



Supporting libraries serving our communities

September - October
2020

SUNdries

We all are experiencing “extra duties as assigned” with Covid-19. Creed Kidd, Library Director, wrote an article to the residents and visitors to the Red Feather Library District for the North Forty News. The piece titled “The Red Feather Library’s Winter (and Spring) of Your Discontent” resonates with many of us as we provide safety and services during these times of Covid-19.

Mr. Kidd gave permission to reprint the following excerpts from the article. Do you recognize any of these scenarios?

“You’re well familiar with the routine now: minimize the number of people, maximum grouping, social distancing of at least six feet; masks that would fit in comfortably with a 19th-century western outlaw convention; plexiglass barriers and foot traffic signage. Computer access by compartment, social distance and an area thorough cleaning after each use.

Don’t touch the frequently touched areas: knobs, handles, desktops, levers, switches, pull and lines. Wash your hands frequently for at least twenty seconds. Try not to cough or sneeze: if you’re ill, stay home. There are ubiquitous bottles of hand sanitizer with contents that are currently hard to find and ounce for ounce near as expensive as printer ink.

To meet health requirements we’ve tugged, pushed, removed, rearranged, purchased, moved, tussled, sorted, cleaned, jostled, bumped, hung, fixed, nailed, glued and generally just put things where we could create enough open space for you to browse comfortably and then borrowed as desired.

Public seating is gone. We enjoy your company but it’s to your advantage now to browse, select and borrow without lingering.

It is our intent to keep you safe....and educated....and entertained through all the best means of doing the job.”

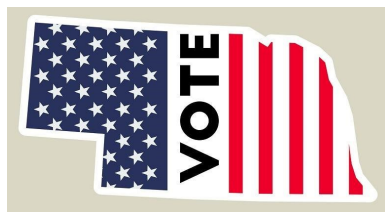
Thank you library workers across the System for delivering safe, high-quality services with dedication and care.

"Information helps you to see that you're not alone. That there's somebody in Mississippi and somebody in Tokyo who all have wept, who've all longed and lost, who've all been happy.

So, the library helps you to see, not only that you are not alone, but that you're not really any different from everyone else."

Maya Angelou

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Conferences/Workshops

September 3: Joint Virtual Youth Services Retreat 12:00-3:00 (MST)
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September 30-October 3: Virtual Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ASRL) Annual Conference: "Soar with Libraries: Sharing Our Amazing Resources" (see page 8)

Commemorations

September

Library Card Sign Up Month
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National Hispanic Heritage Month
<https://hispanicheritagemoth.gov/>

September 27 - October 3:
Banned Books Week - Find your Freedom to Read
<http://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks>

October

National Arts and Humanities Month
<https://www.nationalartsprogram.org/>

National Reading Group Month
<http://nationalreadinggroupmonth.org/>

Teentober (combining Teen Read and Teen Tech weeks)
<http://www.ala.org/valsa/teentober>

November

National Novel Writing Month
NaNoWriMo
<https://nanowrimo.org/>

Native American Heritage Month
<https://nativeamericanheritagemoth.gov/>

November 18: National Book Awards Ceremony
<https://www.nationalbook.org/national-book-awards/>

December

December 3: International Day of Persons with Disabilities
<https://www.un.org/en/observances/day-of-persons-with-disabilities>

December 7-13 : Computer Science Education Week and Hour of Code
<https://hourofcode.com/us/learn>



Biographies and Memoirs

Children

Adewumi, Tani. **My name is Tani..and I believe in miracles: the amazing true story of one boy's journey from refugee to chess champion.** W Publishing Group. 2020. The story of an eight-year-old Nigerian immigrant whose family had to flee to the United States after being threatened by terrorists, and in one year became a chess champion.

Aldummy, Anika. **Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré.** Illus. by Paola Escobar. Harper. 2019. A riveting picturebook biography of Pura Belpré that captures her professional life and legacy. (Belpré Author Honor Book)

Perkins, Mitali. **Between Us and Abuela: A Family Story from the Border.** Illus. by Sara Palacios. Farrar. 2019. A family visits the border fence dividing California and Mexico to share gifts with their grandmother at La Posada.

Teens

Atwood, Kathryn. **Women heroes of World War II: 32 stories of espionage, sabotage, resistance, and rescue.** Chicago Review. 2nd edition. 2019. Thirty-two engaging and suspense-filled stories unfold from across Germany, Poland, the Netherlands, France, Belgium, Denmark, Great Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union, providing an inspiring reminder of women and girls' refusal to sit on the sidelines around the world and throughout history.

Anderson, Laurie Halse. **Shout: a poetry memoir.** Penguin Random House. 2019. A critically acclaimed poetry memoir that is as vulnerable as it is rallying, as timely as it is timeless. In free verse, Anderson shares reflections, rants, and calls to action woven among deeply personal stories from her life that she's never written about before. Praised as "captivating," "powerful," and "essential" by critics.

Adults

Burton, Hilarie. **The Rural Diaries What Moving to Mischief Farm Taught Me About What Really Matters in Life, Love, and Making Dandelion Wine.** HarperOne. 2020. Hilarie Burton tells the inspiring story of leaving Hollywood for a radically different kind of life in upstate New York with her husband Jeffrey Dean Morgan. A celebration of community, family, and the value of hard work in small town America.

Collins, Gail. **Bright Precious Thing.** Random House, 2020. Told against a contrasting backdrop of the present day, including the author's friendship with a young neighborhood girl, Bright Precious Thing unfolds with the same heart and narrative grace of Caldwell's Let's Take the Long Way Home, called "a lovely gift to readers" by The Washington Post. Bright Precious Thing is a book about finding, then protecting, what we cherish most.

Harding, Debora. **Dancing with the Octopus.** Bloomsbury Publishing, September 22, 2020. A harrowing and redemptive and profoundly inspiring memoir of childhood trauma and its long reach into adulthood. One Omaha winter day in November 1978, when Debora Harding was just fourteen, she was abducted at knifepoint from a church parking lot. She was thrown into a van, assaulted, held for ransom, and then left to die. In addition, she grew up with an abusive mother. Written with dark humor and the pacing of a thriller, *Dancing with the Octopus* is a narrative of reckoning, recovery, and the inexhaustible strength it takes to survive.

CONGRATULATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

Oregon Trail Community Foundation awards Bridgeport Public Library a \$2500.00 grant

By [Emily Pike](#)

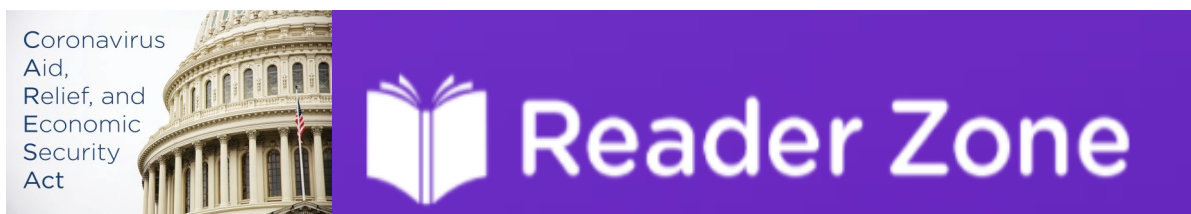
August 6, 2020

SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb. (KNEP) – NBC Nebraska Scottsbluff

Press release - The Oregon Trail Community Foundation awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,500 to the Friends of the Bridgeport Public Library, towards the purchase of their Laser Cutter for their technology studio.

This new addition and advanced technology will give the library the ability to hold maker camps, community projects and sport individual lessons.

The new laser cutter is designed to use a wide range of materials to engrave, etch and cut out with a special software program to design - the laser does all the work. "



Reader Zone Can Do It

To support continued online programming and tracking, the Nebraska Library Commission awarded a grant from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide year-round long access to Reader Zone free of charge for Nebraska libraries. This access is for **public libraries, school libraries, and academic libraries**. If you want your patrons to keep track of their reading, either by minutes, pages, chapters, books and/or activities, *Reader Zone can do it*. If you want to help parents in your community keep track of the books they read in the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, Reader Zone can do it. If a classroom teacher wants to have a reading competition (girls vs. boys or Mrs. Smith's class vs. Mr. Jones class), *Reader Zone can do it*. Any kind of reading program recording-keeping, *Reader Zone can do it*.

Here is [a link to an educational video](#) that will help you understand the program.

Click on this link to sign up and get your password for Reader Zone.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/> Denise Harders from Central Plains Library System is administering the program as she did with the Summer Reading and the 1,000 minute challenge in August.

The summer reading programs at the end of July recorded the following amazing statistics.

244,781 pages of reading

11,206 chapters

19,085 books

1,553,361 minutes

2,500+ activities

Around the Sun

Oshkosh Public Library

Elaine Lake, Director



We have a huge number of very elderly patrons - age 85-98 years old - who were extremely depressed when the Covid quarantine started. Tragically lonely and depressed! We asked the school kids, via the school website, if they would make some flowers for our windows so when our oldsters came into the library, one at a time, they would see the flowers. That really helped.

Morrill Public Library

Sarah Alfred, Director

We had a quiet summer reading filled with a little competition between two cousins and a young lady who has been our top reader for 3 years running, they had a great time. We had 45 kids, 5 teens, and 10 adults. We had a total of 8 super readers who all read over 2000 pages the top two readers tied with 18,809 pages all together the kids read a total of 98,992 pages !!!



Sun Rays from Trenton Public Library

It was ten years ago when I was asked to be the librarian in our little town. I tried to tell them I was illiterate to get out of the job, to no avail. I still think the only reason they recruited me for the task was that I had been a computer programmer before moving to the country and they wanted whatever computer expertise I still possessed. Since then I have been a small town library director.

My wife and I chose Trenton as a way to escape the unhealthy effects of the city while still being close enough for family and friends. I was never a librarian by training or choice and I must say that has remained the case. But it embarrasses me to think in our society today we have to market and sell the value of a public library like a used car.

My style of library management is still based on my old profession, I prefer to code my way out of problems at the library and our web site is old school hand coded instead of template generated sites. The budgetary issues that we all face led to my choosing Openbiblio as our ILS. It is open source software meaning it is free and that you get all the source code so it can be completely customized. If any of you want to learn or improve your programming skills, I highly recommend the effort.

Openbiblio is written using SQL, PHP, CSS and HTML; MySQL is the easiest database application, PHP is the object oriented translator for interactive browser content and HTML and CSS are the main frameworks holding it all together. I was an old C programmer and left the profession before object oriented programming became the main and now I find PHP and SQL a great learning experience.

The first issue presented by moving to Openbiblio was finding a way to transfer the data that the library possessed in the form of an old book inventory and card printing program to the web based SQL system on the our site server. Luckily I had a programming platform that allowed me to open, read and re-write the data from the old database software to an SQL import file. That took a while but was a lot of fun. One of my ongoing issues is that the old software was in place long before I got here and the data I was able to forward was only as good as the data I had in the computer. Previous librarians were not really computer friendly, so a lot of data is missing and now when we are talking about several thousand perhaps even tens of thousands of books, automatically completing or importing a MARC file is not really practical so our card catalog continues as just a list of titles and authors but there are ways to update and I hope to find the right import method at a cost the library can cope with.

Our little library as it is today has become quite the social gathering site for our town with weekly card games and senior exercise sessions twice a week. The young people know they can come and play games on the computers and they seem to be interested in little else, despite how hard I try to get them to read especially science fiction which is my reading of choice. However if you are ever in Trenton stop by, we love to chat and you can find us online at

<http://www.villageoftrenton.net/library/library.php>

where you can also find pictures of the library and a list of recently acquired materials, And don't forget to sign the guest book.

Larry Evans, Director

Trenton Public Library, Trenton, NE

Hours: Wednesday 1pm to 5pm, Thursday 2pm to 7pm and Saturdays 9am to 2pm



Western Library System Annual Meeting Highlights

A colossal thank you to the Annual Meeting Committee; Jan Sears (chair) Rossella Tesch and Stephanie O'Connor for their work securing the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center and the speakers for the event. In addition to the meeting, the twenty-nine attendees experienced the history of the Ash Industry in the Sandhills from Becky Herian. The Museum Director, Becky Thomas, provided information on genealogy research.

The participants were treated to a delightful lunch and the opportunity to visit with colleagues from around the System. Attendees included representatives from library staff, local Board directors, Board of Trustees and a Commissioner for the NLC.

Attendees networking and listening to the Speaker



Exhibits at the Knight Museum and Sandhills Center



September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

The 2020 ALA and Libraries Transform campaign selected Wonder Woman as the Honorary Chair.



DC's Wonder Woman is embarking on a new mission to champion the power of a library card as the Honorary Chair. A founding member of the Justice League, Wonder Woman is known for strength, compassion and truth. Armed with the Lasso of Truth, Wonder Woman makes a perfect ambassador to support the value of learning and the role libraries play in transforming lives and strengthening communities through education. Library Card Sign-Up Month is a national campaign to emphasize the importance of library cards to a child's education and to combat illiteracy. The campaign first started in 1987 as a response to then Secretary of Education, William Bennett, who stated: "Let's have a campaign ... Every child should obtain a library card and use it."

<http://www.ala.org/conferenceevents/celebrationweeks/card>



What is this "SimplyE" You've Been Hearing About?

Over the past few years, you may have heard about "SimplyE." It is an app that gathers ebooks and audiobooks from multiple vendors into a single, easy-to-use interface for your patrons. Instead of using a different app for each e-content service, patrons (and your library staff) need only use (and teach and support) one.

Currently, the e-content available for this app is public library-focused, e.g., Overdrive, Axis 360, CloudLibrary, RB Digital, Biblioboard, and the DPLA Exchange, with more vendors in the queue. Work is also being done to include functionality and e-content necessary for academic library patrons.

As an open source solution, if your library has the technical expertise, you could host SimplyE yourself. If not, Amigos is available as one of the official hosting providers and will host for libraries across the United States.

Join us for one of our free, monthly webinars about SimplyE:

- Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 10am – 11am CDT
- Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 9am – 10am CDT
- Monday, November 23, 2020 at 1pm – 2pm CST
- Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 3pm – 4pm CST

If you are interested or have questions about SimplyE or Amigos hosting, don't hesitate to contact us at simplye@amigos.org. We would love to talk to you!

Christine Peterson, Amigos Library Services

Joint Virtual Youth Services Retreat

September 3, 2020

12:00-3:00 (MDT)

Presentations include:

Young Adult Literature and Leadership

Lightning Rounds on Top Teen and Children's Books

Diversifying Children's Books in the Middle Grades

Author Talk by Candace Fleming

Register at <https://bit.ly/ysrvirtual>. This retreat is open to Nebraska libraries (school and public) only. The first three sessions will be recorded and available to those who cannot attend on the 3rd. Thank you to the Southeastern Library System for coordinating the retreat.



Monday, September 28 - Opening Keynote with William Ottens - creator of the hilarious blog *Librarian Problems* and forthcoming book *Librarian Tales*.

Tuesday, September 29 - Keynote with Cassandra Campbell. Ms. Campbell has recorded nearly two hundred audiobooks and directed many more.

Friday, October 2 - Closing Keynote with Nancy Pearl the best-selling author, librarian and literary critic. Nancy is the creator of the internationally recognized program "If All of Seattle Reads the Same Book" and was the inspiration for the Archee McPhee "Librarian Action Figure."

Choose from 54 sessions to watch "live". Registrants will have access to all of the recording sessions until December 31, 2020.

Conference Information:

<https://www.arsl.org/2020-conference-main-page>

Conference Rates:

ARSL Members: \$50.00

Non-Members: \$65.00

Advocates: \$25.00. Advocates include Trustees, Friends and Foundations

Group Registration ends on September 14.



Why the Census is Important?

Every ten years, the U.S. Constitution requires a count of people living in the country. The first census was in 1790. The deadline to complete the census is September 30, 2020.

What does the census do for us?

Money for our libraries: In 2020, Nebraska libraries received \$1,455,674.00 in funding from the Library Services and Technology Act.

Money for our communities: Distribution of \$675 billion dollars for federal funds, grants to support vital programs such as schools, hospitals, public works, road. The George Washington University federal Counting for Dollars report, they estimate that for the past decade \$2,100 per person per year was allotted to the State of Nebraska. Over a decade if amounts to \$21,000. Missing an average household of 2.5 people means the State loses out on \$50,000. This link is the 2016 report that details allocations from federal funding.

<https://bit.ly/3hynwAl>

Community planners and governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness and to revitalize or build new neighborhoods.

National Representation: The census is used to determine how many seats each state received in the House of Representative and the Electoral College. It is predicted that Nebraska will keep its three seats.

Local Representation: Rural areas need to make sure they are counted. After each ten year census, state officials redraw the boundaries of legislative districts to reflect population shifts. Currently, three of the largest counties in Nebraska have 25 or the 49 seats and are projected to receive two more.

Civic Duty and Mandatory: Completing the census is a how you participate in our government and say “I COUNT”

Watch the Archived Ncompass Live from May 13, 2020 for helpful information.

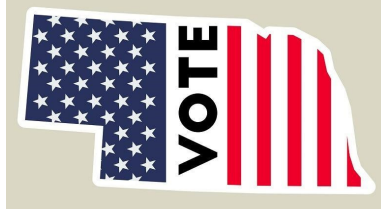
<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventshow.asp?ProgID=19513>

The Morton-James Public Library in Nebraska City, was awarded a Library Census Equity Fund Grant from the American Library Association to bolster library services to hard-to-count communities and help achieve a complete count in the 2020 Census. Join us to hear more about the grant, how the library is using the funding, and to learn ways that libraries can help educate community members on the importance of answering the 2020 Census questionnaire. Presenters: Denise Davis, Librarian, Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City, NE; Mary Sauers, Government Information Services Librarian, Nebraska Library Commission

Free Webinar from the Public Library Association. Must be registered.

<http://www.ala.org/pla/education/onlinelearning/webinars/2020census>

Sources include: Mary Sauers, Nebraska Library Commission; David Drodz, University of Nebraska; George Washington University Counting for Dollars report. United States Census Bureau



Resources for Information and Displays

Children

Cat in the Hat, Brannon, Tom and Heim, *If I had your vote*. Random House Children's Books. 2020. The Cat in the Hat outlines campaign promises.

Farrell, Kate. *V is for Voting*. Henry Holt and Company, 2020
A timely picture book that acts as an introduction to civics for young readers.

Son, John. **Elections: Why They Matter to You**. Children's Press. 2020. Why it matters series.
Readers learn how elections work, The book highlights why voting is important and how students can become involved even when they are not old enough to vote.

Teens

Fleischer, Jeff. *Votes of Confidence: A Young Person's Guide to American Elections*. 2nd Edition. Zest. 2020.

Using real-world examples and anecdotes, this book provides readers with thorough, explanations about primaries, the electoral college, checks and balances, polls, fundraising, and more.

Whele, Kim. *What you need to know about voting and why*. Harper. 2020.

A timely and informative guide, providing the new and seasoned voters with background needed to make informed choices.

Adults

Johnson, Dennis. *Campaigns and Elections: What Everyone Needs to Know* © Oxford. 2019.
Short articles cover voting, redistricting, campaign finance and ballot initiative.

Misiroglu, Gina. *The Handy American Government Answer Book: How Washington, Politics and Elections Work*. The Handy Answer Series. Visible Ink. 2017.
Provides readers with clear definitions and explanations for 800 areas of governance in addition to elections.

Smith, Erin Geiger. **Thank you for Voting: The Maddening, Enlightening, Inspiring Truth about Voting in America**. Harper. 2020.
This concise, lively book looks at the past, present and future of voting. Included are checklists of what to do before election day to prepare the vote and encourage others.

Nebraska Secretary of State Elections Division:

<https://sos.nebraska.gov/elections/elections-division>

Nebraska Elections Officials by County:

<https://sos.nebraska.gov/elections/election-officials-contact-information>

United States of America Election Information

<https://www.usa.gov/voting>

Grant Opportunities

KREUTZ BENNETT DONOR-ADVISED FUND

The Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund was established by the estate of Shirley Kreutz Bennett. A life-long learner, Shirley graduated from Harvard High School in 1941, earned a BA from the University of Washington, Seattle, plus an MA and PhD from Columbia University, New York. Shirley was a retired Professor of Education at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Grants from the Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund will provide matching grants for public libraries in Nebraska communities with a population of fewer than 3,000. The short application is due October 1, 2020.



Eligible Applicants

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Overview

Grants will be made in three distinct areas: **Planning for Accreditation Grants** (steps leading to accreditation); **Enhancement Grants** (leading to improvement of library services and/or programs); and **Facilities Grants** (contributing toward new facilities or the renovation, restoration or rehabilitation of current libraries). Community leadership must be exhibited in the grant application(s) indicating the likely sustainability of improvements attained. Grants will not be made to form or grow endowments. Matching contributions must be confirmed prior to the distribution of a grant from this Fund.

[2021 Grant Guidelines](#)

[Application Form \(WORD DOC\)](#)
[Form \(PDF\)](#)

[2021 Short](#)

[2021 Short Application](#)



Libraries, community-based organizations and others in the MidContinental Region have an opportunity to apply for a new NNLM funding award designed to address specific needs.

The award is funded through the NNLM *All of Us* Community Engagement Network will cover planning projects to address health literacy needs in communities.

The Health Literacy Planning Subaward for up to \$4,500 will help libraries and community partners develop plans for improving health literacy and access to health information.

The program should start no earlier than Nov. 2, 2020, and be completely finished by April 15, 2021. Applications are due by Sept. 18.

For more information and instructions on how to apply, please visit the Call for Applications page or contact George Strawley at george.strawley@utah.edu. You may also contact NNLM MidContinental Region staff at rml4@rml4.utah.edu.

For information on the *All of Us* Research Program, visit www.joinallofus.org



Western Library System Scholarship Application

Western Library System Scholarship Application

The Western Library System established a scholarship fund to facilitate the professional development of librarians within the system. Librarians, Media Specialists, and those connected with member agencies within the System may use these monies for attendance at professional meetings, classes, workshops, or other beneficial academic activities. Applicants:

1. Submit an application and form prior to or two weeks after the event.
2. The application will be reviewed by the Board Scholarship Committee on a first come first serve basis.
3. Recipients will provide a brief article sharing the experience

For details go to: for <http://libraries.ne.gov/wls/wls-scholarship-application/>

Name:	
Library/School Agency:	
Phone and Email:	
Event Date:	
Requested Amount:	

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:

Send all requests to:

Western Library System
 615 S. Beltline Hwy West
 Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Fax: 308-632-3978

Email: wlsasst@gmail.com

Youth Grants for Excellence for 2021

Sally Snyder with the Nebraska Library Commission established an excellent, easy to navigate and informational website on the grants. <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/grants/youth/> Here is an overview of the grant, please check the website for all of the details.

What is the Youth Grants for Excellence Program?

The Nebraska Library Commission has funding specifically for innovative projects for children and young adults in accredited public libraries and state-run institutional libraries in Nebraska. The program encourages creative thinking, risk-taking and new approaches to address problems and needs of children and young adults in your community. Grant awards enable youth librarians to begin needed programs and try projects which they have been unable to undertake. The grants also offer an opportunity to expand youth service capabilities in new and different directions. It is expected that the funding provides a foundation for ongoing rather than one-time services, which can be continued with community support or through a reallocation of library funds.

When is the grant application due?

October 7, 2020. Applications must be received by the Nebraska Library Commission **submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. Central Time on October 7, 2020.** Faxes and U.S. mail will not be accepted. You will be notified by **November 13, 2020** if you are awarded a grant. The signature page and print support materials (e.g., catalog page or computer printout displaying item intended for purchase, list of books and/or materials for purchase, estimates from suppliers, letters from project partners, etc.) may be submitted during the week following the due date.

Who is eligible to apply?

Any children's librarian, young adult librarian, or adult librarian (in an accredited public library or a state-run institutional library) in charge of children's or young adult services may apply. Schools, service agencies, and/or organizations may be involved through collaborative planning and programming, thus receiving benefit from this project. Please note that before applying for a Youth Grant for Excellence, if the entity has unresolved issues with any previous Commission grant projects, it will not be eligible to apply.

How much money may we apply for?

Applicants are encouraged to apply for the amount required to implement their ideas successfully. The minimum amount that will be awarded per grant is \$250. The grants require a 25% match of the requested amount (see **Matching Funds** below for details). The minimum amount that will be awarded per grant is \$250, which means the minimum total project cost will be \$313, with your library providing at least \$63 (\$25 cash and \$38 in-kind, remember you must round up to full dollars) for the 25% match required. Use the Project Budget Form at the end of the application form to estimate the amount you will need and to itemize specific expenses. You are advised to be as precise and detailed as possible. (There are more requirements for the Matching Funds, see below.)

When is the report due?

The Youth Grants Final-Project Report Form is due September 24, 2021.

Please address any questions, comments, or suggestions to:

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LEARNING

Upcoming NCompass Live

Upcoming NCompass Live events: Sessions count for Continuing Education credits.

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 past events, go to:

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

NCompass Live Webinars	Wednesdays 9am-10am (Mountain)
Toward Gigabit Libraries Project Update	September 2
Discount Shopping with the NLC	September 9
NLC Grants for 2021	September 23
Pretty Sweet Tech	September 30
Migrating to an Open-Source ILS in an Academic Library	October 21
Pretty Sweet Tech	October 28

Basic Skills for Nebraska Librarians

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
11/30 - 12/11	Library Services to Children & Teens	Sally Snyder	10/26 - 11/20

* Required Class

Featured Resource from the Nebraska Library Commission

Discounts on Books & Supplies

The companies listed below have asked the Nebraska Library Commission to share the following discounts on books, supplies, and furniture with Nebraska libraries.

A. Rifkin Co. || Baker & Taylor || Barcodes Inc. (formerly RACO Industries) || Barnes & Noble Institutional Discount Program || bibliotheca (formerly 3M) Library Security (Minitex) || Block and Company || Brodart || Computer Software || DEMCO || Gumdrop Books || Highsmith || Ingram Library Services Inc. || Listen & Live Audio || Liu & DB Enterprises Inc. || Midwest Library Service || Mitinet Library Services || Playaways (Findaway World) || Printastic || RACO Industries || Symbology || TechSoup Stock || The Library Store, Inc. || Vernon Library Supplies

Disclaimer: The information below is provided for the convenience of Nebraska libraries. NLC does not negotiate the discounts offered by the vendors and is not responsible for the products or services provided by the organizations above. Libraries are responsible for payment terms and conditions agreed upon with their purchase.





Creighton University Health Sciences Library as a member of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) is offering the following:

How PubMed Works – On Demand

A series of 4 modules offered in Moodle:

Introduction

Selection

MeSH

Automatic Term Mapping

[Register for the class](#) and then [go to Moodle](#) anytime that's convenient for you to work on the class. The class is made up of 4 modules and each module offers 1.5 MLA CE credit. You can take whichever sections are of interest to you. If you want to claim the MLA CE, you will need to complete the evaluation for each module you complete. Each module has: Pre-test; Recording; Exercises; Post-test: Evaluation

Classes for Libraries and Librarians

Caring for the Mind: Providing Mental Health Information at Your Library (September 10)

<https://nnlm.gov/class/caring-mind-providing-mental-health-information-your-library/26596>

Healthy Aging at Your Library: Connecting Older Adults to Health Information (September 11) <https://nnlm.gov/class/healthy-aging-your-library-connecting-older-adults-health-information/21736> “

Virtual Programs for Public Libraries (September 29) <https://nnlm.gov/class/virtual-programs-public-libraies/26537>

Stand Up for Health: Health and Wellness Services for your community for public libraries Four week course that explores consumer health and health reference in a public library environment and teaches us how to develop health and wellness related programming. (September 21 to October 18)

<https://nnlm.gov/classes/stand-up-for-health>

Cooking Virtually: Culinary Literacy Programming Online (Sept. 17) <https://nnlm.gov/class/virtually-cooking/26894>

NNLM Reading Club Presents...We Live for the We with Dani McClain (Sept. 22) <https://nnlm.gov/class/weliveforthewe>

Mental Health Awareness During COVID-19 (Sept. 23) <https://nnlm.gov/class/mental-health-awareness-during-covid-19/26952>

Connections: Virtual Anti-loneliness Programs in the time of COVID-19 (Oct. 7) <https://nnlm.gov/class/virtual-antiloneliness-programs-covid19/26910>

Effective Health Communication and Health Literacy: Understanding the Connection (Oct. 6) <https://nnlm.gov/class/effective-health-communication-and-health-literacy-understanding-connection/26882>

DE-ESCALATING DIFFICULT COVID-19 CUSTOMER BEHAVIORS WITH ANDREW SANDERBECK



Brought to you by the Nebraska Library Association Board of Directors in celebration of 125 years of service!

As libraries are reopening, they are finding customers that are looking for a *new audience* to express their anger and frustrations about their feelings of a loss of normalcy and continued uncertainty. Because of that, dealing with individuals who are angry, non-compliant and even hostile can and will likely become an everyday occurrence.

How you respond to their behaviors is often the key to de-escalating these situations and protecting yourself when a customer is losing control.

In this interactive and informative program, attendees will learn eight customer de-escalation tips and specific verbal intervention techniques including proven verbiage to use with customers that are violating your organizational code of conduct and endangering your employees' safety.

Areas of customer behaviors to be addressed in this webinar include:

- Not wanting to wear a mask or not willing to socially distance
- Verbally or physically threatening an employee or customer
- Spitting on an employee or customer
- Non-compliance and other unwanted behaviors
- Wanting to argue and to "be right" that you are wrong

The presentation is being provided by the NLA Board of Directors and will be free of charge for both NLA members and non-members. Attendees receive 1 hour of CE credit through the NLC Certification program.

Register here:

<https://nebraskalibraries.org/meetinginfo.php?id=19&ts=1597941593>

Western Library System Board

At the July 28 Board meeting, four new members were introduced:

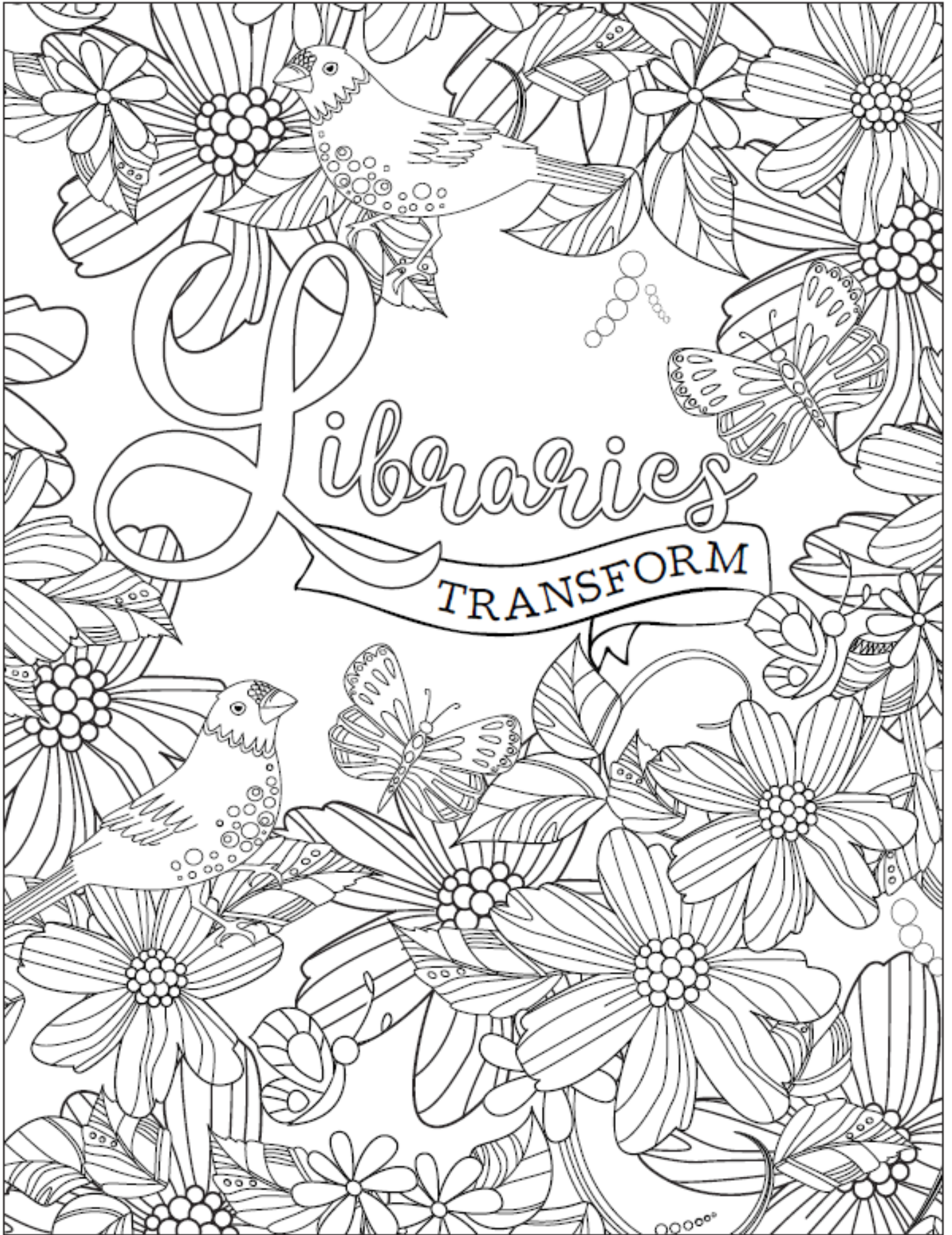
Beth Falla, Lied Imperial Library Director, District E
Leta Liesch, Kimball Public Library, District C
Matt McLaughlin, Bayard Elementary School Principal, At-large
Sarah Alfred, Morrill Public Library Director, Public Libraries

Officers were elected:

President: Allison Reisig, Technical Services Librarian, Academic and Special Libraries
Vice-President: Tammy Howitt Covalt, Bridgeport Public Library Director, Public Libraries
Secretary: Jill Hurtt, Hemingford Public Schools Librarian, School Libraries

Continuing Board Members:

Judy Starke, Garden County Schools, School Libraries
Jennifer Holthus, Grand County Library Director, District D
Mackenzie Watson, Scottsbluff Public Library, District B
Rossella Tesch, Chadron Public Library Director, District A



Western Library System Resources

Available to Check Out
Blocks Rock
BookKits (check WLS website for list)
Breakout Kits - One Platform - Escape Room
Cricut and Heat Press
Dragon Puppets - 1 red and 1 green (see picture below)
EVO Ozobot
Frog Guiro
Gizmos and Gadgets
LEGO Boost and Book
Makey Makey Classics
Makey Makey STEM Kits (12 projects)
Projector (Epson)
Speaker System with microphone
Star Punch (3 1/4 inches across)
Star Wars Droid and R2-D2
In Office Use
Book Binding (Self-serve)
Disc Repair System (WLS staff will do this for you)
Embroidery Machine
Laminator



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.

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Bring your books into the WLS office to make your own repairs! Call the WLS office for an appointment. 308-632-1350, Toll-Free 888



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From July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2021, each WLS member library has 10 free disc cleanings. If you have any questions, please call the WLS office.

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