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Public-Use Computers in Libraries

by Tammi Thiem

Does anyone remember the days before computers? Do you remember when libraries were filled with books only, and encyclopedias, dictionaries, and other reference volumes were standard shelf items? Life has evolved, and computers are now a necessary and expected item in public libraries. It is nearly impossible for people to function without being at least somewhat computer literate.

With the need for computers in the library comes the need for knowledge about how to make the most of them. Is the internet speed the best it can be? Is the equipment up to date and sufficient to handle the internet speeds? Are firewalls, filters, reboot protection, and other settings correctly and adequately in place to protect the computers and the library? There is so much to learn and know, and it is constantly changing and advancing, and it is understandably overwhelming.

There have been some new resources that librarians need to be aware of. Andrew “Sherm” Sherman is the newest staff member at the Nebraska Library Commission, and he has offered some great information about securing computers. June 28th’s NCompass Live, [Secure Computers for Public Use](#), gives some tips on how to set up computers for public use. July 26th’s edition featured information on [Internet Filtering](#). This is extra exciting, as the Nebraska Library Commission will cover the expense of this [DNS Filtering](#) and assist with the implementation.

There is a lot of information available about [E-Rate](#) and how to file it. Christa Porter from the Nebraska Library Commission is a terrific resource, and she is always willing to help with this process. E-Rate is an option to help offset the monthly expense of the library’s internet service, and it can also be used to purchase new equipment when needed.

There are funds available for libraries to get fiber to their libraries with the E-Rate Special Construction Matching Grant Program. Watch [this video](#) to get an overview of the process from a few librarians who already have implemented this option. Holly Woldt is a great resource for those who wish to learn more about this opportunity.

I am certain there is much more information on this topic available, so please research it if you are interested, and do not hesitate to reach out to Christa, Sherm, or Holly to learn more. I, too, am always happy to help in any way that I can. If you take time to watch some of these educational recordings, be sure to submit your continuing education hours toward librarian certification. Perhaps board members would be interested in learning more about these opportunities, as well. They, too, can claim the continuing education hours towards their library board certifications.

As always, if there is anything I can do to help, please feel free to send me an email at tammi.thiem.trls@gmail.com or send me a text or give me a call at 402-910-7005.



At the TRAILS Office

TRLS Annual Meeting

by Tammi Thiem

The Three Rivers Library System's Annual Meeting was held at the Genoa Indian School Museum on Friday, August 4th. The day started with some morning refreshments. Holly Woldt from the Nebraska Library Commission provided some great information about the ongoing grants available to public libraries for getting quality internet service in the form of fiber to libraries. This was followed by the TRLS' quarterly meeting.



Lunch was provided by the local coffee shop, Fill My Cup, and there were many compliments on the food. Following lunch, attendees learned about the history of the Genoa Indian School Museum and toured the facility. Everyone then ventured to downtown Genoa to visit the Genoa Historical Museum and the Genoa Public Library. Following the tours, the day wrapped up with the annual meeting, finalizing the 2022 - 2023 fiscal year for the Three Rivers Library System.

The annual meeting is open to all who wish to attend. There are continuing education opportunities included in the day's events, and the meetings allow attendees to get an insight into what the Three River Library System has to offer. This is a great opportunity to consider if being a TRLS' board member is of interest to you.

Next year's location to be determined...

Complete this Pigpen Cipher quote and send the name of the author to Chelsea at trls.assistant@gmail.com by September 20th to be entered in a drawing to win a prize!

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Basic Skills

(* Required Class)

Community & Library* with Sam Shaw

Registration Dates: 15 August 2023 - 9 September 2023

Class Dates: 18 September 2023 - 29 September 2023

Management / Supervision with Cindy Osborne

Registration Dates: 12 September 2023 - 7 October 2023

Class Dates: 16 October 2023 - 27 October 2023

Leadership with Tammi Thiem

Registration Dates: 26 September 2023 - 21 October

Class Dates: 6 November 2023 - 17 November 2023

Upcoming NCompass Live

NLC Grants for 2024

Date: 20 September 2023 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Pretty Sweet Tech

Date: 27 September 2023 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Calendar of Events

Nebraska Library Commission Meeting

Nebraska Library Commission Office

8 September 2023

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

SKILLS Meeting

Fullerton Public Library

12 September 2023

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

SKILLS Meeting

Online via Zoom

26 September 2023

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Public Library Survey

Columbus Public Library

11 October 2023

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

NLC Book Club Spotlight

Book Club Spotlight:

[I'm Glad My Mom Died](#)

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](#).

Everything in young Jennette McCurdy's life revolves around her mother. Debra wanted to be an actress, so Jennette must be an actress. Debra has cancer, so Jennette must submit to daily intrusive body examinations. Debra fears gaining weight and looking old, so 11-year-old Jennette learns to have an eating disorder and undergoes cosmetic procedures. Despite having an innate talent (especially for crying on cue), Jennette doesn't want to be an actress. But she fiercely loves her mother and doesn't want to hurt her. Unfortunately, Debra's controlling behavior only worsens the more famous her daughter becomes, leaving Jennette with no control over her assets or life. When she is 21, Debra dies from cancer, and without her constant presence, Jennette begins to spiral. Her eating disorder and alcoholism worsen, and her mental health hits rock bottom. Without her overbearing mother, she is on her own for the first time, and it almost destroys her. Years pass, and Jennette has to face the reality of her mother's abuse despite still loving her.

I'm Glad My Mom Died is the perfect avenue for Older Teen and Adult Book Clubs to have great discussions. Readers who grew up watching McCurdy on TV will find the "behind the scenes" look fascinating and heartbreaking, and those who didn't will still find immense value in her fraught relationship with her mother and how it shaped her self-perception even up until today. Apparent from its success, I'm Glad My Mom Died has had a remarkable impact on Millennial and Gen-Z readers. Nickelodeon's Sitcom production has been full of scandal, especially regarding the predatory behaviors of their main showrunner, who is featured prominently but not mentioned by name in McCurdy's book. As time has passed, Nickelodeon stars have begun to speak out more against "The Creator," and the internet has become invested in the unraveling story. Those who grew up watching Nickelodeon and McCurdy and were subsequently horrified learning about everything the seemingly energetic teen went through and hearing it straight from her is a game changer. McCurdy writes with an immensely personal and intimate voice that connects her with readers she has never met but have known her for 16 years. The result of this connection and her impact was put best by a friend on Goodreads: "I wish I could take the joy she gave me and give some back to her."

Library News

Lied Pierce Public Library's Summer Reading Programming

by Dawnn Tucker

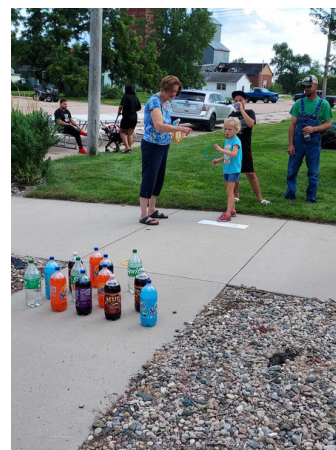
Dino O'Dell and Dr. Oxygen were a hit! The children had so many fun activities for the Summer Reading Program -- from stories, crafts, building projects, scavenger hunts, and obstacle courses.



Meadow Grove Public Library's Fun Daze

by Christina Kivett

The Meadow Grove Library presents the end of summer fun dazes. The children and parents had a blast this year! We had games, prizes for the kids, and raffles for all. We also had DJ Henn there with music and the OK Ice Cream Truck. We had games such as musical chairs, ring toss, sky ball toss, and a chalk competition. We also had Christina Kivett manning the grill for a free hot dog dinner.



Library News

Clarkson Public Library's Czech Days

by Debra Nadrchal

During our Annual Czech Days, which is the third weekend of June, we threw in a special event this year. Our library sponsored two speakers at the small park right by main street and the event was called Historical Remembrances. One of the city's residents played the part of a woman from the late 1800s and she even dressed the part. This woman was a wife and mother that came to America and somehow managed to get to Clarkson, Nebraska. She talked about how they lived and the consequences of their lives and how they survived especially during the plague.

Scholarship Experiences

Nebraska's Chaotic Past Brought to Life by Nebraska Historian Jeff Barnes

by Cedate Shultz

Who is the "Mad" Queen of the Prairies? What was Nebraska like in its earliest days? How did the original inhabitants of our state choose the location of the capital? Why was the first governor of Nebraska only in office for a few days? Native Nebraskan author and historian Jeff Barnes answered all these questions and more when he visited the La Vista Public Library on May 13, 2023.

Presenting his lecture "The 'Mad' Queen of the Prairies: The Frenzied First Years of the Nebraska Territory 1854 to 1859," Barnes walked attendees through a time in our state's history that many know very little about. Barnes excels at presenting history in a way that keeps you engaged, and these presentations are always supplemented with maps and photographs, many of which are taken as he travels across the state conducting in-person research.

The diverse audience included local history teachers, librarians, Nebraska natives, and several members of our community who are new to the state. Many were seen taking notes as the state's past unfolded through stories both informative and entertaining. Attendees reported that they were looking forward to sharing their newly learned Nebraska facts with friends and family.

It was a wonderful morning full of reflection, humor, and learning. We look forward to hosting Mr. Barnes at our library in the future.

Funding for this program was provided by Humanities Nebraska and the Three Rivers Library System. The La Vista Public Library thanks them both for their support in serving our community. Humanities Nebraska receives support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Nebraska State Legislature, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, and private donations.



Scholarship Experiences

American Library Association Annual Conference

by Marjorie Shaw

The American Library Association Annual Conference and Exhibition was held in Chicago June 23-27. Due in part to a generous scholarship from the Three Rivers Library System, I was able to attend this informative and exciting meeting.

The conference started with addresses from President Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada and others. The Opening Keynote was an interview with Judy Blume who spoke about free speech and censorship, especially in her home state of Florida.

Major topics at the conference were intellectual freedom and DEIA (Diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility). Attendees were encouraged to take practical action. Two sessions encouraged librarians to build relationships with their governmental representatives before problems developed. A session regarding DEIA spoke about bias and how we need to become culturally competent, practicing sensitivity and being open to corrections. One session about book bans reminded us that everyone has the right to ask for a book to be reconsidered and the library needs policies in place even though they might be bypassed and not be able to give the desired protection.

My biggest complaint was that there were so many activities happening at the same time that I couldn't go to every event in which I was interested. There is now the Digital Experience which includes over 40 sessions available to be viewed after the conference.

Between sessions, the exhibit floor was the place to be. There were almost 600 exhibitors to visit. They had so much information to share! I learned of a few new vendors and new products. Most of the exhibits had free items, including books, tote bags, pens, posters, and other swag.

The Closing General Session included an interview by the new president, Emily Drabinski, with Amanda Gorman and the illustrator of her new children's book, Christian Robinson. One of Amanda's comments was advising us to "Take time to count the wins."

Thank you to TRaiLS for this opportunity to learn more about libraries. I would recommend attending an ALA conference to almost anyone working in a library or who is interested in becoming a librarian.

Humanities Nebraska: Jeff Barnes

by Lara Lanphear

On June 15th, during Winside's "Old Settler's Weekend", Jeff Barnes presented about *The Mad Queen of the Prairies: Nebraska's Early Years*. This was Jeff's third year coming here, and our community really loves his presentations. The presentation was held in our library meeting room and we had 23 people attend. Jeff is extremely knowledgeable about the history of Nebraska and when he is presenting you can tell how much he cares about our state. During his presentation, he informed everyone about how Nebraska became a state, how the state lines were formed, how they got settlers to come to Nebraska, and so many more interesting history facts. At the end of the program, a lot of attendees ask him some really good questions and were very interested in him coming back to our little town.





Three Rivers Library System presents:



Ride Share

to the Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference

Wishing you could go to the Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference in Wichita, Kansas this September but don't want to drive? No worries! TRAILS has you covered! We've rented a bus to tackle the trip and you can spend the drive chatting with fellow librarians.



How it works: Make the trip to Genoa to drop off your car at Tammi Thiem's house, where the bus will be waiting. The bus will take you to Kansas and bring you back at the end of the conference. There are 20 seats available, so be sure to sign up!



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TRAILS Scholarships

\$900

TRAILS is offering 20 \$900 scholarships to help with the ARSL conference. Apply for a scholarship: <https://bit.ly/trlsScholarshipApp>

THREE RIVERS LIBRARY
SYSTEM PRESENTS:



This Quarter's Topic: Patron Relationships

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>

12 September 2023 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Fullerton Public Library

6 October 2023 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Oakland Public Library

14 November 2023 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Lied Randolph Public Library



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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.

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. To attend, please use [this Zoom Link](#).

28 July 2023 from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

29 August 2023 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

26 September 2023 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

31 October 2023 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

28 November 2023 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am

19 December 2023 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am



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THREE RIVERS LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS:

PUBLIC LIBRARY SURVEY

WITH SAM SHAW

Learn all the ins and outs of Bibliostat with Sam Shaw from the Nebraska Library Commission. Bibliostat reporting is important for libraries to be eligible for state aid and accreditation. Come early if you'd like to look around the new library!

11 October 2023	COLUMBUS PUBLIC LIBRARY
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Register online at https://bit.ly/Biblio Training
2 CE Available	

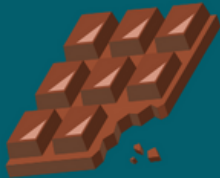
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Looking for program ideas for 2023 Summer Reading?



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



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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/>

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