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Looking Forward...Part 2

The cover story from our last newsletter was titled “Looking Forward.” I’m still learning about what is happening and considering the best way to do my job; to take care of my family; and to go back to normal. I know, as a society, we will figure out how to live in a post-pandemic world. I also believe it will be very different for quite some time to come.

Derek Thompson wrote [an article that was published in the Atlantic](#). In that article he cited many studies and research projects as he worked to develop a strategy to reduce interactions and, in turn, reduce infections. An uplifting part of that article is Thompson’s acronym for success: **SAFE**.

- **S**ocial distancing. We all know what that means.
- **A**irflow awareness. Activities such as talking, eating, and working out are best done outside, instead of a closed-indoor space.
- **F**ace masks. They are intended to protect everyone around you.
- **E**xpectoration. Be aware of your spit. Aerosolized droplets spread the virus. Cheering at a sporting event, singing, and heavy breathing during a workout are all activities that increase the output and intake of droplets. Avoid doing them.

Following those guidelines will certainly help limit exposure. However, it is summer and many families are trying to figure out what activities can be done safely during the traditional vacation season. An NPR article online helped answer that question. It is titled, [“From Camping to Dining Out: Here’s How Experts Rate the Risks of 14 Summer Activities.”](#)

This article gives encouraging information. It rates activities from low to high risk and then describes how to alter the risk. The authors explained that having a small backyard gathering; spending the day at the pool; using a public restroom; staying at a hotel; and going camping can all be relatively low risk activities based on a few simple factors. Summer is not lost!! Using caution and carefully choosing how and where to spend our time will make a significant difference.

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Other articles that will help you have a safe, fun and enjoyable summer:

[43 Fun Summer Ideas to do During COVID-19](#)

[Summer COVID-19 Summer Guide](#)

[CDC's Guidelines to Visiting Parks and Recreational Facilities](#)

[10 Tips to Keep Your Summer Entertaining Safe During COVID-19](#)

[From Pools to Beaches to Barbecues, Health Experts Weigh the Coronavirus Risk Tied to Summertime Fun](#)

[Understanding Risk - A Chart from the Office of NYC Councilman Mark Levine](#)

[Enjoying Summer Safely During COVID-19](#)

[What Summer Activities Are Safe to do During the Coronavirus](#)

[Your Essential COVID-19 Guide to Staying Safe and Social Distancing on the Family Road Trip This Summer](#)

[250+ Creative Ways to Keep Your Family Sane During the COVID-19 Crisis](#)

So, I'm still looking forward to lots of summer fun and hoping things will be better in the fall. Stay safe!



Ravenna Public Library Turns Into a Fairytale Castle for the Summer!



COVID-19: Safety Tips for Reopening Your Library

Although it is impossible to predict when and how libraries and schools will reopen, there are sure to be concerns about how to keep everyone safe. Demco invited Dr. Dipesh Navsaria to talk about what we know and how to work into the new norm. This is a link to a valuable, one-hour webinar with Dr. Navsaria.

<https://ideas.demco.com/webinar/covid-19-safety-tips-for-reopening-your-library/?ga=2.162582716.1633094733.1590517028-1219706754.1584552001>



Upcoming Basic Skills Classes

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



We're excited to announce our second Library 2.020 mini-conference: "**Small, Rural, and Independent Libraries**," which will be held online (and for free) on Wednesday, June 17th, from [12:00 - 3:00 pm US-Pacific Daylight Time](#) (click for your own time zone).

This mini-conference will focus on innovation and innovative thinking in rural, independent, tribal, and other small libraries --as well as the many unique challenges that they face. A diverse array of keynote panelists and curated presenters will cover topics that will likely include:

- *Innovations to provide Internet access and training to rural patrons;*
- *New ways that small libraries can offer services that the big urban libraries offer;*
- *Taking community partnerships to the next level;*
- *How workers from small and rural libraries can easily connect with each other to get ideas and keep innovating;*
- *Novel ways to fund special programs;*
- *Unique "Internet of Things" offers that are tailored to specific communities;*
- *Safety, security, and ways to deal with emergencies when the sheriff's department is far away.*

This event is being organized in partnership with Jim Lynch from [TechSoup for Libraries](#), Kate Laughlin from the [Association for Rural & Small Libraries](#), and [The School of Information at San José State University](#).

This is a free event, being held live online and also recorded.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

to attend live and/or to receive the recording links afterward.

Please also join this Library 2.0 network to be kept updated on this and future events.

The call for proposals is now open [HERE](#).

Everyone is invited to participate in our Library 2.0 conference events, which are designed to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing among information professionals worldwide. Each three-hour event consists of a keynote panel, 10-15 crowd-sourced thirty-minute presentations, and a closing 30-minute keynote. Register (free) as a member of the Library 2.0 network to be kept informed of future events. Recordings from previous years are available as well as a Library 2.0 YouTube channel.

Silent Book Clubs

Once people are allowed to spend time in your library again, you may want to start a non-traditional Book Club...a Silent Book Club. Social distancing is encouraged (and easy) with this sort of program. Members come and spend about 45 minutes in flexible seating practicing silent reading. There is no assigned book and participants may read whatever he or she wants to read, whether that is an ebook or an audiobook. They aren't required to share or socialize with one another or staff as part of this meeting. Read more about Silent Book Clubs at:

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2020/05/01/silent-book-clubs-sound-of-silence/>



SUMMER OBSTACLE COURSE

Trying to figure out a fun outdoor activity that will still allow for social distancing? Why not try an obstacle course setup on your sidewalk that anyone can participate in at any time? This is an inexpensive way to get the community involved in a fun activity!

Need some ideas to get you started? There are plenty to choose from on the internet! Just search "Sidewalk Obstacle Course" to find out that is perfect for your library. See what Jensen Memorial Library created and posted on their YouTube channel for their community to enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2y501-id8Q&authuser=0>

<https://playtivities.com/sidewalk-obstacle-course/>



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.

- The Sellout*** by Beatty, Paul
- Of Murder and Men*** by Cahoon, Lynn
- Killman Creek*** by Caine, Rachel
- Moonglow*** by Chabon, Michael
- Night School*** by Child, Lee
- The Wrong Side of Goodbye*** by Connelly, Michael
- The Armageddon File*** by Coonts, Stephen
- Chaos*** by Cornwell, Patricia
- The Wanted*** by Crais, Robert
- The Vineyard Victims*** by Crosby, Ellen
- Odessa Sea*** by Cussler, Clive
- Pirate*** by Cussler, Clive
- Typhoon Fury*** by Cussler, Clive
- Death By Pumpkin Spice*** by Erickson, Alex
- Curious Minds*** by Evanovich, Janet
- Turbo Twenty-Three*** by Evanovich, Janet
- Here I Am*** by Foer, Jonathan Safran
- Dagger 22*** by Golembesky, Michael
- Death At Nuremberg*** by Griffin, W.E.B.
- The Rise of Magicks*** by Roberts, Nora
- The Rooster Bar*** by Grisham, John
- You're Gonna Love Me*** by Hatcher, Robin Lee
- Razor Girl*** by Hiaasen, Carl
- Say Goodbye for Now*** by Hyde, Catherine Ryan
- Nightblind*** by Jonasson, Ragnar



Audiobook Collection (continued)

- I'll Take You There*** by Lamb, Wally
- All Those Things We Never Said*** by Levy, Marc
- The Sooner The Better*** by Macomber, Debbie (Playaway)
- A Date At The Altar*** by Maxwell, Cathy
- Tell Me What You Want*** by Maxwell, Megan
- The Americans At D-Day*** McManus, John C.
- Elmet*** by Mozley, Fiona
- Those Who Fall*** by Muirhead, John
- Wisconsin Wedding*** by Neggers, Carla
- Baby Doll*** by Overton, Hollie (Playaway)
- The Body in the Casket*** by Page, Katherine Hall
- Count to Ten*** by Patterson, James Cross
- The Line*** by Patterson, James
- City on Edge*** by Pintoff, Stefanie
- Imperfect Justice*** by Putman, Cara
- A Nest of Sparrows*** by Rainey, Deborah
- Bonfire*** by Ritter, Krysten
- Blood and Bone*** by Roberts, Nora
- Asylum*** by Scheyer, Moriz
- Bitter Moon*** by Sokoloff, Alexandra
- The Award*** by Steel, Danielle
- A Boy Made of Blocks*** by Stuart, Keith
- Direct Fire*** by Tata, A.J.
- Smooth Operator*** by Woods, Stuart



2020 CARES Act Grants Available

To assist Nebraska public libraries in responding to the coronavirus pandemic, the Nebraska Library Commission has been allocated \$165,000 in federal funds to provide grants to libraries through a competitive grant process. These funds are administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, from the CARES Act (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Public Law 116-136). The funding is available to help libraries prepare to reopen to the public and adapt services to reduce the impact of COVID-19.

Online applications will be accepted through 11:59 PM (CT) on June 30, 2020 at <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/grants/caresact/>

All legally established Nebraska public libraries (both accredited and non-accredited) are eligible to apply. Other organizations can partner with an eligible entity for purposes of submitting a grant application for a collaborative project. Partnerships with museums are encouraged. **A local match is not required.**

The spending principles for these funds are driven by the language in the CARES Act:

- To prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19; and
- To expand digital network access, purchase internet accessible devices, and provide for technical support services.

To achieve these purposes, the funding is to be used as follows:

Primarily to address digital inclusion and related technical support, using the following types of data to inform targeted efforts:

- Poverty/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
- Unemployment; and
- Broadband availability.

Here are some examples of projects that would fit this grant. This list is not exhaustive, but rather intended as a general guide or resource for allowable projects:

Connectivity: *Laptops, Chromebooks, tablet computers, or other devices for use inside or outside of the library; hotspots, devices with data plans; Wi-Fi extenders and repeaters; and other equipment upgrades.*

Digital content: *eBooks; Audiobooks; and databases.*

Unemployment related: *Online unemployment resources; assistance with job searches; training librarians to assist in unemployment; and partnerships with unemployment related organizations.*

Six Weeks of Weeding Results

In the middle of a pandemic, our system weeded out 6,694 items! We had 14 public libraries and one school library that turned in their results. Some of the worst items weeded were: an old set of Britannica Encyclopedias, *Abraham Lincoln-The Prairie Years* c. 1925, *The First Voices* (old Nebraska Hardcover magazine), and books about MySpace and 1999 Drugs!

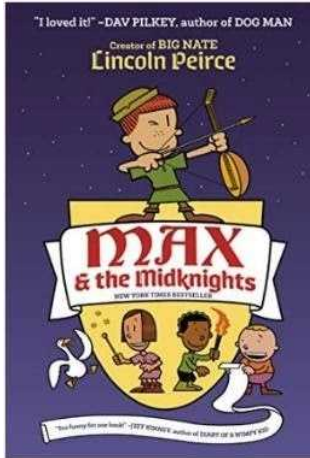
Winners of 4 Kindle Fires:

Axtell Public Library
Lexington Middle School
Logan County Library
Ravenna Public Library



New Book Sets

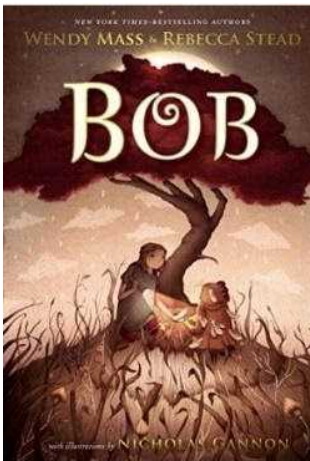
Central Plains Library System has recently purchased two sets of books from the 2020-2021 Golden Sower list. Would you like to give your students a jump-start on next year's program? Hold a book club online and have them get started reading the nominees, now.



Max and the Midnights by Lincoln Peirce (10 copies)

Max wants to be a knight! Too bad that dream is about as likely as finding a friendly dragon. But when Max's uncle Budrick is kidnapped by the cruel King Gastley, Max has to act...and fast! Joined by a band of brave adventurers--the Midnights--Max sets out on a thrilling quest: to save Uncle Budrick and restore the realm of Byjovia to its former high spirits!

Magic and (mis)adventures abound in this hilarious illustrated novel from the *New York Times* bestselling creator of the *Big Nate* series, Lincoln Peirce.



Bob by Wendy Mass & Rebecca Stead (10 copies)

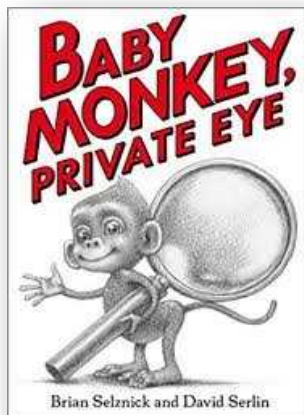
It's been five years since Livy and her family have visited Livy's grandmother in Australia. Now that she's back, Livy has the feeling she's forgotten something really, really important about Gran's house. It turns out she's right.

Bob, a short, greenish creature dressed in a chicken suit, didn't forget Livy, or her promise. He's been waiting five years for her to come back, hiding in a closet like she told him to. He can't remember who—or what—he is, where he came from, or if he even has a family. But five years ago, Livy promised she would help him find his way back home. Now it's time to keep that promise.

Clue by clue, Livy and Bob will unravel the mystery of where Bob comes from, and discover the kind of magic that lasts forever.



2020 Golden Sower Award Winners



Picture Book

Winner: *Baby Monkey, Private Eye* by Brian Selznick & David Serlin, illus. by Brian Selznick

Honor: *The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors* by Drew Daywalt, illus. by Adam Rex

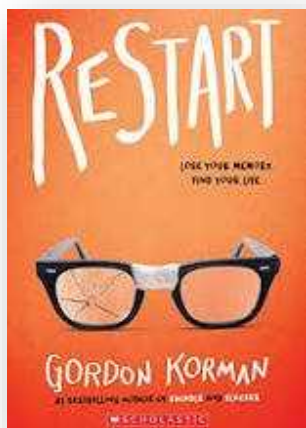
Can I Be Your Dog? by Troy Cummings

Chapter Book

Winner: *The Magic Misfits* by Neil Patrick Harris, illus. by Lissy Marlin & Kyle Hilton

Honor: *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate

The Doughnut Fix by Jessie Janowitz



Golden Sower Novel

Winner: *Restart* by Gordon Korman

Honor: *Not If I Save You First* by Ally Carter

Refugee by Alan Gratz

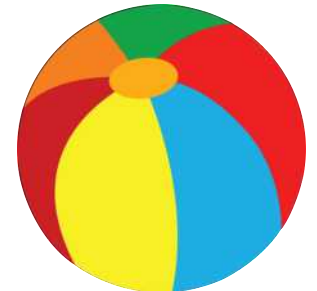
Thank you to all of the 24,019 students who read the Golden Sower Award nominees this year and voted for their favorite book. We know that many more students read the nominees this year but were unable to cast their votes due to the school cancellations – we want to thank you as well and hope that you keep reading Golden Sower nominees! We would also like to express our thanks to all of the teachers, media specialists and librarians who promoted the books in their schools and libraries. You help make the program a success!

Kathy Schultz
Chair, Golden Sower Award Committee

NCompass Live Webinars

Join the Nebraska Library Commission each week during their webinar series, *NCompass Live*, as they delve into a variety of library activities and topics including a mixture of presentations, interviews, book reviews, Web tours, mini training sessions, and Q & A sessions presented by NLC staff and guest speakers. Attendees are welcome to ask questions and participate in the show. Can't make it for the live show? Visit their website for [past webinars](#) so you don't miss out on these pertinent topics!

Title	Date	Time	Register
NCompass Live: Automating Virtual Student Library Cards	Jun 3	10am-11am	Register
NCompass Live: Identity and Impostor Syndrome in Library Makerspaces	Jun 10	10am-11am	Register
NCompass Live: Who are These People & Why are They in My Library? Using Empathy & UX to Understand Your Library Patrons	Jun 17	10am-11am	Register
NCompass Live: Pretty Sweet Tech	Jun 24	10am-11am	Register



CPLS Has Scholarship Money Available

Up to \$200.00 per event in Nebraska and \$300 for out-of-state events 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. 2nd Street # 233



Golden Sower 2021-2022

Shawna Lindner

Youth Services Librarian - Kearney Public Library

With many libraries and schools closed across the state, and **the CPLS Golden Sower Reading Day in Kearney cancelled**, access to books may be a little more difficult for you this year.

An option for the Picture Books is to go online and view the books on YouTube videos. Many of our nominees are read online, giving you access to the words and illustrations. They are quite simple to find! Search in the video section of Google, typing in the title of the book and author. Or, just go directly to YouTube! Here is an example of *I am Not a Fish!* By Peter Raymundo <https://youtu.be/2kShZL35Qn4>

Contact Shawna Lindner at SLindner@kearneygov.org to sign up to be a reader and be given access to the final copy of the Picture Book reading list for 2021-2022. Keep in mind, Picture Book selections should be appropriate for Kindergarten through 2nd grade students (ages 5 – 9). Please read and select titles as if you are seeing them through a child's eye, select what they will enjoy, not based on what will fit curriculum.

An option for the Chapter Books list is to read the books as eBooks through OverDrive. Many schools and public libraries offer this service for free to their patrons. Please know we understand you may not be able to read all of the titles. Read as many as you can and adjust your voting accordingly. If you read 20 books and only 5 stand out, submit 5 votes instead of 10. Our voting is percentage based, so it will all balance out.

Contact Shawna Lindner at SLindner@kearneygov.org to sign up to be a reader and be given access to the final copy of the Chapter Book reading list for 2021-2022. Keep in mind, Chapter Book selections should be appropriate for 3rd through 5th grade students (ages 9 – 12). Please read and select titles as if you are seeing them through a child's eye, select what they will enjoy, not based on what will fit curriculum.

Voting:

- An electronic ballot will be sent to you via email. You are able to vote for up to ten titles. Please plan to submit your votes no later than midnight on Monday, July 20, 2020. With summer schedules unknown at this time, I wanted to share a deadline date to aim for. It is possible this date may be adjusted to a later date.
- Due to COVID 19, the date and location of the selection/discussion meeting will be announced at a later time. Thank you for understanding.

Have fun reading & voting for your favorite books this summer!

SOAR with Libraries: Sharing Our Amazing Resources

#ARSL2020 is coming to Wichita, Kansas, September 30–October 3, 2020!



Kansas looks forward to welcoming small and rural library staff, trustees and friends from across the nation for this year's Association for Rural and Small Libraries Annual Conference. We are planning many useful, exciting and fun events for your visit.

Early bird registration will begin June 15 and run through July 31, 2020. Registration after July 31 will be at the regular rate.

Our conference venue this year is significantly larger than in the past. We do not anticipate having to limit registrations so encourage your fellow rural and small libraries to join us for an outstanding conference.

See you in Wichita!

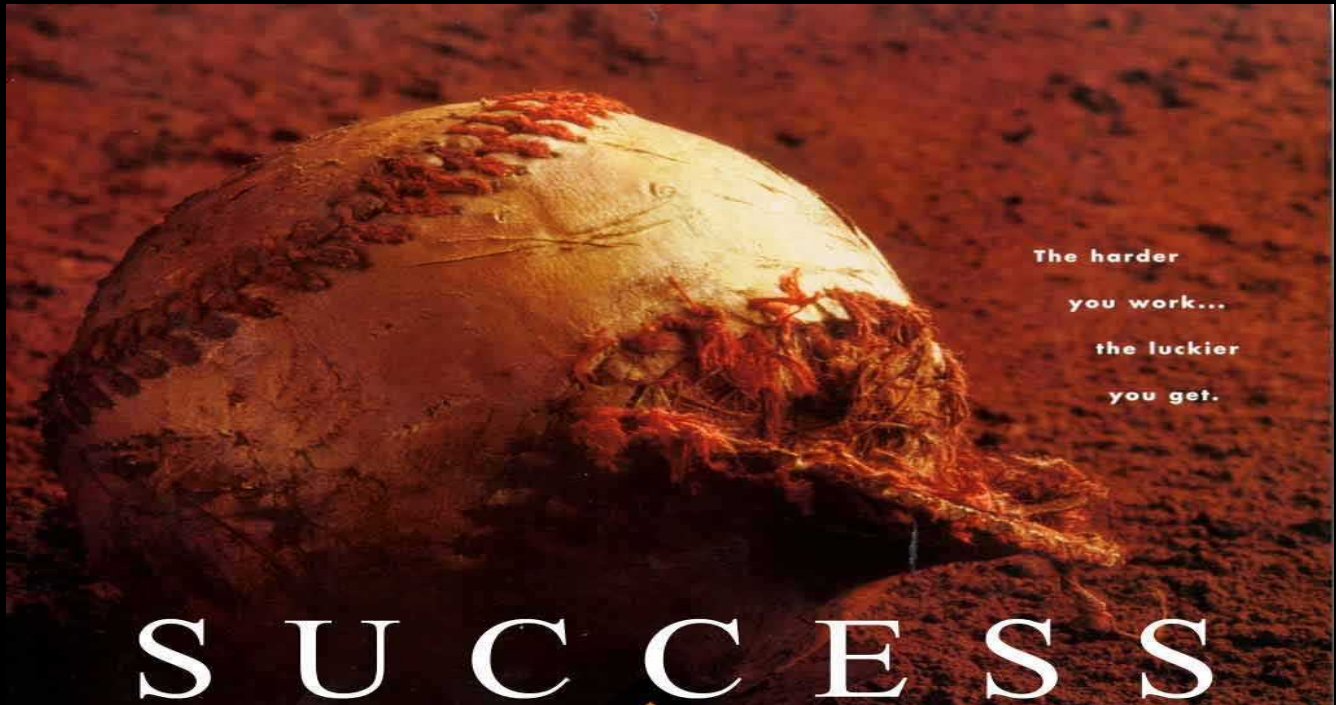


CPLS Board Meeting Schedule

- July 10, 2020—Board & Annual Meeting (Virtual)
- October 9, 2020
- January 8, 2021
- April 9, 2021



CPLS BOARD & ANNUAL MEETING



The harder
you work...
the luckier
you get.

S U C C E S S

Attend the Central Plains Library System's first ever Virtual Annual Meeting on Zoom. Hear about the System activities from this past year and get a sneak peek of the new services and educational opportunities for 2020-2021.

**FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2020
Virtual Meeting**

11:00am—CPLS Board Meeting

12:30-1:00pm—Lunch Break

1:00-1:30pm—Annual Meeting

1:30pm—Virtual Tours

- **Loup River Distilling**
- **Museum of Nebraska Major League Baseball**

Register: <https://forms.gle/n3GAWceVGpAySSH88>

Zoom Meeting ID: 833 9912 4624

Password: 856566

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83399124624?pwd=c3FUa0YyNS95QkVQUEZIOFR6eU5kdz09>



Summer Fun with Perler Beads

Central Plains Library System has a Perler Bead set to loan to its members including the beads, pegboards, and idea books. Perler Beads are plastic fusible beads. These colorful beads come in a huge array of colors and are usually arranged on plastic pegboards to form patterns then fused together with a clothes iron. They can

also be strung into necklaces, woven into keychains, or even assembled into 3-D décor items such as tissue boxes and pencil cases. In addition to being educational, they can also be a fun makerspace project that helps to bring artwork to life. These simple projects are great for all ages and all makerspaces. Call the office today to reserve this experience kit for your library!

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, 2020 thru June 30, 2021, 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!

Cover One Book Repair Service!

The System has 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.



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THERE IS ALWAYS THAT ONE SUMMER THAT CHANGES YOU.

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Every great change is preceded by chaos.
~Deepak Chopra

Tina Frisco

Every next level of your life will demand a different you.

“ 'Cause a little bit of summer is what the whole year is all about.”

JOHN MAYER

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"Stay positive. Better days are on their way."

—Unknown



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