

PLAIN SPEAKING

CENTRAL PLAINS LIBRARY SYSTEM NEWSLETTER

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Grant Opportunity

Community members come into public libraries every day, hoping to complete life tasks many of us take for granted, but sometimes lacking the basic computer skills needed to accomplish them. The Public Library Association, in collaboration with AT&T, has free online courses, ready-to-go workshop materials, and now, money to pay for the costs of conducting those workshops for your patrons. The PLA Digital Literacy Workshop Incentive will cover the expenses for conducting classes either in-person or online.

Here is how it works:

1. Plan digital literacy workshops using resources from [DigitalLearn.org](https://www.digitallearn.org).
2. Apply for the training incentive that fits your planning.
 - Tier 1 Incentive recipients will receive \$4,000 and be required to conduct a minimum of three workshops reaching a total of 18 learners.
 - Tier 2 Incentive recipients will receive \$7,000 and be required to conduct a minimum of five workshops reaching a minimum of 50 learners.
3. Review the FAQ for more information.
4. Preview the application as a PDF before getting started.
5. Go to the online application.

The application **deadline is June 10, 2022**. Examples of how incentive funds may be used:

- Hire trainers to conduct the workshops.
- Purchase non-capital equipment to be used for training (e.g., computer and/or projector to be used for trainings).
- Print handouts, certificates and other learner materials for in-person trainings.
- Provide snacks for attendees at in-person trainings.

Even if you do not want to apply for this workshop incentive, you should check out these FREE resources.

Through [DigitalLearn.org](https://www.digitallearn.org), your library will have access to a collection of self-directed tutorials. Modules include basic skills such as using a computer, navigating a website, and searching. Libraries also have access to training materials to conduct workshops for digital literacy learners. Each training materials packet includes: a PowerPoint deck, a script, a trainer's guide, and learner handouts and exercises.



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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



Registration Timeline

June 14, 2022 | Early Bird Registration opens; Virtual Registration opens
July 26, 2022 | Early Bird Registration closes

2022 Conference Rates

	<u>Early Bird Pricing</u>	<u>Regular Pricing</u>	<u>Virtual-Only Attendance**</u>
ARSL Members	\$275	\$350	\$50
Nonmembers	\$350	\$425	\$75
Advocates, Students, & Retirees*	\$225	\$275	\$25

What Book Do You Think Should Be The 2023 One Book One Nebraska Selection?

The One Book One Nebraska program cultivates a culture of reading and discussion by bringing our diverse state together around one great book.



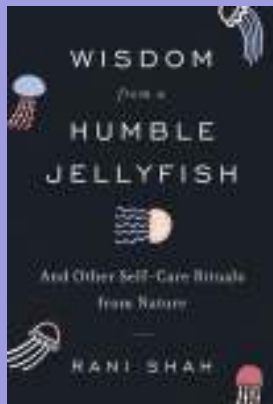
Reading great literature provokes us to think about ourselves, our environment and our relationships. Talking about great literature with friends, families and neighbors often adds richness and depth to the experience of reading.

The Nebraska Center for the Book will consider books written by a Nebraska author (living or dead) or that have a Nebraska theme or setting. Selecting a work by a Nebraska author or set in Nebraska celebrates our state's literary heritage.

- Fiction
- Non-fiction
- Biography
- Memoir
- Poetry

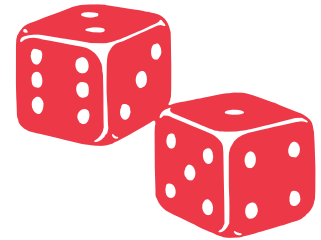
[Submit your nomination](#) for the 2023 One Book One Nebraska selection! The deadline for the 2023 selection is **June 15**.

Mental Health Mondays in May a HUGE Success!



Many from around the System enjoyed our Mental Health Mondays in May workshop series. If you missed the presentations, would like to watch them again, or want access to the resources you can do that on our [YouTube page](#).

We held a drawing for attendees for a chance to win a book *Wisdom from a Humble Jellyfish*, recommended by one of our presenters, Jeremy Bolom, as well as one of four mindfulness and personal care journals. We are happy to announce that **Janette Duffield** of Valentine Public Library won the *Wisdom from a Humble Jellyfish* book and the winners of the mindfulness and personal care journals were **Jennifer Norton** of Lexington Public Library, **Jennie Smith** of Wilson Public Library in Cozad, **Katie Foster** of Indianola Public Library and **Dixie Codner** of Central Community College-Grand Island Campus. Congratulations to all the winners! And thank you for your attendance at the workshop series!



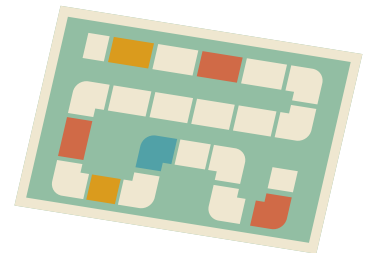
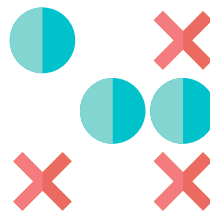
EDUCATORS AGREE-GAMES PLAY VITAL ROLES IN THE PHYSICAL AND COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN. WE PLAY PEEK-A-BOO, TAG, AND LEARN TO STACK BLOCKS TO ENGAGE IN THE WORLD AROUND US AND INTERACT WITH OTHERS. WHEN CHILDREN PLAY, THEY LEARN TO MAKE AND PRACTICE NEW SOUNDS. THEY TRY OUT NEW VOCABULARY WITH 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: THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH, 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



REGISTER HERE: [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/3VSNVIEQwSFUc62A](https://forms.gle/3VSNVIEQwSFUc62A)

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 administrated by the Nebraska Library Commission.



CPLS Board Meeting & Annual Meeting

Friday, July 8th, 2022
10am - 3pm
St. Paul, NE

Registration Fee: \$10 payable to the System office or at the door

3 CE's per participant

- Enjoy lunch from The Sweet Shoppe! The Sweet Shoppe is home to over 1700 cookies jars! People love coming into enjoy a home cooked meal while looking at all the cookie jars. From antique collectibles to Nickelodeon characters, there is a jar that will bring a smile to everyone's face!
- Tour of a combined public & school library in St. Paul! The St. Paul Library provides quality educational and recreational opportunities by offering materials in all formats to reflect the particular needs, interests, and lifestyles of its users. See what makes this library unique!
- Tour of Museum of Nebraska Major League Baseball. The Museum of Nebraska Major League Baseball is dedicated to illustrating the careers of over 140 men with Nebraska ties who have made it to the Major Leagues of American Baseball. The museum contains artifacts and information on native Nebraskan's and those with Nebraska roots or ties. Major displays on the Hall of Fame players illustrate their baseball careers including trading cards, pictures, and artifacts.
- Tour of Loup River Distillery. Eric and Maria Montemagni began the journey of creating Loup River Distilling in 2016. Eric was looking for an opportunity to add value to his corn crop and decided what better way to promote Nebraska corn farmers than turning that corn into whiskey! The name Loup River Distilling was selected to represent the area we call home. They strive to produce quality corn-based spirits from their farm, emphasizing the "grain to glass" motto. The Montemagni Family has a row crop operation in Howard and Greeley counties. Eric has been farming all his life and is a third-generation farmer. He has a B.S. degree in agronomy from Cal Poly and has spent considerable time researching the craft distilling industry. Their goal is to utilize local products in making high quality spirits. They hope their customers will enjoy fine crafted cocktails in the relaxing atmosphere of the tasting room, and share their products at home with your family and friends.

FOR MORE DETAILS & TO REGISTER: <https://forms.gle/ngPUYU5qiYHbm8v78>

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28th Annual Joint Youth Services Retreat to be Held September 1-2

The Regional Library Systems in Nebraska are happy to invite you to the 28th Annual Joint Youth Services Retreat! This year we will again be holding our retreat in person at Camp Carol Joy Holling near Ashland. So many have commented on how much they miss the in person retreat and we are glad to announce...We're back!

If you have never had the privilege of attending the retreat yet, make it your goal to attend this year! Attendees have the choice to come for the day or to stay overnight to experience the true retreat aspect of the experience and be able to collaborate with other librarians from around the state who are involved in kid/tween/teen programming. It is always held the Thursday and Friday before Labor Day. This year it falls on Thursday, September 1st, and Friday, September 2nd. All meals and snacks are included with the registration. Words cannot describe how nice it is to be there and be able to focus on learning ways to impact the youths that you serve! There is not a lack of food, timely topics, collaboration and fellowship or learning that is jam packed into this event. Even at night, different ones join together to talk over games, drinks or walks around the property although some use that time to let the information of the day soak in and enjoy some quiet time as well.

The Joint Youth Services Retreat will cover a broad range of subjects affecting each and everyone of you in your jobs on a daily basis. A sneak peek at the agenda is on the next page!

[Register Here!](#)

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The Agenda for this retreat includes:

Thursday

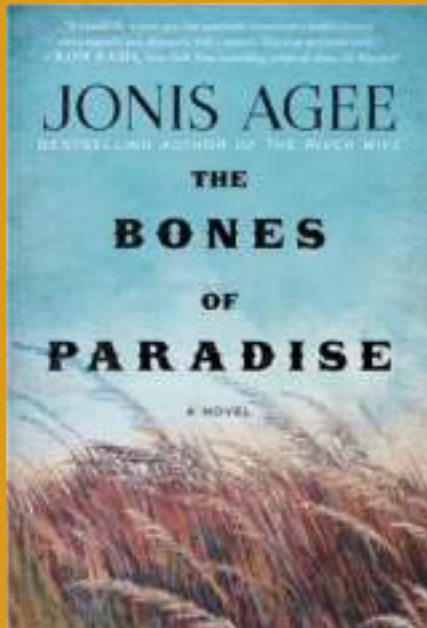
- 8:00 Breakfast for those who arrived Wednesday evening**
- 9-9:15 Icebreaker: The greatest mistake I ever made in programming**
- 9:20-10:10 Top Teen Books—Sally Snyder (prerecorded)**
- 10:20-11:10 Story times with ASL—Amanda Winkler**
- 11:20-11:50 Illustrator Visit with Aaliya Jaleel**
- 12:00 LUNCH**
- 1:15-2:05 “Booktalk” your top successes, crafts, programs, etc.! (participants)**
- 2:15-3:05 Gaming With the Library--James Tidei and Jacquelyn Schranz**
- 3:15 -4:05 Technology Kits from the NLC--Amanda Sweet**
- 4:15 -6:00 Games, Tech Kits, Take a Walk, Network**
- 6:00 Supper for those who are staying overnight**
- 7:00 Relaxation Time! Do what you want. You are welcome to continue networking, gaming, etc.**

Friday

- 8:00 Breakfast for those who lodged at the Swanson Center overnight**
- 9:00-9:50 Best New Children’s Books 2022 with Ali Bousquet and Garren Hochstetler.**
- 10:00-10:50 How to find the right verbiage when someone doesn't like a book...
--Vicki Wood**
- 11:00-11:50 Using Storytelling for Life--Terry Wolfisch Cole**
- 12:00 Lunch**
- 1:15-2:45 Take 5- Sheila Palmquist- Lincoln Yoga Center-
calming, centering activities for children**

Final Business, Giveaways, Evaluations, Feedback

CENTRAL PLAINS PRESENTS: JONIS AGEE



We are pleased to announce that the CPLS Board recently decided to use ARPA funding to pay the speaker costs for those bringing Jonis Agee, the author of this year's One Book One Nebraska choice, *Bones of Paradise*, to their library through Humanities Nebraska!

The **first 50 eligible libraries which apply** will see CPLS pay the Humanities Nebraska fee of \$50 directly, instead of needing to pay it themselves. If your library has already booked Jonis Agee for 2022, please let us know and CPLS can reimburse you. This is a great opportunity to offer programming to your patrons at no additional cost to your library! And what a great presentation to have, a One Book One Nebraska author!

Jonis Agee is a Nebraska author whose presentation is entitled "Bones of Paradise: A Novel Examined." Her novel "offers readers a multi-generational saga set in the Nebraska Sand Hills. Agee discusses how she came to

write this story in this setting, and shares her approaches to research, character development and more." (From the Humanities Nebraska website:

<https://humanitiesnebraska.org/catalog/age-range/adults/bones-of-paradise-a-novel-examined/>

Just a reminder that if this is a library's first presentation by a Humanities Nebraska speaker this year, \$50 will cover the entire portion of the library's cost. If Jonis Agee is the second Humanities speaker you have booked this year, the total cost for a second speaker is \$100, so our \$50 will only cover half.

All school and public libraries within the CPLS service area are eligible. We do encourage partnerships between school & public libraries in this endeavor. School librarians may want to coordinate with their school administrators so that the entire student body can participate, or the school may even choose to host an open house for the community.

The steps which you need to take:

- Contact Jonis Agee at jagee2@unl.edu to set a date and time for the presentation.
- Fill out the Humanities Nebraska paperwork. For schools the form is [here](#) and for public libraries the form is [here](#).
- At the bottom of the second page, write "Please Invoice Central Plains Library System."
- After you have read the rules on the form carefully, please send one copy to Humanities Nebraska and another copy to Central Plains Library System (via our email address at cplsasst@gmail.com or our physical address at: 2727 W. 2nd Street, Suite #233, Hastings, NE 68901). Keep a copy for yourself!
- Make sure Humanities Nebraska receives your application paperwork at least 1 month in advance of the presentation. This is necessary in order to give Humanities Nebraska time to process the application and to arrange for payment to Jonis Agee.

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:

- *Shadow Reel* by Box, C.J.
- *Three Ordinary Girls* by Brady, Tim
- *The Heights* by Candlish, Louise
- *A Caribbean Mystery* by Christie, Agatha
- *Cat Among the Pigeons* by Christie, Agatha
- *The Murder on the Links* by Christie, Agatha
- *Sparkling Cyanide* by Christie, Agatha
- *Birds of California* by Cotugno, Katie
- *The Recovery Agent* by Evanovich, Janet
- *The Chase* by Fox, Candice
- *Crimson Summer* by Graham, Heather
- *LESS* by Greer, Andrew Sean
- *The Overnight Guest* by Gudenkauf, Heather
- *The Midnight Library* by Haig, Matt
- *The Younger Wife* by Hepworth, Sally
- *Part of Your World* by Jimenez, Abby
- *A Country Affair* by Macomber, Debbie
- *Between Friends* by Macomber, Debbie
- *Dear Santa* by Macomber, Debbie
- *Here Comes Trouble* by Macomber, Debbie
- *The Good Son* by Mitchard, Jacquelyn
- *Run Rose Run* by Parton, Dolly and Patterson, James
- *The Book Woman's Daughter* by Richardson, Kim Michele
- *Vendetta in Death* by Robb, J.D.
- *Lucky Turtle* by Roorbach, Bill
- *Daughters of the Occupation* by Sanders, Shelly
- *Wisdom from a Humble Jellyfish* by Shah, Rani
- *The Cartographers* by Shepherd, Peng
- *Fool Me Once* by Winstead, Ashley
- *A Safe House* by Woods, Stuart

2022 YALSA's Top Teen Nominees Announced!

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association, has officially announced the 2022 Teens' Top Ten Nominees. This year's list of nominees features 25 titles that were published between Jan. 1, 2021 and Dec. 31, 2021. The annotated list is available at <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten>.



Teens are encouraged to read the nominees throughout the summer to prepare for the national Teens' Top Ten vote, which will take place Aug. 15 - Oct. 12th. The ten nominees that receive the most votes will be named the official 2022 Teens' Top Ten. As the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has put a strain on in-person library experiences, this is a great opportunity to better utilize digital resources. We encourage teens to engage in digital resources, especially e-books and audiobooks offered by their libraries. To learn more, visit www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten

CPLS SYSTEM NEWS WE CAN ALL USE:

Local Libraries Pitch in to Help with Devastating Wildfires

South-central Nebraska was struck by a wildfire that devastated the area. The fire started around noon on Thursday, April 7th. Strong winds blew a dead tree into the power line seven miles southwest of Elwood. Extremely powerful winds, clocked at 60 mph across the region, fanned the flames which scorched tens of thousands of acres in a line to the southeast of the fire's origin. The Furnas County communities of Arapahoe and Edison were ordered to evacuate. According to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) the fire damaged at least eight homes and 48 outbuildings. Two UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters with crews, a 25-person Wildland Taskforce hand crew, a State Patrol helicopter and support vehicles from the Nebraska National Guard were all on scene. 40 fire departments from across the state pitched in to help. The American Red Cross was in Arapahoe to provide assistance.

Sadly, an accident during the response to fighting the fire claimed the life of a local fire chief and sent another official to the hospital. So not only was the community dealing with the wildfire and being evacuated but they were also overcome with emotions from losing one of their own.

Jane Hilton, Elwood Public Library Director, kept the library open hours past closing time to provide a space for people to drop off food, water, and other supplies during the fire. And according to their Facebook page, the Arapahoe Public Library also opened up for first responders to have a place to rest during the fire. CPLS is proud of our libraries for stepping up to help the community when it was greatly needed!



Credit for Photos :News Channel Nebraska

CPLS SYSTEM NEWS WE CAN ALL USE:



Holdrege Area Public Library Hosts Pollinator Program

Holdrege Area Public Library partnered with Nebraska Public Media, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Nebraska Statewide Arboretum and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Bee Lab for programming inspired by My Garden of a Thousand Bees, the 40th-season-premiere episode of Nature on PBS to Celebrate Nebraska Pollinators. Guest Speaker Betty Sayers of Holdrege, beekeeper and owner of Buzz Savories, talked about the importance of pollinators, beekeeping and what she creates with the honey. Wildflower seed packets and resource guides were handed out as well!



Photos courtesy of Sierra Burrows, Head of Circulation and Reference at the Holdrege Area Public Library.

CPLS SYSTEM NEWS WE CAN ALL USE:



Ravenna Public Library is ready for "Oceans of Possibilities!"

Joy Kyhn, Director at Ravenna Public Library, is set to have Oceans of Fun this summer! Here is a look at how she has the library decorated for their Summer Reading programs. What do you "sea" that you could incorporate for your library? An "a-Ray" of different things we imagine!



Photos courtesy of Joy Kyhn of Ravenna Public Library.

CPLS SYSTEM NEWS WE CAN ALL USE:

Wilson Public Library in Cozad Installs a Permanent StoryWalk



IN NOVEMBER 2021, COZAD'S WILSON PUBLIC LIBRARY WAS AWARDED A NEBRASKA LIBRARY COMMISSION LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT GRANT FOR A PERMANENT STORYWALK AT MUNY PARK. THIS PROJECT 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.

A STORYWALK IS A MOVEMENT AND LITERACY BOOSTING PROJECT THAT PLACES AN ILLUSTRATED CHILDREN'S BOOK, TAKEN APART AND DISPLAYED PAGE BY PAGE, ALONG A COMMUNITY WALKING ROUTE. TWENTY STORYWALK POSTS WERE INSTALLED BY THE COZAD STREET DEPARTMENT AROUND THE WALKING TRACK AT THE PARK IN MID-APRIL AND THE COZAD LIBRARY FOUNDATION PROVIDED ADDITIONAL FUNDS BEYOND THE GRANT.

"DURING COVID, STORYWALKS WERE A WAY FOR US TO ENCOURAGE LITERACY WHILE THE LIBRARY WAS CLOSED, AND WE DID THEM AROUND THE LIBRARY, DOWNTOWN, AND AT SEVERAL CITY PARKS. ONCE WE RE-OPENED, WE CONTINUED WITH THEM BECAUSE OUR PATRONS, ESPECIALLY FAMILIES, TOLD US HOW MUCH THEY ENJOYED SPENDING TIME TOGETHER OUTSIDE READING THE STORIES. WITH THE LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT GRANT, WE NOW HAVE A PERMANENT SOLUTION—MOTHER NATURE TENDED TO DESTROY THE LAMINATED STORIES AFTER A WEEK," SAID LIBRARY DIRECTOR LAURIE YOCOM. "OUR PLAN IS TO HAVE MONTHLY STORYWALKS AROUND THE PARK, NOT LIMITED TO CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOKS, AND WE WILL PARTNER WITH OTHER BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO MIGHT WANT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO OUR TOWN IN A UNIQUE WAY."

"FOR EXAMPLE, IN NOVEMBER, WE WANT TO PUT UP BIOGRAPHIES OF COZAD VETERANS. MAYBE IN SEPTEMBER WE COULD DO A STORYWALK ABOUT THE HISTORY OF OUR COMMUNITY'S HAY DAYS EVENT. WE'D LIKE TO HAVE SOMETHING DIFFERENT UP EVERY MONTH WITH A POTENTIAL FOLLOW-UP PROGRAM AT THE LIBRARY," SAID YOCOM.

THE LIBRARY IS ASKING THE PUBLIC TO HELP REACH A MONTHLY GOAL OF AT LEAST 50 PARTICIPANTS BY FILLING OUT BRIEF SURVEYS VIA QR CODES LOCATED ON THE LAST PAGE OF EACH STORYWALK. "I THINK OUR ATTENDANCE GOALS WILL BE EASILY MET IN THE SUMMER, AS YOU HAVE FAMILIES COMING IN FOR SWIM TEAM EVENTS AND BASEBALL GAMES, AND EVEN IN THE FALL WITH YOUTH LEAGUE FOOTBALL. THE HARDER TIMES WILL BE WHEN THE WEATHER IS COLD," CONTINUED YOCOM.

ULTIMATELY, THE STORYWALKS ARE AIMED AT BRINGING PEOPLE BACK TO THE LIBRARY. "IF YOU ENJOY THE STORIES, KNOW THAT THERE'S A LOT MORE AT THE LIBRARY."

Central Plains Library System
Hybrid Board Meeting
April 8, 2022
Jensen Memorial Library-Minden, Nebraska

Call to Order/Roll Call: The meeting was called to order by President Terri Johnson at 10:07 a.m. Secretary Terri Eberly took roll call.

Present:

In person: Tony Anderson, Doris Brandon, Janene Hill, Terri Johnson, Matthew Williams

Via Zoom: Jody Crocker, Terri Eberly, Lori Long

Absent: Jamie Dennis, Sherri Dux-Ideus, Linda Nickel, Shelley Ruterbories

Other attendees: Denise Harders, Autumn Carlson, Tim Johnson
Via Zoom: Christa Porter

Approval of Minutes: Tony Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2022. Janene Hill seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as circulated in the meeting packet.

Financial Reports: Denise reviewed the financial report. Denise explained the payout to Kay Kloppenberg for her accumulated PTO. Matt Williams made a motion to approve the financial reports. Doris Brandon seconded the motion. The financial reports were approved as circulated in the meeting packet.

Correspondence: Denise received thank you notes from Wilson Public Library in Cozad for presenting the Stepping Stone STEM workshop and for the give away prize they received, from Chris Simon, the Centura school librarian, for providing Golden Sower Book sets, and from Amy Coffman, Director of the Sutherland Library, for hosting virtual talk with the newly formed Friends of the Library group.

Directors Report:

- Thursday morning director meetings are being held.
- Several workshops in-person and virtual were held.
- Denise attended the Bison Days at McCook Public Schools and held two Cricut classes.
- Makerspace equipment is being used by libraries in the system
- Denise completed her term as NLA treasurer.
- System will be placing a puppet order for any libraries throughout all systems.

Old Business:

- Repair to the Jeep was completed with total cost about \$11,000.00. System has a \$500.00 deductible which was paid by the system.
- ARPA Formula Grants were completed. Central Plains had 77 entities of which 63 applied and qualified for grants totaling \$302,885.00
- System ARPA funds. The system will be using funds to provide programming for the SRP. Balloon artist, Ethan Boggs will be touring libraries in the system for 6 days and provide about 23 programs. The system will pay \$3,000.00. -\$4,000.00 toward the expense. The system will also look at providing the One Book One Nebraska: Bones of Paradise by Jonis Agee Humanities program to interested libraries in the system.

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New Business:

- Kay Kloppenberg retired effective March 31, 2022. Kay had multiple duties in the office which will be managed within the current staff. After much discussion, it was moved by Janene Hill and seconded by Doris Brandon to increase the hourly wage of Autumn Carlson to \$15.50 and increase her hours from 21-30 hours as needed, and to be re-evaluated in July. Motion carried. The staff will have three months to see how things work out and if additional staffing is required.
- Annual Meeting will be held July 8, 2022, in St. Paul. Tours of the distillery and baseball museum have been arranged. Registrations will be sent via email with a cost of \$10.00 to cover the lunch and other fees.
- Upcoming workshops were discussed. May is Mental Health Month, there will be four virtual workshops scheduled Mondays, May 2, 9, 16, 23 with different presenters. Also highlighted, was an in-person workshop, June 16, from 10-3, at the Hastings Museum titled The Games People Play. They will discuss how to host Board Game nights.
- Denise will be sending emails to libraries in the System for candidates to replace retiring board members: Tony Anderson, Lori Long, Linda Nickels, Shelley Ruterbories and Matt Williams. We currently have twelve members and according to bylaws can have 9-15 members of which 20% are to be non-librarians (board members and community members). The members will be elected at the annual meeting.

Other Business: Christa Porter gave the library commission report. Highlights

- Commission has added links to the COVID-19 and Pandemic Resources for Libraries to assist patrons in gathering accurate information.
- LSTA Appropriations. Congress completed appropriations for the remainder of the federal fiscal year. Funding for the remaining months will remain at last year's funding level. Nebraska's allocation under the LSTA appropriation was increased by about \$50,000.00 due to reallocations among state library agencies due to some states not meeting maintenance of effort requirements.
- Legislative Bills. LB282, LB1213, and LB1256 did not advance. LB75 How to determine the fate of the libraries in the event that a county discontinues township organizations advanced to select file and should pass on final reading.
- American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA). Eighty-five percent of libraries eligible for the grants completed applications with \$1,304,788.00 awarded. The \$120,000.00 not disbursed will be used to fund the final Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund (50,000.); additional funding (\$65,000.00) will be given to Youth and Library Improvement Grant recipients whose applications requests were not fully funded during the original grant process; and (\$5,000) will be used to purchase book club kits.
- NLC Grants for 2022: 10 CE and Training Grant applications will be funded for \$32,186.00. The NLC also approved all thirty-five internship applications.
- 2022 One Book One Nebraska: Support materials for The Bones of Paradise, by Jonis Agee are available on the NLC website. Jonis Agee is also a Humanities Nebraska speaker.
- Library Commission Personnel changes: Mary Geibel is the Office Specialist in Library Development, and Mackenzie Marrow joined Information Services as a Library Technician. Mackenzie identifies with they/them/their pronouns.
- Big Talk from Small Libraries held February 25, was a tremendous success. 636 pre-registrations and 371 logins throughout the day. Next conference is scheduled for February 25, 2023.
- NCompass Live Schedule included 4/20 Starting a Board Game Club at a Small Library.
- Basic Skills 2022 Schedule was listed.

There being no further business, Tony Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:40. A tour of the Jensen Memorial Library and lunch followed.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri Eberly, Secretary

New Book Kits

Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life. While we all wonder how our lives might have been, what if you had the chance to go to the library and see for yourself? Would any of these other lives truly be better?

In *The Midnight Library*, Matt Haig's enchanting blockbuster novel, Nora Seed finds herself faced with this decision. Faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one, following a different career, undoing old breakups, realizing her dreams of becoming a glaciologist; she must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place.



Diana O'Toole is perfectly on track. She will be married by thirty, done having kids by thirty-five, and move out to the New York City suburbs, all while climbing the professional ladder in the cutthroat art auction world. She's an associate specialist at Sotheby's now, but her boss has hinted at a promotion if she can close a deal with a high-profile client. She's not engaged just yet, but she knows her boyfriend, Finn, a surgical resident, is about to propose on their romantic getaway to the Galapagos—days before her thirtieth birthday. Right on time.

But then a virus that felt worlds away has appeared in the city, and on the eve of their departure, Finn breaks the news: It's all hands-on deck at the hospital. He has to stay behind. You should still go, he assures her, since it would be a shame for all of their nonrefundable trip to go to waste. And so, reluctantly, she goes.

Almost immediately, Diana's dream vacation goes awry. Her luggage is lost, the Wi-Fi is nearly nonexistent, and the hotel they'd booked is shut down due to the pandemic. In fact, the whole island is now under quarantine, and she is stranded until the borders reopen. Completely isolated, she must venture beyond her comfort zone. Slowly, she carves out a connection with a local family when a teenager with a secret opens up to Diana, despite her father's suspicion of outsiders.

In the Galapagos Islands, where Darwin's theory of natural selection was formed, Diana finds herself examining her relationships, her choices, and herself—and wondering if when she goes home, she too will have evolved into someone completely different.

NLC Book Kit Spotlight: Bronx Masquerade

By Mackenzie Marrow

In addition to the almost 90 book club kits that the System office has to loan, did you know that the Nebraska Library Commission has book club kits you can borrow? A new series on their blog will be spotlighting different books and hidden gems in our collection, and how they can be used for discussions.

What sold me on Bronx Masquerade by Nikki Grimes was a Goodreads review that said “I hated it, but my students loved it!”. And that’s how you know you have a good book on your hands.

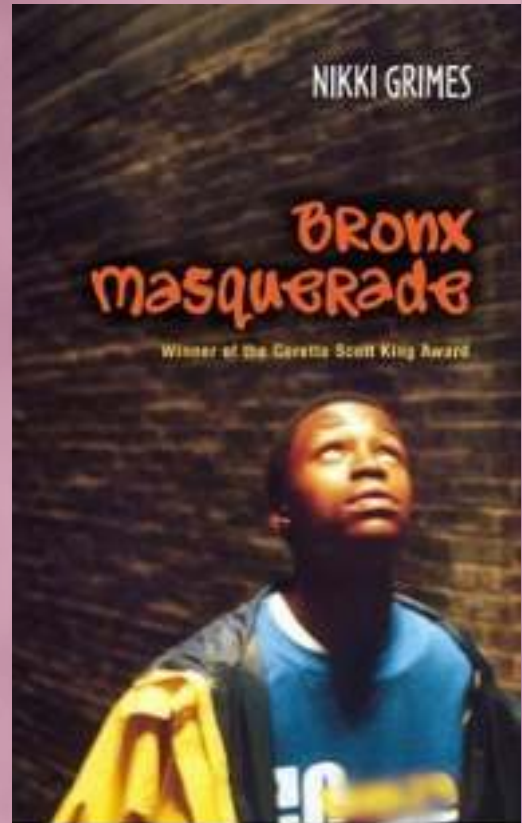
Bronx Masquerade is a fictional pseudo-narrative that hosts a collection of poems and slam poetry by Black and Hispanic high schoolers. Each poem and accompanying chapter gives the reader a short peak into the student’s lives. It’s a great way for your readers to explore other perspectives, and delve into how you never really know what’s going on beneath the surface of your classmates. Some poems are cheesy, and maybe even cringe worthy (especially

facing its 20th anniversary), but that makes the story more realistic. Not every 16 year old is going to be the next Ocean Vuong or Rupi Kaur and that’s ok! Maybe there are some aspiring poets in your class that can take that to heart.

This title can be used in the classroom as a great introduction into contemporary poetry, especially slam poetry. It is recommended for grades 7-12 and has a slew of awards including the 2003 Coretta Scott King Author Award. Further information about the title, including a Teaching Guide can be found on the author’s website.

If you’re interested in requesting this book for your book club/classroom, use the Book Club Kit Request Form listed here.

Grimes, Nikki. Bronx Masquerade. Speak. 2002



UPCOMING BASIC SKILLS CLASSES

<u>Class Date</u>	<u>Class Title</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>
6/6 - 6/17	<u>Readers' Advisory</u>		5/2 - 5/30
7/4 - 7/15	<u>Reference</u>	Christa Porter	5/30 - 6/24
7/25 - 8/5	<u>Library Policy</u>		6/20 - 7/15
8/15 - 8/26	<u>Collection Management*</u>	Denise Harders	7/11 - 8/5
8/29 - 9/9	<u>Programming & Outreach</u>	Christa Porter	7/25 - 8/19

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- June** National Pollinators Month
Rainbow Book Month
June 1 - World Reef Awareness Day
June 8 - World Ocean Day
June 4 - National SAFE Day
June 16 - The Games People Play (Hastings Museum) - 10am - 3pm
June 20 - Juneteenth Holiday - CPLS Office Closed
June 21 - National Seashell Day
June 23-28 - ALA Annual Conference (Washington, DC)
- July** National Ice Cream Month
July 3 - National Fried Clam Day
July 4 - 4th of July Holiday - CPLS Office Closed
July 8 - CPLS Board & Annual Meeting (St. Paul) - 10am - 3pm
July 18 - Ocean Day
- Aug 3 - National Watermelon Day
Aug 7 - Beach Party Day
Aug 10 - National S'mores Day
- Sept 1-2 - Joint Youth Services Retreat (Ashland)**
Sept 5 - Labor Day Holiday - CPLS Office Closed
Sept 14-17 - ARSL Conference (Chattanooga, TN)
- Oct 5-7 - NLA Conference (Kearney, NE)
Oct 14 - PLS Board Meeting - TBD
Oct 20 - Reverse Programming - 11am via Zoom

NCompass LIVE PRESENTATIONS

Every Wednesday 10am - 11am (CST)

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

<u>Policies of Yes</u>	Jun 8	<u>Register</u>
<u>CES 2022 and Libraries</u>	Jun 15	<u>Register</u>
<u>Retirement: Time to Ease on Down, Ease on Down the Road</u>	Jun 22	<u>Register</u>
<u>Pretty Sweet Tech</u>	Jun 29	<u>Register</u>
<u>Learning Opportunities and Resources from WebJunction</u>	Jul 20	<u>Register</u>
<u>Reinventing Programming Kits</u>	Aug 10	<u>Register</u>
<u>Team Up with Your Community!</u>	Aug 24	<u>Register</u>



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 you might want to go to the Joint Youth Services Retreat for the first time, or event 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
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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, 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!

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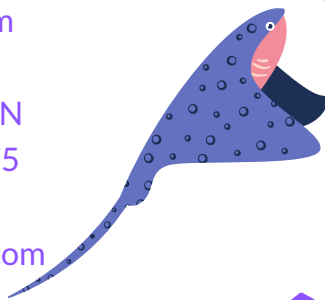
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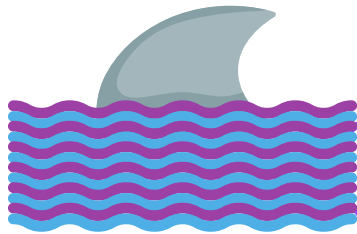
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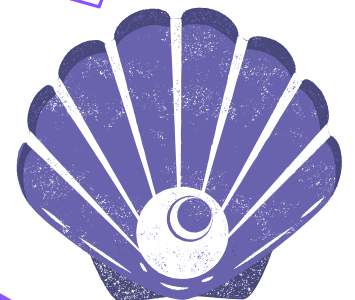


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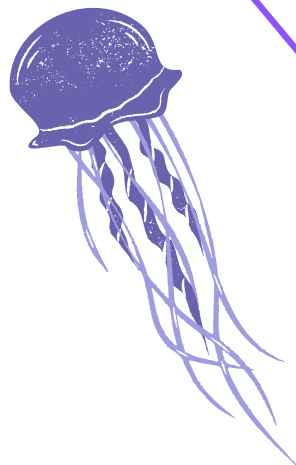
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