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Central Plains Library Presents:

Reluctant Readers Workshop

with Erica Rose

Librarians love to put books in children's hands and share the joy of reading. But... what do we do if they don't want our books? What do we do if they don't enjoy reading? Given the life-long impact of reading and literacy, these questions are worthy of our time.

This program will examine the definition of "reluctant readers" and offer alternative terminology and approaches for working with this group. The discussion will explore opportunities for librarians to inspire, encourage, and engage with every type of reader in ways that remove barriers and break the mold. Titles, formats, and engagement strategies are all included as key pieces of the puzzle and audience ideas, questions, and experiences are always a welcome addition.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21st, 2022

11AM - 12PM

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

1 CE AVAILABLE

REGISTER: <https://forms.gle/VDn9dRC1tinmug5B8>

Mental Health Mondays In May

Join us every Monday in May (except Memorial Day) as we shine the light on different aspects of mental health including how we can end the stigma surrounding mental health, why we should practice mindfulness, learning to manage stress, and developing a good routine of self-care so we can have happy, healthy, and safe environments that we not only survive in but thrive in!

Some of the speakers will include Conner Oberhauser who will share his personal struggles that have led to hope and healing, Todd Schlechte from Southeast Library System, Margie Sheppard, Community Engagement Coordinator for Network of the National Library Medicine Region 3, located at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, KS, and Jen Ortiz, Community Engagement Coordinator for Network of the National Library Medicine Region 3, located at the University of North Texas Health Science Center, Ft. Worth.

Look for the complete schedule in your email within the next couple weeks. While anyone is welcome to join, CE hours will only be reported for those who register below and attend live via Zoom on those Mondays.

REGISTER:

<https://forms.gle/X8nDJdeRUymB3PFNA>





GOLDEN SOWER READING DAY

The Golden Sower Award Nominee list is developed by readers like you! Selection committees are made up of volunteer readers representing classroom teachers, media specialists, and librarians in Nebraska. Each list is created from nominated lists sent in by participating libraries and schools from across the state. Now is your chance to shape the books selected as Nominees that will be read by young minds in the coming years! This is your opportunity to shape the minds and lives of future generations!

The Golden Sower Award's sponsors, the Nebraska Library Association, hope the program will sow seeds which:

- stimulate children's thinking
- introduce different types of literature
- encourage independent reading
- increase library skills
- foster an appreciation for excellence in writing and illustrating.

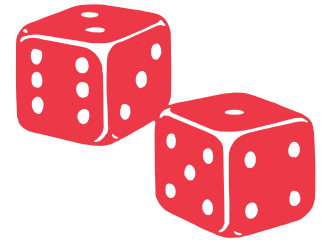
Join CPLS on June 3rd and vote for your favorite Golden Sower Nominees. This is the perfect time for public and school librarians to see the enormous amount of titles on the Golden Sower Big List for Kindergarten through 2nd grades. Vote for your favorite top-ten books, and consider purchasing these titles for your collection.

DATE: Friday, JUNE 3rd, 2022
TIME: 10am—3pm
READ-A-THON LOCATION: Kearney Public Library & Information Center
2020 First Avenue
Kearney, NE 68847

4 CE Credits will be given
Lunch will be provided by CPLS

REGISTER HERE: <https://forms.gle/EdaGn5h14YRLDJT5A>

This activity is supported in part with funding from the State of Nebraska and from the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.



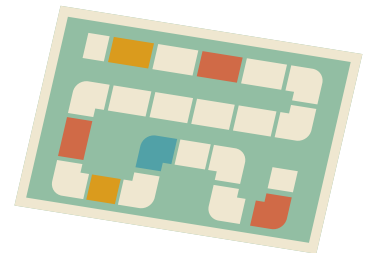
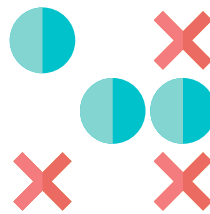
EDUCATORS AGREE-GAMES PLAY VITAL ROLES IN THE PHYSICAL AND COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN. WE PLAY PEEK-A-BOO, TAG, AND LEARN TO STACK BLOCKS TO ENGAGE IN THE WORLD AROUND US AND INTERACT WITH OTHERS. WHEN CHILDREN PLAY, THEY LEARN TO MAKE AND PRACTICE NEW SOUNDS. THEY TRY OUT NEW VOCABULARY WITH FRIENDS AND EXERCISE THEIR IMAGINATION THROUGH STORYTELLING. OLDER CHILDREN PLAY GAMES THAT HELP THEM FINE-TUNE THEIR SOCIAL SKILLS, LEARN TO READ SOCIAL CUES, SET BOUNDARIES, AND PROBLEM-SOLVE. AS WE AGE, THE GAMES WE PLAY BECOME MORE COMPLEX, AND SO DO THE LESSONS WE LEARN FROM THEM: CREATIVITY, ANALYTICAL SKILLS, LEADERSHIP, AND RESILIENCY.

JOIN US ON A TOUR OF THE GAMES PEOPLE PLAY. LEARN ABOUT GAMES THAT INVOLVE DICE AND TILES, AS WELL AS BOARD GAMES, YARD GAMES, AND TODAY'S OMNIPRESENT VIDEO GAMES. WE'LL TAKE TURNS STEPPING YOU THROUGH EACH OF THESE CATEGORIES.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

DATE: FRIDAY, JUNE , 2022
TIME: 10AM—3PM
LOCATION: HASTINGS MUSEUM
 1330 N. BURLINGTON AVE.
 HASTINGS, NE 68901

4 CE CREDITS WILL BE GIVEN
 LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED BY CPLS



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NIXON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING

Louise A. Nixon (1897-1989) worked constantly to enlighten the legislature about Nebraska's libraries' needs. She served as Assistant Director of the Nebraska Legislative Reference Bureau and as Legislative Council Librarian. Louise Nixon was head of the Nebraska Library Commission from 1950 to 1969. When federal funds were made available, she initiated bookmobile demonstration projects; public library construction; extension services; services to institutional residents and the physically challenged; and an inter-library communication network. Our lives have been enriched by her open-minded, conscientious dedication to building library service in this state.

When Nixon reflected on her life for the Lincoln Journal, the paper wrote, "There is no single figure of greater 20th century significance in developing Nebraska's contemporary system of community libraries – facilities, collections, trained personnel, cooperative networking."

PURPOSE

The Louise A. Nixon Scholarship Fund was established to help each recipient reach for Nixon's goals of dedication and vision. This scholarship supports students who pursue full- or part-time graduate-level library education. Applicants must meet the Nebraska Library Association eligibility criteria below and submit complete applications on or before the deadline.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

One award per person is given. Scholarship applicants must deserve the award. Scholarships will not be awarded automatically if only one person applies. Scholarships will be paid by the Lincoln Community Foundation directly to the educational institution.

TIMELINE

Applications open: March 15

Applications deadline: April 22 - The application submission timeframe has closed.

Recipients notified: by June 1

Recipients announced: by July 1

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Accepted to either (a) an ALA-accredited graduate school of library/information science, or (b) a school library/library media graduate program/endorsement accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) that also meets ALA/AASL curriculum guidelines.
2. Must be (a) a resident of Nebraska or an employee of a Nebraska library for at least one year, AND (b) a member of NLA or NSLA at the time of application (NSLA student membership is \$15/year, join now: NSLA. NLA student membership is \$20/year; join now: NLA.)
3. Preference will be given to applicants who can demonstrate the best potential for employment in Nebraska libraries after graduation.
4. Previous recipients of the Louise A. Nixon Scholarship are not eligible to reapply.

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

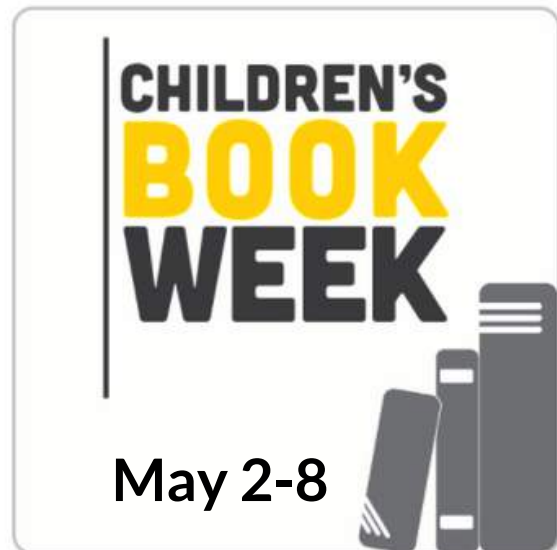
1. Proof of acceptance or enrollment in an ALA/AASL accredited graduate program (as described in the first criteria) for the period of the award.
2. Current résumé or vitae.
3. One letter of recommendation, less than a year old.
4. Personal statement explaining (a) why are you the best candidate to receive the scholarship, and (b) your professional goals, both after graduation and long-term.

Please [click here](#) to apply.

2022 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK HIGHLIGHTS:

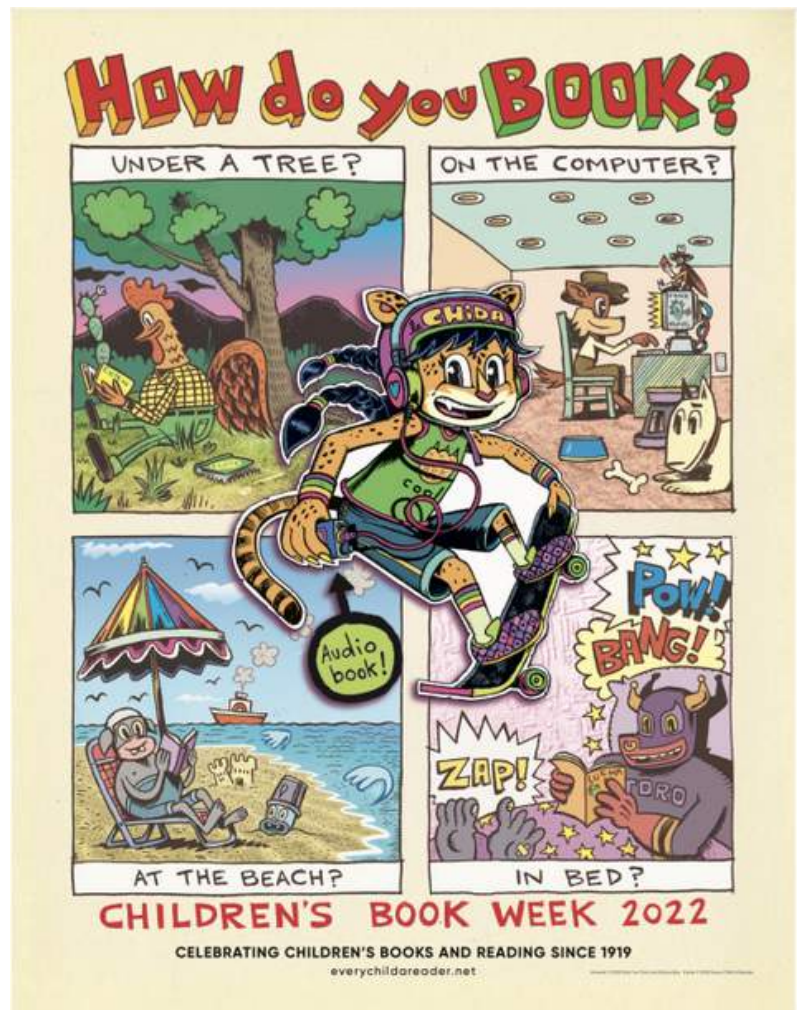
Exciting new resources and materials are being created now. What to expect?

- Two celebrations, one in the spring and one in the fall, that allow kids to become directly involved, with adult supervision, as individuals and groups.
- Official poster, with activities. The poster by Raúl The Third will be revealed in February.
- Exclusive 2022 bookmarks by six prominent children's book illustrators.
- The Book Week Challenge with activities to discover and share How You Book is coming soon!
- Step-by-step drawing lessons from your favorite book illustrators.
- Follow #HowDoYouBook online for inspiration from some of your favorite book creators.
- Free resources for schools, libraries, bookstores, for people celebrating at home, and for publishers and book creators.
- During the May celebration we will announce the winner of the **Anna Dewdney Read Together Award**, a picture book prize in honor of the late author and illustrator.
- A second week of celebrations, November 7-13, which focuses on engaging students at schools, libraries, and after-school programs. 2022 is the fourth year that two celebrations have been held with a special Educator Kit created just for the fall week.
- The **Kids' Book Choice Awards** (formerly Children's and Teen Choice Book Awards) with voting in the fall through November Book Week. Voting Kit and Media Tools available in late summer.



Every year, young people across the country participate by attending events at schools, libraries, bookstores, celebrating at home, and engaging with book creators both online and in person.

The 2022 Children's Book Week will be May 2-8



2022 ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition

Together Again! Join us for top-quality education and best practices; featured thought-leaders; and special programming for library professionals looking to further develop their libraries, communities, and careers!

Washington DC | June 23–28, 2022



A Message from Kay....



As Kay's last day here at the System Office approached, there was an abundance of cards that poured in from around the System that helped ease the sadness we were all feeling with Kay's decision to retire on March 31st. On her last day, she left a message for all of you, her beloved librarians!

"A sincere THANK You to everyone that honored me with a card shower upon my retirement. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. You are so dedicated to your libraries and your patrons. It has been a pleasure to help you with the little things that I did. It has been a great 15 years. I will miss your smiling faces."

Sincerely,

*Kay Kloppenborg
CPLS Administrative Assistant"*

CPLS SYSTEM NEWS WE CAN ALL USE:

Kim Hartman is celebrating her 14th work anniversary at Wilson Public Library in Cozad.

On March 17th, Sue Vaughn-Williams celebrated her 25th work anniversary working at the Circulation Desk at the Holdrege Area Public Library.

Issac Martinez is celebrating his 2nd work anniversary at Wilson Public Library in Cozad.

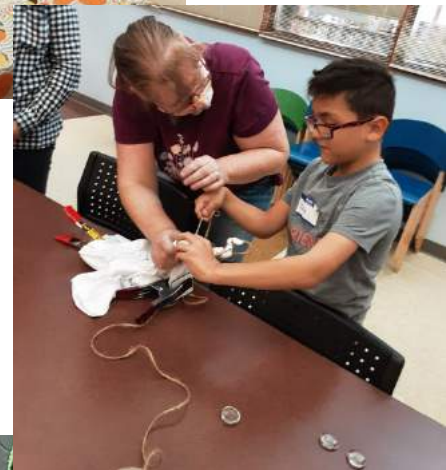
Kay Kloppenborg retired March 31st from CPLS after 15 years of dedication and hard work. We thank her for all her years of service. We will miss her but wish her a happy, well-deserved retirement!

RETIRED

Missy Onate, Director of Gibbon Public Library, will celebrate her 10th work anniversary on April 12th. Missy started at the library as a Library Assistant, then became the Assistant Director, and finally achieved her "dream job" as the Director.



LEXINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTED A FIVE WEEK LONG ART PROGRAM THAT INCLUDED LEARNING TO WORK WITH MEDIUMS LIKE POLYMER CLAY, WATERCOLORS, AND ALCOHOL INK. PARTICIPANTS LEARNED THE TECHNIQUE OF SHIBORI (A JAPANESE TIE- DYING TECHNIQUE OF BINDING AND FOLDING FABRIC IN DIFFERENT PATTERNS BEFORE DYEING) , HOT GLUE ART, AND ACRYLIC SKIN JEWELRY. THIS PROGRAM WAS BROUGHT ABOUT THROUGH A COLLABORATION WITH VOLUNTEERS FROM COZAD.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ROCIO CASANOVA, CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN FROM LEXINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.



THE CPLS SYSTEM HAD A "WHALE" OF A GOOD TIME AT OUR SUMMER READING WORKSHOPS THIS YEAR! IT WAS SO NICE 'SEA- ING" EVERYONE! BETWEEN SALLY'S BOOK REVIEWS, ETHAN'S BALLOON TWISTOLOGY SESSION, AND JODY'S CRAFTS & IDEAS, WE WERE ENTERTAINED AND BRAINS EXPLODING WITH IDEAS BY THE TIME THE DAYS WERE DONE!



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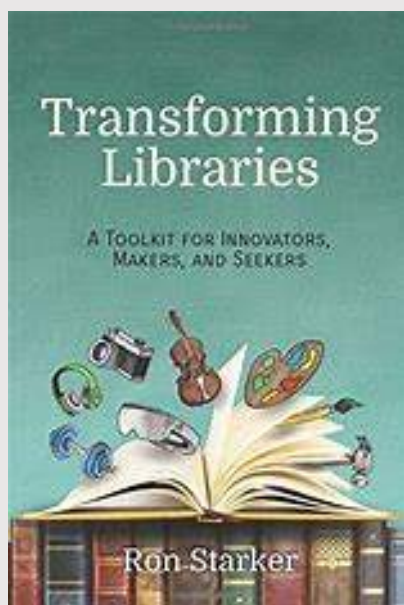


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New Professional Resource Available



Transforming Libraries: A Toolkit for Innovators, Makers, and Seekers by Ron Starker

Transforming Libraries is an invaluable resource for librarians and classrooms teachers alike. Packed with almost 500 tools and resources, this book offers real-life examples of how to turn libraries into intelligently designed centers that are essential for today's schools. *Transforming Libraries* proposes a new role for librarians, libraries, and classrooms—one that offers patrons places to think, to explore, to create, and to problem-solve together. Ron Starker reveals practical ways to make libraries and classrooms into makerspaces, innovation centers, community commons, and learning design studios that engage multiple forms of intelligence.

Contact the System Office to borrow this or any other professional title in our collection. All available titles of our resources can be found [here](#).

BOGGS BALLOONS

Meet Your Balloon Twistologist!



Ethan Boggs is an eighth grade student from Seward, Nebraska. When he was ten years old he found a [balloon twisting book](#) at the public library and taught himself how to make balloon animals using the instructions in the book! Each year he has added more designs to his repertoire and he can now make a wide variety of creations. Ethan's laid back style and fun personality put his audience at ease and keep them entertained while he is twisting. Ethan has experience twisting balloons for libraries, churches, birthday parties and other events.

<http://www.boggsballoons.com/>

Central Plains Library System has made arrangements to have Ethan share his balloon twisting creations with our smaller libraries all around the System! Our goal is to have Ethan visit libraries who rarely, if ever, have a live performer come to their summer reading programs! Ethan will be visiting libraries during the week of **JUNE 13th - 18th**.

If you do not have a live presenter scheduled already for this summer, please fill in the following information and return to Autumn either in person or at autumnc.pls@gmail.com.

Yes, I would love to have Ethan come to my library!

NAME OF MY LIBRARY:

DAYS MY LIBRARY IS OPEN

HOURS MY LIBRARY IS OPEN

MONDAY: _____

TUESDAY: _____

WEDNESDAY: _____

THURSDAY: _____

FRIDAY: _____

SATURDAY: _____

CITIZEN SCIENCE MONTH

APRIL 2022

In just a couple of years, Global Citizen Science Month (April) has grown from a single day of events, to a coordinated effort supported by SciStarter, the National Library of Medicine, Arizona State University, the Citizen Science Association, Science Friday, National Geographic, and many other collaborators from around the world. Global Citizen Science Month encompasses online events and opportunities to contribute to projects from home.

To get started, go to CitizenScienceMonth.org where you can:

- Add or find an online event
- Download free resources for online events, including social media titles promoting participating from home
- Find projects you can do online and from home



Puppet Orders Due



We will be doing a group purchase of Folkmanis puppets again this year. If you are interested in getting any of these amazing puppets to include in your story time or virtual programming related to this summer's theme, Oceans of Possibilities, now is the time to order them so you get the best discount. Puppets will be ½ of the price listed on the website. The company does require 15% of the final cost as a handling fee on all orders. Central Plains Library System will cover the shipping.

Orders are due **APRIL 15, 2022.**



Please email your orders to: cplsasst@gmail.com

Summer Reading Supplies

If you love all the dies we have that coordinate with our Summer Reading theme and want to incorporate them in your displays, crafts, and programs, be sure to get your order in by MAY 13, 2022. Remember, CPLS will supply the die cuts for you in either colored paper, card stock, or craft foam.

One of the featured projects is the Craft Stick Angel Fish. The System will send you all the necessary supplies to include this craft during your Summer Reading Program. Just let us know how many you want.



AUDIOBOOK COLLECTION


CPLS owns over 1,200 circulating audiobook titles. System member libraries may borrow audiobooks (CD, MP3, and Playaway formats) for a loan period of 90 days.

Here are some new additions:

Sunset Beach by Andrews, Mary Kay
Mercy by Baldacci, David
One Year Gone by Bishop, Avery
Find Me by Burke, Alafair
Oliver by Carino, Steven & Tresniowski, Alex
Her Perfect Family by Driscoll, Teresa (MP3)
In Her Tracks by Dugoni, Robert (MP3)
The Lost Bones by Elliot, Kendra (MP3)
The Sentence by Erdrich, Louise (MP3)
Caramel Pecan Roll Murder by Fluke, Joanne
Triple Chocolate Cheesecake Murder by Fluke, Joanne
Somebody's Daughter by Ford, Ashley
Gated Prey by Goldberg, Lee
Lonely Hearts by Gray, Lisa (MP3)
A Slow Fire Burning by Hawkins, Paula
Clanlands by Heughan, Sam (MP3)
It Ends with Us by Hoover, Colleen
The Glorious Guinness Girls by Hourican, Emily
Raybearer by Ifueko, Jordan
Writers & Lovers by King, Lily
Hunt the Stars by Mihalik, Jessie (MP3)
A Promised Land by Obama, Barack
Woman Last Seen by Parks, Adele (MP3)
The Horsewoman by Patterson, James (MP3)
Steal by Patterson, James (MP3)
Diablo Mesa by Preston & Child
The Lady's Mine by Rivers, Francine
Abandoned In Death by Robb, J.D.
Three Sisters Island by Roberts, Nora
Annie and the Wolves by Romano-Lax, Andromeda (MP3)
Aristotle and Dante Dive into the Waters of the World
by Saenz, Benjamin
Golden Prey by Sandford, John
How to Be Perfect.....t by Schur, Michael
The Good Life by Torre, A.R. (MP3)
Project Hail Mary by Weir, Andy (MP3)
The Lobotomist's Wife by Woodrugg, Samantha Greene



**SAVE THE
DATE!!**



CPLS Board Meeting & Annual Meeting

July 8th, 2022

10am - 3pm

St. Paul, NE

Tour of a combined public &
school library

Tour of Loup River Distillery

Tour of Museum of Nebraska
Major League Baseball



CPLS HAS SCHOLARSHIP MONEY AVAILABLE!

Many of you may be looking ahead to attending events such as the ALA Annual Conference being held June 23 - 28 in Washington, DC or the NLA Conference this fall in Kearney, NE. The System can help! We have money available for you!

Up to \$200.00 per event in Nebraska and \$300 for out-of-state events is available for registration, mileage, meal, etc. Only one scholarship per person per fiscal year (July - June). Each Library Agency shall be limited to two scholarships per year. That means if you are planning on going to ALA you could get \$300 during this fiscal year (ending June 30th, 2022) AND receive a \$200 scholarship to attend the NLA this fall!

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. 2nd Street # 233
Hastings, NE 68901

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From **July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022**, each CPLS member library has **10 free disc cleanings available** to them. If you have not taken advantage of this service yet this year, be sure to get your discs turned in before June 30th!



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!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

April 8 - CPLS Board Meeting - Jensen Memorial Library (Minden) - 10am
April 21- Reluctant Readers Workshop (via ZOOM) - 11am - 12pm

May Mental Health Awareness Month
May 2 - Mental Health Mondays in May - Zoom Presentation
May 9 - Mental Health Mondays in May - Zoom Presentation
May 16 - Mental Health Mondays in May - Zoom Presentation
May 23 - Mental Health Mondays in May - Zoom Presentation

June 16 - The Games People Play (Hastings Museum) - 10am - 3pm
June 23-28 - ALA Annual Conference (Washington, DC)

July 8 - CPLS Board & Annual Meeting (St. Paul) - 10am - 3pm

Sept 1-2 - Joint Youth Services Retreat (Ashland)
Sept 14-17 - ARSL Conference (Chattanooga, TN)

Oct 5-7 - NLA Conference (Kearney, NE)
Oct 14 - CPLS Board Meeting - TBD
Oct - Reverse Programming - TBD



NCompass LIVE PRESENTATIONS

Every Wednesday 10am - 11am (CST)

To view past presentations, [CLICK HERE](#).

Apr 13th - NCompass Live: Tweak Your Library's Social Media	Register
Apr 20th - NCompass Live: Starting a Board Game Club at a Small Library	Register
Apr 27th - NCompass Live: Pretty Sweet Tech - The 40 Day Challenge Initiative	Register

UPCOMING BASIC SKILLS CLASSES

Class Date	Class Title	Instructor	Registration Date
4/1 - 4/30	Introduction to Cataloging (Organization of Materials)*	Self-paced	2/21 - 3/18
4/18 - 4/29	Library Finance	Holli Duggan	3/14 - 4/8
5/9 - 5/20	Intellectual Freedom / Core Values*	Holli Duggan	4/4 - 5/2
6/6 - 6/17	Readers' Advisory		5/2 - 5/30
7/4 - 7/15	Reference	Christa Porter	5/30 - 6/24
7/25 - 8/5	Library Policy		6/20 - 7/15
8/15 - 8/26	Collection Management*	Denise Harders	7/11 - 8/5
8/29 - 9/9	Programming & Outreach	Christa Porter	7/25 - 8/19

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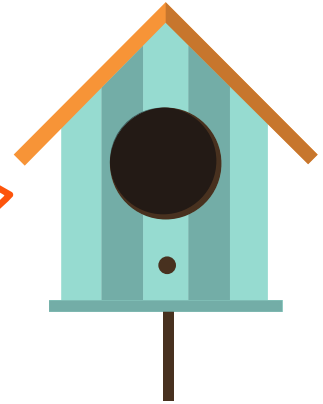
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