - 8/7
8/31 - 9/11	<a href="#">Programming &amp; Outreach</a>	7/27 - 8/21
9/21 - 10/2	<a href="#">Community &amp; Library*</a>	8/17 - 9/11
10/19 - 10/30	<a href="#">Management/Supervision</a>	9/14 - 10/9
11/2 - 11/13	<a href="#">Leadership</a>	9/28 - 10/23
11/30 - 12/11	<a href="#">Library Services to Children &amp; Teens</a>	10/26 - 11/20

\* Required class

## Calendar of Events

### [TRaiLS Communication Meeting](#)

Online via Zoom  
29 July 2020  
9:00 am—10:00 am

### [TRaiLS Communication Meeting](#)

Online via Zoom  
6 August 2020  
10:00 am—11:00am

### [TRaiLS Annual Meeting](#)

Online via Zoom  
7 August 2020  
9:00am—11:30 am

### [TRaiLS Communication Meeting](#)

Online via Zoom  
11 August 2020  
11:00am—12:00pm

### [TRaiLS Communication Meeting](#)

Online via Zoom  
19 August 2020  
12:00pm—1:00 pm

### [TRaiLS Communication Meeting](#)

Online via Zoom  
27 August 2020  
1:00pm—2:00pm

### [Joint Virtual Youth Services Retreat](#)

Online  
3 September 2020  
1:00pm –4:00pm

## **Retirement at Cedar Rapids Public Library**

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*Article by Marilyn Schuele*

In June of 1991, I was appointed the new director of the Cedar Rapids Public Library. Before this, I was the library assistant for a few years. On June 3, 2020 I turned in my resignation to the Village Board. I will be leaving the last part of July.

There have been so many changes that have been made in libraries since then. To list a few: using computers and all what is available on them like e-mail; making rules and regulations on how to run our library; and making new cards for the card catalog as we are not automated (years ago the Library System loaned us a card cataloging floppy disc and none of the elementary books were ever catalogued so we really used that disc).

The village maintenance crew occupied the back half of the library building. The other fourth was and still is occupied by the village clerk. The library occupied the other fourth. In the spring of 1995, the village put up a new maintenance building across the alley. The library board put in for a grant to expand the library into the back half of the

building. By August the library had a whole new look. The front door was replaced and a book drop added. Our Friends of the Library held many fundraisers, along with community donations and support from the Village Board to make this happen.

Now that we had the new space the Summer Reading Programs could be held at the library instead of at the new Community Building.

For quite a few years the library was a place for distance learning classes that were sponsored by the Central Community College. I was responsible for these and many started new careers through this program.

It is with mixed feelings that I leave this job. I will be moving to Wakefield, NE to live with my daughter and her husband.

I have enjoyed working with so many good people in our Three Rivers Library System and when it was the Northeast Library System and all of the great people at the Nebraska Library Commission.

## **Grant Announcement at Springfield Memorial Library**

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*Article by Connie Manzer*

Springfield Memorial Library is excited to be a recipient of \$1,895 Facebook Community Action Grant from the Papillion Data Center. Community Action Grants assist nonprofits and schools by putting the power of technology to use for community benefits connecting people online or off and improving STEM education. Springfield Memorial Library's grant supports the creation of a Library STEM makerspace and STEM programming for the youth in our community.

## Thank You Note to Libraries

*Article by Adam Breitreutz*

Considering the changes that COVID-19 has brought to daily life; I wanted to write a thank you to libraries around the country for the wonderful head-on work done in the face of this health crisis. During my education and career, I'm sure like so many others, I've been asked the question: Why are libraries important? Libraries and librarians' responses to this pandemic has provided the perfect answer.

To make sure communities can remain engaged, libraries have adjusted to allow users to sign up for electronic library cards. Wi-Fi and online access have increased by using bookmobiles and providing hotspots to those that need them. Valuable programming and services haven't stopped just because buildings are closed. Librarians have adapted to offering virtual programming like storytimes, arts and crafts, other events, and remain available to help answer any questions through virtual reference services.

These are not all the ways libraries have stepped up during this crisis. In some states, libraries have worked to help provide shelter for vulnerable patrons while other library systems have donated protective equipment normally used for fixing and handling collection items affected in disasters. With 3D technology at their disposal, some library systems have printed and donated personal protective equipment to front line health care responders. The response to COVID-19 is not over yet. Libraries will continue to keep up the exceptional work of being community partners to help make sure patrons learn, are healthy, and are connected during these trying times.

## Odd Jobs at Plattsburgh Public Library

*Article by Karen Mier*

Even though Plattsburgh Public Library's traditional May book sale has been cancelled this year, staff have been busy selecting books, DVDs, and more to be available for a different kind of book sale.

Staff members have also finished putting a fresh coat of paint on the computer lab while other staff members were able to seal and paint the wall in the woman's restroom.



# LIBRARY NEWS

## Plattsmouth Public Library's Summer Reading Activities

*Article by Kirsten Wood*

The Plattsmouth Public Library's "Story to Go" bags wrapped up on Tuesday (30 June 2020) with "The Three Little Pigs" as the last story to be featured. There was a tremendous response from the families for the fun activity bags that we have been handing out to kids ages 0-12. We gave away approximately 575 bags since the first week in June.



Miah's puppet, Jack, climbing the castle to meet the giant.



Skyliee and Apollo's plant outside after outgrowing the original cup.



Clark & Owen made this scene using our library laser cut goats plus their own props.



Thorin's goats look very happy in their home with his chia seeds growing fast.



Tali's Winning Bingo Card

Bingo cards were a part of the bags with all kinds of fun activities for the kids to complete to receive prizes. Each single bingo received a snack as a small prize right then. Once they reached five bingos, they are entered into a drawing for the large prizes, which will be given away on August 1st

Danielle and I had so much fun sitting outside on Tuesdays, in the shade, for bag pick up day. It was so great to get to see all of our friends. We got to meet some special passengers in the cars too!



Gabe, Beckett, and Mona

Thank you to everyone for participating in our completely different program this year. We loved seeing pictures of how the projects turned out, how cool the book cover designs are, and hearing the stories of working on the bags. We just hope all of you had as much fun as we did!

## Bellevue University's Destination Moon

*Article by Alicia James*

This July marks the 51st anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing. Here at the Bellevue University Library, we are marking the occasion with an exhibition about the momentous event. Our exhibition is made of two parts: a poster display and a coin collection. This exhibition is the first of three planned for this year.

The "Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission" poster exhibit is a series from the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES). We were able to request a set of the posters last year and have them hanging up in the library where they are viewable to everyone. The poster series covers the Apollo 11 program and provides information on the race to space, the Apollo 11 flight crew, and a detailed timeline of the programs that lead to the moon.

In addition to the posters, we are hosting a collection of commemorative coins in our display case. These coins are part of a private collection from one of the professors here at Bellevue University. Professor David Byers has worked to collect the series of Apollo 11 coins that were made in recognition of the moon landing. There are over 80 coins on display whose details showcase the landing date, lunar landing equipment, the moon, and more. Alongside the coins, there are books about the moon landing and a miniature rocket replica displayed.

To see more from us here at BU, check out [Facebook page](#) and watch for upcoming events [here](#).



Apollo 11 posters



Apollo 11 coins



Apollo 11 coins

## The Realm Project: Happening Now

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*Submitted by Tina Walker and Laura England-Biggs*

As part of the [REALM Project's Phase 1](#) research, Battelle has conducted a natural attenuation study to provide information on how long some commonly circulated library materials would need to be quarantined prior to being returned to public circulation. Testing was conducted by applying the virulent SARS-CoV-2 virus (the virus that causes COVID-19) on five materials held at standard room temperature and humidity conditions. The materials tested included the following items, which were provided by Columbus Metropolitan Library:

- 1) Hardback book cover (buckram cloth)
- 2) Softback book cover
- 3) Plain paper pages inside a closed book
- 4) Plastic book covering (biaxially oriented polyester film)
- 5) DVD case.

**Results show that the SARS-CoV-2 virus was not detectable on the materials after three days of quarantine.** The evaluation demonstrates that standard office temperature and relative humidity conditions typically achievable by any air-conditioned office space provide an environment that allows for the natural attenuation of SARS-CoV-2 present on these common materials after three days of quarantine.

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## Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference is Virtual!

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*Article by Tammi Thiem*

As with many conferences, the ARSL Conference of 2020 will be virtual rather than in-person. Information about the conference can be found at <https://arsl.memberclicks.net/2020-conference>. Registration fees are now set at \$50 for members; \$65 for non-members; and \$25 for advocates. The dates are September 28th through October 2nd. This is a great opportunity to learn from others and to gain CE credits. This may also be a fantastic opportunity for those librarians who can not easily get away to attend a conference. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend, as there are lots of interesting sessions planned.



## INFORMATION STATION

# Nebraska Libraries Report 1,000,000 Minutes of Reading

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*Article by Denise Harders*

Since mid-May, more than 100 Nebraska libraries have been carrying out Summer Reading Programs that have allowed patrons of all ages to log their reading progress.

As of July 7th, Readers have logged:

- ◇ 1,086,227 minutes read
- ◇ 10,457 books completed
- ◇ 110,272 pages read
- ◇ 1,928 literacy activities completed

The Nebraska Library Commission and the Nebraska Regional Library Systems have worked to engage more than 100 libraries in summer reading programs through an innovative reading app called [Reader Zone](#). These programs consist of participants of all ages with the majority being kindergarten through 6th grade.

COVID-19 has greatly impacted libraries in every corner of the state. Libraries that typically carry out in-person events for summer reading have turned to virtual programs that allow them to remain engaged with their communities.

“We are excited to reach one million minutes and we thank all our hard-working libraries and our wonderful patrons for their dedication to literacy and reading,” said Denise Harders, Director of the Central Plains Library System. “But we’re not stopping at one million! I invite all Nebraskans to continue reading through July and join our August Reading Challenge.”

The August Reading Challenge will run from August 1st—August 31st. The challenge will be to read 1,000 minutes within the month. Anyone is invited to participate in these programs through

your local library.

“Seeing Nebraska readers reach 1 million minutes demonstrates that there are many dedicated public librarians and engaged families throughout the state. We are extremely proud of Nebraska and I am certain that they will double or triple their reading numbers before the end of the summer. Students will return to school in the fall with their hard-earned reading skills sharpened and ready to learn,” Jake Ball, creator of Reader Zone.

Reader Zone is a web-based reading program and app that helps organizations of all kind to build and deploy meaningful reading programs. Reader Zone offers a mobile app that makes participation in reading programs simple and rewarding for readers of all ages.

Nebraska’s Regional Library System are four non-profit corporations governed by boards representative of libraries and citizen in the region. Systems provide access to improved library services by facilitating cooperation among all types of libraries and media centers within the counties included in each System area.

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>.

## INFORMATION STATION

### Emporia State University's South Dakota MLS Program

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*Submitted by Elizabeth Hoffman*

There is still time to apply for the fall semester of Emporia State University's South Dakota MLS program. Due to COVID-19 we have extended the application deadline until **Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**.

New graduate students enrolling in classes in the fall are eligible to apply for a limited number of **\$500** graduate scholarships. The scholarship may be used to pay tuition/fees for any degree-seeking program of graduate study at ESU. **The deadline to apply for the scholarship is July 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Residents of Nebraska are eligible for 150% of Kansas resident tuition through the Midwest

Student Exchange Program (MSEP). The total cost of the two year program for most Nebraskans is about \$18,000 *before* financial aid and scholarships. We can also accept up to 9 transfer credits of graduate-level coursework.

You can find out more about our program by watching our brief Info Session recording at [https://bit.ly/ESU\\_InfoSession](https://bit.ly/ESU_InfoSession). Contact Elizabeth Hoffman at [ehoffma1@emporia.edu](mailto:ehoffma1@emporia.edu) or 620-412-6453 to learn more the South Dakota cohort and the MSEP.

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### Network for the National Library of Medicine Classes

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*Article by Kiara Comfort*

⇒ Health Issues in the Headlines, July 20—August 14: <https://nnlm.gov/class/health-issues-headlines-learning-read-between-lines/25786>

⇒ Heath and Wellness @ the Library: The Essentials of Providing Consumer Health Resources, August 3—August 28: <https://nnlm.gov/class/health-and-wellness-library-essentials-providing-consumer-health-services/21732>

⇒ I am... Safe Zone: Messages I Learned, August 12: <https://nnlm.gov/class/i-am-safe-zone-messages-i-learned/13189>

⇒ From Beyond Our Borders: Providing Multilingual and Multicultural Health Information, August 28—September 25: <https://nnlm.gov/class/beyond-our-borders-providing-multilingual-and-multicultural-health-information/24197>

## More Than a Good Book

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*Article by Cassandra Ozbirn*

This was my first time attending a Youth Services Retreat, so I didn't really know what to expect. All I knew was what I didn't expect. I didn't expect to meet so many people that came from such varying library service backgrounds. I didn't expect to find that several of the program coordinators would approach the ever changing world of youth programming with such creativity and enthusiasm. But most of all I didn't expect to encounter a similar attitude to mine when it comes to libraries, whether that's public libraries or school libraries, which is that our libraries are a reflection of our communities.

What I mean by "our libraries are a reflection of our communities" is that everything about our libraries is made up of what is in our communities. It's like a puzzle or a recipe. If our towns or neighborhoods are comprised of children, we stock our shelves with picture books. If our community is largely bi- or tri-lingual, we make sure that we have employees that can speak those languages. But most importantly, and this isn't an if, our world is made up of people needing other people, so we all try to provide that extra attention and detail to our patrons.

This was made abundantly clear with the presentation about recognizing trauma in children that was led by Michelle Book. Libraries aren't just the free "Blockbusters" of books. As members of a vocation that deals with children primarily, it became perfectly clear that all of us go beyond greeting the children we work with every day and recommending the next "Harry Potter" book. It doesn't matter what town you work in; whether it's on the higher end of the socioeconomic scale or not, everyone has their own experience with abuse.

Book did a superb job of dealing with our difficult questions,

especially when it came with how to deal with these issues. Several of us work or have worked in different library systems, which means that we have been told several different ways to deal with abuse if we witnessed it. She made it simple. If you see something, hear something, or just have that feeling in your gut, there is a way for you to anonymously report it. It's hard for people to determine when it is or isn't their place to step in, which is why we should ask questions to those that have had experience with it. Talk to your Library Manager and see what your policy is. If you don't agree with that policy or still have further questions on it, then keep asking questions. As library service workers we definitely know how to research, so put that to good use. Keep asking questions until you know what to do, because when you're faced with that dreadful first of having to deal with a child that clearly has bruises that aren't caused by typical rough-housing, you may not be able to hop on the computer and search "suspected abuse" or call your manager over to deal with the situation. Sometimes you will be the only agent for that child. So talk to your manager now and see what you all can do in those situations.

We are community centers for people. If this retreat proved anything, it's definitely that we provide so much more than a smile and a good book. All of us have stories about how people will call us to get the weather report or a list of movie show times simply because it might be the only human contact they have that day, week, month, etc. As youth services employees, we put a lot of care and attention into making our younger patrons feel comfortable and safe. Now, thanks to Michelle Book and this Youth Services Retreat, many of us feel more comfortable taking action or assessing the situation, so that we can continue to provide that support and care to our communities.

## 2019 ILA/NLA/NSLA Joint Conference

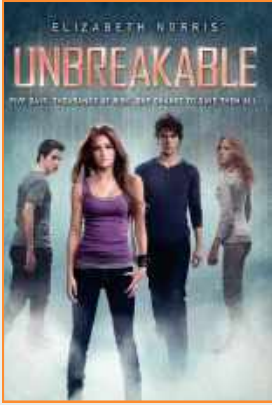
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*Article by Lisa Dvorak*

I am relatively new to the library world, so I was excited to be able to attend the ILA/NLA/NSLA joint conference in October to learn more and bring new ideas to our library. My goal at the conference was to bring home new ideas to enhance our community outreach. Ideas like additional programs for kids/teens and creating additional value for adults in the community. Boy did I get what I asked for! I came home with 20 fun after school activity ideas for our small-town-library

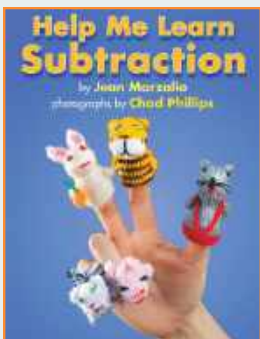
budget—most of which are in the plan to start soon! I learned about a different way to organize picture books to allow kids to find what they want quicker and easier. I got ideas on how to get our makerspace up and going within our budget. I started a list of classes/events for adults in the community. I left feeling even more energized to continue this momentum of bringing more learning, creating, and connection in our library and our community.

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### Unbreakable

**By Elizabeth Norris**

Recommended for grades 9th and up.

*Article by Diane Limoges*

Janelle is still feeling the loss of Ben who went back to his own universe and family. Now she is being told that Ben is responsible for the kidnapping of thousands for slave trading on ultra-universes. IA Agent Barclay needs Janelle to help him prove that Ben is being set up. They have 5 days to prove his innocence and deliver the real culprits or all their lives will be in danger.

The sequel to *Unraveling*: the storyline is very slow moving and though you need enough information to pick up where the last book left off, *Unbreakable* should be able to stand on its own. This does not happen. The first quarter of the book drags so much that you will begin to wonder if anything will ever happen. There is a hint of suspense but not enough to keep the interest up. If you hang in there for almost 100 pages, the story line does pick up — though the plot is mediocre.

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### Nelson Mandela

**By Kadir Nelson**

Recommended for 2nd to 6th graders.

*Review by Latricia Olson*

Nelson Mandela is a hero to the world. It is only fitting that his struggle to be memorialized for young readers. It is valuable to young people to see that world figures were once young like they are. That the life that they currently know does not have to be accepted. It is not enough to

merely recognize injustice, one must stand up to protect the poor and the powerless. Kadir Nelson takes the reader on the journey of Nelson Mandela's life, from the time he left home at nine to receive an education, until he assumes the presidency of his country after years of political activism and imprisonment. Mandela provides inspiration by his example of forgetting past injustices in order to attain the greater good of freedom and a better future. This book should be in every school and public library.

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### Help Me Learn Subtraction

**By Jean Marzollo**

Recommended for preschool through 2nd grade.

*Review by Carol Tramp*

I have to commend the book for the lovely bright photos using pipe cleaner animals, finger puppets, and small three dimensional animals in order to illustrate various subtraction operations, making simple observations for the child reading the book, very nice.

# Joint *Virtual* Youth Services Retreat

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**Presentations to include: YA Literature and Leadership, Lightning Rounds on top teen and children's books, Diversifying Children's Books in the Middle Grades, and an Author talk with Candace Fleming. With time afterwards for networking.**

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

## Is your Summer Reading Program going online this year?

Award-winning magician Jeff Quinn has recorded a great SRP magic show that your kids will LOVE! This show follows the current SRP theme and includes two interactive tricks so that kids can actually participate in the show from home!

But that's not all! Jeff will even produce a custom introduction for your library to give the show a more personalized feel.

And the price is only \$125!

Jeff has performed for Midwest libraries for over 20 years and always delivers a fun-filled, interactive magic show based around the SRP theme.

For more information, contact Jeff at [jqmagic@cox.net](mailto:jqmagic@cox.net) or (402) 339-6726.

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