

Library Improvement Grants Now Available

The 2016 Library Improvement Grants, funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) from Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant monies, are now available. Nebraska accredited public libraries and certain state-run institutional libraries are eligible to apply for these competitive grants to help facilitate growth and development of library programs and services by supplementing local funding with federal funds designated for these purposes.

In keeping with the goals of the Library Services and Technology Act, the Library Improvement Grants are intended to help libraries meet the goals of the Nebraska Library Commission's LSTA Five-Year Plan 2013-2017. To be funded projects must meet one or more of specific LSTA Purposes listed at the following link <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/grants/LSTA/index.aspx>. Funding to help libraries join the statewide Pioneer Consortium (<http://nepioneer.com/>) will receive priority consideration as grant applications are evaluated.

Other requirements include a 25% local match. At least 10% of this match must be in cash. Federal LSTA grants involve meeting certain other requirements which are outlined at the link above and in grant agreement documents for approved project. The minimum grant amount is \$500.

Libraries submitting grant applications will notice that the application form has been changed quite a bit from those used in the past. These changes meet federal reporting guidelines which will allow IMLS to present cogent and cohesive reports on the use of federal LSTA monies to Congress as part of its efforts in support of continuing this funding for library services nationwide. This link will take you directly to the grant application form (<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/grants/LSTA/lsta2016app.asp>).

Pertinent dates to remember:

- December 4, 2015 – Application form available
- January 28, 2016 – Applications due by 11:59 PM Central Time
- February 17, 2016 – Grant recipients announced

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“I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library.” Jorge Luis Borges



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Talking Book Advisory Committee Seeks Nominees

Three vacancies currently exist on the Advisory Committee to the Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book and Braille Service. The purpose of the committee is to represent the needs of talking book and Braille borrowers and to make recommendations concerning library policies, services, and programs. Membership consists primarily of library users but may include librarians, educators, health care providers, and others who understand the needs of individuals with disabilities. The committee normally meets twice a year.

The Talking Book and Braille Service provides free talking books, magazines, playback equipment, and Braille to any resident of Nebraska who cannot see regular print, or hold a book, or turn its pages. Books and magazines are received and returned through the mail postage-free or downloaded directly from the Internet. Persons interested in serving on the committee should contact Talking Book and Braille Service, 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023. Phone: 402-471-4005 or 800-742-7691, fax: 402-471-6244, email: nlc.talkingbook@nebraska.gov.

The attached nomination form should be returned by March 15, 2016.

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."

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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>.

Public Libraries Able to Access Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Opinions Through Public Website.

Free online access to the official published judicial opinions of the Nebraska Supreme Court and Nebraska Court of Appeals will be available to the public beginning January 1, 2016, through the Nebraska Appellate Courts Online Library at

<https://www.nebraska.gov/apps-courts-epub/>

Public libraries serve as a valuable resource for self-represented litigants in the court system by providing access to computers, the Internet, printers, and other basic information about the law. Additionally, after January 1, 2016, public libraries will be able to offer the official certified opinions of the appellate courts free of charge using the online library.

Text-searchable opinions dating back to 1871 will be available for the Nebraska Supreme Court. The full collection of opinions of the Nebraska Court of Appeals, beginning with its establishment in 1992, will also be offered.

Permanent versions of all published opinions will be provided exclusively via the online library once formal printing of the Nebraska Advance Sheets and the Decisions of the Nebraska Court of Appeals ceases in June 2016.

Access via the online library allows the appellate courts to make their judicial opinions more easily available to the public.

Link to general version

<https://supremecourt.nebraska.gov/17389/access-court-opinions-expands>

MASTERPIECE on PBS To Launch the MASTERPIECE Book Club

Julian Fellowes, Mark Gatiss and others Discuss Books that Inspired their Work

BOSTON, MA; December 28, 2015 – MASTERPIECE, the top-rated primetime show on PBS, today announced plans to launch The MASTERPIECE Book Club. The club will serve as the destination for book-loving MASTERPIECE fans. The Book Club launches Thursday, December 31st.

The MASTERPIECE Book Club will host exciting features for popular programs such as Downton Abbey and Sherlock. Features will include recommended reading related to current MASTERPIECE shows, insights into what cast and crew are reading, related recipes perfect for a book club meeting, British book news, and much more.

In one feature, Downton Abbey creator, writer, and executive producer Julian Fellowes selects books that Downton Abbey aficionados will enjoy. Other Downton Abbey-related highlights include a literary look back at the different eras of Downton Abbey, a round-up of the official companion titles, and recommendations from several celebrity fans. Downton Abbey is a Carnival Films/MASTERPIECE Co-Production.

Sherlock enthusiasts will get reading inspiration from Sherlock co-creator and actor Mark Gatiss, who reveals his favorite Sir Arthur Conan Doyle stories and the mystery authors he reads most. Sherlock book club features also include a list of titles to make anyone a Sherlock Holmes expert and cookbooks from bestselling mystery authors. Sherlock is produced by Hartswood Films for BBC One and co-produced by MASTERPIECE.

MASTERPIECE Executive Producer Rebecca Eaton noted, “As a life-long bookworm and drama lover, It is such a pleasure to launch The MASTERPIECE Book Club. Great books and storytelling are at the very heart of MASTERPIECE, and the book club will be a fantastic new way for our viewers to immerse themselves in the worlds our programs create.”

Viewers will find The MASTERPIECE Book Club at [http://](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/podcast-book-club)

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The top-rated primetime show on PBS, MASTERPIECE is presented on PBS by WGBH Boston. Rebecca Eaton is Executive Producer. Funding for the series is provided by Viking River Cruises and Audible with additional support from public television viewers and contributors to The MASTERPIECE Trust. MASTERPIECE is known for presenting iconic shows such as Upstairs Downstairs, Prime Suspect, The Forsyte Saga, Poldark, Sherlock and Downton Abbey.

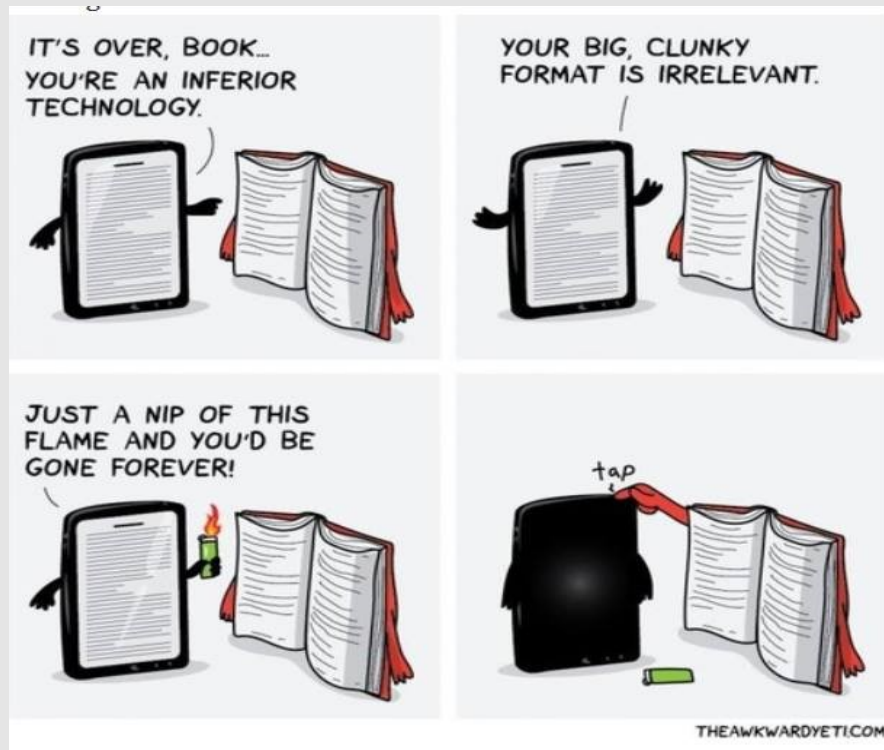
WGBH Boston is America’s preeminent public broadcaster and the largest producer of PBS content for TV and the Web, including Frontline, Nova, American Experience, Masterpiece, Antiques Roadshow, Arthur, Curious George and more than a dozen other prime-time, lifestyle, and children’s series. WGBH also is a major supplier of programming for public radio, and oversees Public Radio International (PRI).

As a leader in educational multimedia for the classroom, WGBH supplies content to PBS Learning Media, a national broadband service for teachers and students. WGBH also is a pioneer in technologies and services that make media accessible to those with hearing or visual impairments. WGBH has been recognized with hundreds of honors. More info at www.wgbh.org. pbs.org/masterpiece

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WLS Administrative Assistant Jeri Clapper enjoys her new work desks which were donated by the Sidney Public Library



"It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity."
Albert Einstein

Basic Skills for Nebraska Librarians 2016 Schedule

Date of Class	Class	Instructor	Registration Open
2016		Instructor	2016
1/11 - 1/22	Communication*	Mary Jo Ryan	12/4/15 - 12/31/15
1/25 - 2/5	Library Technology	Holly Woldt	12/18/15 - 1/15
2/8 - 2/19	Customer Service*	Christa Burns	12/30/15 - 1/29
2/29 - 3/11	Library Governance	Denise Harders	1/19 - 2/24
3/21 - 4/15	Organization of Materials*	TBD	2/12 - 3/11
4/25 - 5/6	Readers' Advisory	Sharon Osenga	3/18 - 4/15
5/9 - 5/20	Intellectual Freedom and the Core	Sally Snyder	4/1 - 4/29
5/23 - 6/3	Library Finance	Francine Canfield	4/15 - 5/13
6/6 - 6/17	Reference	Eric Green	4/29 - 5/27
7/18 - 7/29	Collection Management*	Denise Harders	6/10 - 7/8
8/22 - 9/2	Library Policy	Sharon Osenga	7/15 - 8/12
9/12 - 9/23	Programming & Outreach	Anneka Ramirez	8/5 - 9/2
10/3 -	The Community and the Library*	Sam Shaw	8/26 - 9/23
10/24 -	Management and Supervision	Scott Childers	9/16 - 10/14
11/7 -	Leadership	Anneka Ramirez	9/30 - 10/28
12/5 -	Library Service to Children & Youth	Sally Snyder	10/28 - 11/23

(* Requisite class)

Register on the Nebraska Library Commission

<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/Calendar/>

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Upcoming Event

Public Library Association PLA 2016 Conference April 5-9, 2016 • Denver •

*Also see NLC Calendar — <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>

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