



Western Library System Helping libraries serve our communities

January/February 2020

News Flash! News Flash! News Flash! News Flash!

"I am pleased to share the news that Cynthia (Cindy) Osborne has accepted appointment to the Western Library System Director position. Cindy will begin work in her new position on February 10. Cindy has served as a library branch manager for the High Plains Library District (Greeley, Colorado) for the past 18 years. Cindy is a graduate of Hastings College and received her library science degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa." Rod Wagner



Woo Hoo!

It is a red letter day for the system!

We have many libraries who have successfully completed their accreditation, some even improving their rank!

Awesome news, and good work, everyone!

"The man who does not read has no advantage over the man who cannot read." Mark Twain

"Books were only one type of receptacle where we stored a lot of things we were afraid we might forget. There is nothing magical in them at all. The magic is only in what books say, how they stitched the patches of the Universe together into one garment for us." Ray Bradbury, Fahrenheit 451

Interesting tidbit from the Youth Grants for Excellence: 8 out of 22 were for early childhood reading programs.

Winners of the Youth Grants for Excellence 2020

Congratulations Bayard Public Library \$1500

Kimball Public Library \$700

Sally Snyder said the committee awarded \$18,500, but over \$34,000 was requested!

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APOLLO™

User Group Meeting

For veteran users, those considering moving to Apollo, and everyone in between!

This event is
FREE to attend!
Lunch is on your own.

Please register using the
links provided below.

For additional information
visit our [website](http://libraries.ne.gov/york/apollo/) at:
<http://libraries.ne.gov/york/apollo/>

Questions?

Contact Becky Baker at:

Becky.Baker@sewardlibrary
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(402) 643-3318

Join us for a day of discussion and learning with your peers.

Who should attend? Any public library staff member interested in learning more about the Apollo library management system (see biblionix.com). Current users and non-users who are interested in learning more about Apollo are encouraged to attend.

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Inclement weather date: January 30th. Same place, same time.
Watch our [website](#) for announcements about weather.

Seward Memorial Library

233 S 5th St, Seward, NE 68434

Library opens at 9:00 am

Registration opens at 9:30 am

Event from 10:00 am — 3:00 pm

* CE hours for Nebraska Certification will be submitted to NLC.

* If you have a laptop and external Apollo credentials feel free to bring them with you to this meeting.

This event is free!

However, we still need to know how many to plan for.
Please complete this [online registration form](#) for each person attending from your library.
Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

Or copy and paste this link in your browser: <https://tinyurl.com/Jan16Apollo>

All the Gallant Men: An American Sailor's Firsthand Account of Pearl Harbor Chosen as 2020 One Book One Nebraska

People across Nebraska are encouraged to read the work of a Nebraskan —and then talk about it with their friends and neighbors. *All the Gallant Men: An American Sailor's Firsthand Account of Pearl Harbor* (William Morrow, 2016) by Donald Stratton, with Ken Gire is the 2020 One Book One Nebraska selection.

All the Gallant Men is the first memoir by a USS *Arizona* survivor. Born in Inavale, Nebraska and raised in Red Cloud, Donald Stratton joined the Navy in 1940 at the age of eighteen. On December 7, 1941 he was a Seaman First Class on the USS *Arizona*. Stratton's account of the Pearl Harbor attack is seventy-five years in the making, as he finally shares his personal tale at the age of ninety-four. His story is one of survival and determination as he recovered from the severe injuries he sustained in the attack, and ultimately re-enlisted to fight again.

The Nebraska Center for the Book selection committee found *All the Gallant Men* to be a valuable part of our understanding of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Because it was written by a survivor of the attack on the USS *Arizona*, the book includes details that most readers have never encountered in either history classes or through other books about the subject. The book is not only an integral part of our knowledge of December 7, 1941, but it is also well written. As we approach the 80th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack, the committee felt that it was a timely choice for Nebraskans to read this account written by one of their own.

Libraries across Nebraska will join other literary and cultural organizations in planning book discussions, activities, and events that will encourage Nebraskans to read and discuss this book. Support materials to assist with local reading/discussion activities will be available after January 1, 2020 at <http://onebook.nebraska.gov>. Updates and activity listings will be posted on the One Book One Nebraska Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/onebookonenebraska>.

2020 will mark the sixteenth year of the One Book One Nebraska reading program, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book. It encourages Nebraskans across the state to read and discuss one book, chosen from books written by Nebraska authors or that have a Nebraska theme or setting. The Nebraska Center for the Book invites recommendations for One Book One Nebraska book selection year-round at <http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/obon-nomination.asp>.

One Book One Nebraska is sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book, Humanities Nebraska, and the Nebraska Library Commission. The Nebraska Center for the Book brings together the state's readers, writers, booksellers, librarians, publishers, printers, educators, and scholars to build the community of the book, supporting programs to celebrate and stimulate public interest in books, reading, and the written word. The Nebraska Center for the Book is housed at and supported by the Nebraska Library Commission.

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Mark Your Calendar

January 14th :

- ◆ WLS Board Meeting 10am
- ◆ Summer Reading Program Committee at noon with pizza and meeting to follow

January 16th:

- ◆ Apollo meeting at Seward Memorial Library, Seward, NE

Upcoming NCompass Live

Upcoming NCompass Live events:

NCompass Live is broadcast live, every Wednesday, from 9am - 10am, Mountain Time.

For more information, to register for NCompass Live, or to listen to recordings of

NCompass Live: United for Libraries - Trustees, Advocates, Friends, and Foundations: The Voice for America's Jan 8, 2020 10am-11am (Central) [Register](#)

NCompass Live: Pretty Sweet Tech Jan 22, 2020 10am-11am (Central) [Register](#)



Basic Skills for Nebraska Librarians: 2020 Schedule

| Class Dates | Class | Instructor | Registration Dates |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 1/1 - 1/30 | Communication* | Self-paced | 11/25/19 - 12/20/19 |
| 2/10 - 2/21 | Customer Service* | Christa Porter | 1/6 - 1/31 |
| 3/9 - 3/20 | Library Governance | Denise Harders | 2/3 - 2/28 |
| 3/23 - 4/3 | Library Technology | Holly Woldt | 2/17 - 3/13 |
| 4/1 - 4/30 | Introduction to Cataloging (Organization of Materials)* | Self-paced | 2/24 - 3/20 |
| 4/20 - 5/1 | Library Finance | Self-paced | 3/16 - 4/10 |
| 5/11 - 5/22 | Intellectual Freedom / Core Values* | Sally Snyder | 4/6 - 5/1 |
| 6/8 - 6/19 | Readers' Advisory | Sharon Osenga | 5/4 - 5/29 |
| 7/6 - 7/17 | Reference | Christa Porter | 6/1 - 6/26 |
| 7/27 - 8/7 | Library Policy | Sharon Osenga | 6/22 - 7/17 |
| 8/17 - 8/28 | Collection Management* | Denise Harders | 7/13 - 8/7 |
| 8/31 - 9/11 | Programming & Outreach | Christa Porter | 7/27 - 8/21 |
| 9/21 - 10/2 | Community & Library* | Sam Shaw | 8/17 - 9/11 |
| 10/19 - 10/30 | Management/Supervision | Scott Childers | 9/14 - 10/9 |
| 11/2 - 11/13 | Leadership | Holli Duggan | 9/28 - 10/23 |

(* Requisite class)

Register on the Nebraska Library Commission [Training and Events Calendar](#).

[Description of Basic Skills courses](#)

[Basic Skills Planner](#)--for program participants to keep track of their progress

For further information, contact [Holli Duggan](#), NLC Continuing Education Coordinator.

From the Commission:

Computers in Libraries

The Nebraska Library Commission is offering a group discount to all Nebraska librarians who attend the **Computers in Libraries 2020** conference. This year it will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City, Arlington, VA, on **March 31 through April 2, 2020**. Detailed information about the conference can be found on [the conference web page](#).

This year the **Gold Pass will be available for the group rate of \$629 (regular rate is \$819). The Full 3-day Pass will be \$359 (regular rate is \$519)**. (No discount rates are available for the preconference workshops, unless purchased as part of a Gold Pass.)

In addition, **discount prices of \$599 (regularly \$719) on the Library Leaders Summit** (includes all three days of CIL), and **\$149 (regularly \$219) on the Internet@Schools Track** are also available.

To receive the discount:

Go to the Computers in Libraries 2020 Registration page: <http://computersinlibraries.infotoday.com/2020/Registration.aspx>

1. Click on the **Register Now** graphic at the top of the page.

Type priority code **NLC20** in the Priority Code field at the top of the form, and click the "Activate Code" button. Discounted rates should appear on the registration form after you successfully activate the code. If you don't see the discounted rates on the form, please contact [Susan Knisely](#) for assistance.

1. Complete and submit the online form by the deadline.

Deadline: Online registrations can be made until February 28th to receive the discounted rates. After this time, rates will go up by \$20.



Share this:

This year, the Nebraska Library Commission is offering individuals \$500 grants to attend the annual Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) 2020 Conference in Wichita, Kansas (Sept. 30th to Oct. 3rd)! Funding could go towards the cost of travel, hotel, meals, and/or registration costs.

CE grants are open to applicants who are either 1) currently employed in an accredited Nebraska public library at the time of application and for the duration of the conference, 2) a current board member of an accredited Nebraska public library at the time of application and for the duration of the conference, or 3) a student enrolled in a certificate or degree program with a concentration in library and information science or school library media at an accredited college or university for Fall 2020.

More details about the grant requirements, along with the application forms can be found in the links below.

[Grant Information](#)

[Grant Application Form – Librarians & Board Members](#)

[Grant Application Form – Students](#)

[ARSL Annual Conference Preview](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Holli Duggan, CE Coordinator.

News You Can Use

Young Readers Invited to Write to Favorite Authors

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

November 25, 2019

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[Tessa Terry](#)

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Young Readers Invited to Write to Favorite Authors

Young readers in grades 4-12 are invited to write a personal letter to an author for the Nebraska Letters about Literature (LAL) contest, a state reading and writing promotion program. The letter can be to any author (living or dead) from any genre-fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic-explaining how that author's work changed the student's view of the world. Nebraska Letters About Literature is coordinated and sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book and the Nebraska Library Commission, with support from Houchen Bindery, Ltd., Humanities Nebraska, and Chapters Bookstore in Seward.

The Nebraska Center for the Book's panel of judges will select a winner and alternate per competition level (Level I for grades 4-6, Level II for grades 7-8, and Level III for grades 9-12) to be honored in a proclamation-signing ceremony at the state capitol during National Library Week in April 2020. Their winning letters will be placed in the Jane Pope Geske Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors at Bennett Martin Public Library in Lincoln. Nebraska winners and alternates will receive state prizes.

Teachers, librarians, and parents can download the contest guidelines, free teaching materials, information on the online entry system, and past winning letters on the [Nebraska Center for the Book website](#). Get inspired by listening to past Nebraska winners, Ashley Xiques and Sydney Kohl, read and talk about their letters on NET Radio's All About Books (netnebraska.org/basic-page/radio/all-about-books). Submissions must be completed online by January 15, 2020. For more information contact [Tessa Terry](#), 402-471-3434 or 800-307-2665.

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Happenings Around the System

The Oshkosh Public Library was honored with several memorials this past summer. We were able to purchase new DVD shelving and, as requested by our senior members, a “rolly chair” to peruse our great selection. More than half of our collection was donated and is checked out more than any section of our small library.

I was director here from 1986 to 1996 (started again here in July) and have been very surprised by all of the changes that have occurred in public libraries during that time: Big DVD collections in most small libraries, several public computers for the public instead of just one, Internet access that actually works most of the time, patrons eager to attend evening classes, and lots of people who STILL love libraries.

I am enjoying working here now just as much as I did when I was young and eager! Hopefully, “old and wise” is as good as “young and eager”!

Oshkosh also purchased additional book bins with memorial money. We designed our first book bins in 1988 and they still look like new and are much loved by kids and librarians.

The former director at Oshkosh, Denise Ketchens, planned to start a craft night but her husband was transferred to Kansas before she was able to schedule the classes. Our first class, Chalk Couture, was a big hit in November. An easy Calligraphy class will be presented in January and a Paint by Number evening is scheduled for March. People aren't consumed with doing great work during these classes; they just want to have fun and meet new people in our comfortable little library!

Elaine Lake



Happenings Around The System



Movie Festival at Chadron Public library

“Trading Stories, a Native American Movie Festival” marked its fifth year of existence last October. This festival, sponsored by the library’s Foundation, the Friends of the Library, the Dawes County Travel Board and the Nebraska Humanities, began as part of the Fur Trade Days celebrations (in July). This year, the festival took place in October to celebrate Indigenous People month. “Trading Stories” offers a variety of feature movies and documentaries portraying cultural and social aspects of Indigenous People life all over the United States. The festival’s purpose is to acknowledge the contributions of Native Americans to the history and contemporary life of Northwest Nebraska. This year the Festival opened with a Children’s Story Time in Lakota and English by Vana Bannan, and continued in the evening with a reception, followed by opening notes by George Ledbetter, president of Chadron Public Library Foundation. Guest speaker Nancy Gillis, sponsored by Nebraska Humanities, presented on the effects of the Home Stead Act on Indigenous Tribes. The movie “Neither Wolf, Nor Dog” was the last item of the evening program. Taking place on the Pine Ridge Reservation, this deeply moving movie left the audience speechless.

A series of documentaries including: “Spirit in Glass” (about beading), “The Circle” (powwows), “Ohiyesa, The Soul of an Indian” (biography of Charles Eastman), “Black Indians: An American Story” composed the offerings for October 18. Last documentary of the day was “Rumble. The Indians Who Rocked the World” (Native American contribution to rock and jazz). On October 19, “Tiger Eyes” was the first screening of the day, soon followed by the documentary “Dawnland”.

Over two-hundred people came to the festival. Some of them requested to view several of the titles over and over again. Library staff and volunteers worked eight months to prepare the festival. One of the most time consuming activities was the screening of movies.



Rosella said these two pictures were from a couple of years ago, but happened this year as well. The cake is a traditional cake they serve during the reception, and the other picture is Vana Bannan presenting story time in Lakota.

Happenings Around the System

Sioux County Public Library

On Oct 15th we welcomed Cowgirl Peg, a children's author from Texas, who has a ranch where she takes in rescue horses. She had always loved to write, so she decided to write stories with a lesson as she watched her horses interact with each other.

One of the books she read to the students was "Lonesome the Little Horse". It is the first of a series of six books by the author. Each book uses real animals to create positive character-building messages. This book is based upon a rescue horse she has who drags his back legs. "All my books are happy, and they all teach friendship," Sundberg said. "This little short story has two powerful messages: first about being a friend and not being a bully, and second about the importance of listening to mommy and daddy and not trying things that are bad for you."

Using a laptop with books to see and read, she spoke with the students in kindergarten through 6th grade. The students were quiet as they watched her books unfold before their eyes. Peg has made a circle across the United States and is working her way back to her ranch, excited to see her animals. After her presentation and storytelling, the students gathered on the lawn of the school where Peg introduced them to her dog, Hitch, who is her traveling partner.

We enjoyed having Cowgirl Peg visit us and introducing us to her animals, both in person and in Texas. We look forward to having her again!

Sarah Sanderson



Happenings Around the System

Paxton Public Library



Some December celebrations.

Do you want to read about a snowman?



HYANNIS PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES 90 YEARS!



Birthday cake and a table full of delicious goodies greeted everyone who came to help the library celebrate their 90th birthday, and their Christmas party.



From Nebraskaccess:

January is ...

National Blood Donor Month

National Mentoring Month

National Radon Action Month

National Skating Month

National Soup Month

19th: National Popcorn Day

25th: Chinese New Year - Year of the Rat

February is ...

African American History Month

American Heart Month

Library Lover's Month

National Cancer Prevention Month

National Children's Dental Health Month

National Pet Dental Health Month

2nd: Super Bowl

5th: World Read Aloud Day

And more from Upstart:

National Hobby Month

National Thank You Month

6th National Cuddle Up Day

9th Static Electricity Day

11th Secret Pal Day

15th Hat Day

17th Kid Inventors' Day

18th Winnie the Pooh Day

27th Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day

And from Upstart:

National Bird Feeding Month

National Cherry Month

13th World Radio Day (the NLC has old-time radio shows for check out!)

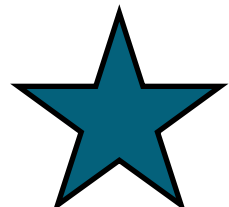
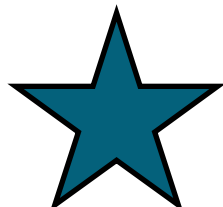
National Gumdrop Day

16th Random Acts of Kindness Week

17th Presidents' Day

26th National Tell a Fairy Tale Day (promote Summer Reading Program)

29th Leap Day



WLS Has Scholarship Money Available

Western Library System Scholarship Application

- Up to \$300.00 per event for registration, mileage, meals, etc.
- All member libraries are eligible.
- Only one scholarship per person every two years.
- Scholarship recipients will provide a brief article in the System Newsletter as a form of resource sharing within one month of completion of the activity. Submit articles to the WLS office.



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| Name: | |
| Library/School Agency: | |
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Please describe the activity, why you want to attend this activity, and how it will contribute to your professional growth. Be as specific as possible with the date, location, and function of the Activity:

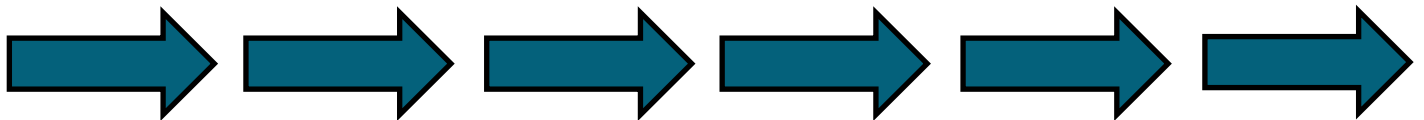
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Andrew "Sherm" Sherman, Recipient of a Scholarship to attend the Conference in October:

I had another excellent and informative experience at the 2019 NLA Conference. I enjoyed the joint conference since it gave me the opportunity to see some of my library peers who now work in Iowa. I hope this is a practice that will continue going forward.

I really enjoyed the Thursday opening session with speaker Jamie Casap. The thoughts and insights he shared were very applicable to libraries. I'm excited to be participating in the "Grow with Google" program at this time.

The other session I really enjoyed was "Fire, Fury and Flashlights: Lessons Learned from the K-State Library Fire of 2018" It was a timely tale of the need to have a disaster plan in place for your library before the disaster happens and the long term impact it can have on your library.

Thank you to the WLS for providing the funding so I could attend as budget cuts at the Sidney Public Library would have required me to pay for the conference out of my own pocket.

Andrew "Sherm" Sherman, Business Resource Center Coordinator, Simsbury Public Library (Congratulations on your new job!)

Brush Up On NebraskAccess Statewide Databases With NEW Training Videos

Do you feel like your NebraskAccess database-searching skills are getting rusty? Or maybe you're new to the Nebraska library world and haven't had a chance to dip into the databases yet? If either scenario sounds familiar, you might want to check out our NEW short training videos. Ten videos are available so far. The shortest video is just under three minutes and the longest is just over fifteen.

Links to these new training videos appear on the [Librarian's Toolbox: Help](#) page:



Links to individual videos also appear on database-specific "About" pages. On the [Databases Available to Nebraskans](#) page, click on the question mark icon to the right of a database logo/annotation to access the "About" page for that database:



If we've created a training video for that database, it will appear in the "Help Resources from the Nebraska Library Commission Staff" section of that database's "About" page:



We hope the information and search examples included in these videos will give you an extra boost of confidence when searching and promoting the NebraskAccess databases. Let us know what you think!

Posted on the Nebraska Library Commission webpage [June 18, 2019](#) by [Susan Knisely](#)

News You Can Use:

The Western Library System owns several industry leading pieces in their Makerspace collection including:

- ~ Cricut Maker with an EasyPress Heat Press
- ~ Embroidery Machine
- ~ Button Makers
- ~ two littleBits S.T.E.A.M. sets
(Star Wars Droid and Gizmo & Gadgets)

Other WLS Services include:

Cover One Book Repair Service!



The Western Library System has a binding repair machine that fixes a variety of types and sizes of books. Take advantage of this useful service to save your valuable books and avoid the cost of replacements. Only .50¢ per book.

Go to <http://www.coverone.net/>

Bring your books into the WLS office to make your own repairs! Call the WLS office for an appointment.

*In addition, we also carry a Blocks Rock! Set, a Makey Makey, a frog guiro, and two Breakout EDU kits which are available for check out.

Disc Cleaning and Repair!



The Western Library System has a new ECO AUTOSMART Disc Repair System. It is not just a buffer, but a full-service machine, to both clean and repair your valuable discs. Save those discs that won't play! As long as they are not cracked, we can fix them.

From July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020, each WLS member library has 10 free disc cleanings. If you have any questions, please call the WLS office.

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