



# Plain Speaking

Central Plains Library System  
*Educate Connect Inspire*

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## A Newsletter in the Mailbox?

You may be wondering why you have received this newsletter with your mail. This is a one-time occurrence that serves several purposes.

**First**, if you use email regularly (and I hope you do), this is to remind you to open the newsletter that comes to you every other month in your inbox. It is easy to ignore an email message until it gets lost in the shuffle. If that happens, please be aware that you can always find the latest newsletter on the CPLS webpage at <http://libraries.ne.gov/cpls/newsletter/>. It is also posted on the Nebraska Library Commission's website at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/systems/>.

**Second**, if you do not use email regularly, please be sure to call the Central Plains Library System office at 1-800-569-4961 and let us know. Either we will help you with your email or we will send each edition of the **Plain Speaking** newsletter to you in the print format.

**Third**, if you often have staff, volunteers, or Board Members at the Library, please be sure that those individuals have access to the newsletter, too. They can sign up to be on the email list, which means they will get their own copies in their inboxes, or you can print the copy you receive and



leave it on the Circulation Desk.

This edition of our System newsletter includes pictures and stories about happenings at CPLS libraries; descriptions of and registration information for upcoming workshops; information about state-wide and national events; a special scholarship for CPLS members; a calendar to keep you on track with your Basic Skills classes; and more.

**Finally**, please look at the mailing label on the back of this newsletter. If any of the information on it (name, address, etc.) is incorrect please call or email the System Office so that we can get our Directory updated. It is vitally important for us to know who to contact for each institution we serve.

So there you have it...the reasons you found this newsletter in your mailbox instead of your inbox. Thank you, in advance, for your help. Be sure to watch for the next edition of **Plain Speaking** in your inbox near the first of April.

*Denise*

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LIBRARIES LEAD



## 60th Anniversary Event

National Library Week was first sponsored in 1958.



## 2018 NLA/NSLA Joint Conference

October 4-6, 2018

The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker  
333 S 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE

The 2018 NLA/NSLA Conference promises to be an exciting experience. There will be Preconferences, Workshops, Lectures, Panel Discussions, Lightning Rounds, and Poster Presentations. In addition, there will be Evening Social Events...**ALL** included in the (very reasonable) Registration Fee.

To make it possible for more library workers from the Central Plains Library System to attend, the CPLS Board has decided to award **FOUR \$500 Scholarships** this year. The special Application can be found on page 8 of this newsletter and on the Workshops page of the CPLS website.

All applications will be reviewed, and award decisions will be made by the Board's Scholarship Committee.



# “Libraries Rock”

## Summer Reading Workshops

March 9, 2018

Broken Bow Public Library

626 South D Street

Broken Bow, NE



Workshop will be from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Registration Fee—\$10.00—Lunch will be provided

We have a selection of new dies pertaining to this year’s theme.

Dies and Die Cutting Machines will be available at the workshop.

Register at <https://goo.gl/forms/YeaNzQtpOQbj9pkt2>

**OR**

**Mail in this Registration**



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**Summer Reading Workshop**—March 9, 2018 at Broken Bow

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Library \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:** Central Plains Library System

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*This program is supported in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.*





## 3 in 1 Workshop

April 20, 2018  
Kearney Public Library  
10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

4.5  
CEUs

**Three great presentations AND a free lunch.**

### 1. CPLS Micro Makerspaces

Would you like to join the Makerspace Movement, but you have space limitations?

This is your chance to learn about makerspace equipment that you may borrow from the System office. Your community will enjoy making with the equipment, but only paying for the supplies used. Practice with the Button Maker, the Laminator, and more.

### 2. Information Security

This 2-hour workshop will include the following topics:

- ✓ Privacy and Security
- ✓ Safe Practices for Public Computers
- ✓ Ways to Protect Both Personal and Institutional Information

*Presented by Dr. Melissa Cast-Brede, UNO Library Science Faculty*

### 3. Escape Rooms

The popularity of Escape Rooms will be explored. The System's *BreakoutEDU* boxes can make the set-up of this program much easier. Spend the afternoon figuring out the puzzles from two different Breakout games. Reserve one or both boxes for use at your library.

Register for one, two, or all three workshops. If you stay all day, you will get a free lunch and the chance to win some consumables for the Micro Makerspace equipment.

**Register by mail or online through the Workshops page on the System's website.**

Your choice:

- CPLS Micro Makerspaces 10 – 11 am
- Information Security 11 am – 1 pm
- Escape Rooms 2 – 3:30 pm
- All 3 and a FREE lunch

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mail to: Central Plains Library System  
Library \_\_\_\_\_ 2727 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, #233  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Hastings, NE 68901

**Central Plains Library System Board Meeting  
January 10, 2018  
Conference Call**

**Present:** Tony Anderson, Dixie Codner, Pat Hughes, Tim Johnson, Linda Nickel, Kathy Thomsen, and Matt Williams

**Absent:** Judy Hagan, Shawna Linder, and Lori Long

**Also Present:** Denise Harders, CPLS Director

**Call to Order / Roll Call:**

- In the absence of Judy Hagan, President, and Shawna Linder, Vice- President, it was decided that Denise Harders would conduct the meeting. Denise announced that the meeting would follow the agenda. Denise Harders called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Roll call followed.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Tony Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes. Linda Nickel seconded the motion. The minutes of the October 26, 2017 meeting were approved.

**Financial Report:**

- Denise announced that she and Kay are struggling with the QuickBooks program generating the reports that they need. She sent the board an excel spreadsheet so they could understand where the CPLS finances are at this time. Denise would like to have the QuickBooks program break down the personnel and promotional categories. She thinks we should stay with the QuickBooks program because it works with the accountant who performs the annual audit. Denise requested she be able to contact Janice Hinze at Balanced Books to have her perform a one-time set up of the accounts and chart of accounts. Janice would charge a flat fee of between \$100 and \$150.

Pat Hughes made a motion to approve hiring Balanced Books to perform a one-time setup on the QuickBooks program. Tim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Linda Nickel made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Dixie Codner seconded the motion. The Financial Report was approved.

**Correspondence:**

- A thank you from Keri Anderson, who won a scholarship for the NLA/NSLA Conference;
- A thank you from Amy Coffman, Director of the Maxine White Public Library in Sutherland, and several preschoolers thanking CPLS for the eclipse glasses sent for their storytime.
- A thank you from Judy Hagan for a scholarship to the 2017 Read Aloud Nebraska Workshop in Seward.

**Director's Report:**

- A highlight of the submitted report was the opportunity to attend the open houses at the Makerspace Libraries. The visit in Ainsworth coincided with the town's Christmas celebration, which included Santa and his reindeer.
- At Loup City's open house several attendees were able to attend a session about glass etching.

**Old Business:**

- For the micro makerspace project, Central Plains Library System has purchased a laminator and a button maker. The button maker has the option of a pin, magnet or mirror backing.
  - \* The total cost of the equipment and supplies was \$725, which was taken out of the workshop fund.
- An e-rate workshop was held in November at two different locations.
- Summer Reading Workshops are planned in January at the Hastings Public Library and in March at the Broken Bow Public Library. Both libraries have new facilities.
- On February 7<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Strategic Planning workshops will be held in O'Neill, St. Paul and North Platte. These workshops will give library directors the opportunity to find out what Christa is looking for in the library's strategic plan.
- In April Central Plains Library System will be sponsoring a 3 in 1 Workshop at one or two locations. The faculty of UNO's new Library and Information Services Bachelor Degree program will be offering a workshop on privacy and confidentiality. Sessions about makerspaces and escape rooms will also be offered at the 3 in 1 Workshop. If you attend all three sessions, your lunch is free.
- Denise has not been successful in hiring an additional staff person. With all the issues with QuickBooks, it has been hard to determine exactly what is required of a new staff member. Denise will revisit the staffing situation at the end of the fiscal year.
- The 2010 Edge has been sold.

**New Business:**

- Denise is requesting ideas for a location for the Central Plains Library System's annual meeting.
- The board discussed the amount granted with the system's scholarship program. NLA is encouraging librarians to appreciate the value of attending state and federal conferences. The Board discussed offering \$500 scholarships, which would cover most of the cost of registration, lodging and mileage. Linda Nickel, Pat Hughes and Dixie Codner were appointed to the newly formed Scholarship Committee. They will develop the policy, which will be addressed at the April CPLS Board meeting.
- Denise noted that at least three libraries in the system do not have computers and several have computers, but don't check their email. She requested that the CPLS newsletter be made available in print format. The paper for four newsletters per year would cost less than \$50. The postage amounts to 70 cents per item or \$175 for each mailing. Printing in full color would cost \$2.40 per issue or about \$600 per mailing. Three mailings a year would then run \$1800. The system has plenty of funding available in the postage category, but funds would need to be added to the printing category. Sending out the newsletter might alleviate the problem of the limited amount of time that Denise can spend at each library. The total for the year spread across the three budget areas would amount to \$2,375. The board discussed sending an email copy to those who do have email and encouraging all staff with email to sign up for the newsletter. The board suggested that Denise develop a one-shot newsletter, where the main article addresses the importance of the newsletter and suggests way to access the newsletter, encouraging all to sign up for the email list. The system's 800 telephone number could be included.

Pat Hughes made a motion for Denise to develop a one-time newsletter that would be mailed through the US Postal Service. The cover story will talk about how to sign up for the newsletter and encourage library staff, who receive the newsletter to communicate with other staff members. The one-time newsletter will be the February/March issue of 2018. Tony Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Library Commission Report:**

- Christa was unable to attend the CPLS Board Meeting due to the NCompass Live schedule.
- Denise will be hosting the NCompass Live program about Library Displays on January 17.
- There have been no requests for the One Book, One Nebraska book for 2018, so CPLS has not purchased a book set.

Dixie Codner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda Nickel seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Thomsen



**Community Needs Response Plan**  
 (aka Strategic Plan)  
**FREE Workshop**

**Don't wait until your accreditation needs to be renewed.  
 Bring members of your team and attend a workshop near you.**

Do you have a plan? The Nebraska Guidelines for Public Library Accreditation require that a library have an up-to-date Community Needs Response Plan (formerly known as the Strategic Plan) in place. The guidelines are community-based, so libraries need to know what their communities' needs are to provide appropriate library services that meet those unique needs. That's where planning comes in.

Christa Porter, NLC's Library Development Director, will guide you through Community Needs Response Planning for your library. **Public Library Directors, Staff, Library Board Members, and Community Members** are encouraged to attend this **FREE** Workshop.

Here are the sessions that are scheduled in the Central Plains Library System Area:

February 7 – O'Neill – 1:00 – 4:00 pm  
 February 20 – Grand Island – 1:00 – 4:00 pm  
 February 22 – North Platte – 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Registration is Now OPEN.** Register by going to the Nebraska Library Commission's Training and Events Calendar: <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>.

Central Plains Library System  
**\$500 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**  
**2018 NLA/NSLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**October 4-6, 2018**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Library \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Library Position Held \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly explain how this program will benefit either you or your library:  
(attach a separate sheet, NOT hand-written)

I understand that I will be notified of acceptance or denial before July 20, 2018 (prior to Early Bird registration deadline) and that scholarship monies will be awarded immediately prior to attendance at the NLA/NSLA Annual Conference.

**I understand I must submit a short article about the event within two months for publication in the CPLS newsletter.**

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return completed form by **July 13, 2018** to:

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Hastings, NE 68901  
Email: [denise.cpls@gmail.com](mailto:denise.cpls@gmail.com)  
Phone: 402-462-1975

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For CPLS use: Date received \_\_\_\_\_ Amount awarded \_\_\_\_\_ Report received \_\_\_\_\_



## Cover One Book Repair Service!

The System has purchased a binding repair machine that fixes a variety of types and sizes of books. This machine easily binds up to a 2½" thick book and it has a sliding wall to hold smaller books in place. It will also work with legal size as well as regular 8½ x 11" size items. Repaired books will be ready to use in just 20 minutes! Go to <http://www.coverone.net> and click on the link for Book Repair Demo on the left-hand side of the page to see it in action.

This machine is perfect to repair books with glued bindings that have "popped" and split into several big chunks, paperbacks that have come out of their covers, and books where individual pages are coming loose.



**Mail or bring your books to the System Office.**

**We will repair them for \$1 per book plus actual return postage.**

## Disc Cleaning and Repair

The System Office has the ECO AUTO-SMART Fully Automatic 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, 2017 thru June 30, 2018, each CPLS member library has 10 free disc cleanings.



- If you have more than 10 discs that need fixing, you may send them to us and we will repair them and send them back with an invoice for 50 cents per disc plus return postage.
- If you come to the CPLS Office in Hastings and pick up the repaired discs, the charge is 50 cents per disc. A similar service at a retail video outlet costs more than \$5.00 per disc!



## Cutting Machines

These handy machines cut out letters and shapes from paper, felt, cloth, thin cardboard, magnetic sheets, and foam. CPLS owns two Ellison machines—one Original and a Prestige Space Saver—plus one Mark IV Accu-Cut Machine, and dies (including a 2" alphabet/numbers and two 4" alphabets/numbers). System members may check out the desired machine and/or dies for a month at a time. See the reservation schedule online at: <http://libraries.ne.gov/cpls/die-shapes/>. Call the CPLS office to reserve this equipment for your library.



## Going to the Dogs



Therapy dogs Hugo and Eva visited the **Arapahoe Public Library** on Saturday, January 13th.

They are therapy dogs, but not lap dogs by any means; Eva weighs in at 154lbs and Hugo at 156lbs.



Owned by Dr. Richard and Lori Reiner of Holdrege, Hugo and Eva are Leonbergers. The dogs have a wonderful temperament, are very docile, and are good with people of all ages.

Therapy dogs are popular with children's reading groups because children are more apt to read aloud to a supportive animal that won't correct their reading mistakes.

## Audiobook Collection

CPLS owns over **1,000 circulating audiobook titles**. System member libraries may borrow audiobooks (CD, MP3, and Playaway formats) for a loan period of 90 days.

*The Wildling Sisters* by Chase, Eve  
*Don't Let Go* by Coben, Harlan  
*Manhattan Beach* by Egan, Jennifer  
*Hardcore Twenty-Four* by Evanovich, Janet  
*The Noel Diary* by Evans, Richard Paul  
*The Vengeance of Mothers* by Fergus, Jim  
*I Know a Secret* by Gerritsen, Tess  
*Y is for Yesterday* by Grafton, Sue  
*Wicked Deeds* by Graham, Heather  
*His Guilt* by Gray, Shelley Shepard  
*Sons and Soldiers: By Henderson, Bruce*  
*Every Breath You Take* by Clark, Mary Higgins  
*Proof of Life* by Jance, J. A.  
*In This Moment* by Kingsbury, Karen  
*The Burning Hills* by L'Amour, Louis  
***Dunkirk: The History behind the Major Motion Picture***  
*by Levine, Joshua*  
*If Not For You* by Macomber, Debbie  
*Merry and Bright* by Macomber, Debbie  
*Caroline* by Miller, Sarah  
*Big Little Lies* by Moriarty, Liane  
*Haunted* by Patterson, James  
*Glass Houses* by Penny, Louise  
*Deep Freeze* by Sandford, John  
*The Good Daughter* by Slaughter, Karin  
*Sourdough* by Sloan, Robin  
*Other Girl* by Spindler, Erica  
*A Casualty of War* by Todd, Charles



View the list of  
 titles on our  
 website under  
 Services and then  
 call or email the  
 System office to  
 borrow or reserve

# CPLS Has Scholarship Money Available

Up to \$200.00 per event for registration, mileage, meal, etc.  
Only one scholarship per person per year.  
Each Library Agency shall be limited to two scholarships per year.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Library \_\_\_\_\_

Event \_\_\_\_\_

Date of event \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship requested for \_\_\_\_\_ (meal, room, etc.)

Amount requested \_\_\_\_\_

Other information:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Send your request to:** Central Plains Library System  
2727 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street # 233  
Hastings, NE 68901



**Happy Valentines Day—February 14th**



## NLA Advocacy Day 2018

Tuesday, March 6

Legislative briefing begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Nebraska State Capitol, followed by a Volunteer Recognition luncheon at noon at the Cornhusker Marriott.

Online registration will be available soon. In the meantime, contact your senator with a personal invitation to lunch.

# Spring Meetings

Sponsored by Public Library and Trustee Section (PLTS); School, Children's and Young People's Section (SCYP); Paraprofessional Section; and the Regional Library Systems

## 4 Locations!

April 16 - Seward Memorial Library  
 April 17 - Raymond A. Whitwer Tilden Public Library  
 April 24 - Lexington Public Library  
 April 25 - Alliance Public Library

Registration is \$40 per person (includes lunch)

9:00–9:30	Registration & Refreshments
9:30–10:00	Updates from PLTS, NLA, NLC, & the Regional Library Systems
10:00–12:00	David Drozd
12:00–1:00	Catered Lunch
1:00–3:00	Dr. Sheryl Feinstein

## Nebraska's Changing Demographics and Their Impact on Your Community and Your Library

David Drozd, Center for Public Affairs Research, University of Nebraska Omaha

Have you noticed any changes in your community? If your local area is following the statewide trends, the population is likely aging and becoming more diverse. Rural areas are continuing to experience net out-migration, especially at college ages, but some return in their late 20s and 30s. These and other demographic factors will be discussed so that your community characteristics and current and future library clientele is well known. We'll cover how to obtain a profile of commonly used statistics from the Census Bureau's website, how Nebraska communities are unique, and what demographic changes are likely in the years ahead. Everyone will find something interesting in this session that will benefit your planning and community outreach.



## Librarians Serving Youth: Supporting Brain Development

Sheryl Feinstein, Dean of the College of Education, University of Nebraska Kearney

Ever changing, growing, and eager to learn – the perfect description for youth and librarians. Libraries offer a wide range of literature and programs for children during the pre-school, elementary and adolescent ages. In the process of creating new and innovative paths to learning there is no group more eager for information and support than librarians. This interactive presentation will focus on the transforming brain of our babies, children, and teens in relation to libraries. The fascinating changes that are combusting, generating, and igniting in our youths' brains shed light on how to best understand, support, and mentor them.



Register and pay online at [bit.do/PLTS2018registration](http://bit.do/PLTS2018registration) or fill out the form below.  
 Please email [PLTSNebraska@gmail.com](mailto:PLTSNebraska@gmail.com) with any questions.

Please mail this registration with your \$40 check, postmarked by April 9, to:  
 Amy Hafer, PLTS Treasurer, Hastings Public Library, PO Box 849, Hastings, NE 68902

Name \_\_\_\_\_

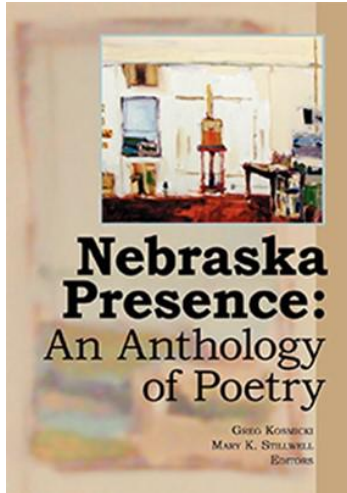
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Library \_\_\_\_\_

Belonging to (select all that apply):  PLTS  SCYP  PARA  none

Location (select one):  Seward  Tilden  Lexington  Alliance

## 2018 One Book One Nebraska: *Nebraska Presence: An Anthology of Poetry*



On Jan. 22, 2018 Governor Pete Ricketts signed a proclamation honoring the **2018 One Book One Nebraska: *Nebraska Presence: An Anthology of Poetry*** edited by Greg Kosmicki and Mary K. Stillwell. *Nebraska Presence* includes poems by more than 80 contemporary Nebraska poets, including Pulitzer Prize winner and former Poet Laureate of the United States Ted Kooser, Nebraska State Poet Twyla Hansen, former State Poet William Kloefkorn, and many others.

The Central Plains Library System office has 10 copies available for your book club. Call 1-800-569-4961 to reserve the set.



The Nebraska Library Commission along with partners University of Nebraska—Lincoln, Nebraska Innovation Studio, Nebraska Extension, and Regional Library Systems, are excited about the **Library Innovation Studios: Transforming Rural Communities** project, which was awarded a National Leadership Grant of \$530,732 by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The project began July 1, 2017 and will conclude June 30, 2020.

The five libraries in Cycle 1 received their equipment last fall and will have their studios for a few more weeks. Those libraries are Crete, Loup City, Ainsworth, Ashland, and Plattsmouth. Cycle 2 is set to begin this spring. Staff from these libraries will be trained, and equipment will be delivered in March. Cycle 2 libraries include South Sioux, Neligh, Broken Bow, and Bridgeport. If you would like to see the studio equipment in action, you may visit any of these libraries. Please call or email before your visit to be sure what you want to see will be available.

**Remember, the second round deadline for libraries interested in hosting an Innovation Studio will be sometime in 2018, the date has yet to be determined.**

## Broken Bow Public Library Dedicated

After a long time, a lot of work, and with great attention to detail, the remodeling of the **Broken Bow Public Library** has been completed. A Dedication Ceremony and Ribbon Cutting was held on Saturday, January 27, at 10:00 a.m.

Broken Bow Mayor Cecil Burt cut the ribbon to open the library while surrounded by area children.



The beautiful Donor Wall was designed and completed by Palmer Monument.

The Library reopened for business as usual on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

## Big Talk from Small Libraries

**February 23, 2018**

**8:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Registration is FREE and is now OPEN!**

**<http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/bigtalk/registration/>**



## Public Library Statistical Survey

The Nebraska Library Commission collects statistical data about public libraries using Bibliostat Collect™ to facilitate the annual Public Library Survey. All libraries interested in being accredited **must** complete the statistical survey each year.

This Survey is open now and will close on **February 16, 2018.**

# Central Plains Library System

## Mark Your Calendar

- February 7.....Strategic Planning Workshop, O’Neill (see page 7)
- February 12 – 23.....Basic Skills—Customer Service, Online. Christa Porter
- February 19.....CPLS Office Closed—Presidents’ Day
- February 20.....Strategic Planning Workshop, Grand Island (see page 7)
- February 22.....Strategic Planning Workshop, North Platte (see page 7)
- February 23.....Big Talk From Small Libraries, Online (see page 15)
- March 5 – 16.....Basic Skills—Library Governance, Online. Denise Harders
- March 6.....Advocacy Day, State Capitol, Lincoln (see page 12)
- March 9.....Summer Reading Program Workshop, Broken Bow (see page 3)
- March 19 – 30.....Basic Skills—Library Technology, Online. Holly Woldt
- March 20-24.....Public Library Association Conference, Philadelphia
- March 30.....CPLS Office Closed—Good Friday
- April 2-27.....Basic Skills—Organization of Materials, Online, Allison Badger
- April 8-14.....National Library Week, (see page 2)
- April 18.....CPLS Board Meeting, 10:00 am, Kearney Public Library
- April 20.....3 in 1 Workshop, Kearney (see page 4)
- April 23-May 4.....Basic Skills—Readers Advisory, Online
- April 24.....PLTS Spring Meeting, Lexington (see page 13)
- July 13.....**Deadline** for \$500 2018 NLA/NSLA Scholarship (see page 8)
- October 4-6.....NLA/NSLA Annual Conference (see page 2)

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When the lights go out in our libraries, the Dark Ages are coming again!  
~Mitch Hager

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We’re On the Web

[libraries.ne.gov/cpls](http://libraries.ne.gov/cpls)

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