

Plain Speaking

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Make a Break For It

“Escape Rooms” are popular with people of all ages. I wanted to find out why, so at the 2017 Conference of the American Library Association in Chicago, I attended a session titled “Escape to the Library.” Now I understand the popularity—it’s FUN!!!

I learned about a kit that includes all the elements needed to create an Escape Room experience, no special room or space needed! An escape room is a narrative driven, immersive, real-life gaming experience where participants take a role and must work past a series of obstacles to accomplish a goal and “escape” the room. Escape rooms require players to work together to reveal hidden information in a string of puzzles to solve each within a set timeframe.

CPLS now has two Breakout EDU kits to lend to our libraries. Each kit comes with a large **Breakout EDU** box, a blue hasp, a four-digit lock, a key lock, an Alphabet

Multilock, an Directional Multilock, a smaller box, a deck of Reflection Cards, a three-digit lock, a UV flash light, a USB drive, and an invisible ink pen. When you borrow a kit, you will receive a password to access more than 350 games for players of all ages. Each game includes detailed instructions, printable materials, links, and a set-up video. The kit also has links to video tutorials and helpful tips about the locks.

Here is how to play:

- Listen carefully to the story that sets the stage.
- Look around for clues and artifacts that will provide the combinations to the locks.
- Talk with the group and share thoughts.
- Test out theories. Try the combinations. If they’re wrong, think some more and try again. (2 hints are available)
- Remove all the locks before the timer runs out to complete the game.

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All **Breakout EDU** games require critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and communication. Participants are provided with many opportunities to fail forward. Every unsuccessful attempt to open a lock forces the player to try again.

These kits can be used by public, school, and academic libraries. Your group is guaranteed to have a great time solving the puzzles. This activity is a terrific team-builder, too!

Call or email the CPLS office to reserve a **Breakout EDU** kit today!



Cookbook Club

Want to try a new kind of book club? How about one that centers on preparing food?

Instead of having everyone read the same book, pick a monthly theme. Participants choose a cookbook that fits the theme, select a recipe and prepare the dish to share at meetings. Themes could be Italian, Mexican, bread, soup and salad, holiday food, and on and on.



Those attending need to register once they have chosen their recipe. Participants are anyone who likes to cook and experiment to find new ways to improve recipes. Discussions include where to find equipment and ingredients locally.

Occasionally invite speakers such as nutrition experts or professional chefs to draw more interest in the club.

Central Plains Library System Board Meeting
July 7, 2017—10:00 am
Cedar Hills Vineyard and Garden
48970 375th Road
Ravenna, Nebraska 68869

Present: Tony Anderson, Dixie Codner, Jody Crocker, Judy Hagan, Kristie Hagstrom, Pat Hughes, Tim Johnson, Rochelle Krueger, Lori Long, Kathy Thomsen, and Matt Williams.

Absent: Shawna Linder, Linda Nickel

Also Present: Denise Harders, CPLS Director; Sharon Osenga, CPLS Director; Kay Kloppenborg, CPLS Administrative Assistant; Christa Porter, Nebraska Library Commission; Rod Wagner, Nebraska Library Commission; Keri Anderson, Don Jardon, Terri Johnson.

Call to Order/Roll Call

- Judy Hagan called the meeting to order on July 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Roll call followed.

Approval of the Minutes:

- Rochelle Krueger made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2017 meeting. Tony Anderson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Financial Report:

- Kristy Hagstrom made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Pat Hughes seconded the motion. The Financial Report was approved.

Correspondence:

Sharon:

- A thank-you from Bev Gustufson at Lexington Middle School for sending her a retirement card.
- A thank-you from Barb Keep of the Elm Creek Public Schools for helping her weed the collection. 820 books were weeded.
- A thank-you from Traci McKeon from the Pleasanton Public Schools for help with a weeding project.

Denise:

- A thank-you from Jessica Wall of Wilson Public Library, Cozad, for the Storm Chaser Tickets offered as part of the summer reading program;
- A thank-you from Irma Hahn from the Faith Memorial Library, Wallace, for stopping by to see how they were doing.

Director's Report:

- Denise will be teaching Collection Management for Basic Skills.
- Sharon will be teaching Library Policy for Basic Skills.
- Denise attended ALA and will have ideas to share.
- Sharon reported that freeing up an entire month to weed was a good idea.
- The oldest book weeded was an 1884 edition of one of Charles Dicken's books.
 - * Older books with library information stamped on them lose value.

System Awards:

- Don Jardon from Alma was awarded the Helping Hand Award.
- Linda Freeman from Ord was awarded the Helping Hand Award, in absentia.
- There were no nominations for the awards for library staff.

2017-2018 Budget:

- Denise reported that she and Kay would be using a different form for the 2017-2018 budget. At this time the other income category cannot be broken down into individual categories. Denise would like to separate the Other Category into more specific categories. Gary will help with the transition.
- The checking account currently has a balance.

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- CPLS has put funds into a saving account to cover Sharon's PTO and retirement expenses.
- The Library Commission has cut the CPLS budget for 2017-2018 because there will only be one Director after the first quarter.
- CPLS has cut the purchase of professional periodicals because they are available on Nebraska Access.
- CPLS purchased boxes to transport the dies for the die cut machines.

Pat made a motion to accept the 2017-2018 budget. Dixie seconded the motion. The 2017-2018 budget was approved.

Retiring Board Members: Denise and Sharon thanked the retiring board members for their service.

- Sharon presented a gift to retiring board member Rochelle Krueger.
- Denise presented a gift to retiring board member Jody Crocker.
- Sharon presented a gift to retiring board member Kristie Hagstrom.

The next Central Plains Board meeting will be held on October 26, 2017 at either Cozad or St. Paul.

Election of Officers:

- Judy Hagan was nominated as President.
- Shawna Linder was nominated as Vice President.
- Kathy Thomsen was nominated as Secretary.

Tony made a motion to accept the slate of officers by acclamation. Tim seconded the motion. The slate of officers for 2017-2018 was approved.

Old Business:

A discussion was held about what to do with Sharon's seven-year-old Mac computer. It is still working. Tim made a motion to let Sharon keep the computer. Tony seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Pat made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rochelle seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Thomsen, Secretary



Welcome Back to
School...

Hope you have
a terrific year!



Library and Information Services

Online Course Offerings

<http://www.cccneb.edu/library/>

Enrollment for Fall is Open

Fall Term 2017: Aug. 22, 2017 – Dec. 15, 2017

Fall 2017

LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services

Marty Magee, Instructor

This course, the recommended first in the Library and Information Services curriculum, provides introductory information in multiple areas.

- Library history and organizations
- Foundation Principles/Code of Ethics
- Information databases and Internet usage

LIBR 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies

Michael Straatmann, Instructor

This course includes the theories, concepts and activities integral to leading and managing 21st Century libraries and information agencies.

- Leadership principles
- Management strategies

LIBR 2940 Library and Information Services Capstone Practicum

Erica Rose, Instructor

This capstone course is the last course in the Library & Information Services program. Students will complete 40 hours of service learning in a host library. The course also includes a review of the principle pieces of learning from the LIS program.

- *Prerequisites: LIBR 1010, 2100, 2150, 2210, & 2250*

Library and Information Services Online Course Offerings 2017-2018		
Fall 2017	Spring 2018	Summer 2018
Libr 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services	Libr 2150 Managing Collections in Libraries and Information Agencies	Libr 2100 Reference Resources and Services
Libr 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies	Libr 2210 Cataloging and Classification	
Libr 2940 Library Science Capstone Practicum	Libr 2940 Library Science Capstone Practicum	

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**Central Plains Library System Annual Meeting
July 7, 2017
Cedar Hills Vineyard & Gardens
48970 375th Road
Ravenna, NE 68869**

Present: Tony Anderson, Keri Anderson, Carol Bose, Dixie Codner, Jody Crocker, Steve Fosselman, Amy Hafer, Judy Hagan, Kristi Hagstrom, Denise Harders, Audrey Heil, Janene Hill, Jane Hilton, Dan Holtz, Mrs. Holtz, Sherry Houston, Pat Hughes, Don Jardon, Terri Johnson, Tim Johnson, Mo Khamouna, Kay Kloppenborg, Rochelle Krueger, Lori Long, Sharon Osenga, Christa Porter, Sky Seery, Sally Snyder, Darcie Stark, Raylene Stephens, Kathy Thomsen, Rod Wagner, Sandra Wallick, Claudette Wielechowski, and Laurie Yocom.

Absent: Shawna Linder, Linda Nickel

Call to Order/Roll Call: Judy Hagan called the third annual meeting of the Central Plains Library System to order on July 7, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. The attendees introduced themselves including which library or organization they were representing.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the Central Plains Library System's Annual Meeting, which was held on July 22, 2016, were read. Mo Khamouna made a motion to approve the minutes. Jane Hilton seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

Director's Report:

- Sharon reported that it is a good idea to dedicate an entire month to weeding and that this April was a successful month of weeding.
- Winners of the Kindles for the month of weeding were Orleans Public Library and Valentine Community Schools.
- 2017-2018 - Year of the Makerspace
 - ◊ A workshop is planned
- Sharon reported that there is an increased use of the cutting machines and that they are booked solid.
- Audio books and book sets are also available from CPLS.
- Golden Sower Kits have been created and are now available.
 - ◊ Each kit contains one copy of each nominee for that grade level.
- The CPLS newsletter is online or available through email.
- If there is a service you would like to see CPLS offer that they currently are not offering, let Denise know.

Helping Hand Awards:

- Don Jardon of Alma was presented the Helping Hand Award.
- Linda Freeman of Ord was presented the Helping Hand Award in absentia.

Retiring CPLS Board Members:

- Jody Crocker of McCook City Library.
- Kristi Hagstrom of Township Library.
- Rochelle Krueger of Calvin T. Ryan Library UNK

The bylaws were changed at the April 6, 2017 meeting so an election of new members for the CPLS board was not required this year. The number of board members will be reduced to ten by natural attrition.

Mo Khamouna made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tony Anderson seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Thomsen, Secretary



How do you plan to encourage teens to write, tell and share their own stories? Teen Read Week will only be successful if libraries reach beyond serving the teens who are library 'regulars' and get teens involved.

Click on this link <http://teenreadweek.ning.com/page/activity-ideas> to see 50 ways you can prepare for and celebrate Teen Read Week.



Children who complete your Summer Reading Program are eligible to win one of fifteen \$529 NEST College Savings Scholarships. Five will be awarded in each of Nebraska's three congressional districts. In addition the library of each winner will also win \$250! Here is your file for submitting children and teen names for the scholarship drawing, click: [Excel](#) and save the file to your hard drive. Please note there are 2 tabs in the file, one is instructions,

and the other is where you can type the contestants' names. When you have accumulated the names from your SRP please send an electronic version of the file back to Sally Snyder, sally.snyder@nebraska.gov. **The deadline is 11:59:59 p.m., CT, on August 25, 2017.**

If you are unable to use the Excel file, you may list the children's and teens' names, with their phone numbers or parents' email addresses, in the body of an email and send it to Sally Snyder.

For complete information, go to <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/youth/summerreading/>

You don't want to miss this year's NLA/NSLA Annual Conference!

Mark your calendars for October 11-13, 2017 and head to Kearney!

Early bird registration ends August 15, 2017!



The Harry Potter Series is 20 Years Old



It's been 20 years since the British publisher Bloomsbury released J.K. Rowling's debut novel. It's unfathomable to recall that the initial print run was only 500 copies, contrasted with the more than 450 million copies sold after the series was complete.

To mark this happy occasion, we asked how Nebraska Library Commission staff started reading the Harry Potter books and what Hogwarts House they would belong to according to the sorting hat.

Here are our responses:

"My mother wanted to review the book for age appropriateness before she would gift it to my younger cousin. This was shortly after the third book had been released and the hype over the book series had come to a rolling boil." – **Anna Walter, Reader Services Advisor – Slytherin**

"It's not exactly exciting, but my mom checked it out from the North Platte library around the time it came out. It was sitting on the table, I was bored, and I picked it up."

◇ **Holli Duggan, Continuing Education Coordinator – Slytherin**

"I didn't read Harry Potter until I started working in a library; the first book came out as I was finishing high school and I didn't have time to read much fiction during college, so it wasn't really on my radar until much later. I picked up the audio version, narrated by Jim Dale, to listen to while I worked on a home renovation project several years ago, and was instantly hooked. I listened to all 7 books back-to-back. That was the most fun I've ever had refinishing woodwork!" – **Aimee Owen, Information Services Librarian – Gryffindor**

"I apparently had been living under a rock and did not find out about Harry Potter until after the third movie had come out. After I watched that, my friends basically threw the book at my head. By the time I turned the last page of Sorcerer's Stone I was hooked." – **Amanda Sweet, Reader Services Advisor – Gryffindor**

"I came to Harry Potter by way of a co-worker who was reading the books to her kids. She loaned me the first two in the series and I bought the third and took it on vacation with me. I was transported. Rowling's characters, setting, language, and story got me through one of the most difficult times in my life. Escaping to Hogwarts was literally a lifesaver. Then I discovered Jim Dale's amazing narration and my family moved family holidays to coincide with movie release dates. In every format, I am grateful for Jo Rowling and Harry Potter." – **Lisa Kelly, Information Services Director – Ravenclaw**

"My daughter started reading them in 4th grade, and loved them so much I started listening to them on CD." – **Mary Sauers, Government Services Librarian – Hufflepuff**

"I read the first Harry Potter book as part of a six-person book review event that happened twice a year live via satellite and recorded on videotapes - it was sponsored by the Library Commission. I was rapidly reading lots of books and I remember my comments about Harry being "it's a fun fantasy...kids will like it...magic is popular with this age group..." - a rather bland endorsement. When the second title was released it was in another reviewer's batch so I couldn't read it until after the live review session. By then the third book had just been released. I took my car during my lunch break and drove directly to the book store and bought my copy of book three, starting to read it that evening. For some reason, I didn't get hooked until book 2, but I have been an enthusiastic fan ever since." **Sally Snyder, Coordinator Children & YA Library Services - Hufflepuff**

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 and 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 Hastings 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!



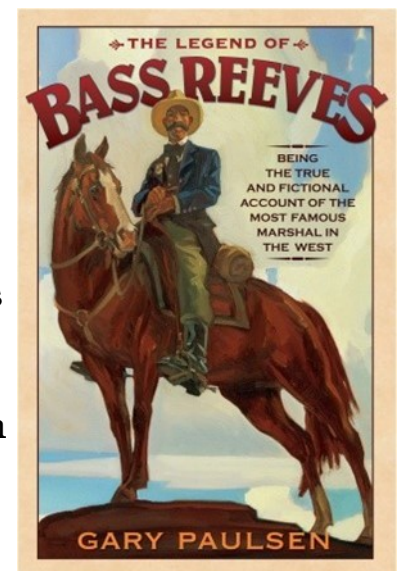
Cutting Machines

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 a 4" alphabet/numbers). System members may check the desired machine and/or dies out for a month at a time. See the reservation schedule online at: <http://libraries.ne.gov/cpls/die-shapes/>. Call the Hastings CPLS office to reserve this equipment for your library.

The Legend of Bass Reeves

Bass Reeves is the greatest western lawman you've never heard of. While many people idolize Butch Cassidy, Wyatt Earp, and Billy the Kid, very little has been said about the former escaped slave who became the most successful U.S. marshals of his time. Born a slave on the western prairie, where he lived with his mother and helped wrangle wild cattle, Bass becomes a fugitive and escapes into Indian Territory after a dispute with his master. Bass lives with a tribe of Creeks for over 2 decades, until slavery is abolished, and is then recruited to help capture dangerous outlaws. Gary Paulsen does a masterful job filling in the unknown details of Bass's life on the run and his later years as one of the first African American federal marshals in this fictionalized biography.

The Legend of Bass Reeves, by Gary Paulsen, is the 2017 selection for One Book for Nebraska Teens, geared towards middle school and high school readers. The Nebraska Library Commission has copies of this book in print and audio versions in our Book Club Kit collection, available for loan to school and public librarians, as well as puzzles and activities for readers to continue the fun after the book is read. Please visit <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/Youth/OBOK/> for this year's selection, along with those from years past. Click [here](#) to reserve this book club kit. Paulsen, Gary. *The Legend of Bass Reeves*. Wendy Lamb Books: New York, NY, 2006.



Audiobook Collection

CPLS owns over **800 circulating audiobook titles**. System member libraries may borrow audiobooks (CD, MP3, and Playaway formats) for a loan period of 90 days.

Hollywood Daughter by Alcott, Kate

Vicious Circle by Box, C. J.

Full Wolf Moon by Child, Lincoln

All By Myself, Alone by Clark, Mary Higgins

Dragon Teeth by Crichton, Michael

Knife Creek by Doiron, Paul

Dangerous Minds: A Knight and Moon Novel by Evanovich, Janet

Broken Road by Evans, Richard Paul

Same Beach, Next Year by Frank, Dorothea Benton

Dying Breath: Krewe of Hunters, #21 by Graham, Heather

Identicals by Hilderbrand, Elin

Tornado Weather by Kennedy, Deborah E.

Love Story by Kingsbury, Karen

Silent Corner by Koontz, Dean

Since We Fell by Lehane, Dennis

Long Drop by Mina, Denise

Rise and Shine, Benedict Stone by Patrick, Phaedra

Come Sundown by Roberts, Nora

One Perfect Lie by Scottoline, Lisa

Stars Are Fire by Shreve, Anita

Shark Club by Taylor, Ann Kidd



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

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 _____

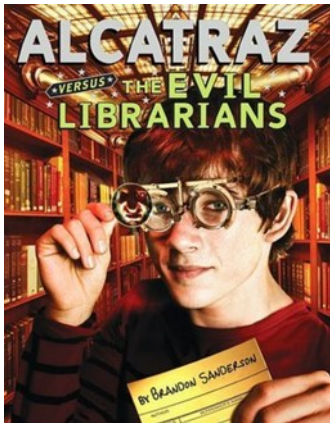
Date of event _____

Scholarship requested for _____ (meal, room, etc.)

Amount requested _____

Other information:

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



Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians

Alcatraz Smedry kicks off his thirteenth birthday by burning down his foster mother’s kitchen... and it’s all downhill from there. The arrival of a small bag of sand and a strange old man claiming to be his grandfather pulls Alcatraz into the adventure of a lifetime, full of magic, mayhem, and...a cult of evil librarians? While he’s not a “nice person” by nature, Alcatraz also doesn’t like to be shot at, so he goes along to help Grandpa Smedry and his band of Freelanders save the world from the librarians. Along the way, he discovers that the world as he knows it is a lie perpetrated by the librarians and that his tendency to be clumsy and

break things (or set them on fire) is actually a superpower. What else will Alcatraz discover about the world and himself?

Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians, the first in the fantasy series by Nebraska-born author Brandon Sanderson, is the 2017 selection for One Books for Nebraska Kids, aimed at grades 4-6. The Nebraska Library Commission has copies of this book in print and audio versions in our Book Club Kit collection, available for loan to school and public librarians, as well as puzzles and activities for readers to continue the fun after the book is read. Please visit <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/Youth/OBOK/> for this year’s selection, along with those from years past. Click [here](#) to reserve this book club kit.

Sanderson, Brandon. *Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians*. Scholastic Press: New York, NY, 2007.

CPLS News



Farnam Public Library

The **Farnam Public Library** and Library Director, Kaylin Craig, were recently included in the Dawson Public Power District's June newsletter. The June Story Hour in this small town had more than 15 children participate.

This growth is in keeping with Kaylin's plans to make some noise. "I don't feel that a library always has to be a quiet place," she said. "It should be a space to explore books, be creative and have hands-on sensory activities."

See the whole story at <http://dawsonpower.com/blog/2017/07/the-little-library-that-could/>.



The **Blue Hill Public Library** entered the community Fourth of July Parade for the very first time this summer.

Sharon Retiring Soon

The Central Plains Library System Board honored Sharon with a reception immediately following the Annual Meeting held on July 7, 2017. Sharon will be retiring on October 15, 2017, and plans to travel.



Sharon with outgoing Board Members Kristi Hagstrom, Ord Township Library; Jody Crocker, McCook City Library; and Rochelle Krueger, Calvin T. Ryan Library, UN-K.



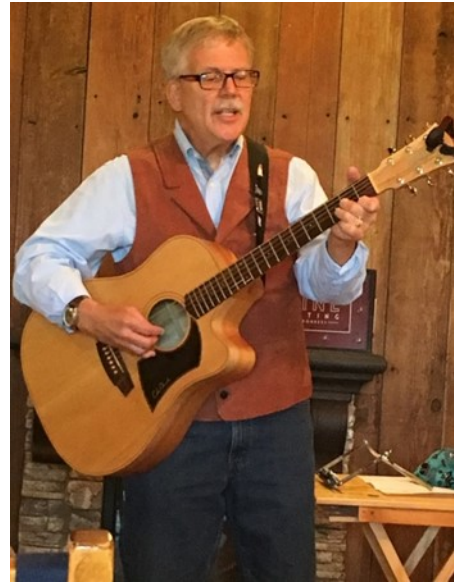
Sharon with the previous Director of RVLS, Sherry Houston.



Book Club Central is an online one-stop-shop for book clubs, featuring everything from author interviews to book recommendations and reviews, as well as discussion questions and tips about how to start and moderate a book club.

Join ALA in spreading the word about this exciting new resource.

Adding a link to bookclubcentral.org to your library website is a great way to help book lovers connect with tools and content.



Dan Holtz is a recently retired professor of English from Peru State College. He is a member of the Nebraska 150 Nebraska Foundation and a speaker for Nebraska Humanities. CPLS members enjoyed Dr. Holtz's musical, historical, story-telling program following the Annual Meeting.

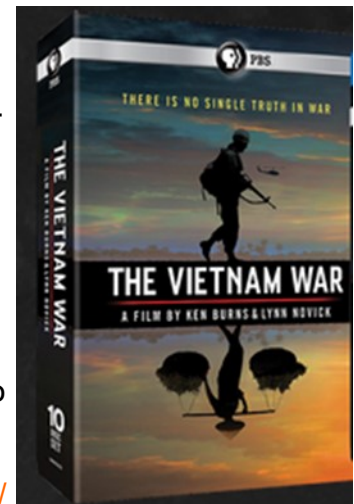
(Photo by Pat Hughes)

Ken Burns and Lynn Novick's ten-part, eighteen-hour documentary series,

The Vietnam War,

airs Sunday, September 17 through Thursday, September 21 and Sunday, September 24 through Thursday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. CT on PBS. Nebraska librarians are invited to take advantage of opportunities to host programs and exhibits in connection with the documentary.

In an immersive narrative, Burns and Novick tell the epic story of the Vietnam War as it has never before been told on film, featuring testimony from nearly eighty witnesses, including many Americans who fought in the war and others who opposed it, as well as Vietnamese combatants and civilians from both the winning and losing sides. Learn more about the film at <http://www.pbs.org/kenburns/the-vietnam-war/home/>.



Bring Coding To Your Library

If you've never hear of coding then it's time to find out that it's the next best thing for libraries.

What is coding? Well, it is computer programming but you are learning in a much more relaxed environment like your library rather than in a structured classroom environment. With the skills that you learn by joining the code club, you will be able to write your own programs that can create a lot of things from programming a computer to creating apps or games. In other words: "Giving a computer a set of instructions is called coding. Programmers write a set of instructions in code that humans can understand. The computer then turns these instructions into machine code." (1)



Through the Prenda Company, Kelly Smith and Luke Miller introduced coding to many children in The Mesa Public Library System - years ago and it has become so popular that their program is being used not only in many of Arizona's libraries but other clubs in libraries throughout the US. One such library is the O'Neill Public Library in O'Neill, Nebraska. We started with 5 children and the club has grown to 10 in 1 month (with little to no advertisement).

Your club needs to have someone that is invested to being a champion for the kids that join. To be a cheerleader when it's needed and to encourage them when they feel like giving up. The programs are interesting and their critical thinking skills are also heightened.

Kelly and Luke are invested in power of the rural library to help change the dynamic of the people that frequent them when they venture beyond their town/city.

According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, the median annual wage for a computer programmer is \$79,530 – approximately \$38 an hour. Coding, changes lives.

If you live in a city/town with less than 5000 occupants and your library is interested in having a code club then click on this [link](#) and fill out the form.

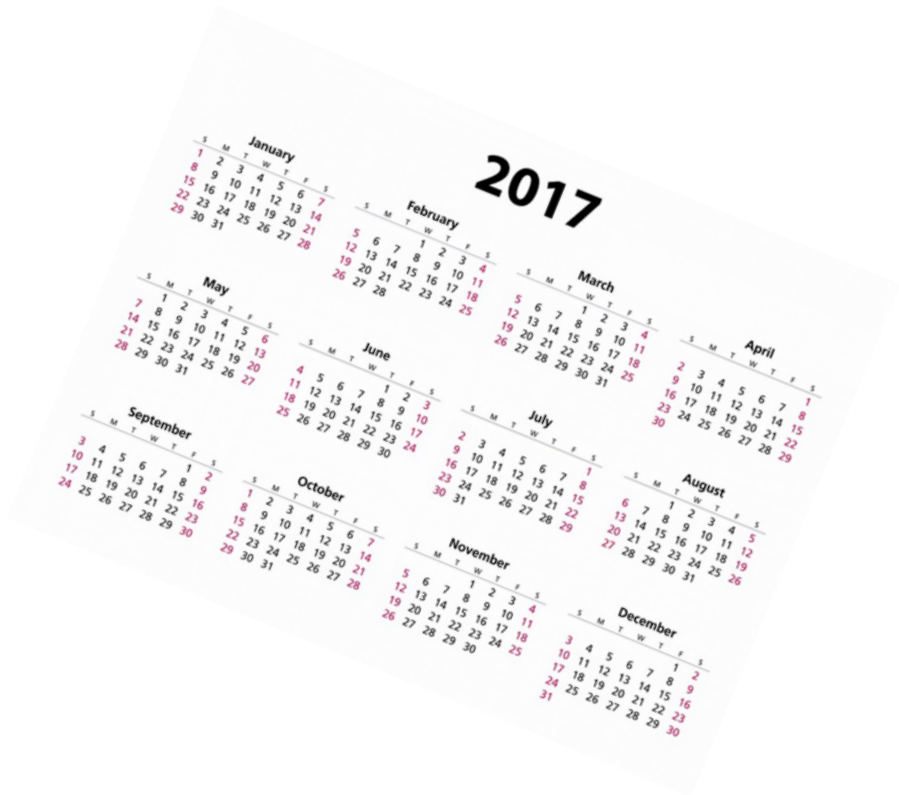
Jeannie Mejstrik
Library Director
O'Neill Public library

Central Plains Library System

Mark Your Calendar

- August 15. **Deadline** for Early Bird Registration for NLA/NSLA Conference
- August 21-Sept. 1. Basic Skills—Programming and Outreach, Anneka Ramirez
- August 25. **Deadline** for NEST College Savings Plan Scholarship Drawing (See page 7)
- September 7-8 . . . Youth Services Retreat, Ashland
- September 7-10 . . Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference, St. George, Utah
- September 11-22. . Basic Skills—The Community and The Library, Sam Shaw
- September 15 . . . Nebraska Library Commission Meeting, Lincoln
- September 24-30 . Banned Books Week
- Sept. 25-Oct. 6. . . Basic Skills—Management & Supervision, Scott Childers
- October 8-14 . . . Teen Read Week, Unleash Your Story (See page 7)
- October 11-13. . . NLA/NSLA Joint Annual Conference, Kearney, Younes Conference Ctr (See pg 7)
- October 16-27. . . Basic Skills—Leadership, Anneka Ramirez
- November 1. **Deadline** to apply to be a 2017-18 Read Aloud School or Community

When I step into this library, I cannot understand why I ever step out of it.
~Marie De Sévigné



We're On the Web

libraries.ne.gov/cpls