



Plain Speaking

Central Plains Library System

Educate Connect Inspire

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Professional Reading

The Central Plains Library System has approximately 200 titles in our Professional Collection. These books are available to libraries of all types. The subjects are quite diverse and include:

- Academic Librarianship
- Administration & Management
- Buildings & Facilities
- Cataloging
- Children's & Youth Services
- Collection Development
- Computers, Technology & the Internet
- Grants, Fundraising, Foundations & Friends
- Intellectual Freedom
- Marketing, Advocacy & Public Relations
- Programming and Public Services
- School Librarians

In order to see the catalog, click on this [link](#) or go to the [CPLS webpage](#) and click on the "Visit Me on LibraryThing" link on the right side of the page. Then, in the upper left-hand corner of the page, use the drop down menu that says "All collections." Select your category and call or email the Hastings Office to borrow the title(s).

We added two books this month. ***Animal Shenanigans: Twenty-four Creative, Interactive Story Programs for Preschoolers***, by Rob Reid, and ***Club Programs for Teens: 100 Activities for the Entire Year***, by Amy J. Alessio and Heather Booth. Both are from the most recent ALA Catalog and are sure to simplify programming at your library.

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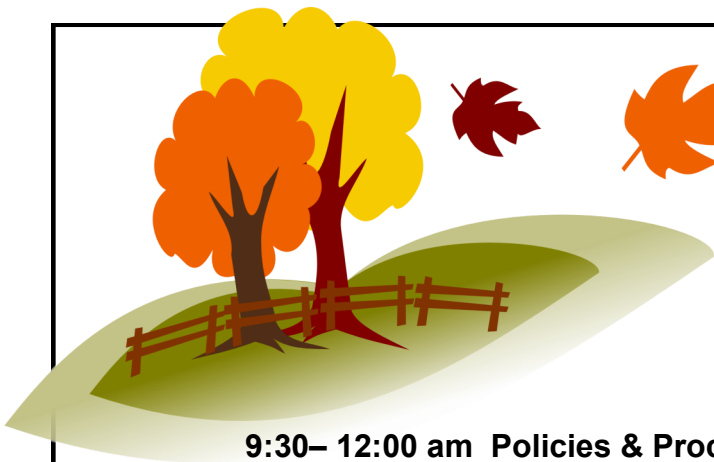
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FALL WORKSHOP

Kearney Public Library
2020 First Avenue
Kearney, NE
November 6, 2015
9:30– 4:00 pm

9:30– 12:00 am Policies & Procedures (3 CEUs)

Policies and Procedures out of date or non-existent? Join us in the morning to find out what policies you need and how to write your library's procedures.

1:00-2:15 pm Technology Training at Your Library (1 CEU)

Craig Lfteroff, *Technology Innovation Librarian*

Deciding on a topic, finding a presenter, equipment, marketing and follow-up

2:30-4:00pm 3 D Printing (1.5 CEUs)

Craig Lfteroff, *Technology Innovation Librarian*

How it works, cost and researching before purchase, policies and follow-up

No Charge

Attend only the **Morning** or the **Afternoon**,
or Attend **ALL DAY** the choice is yours!



Registration—Check all that Apply

Policies & Procedures
9:30-12:00 am

Tech Training
1:00—2:15

OR

3 D Printing
2:30—4:00 pm

Name _____

Library _____

E-mail _____

Send Registration to: Central Plains Library System
2727 West 2nd St., Suite #233,
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Central Plains Library System Annual Meeting
July 24, 2015 11:30 a.m.
Central Community College
Grand Island, NE

PRESENT: Angie Blankenship, Dixie Codner, Jody Crocker, Linda Davey, Judy Hagan, Kristi Hagstrom, Denise Harders, Jane Hilton, Pat Hughes, Terri Johnson, Tim Johnson, Mo Khamouna, Kay Kloppenborg, Rochelle Krueger, Shawna Linder, Sharon Osenga, Teresa Shearer, Megan Svoboda, Kathy Thomsen, Julia VanMeter, Claudette Wielechowski.

ALSO PRESENT: Christa Burns, Rod Wagner

ABSENT: Robin Johnston, Debbie Moninger, Sky Seery

Agenda

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Jody Crocker called the first annual meeting of the Central Plains Library System to order on July 24, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. Kathy Thomsen was appointed acting secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the 2014 Republican Valley Annual Meeting were read. Pat Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes. Mo Khamouna seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Ballots for the election of board members for the Board of the Central Plains Library System were distributed to system members. Candidates for a three year term listed on the ballot were: Dixie Codner, Pat Hughes, Tim Johnson, and Kathy Thomsen. Members could vote for up to four.

Megan Svoboda and Mo Khamouna will go off the board this year. One more board member's term will expire next year, which will leave twelve on the Central Plains Board. All candidates were elected to the board.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A brochure about the services offered by the Central Plains Library System is being developed.
- The car from the Meridian Library System was sold and a new car for the Central Plains Library System has been purchased.
- Sharon has been visiting schools and libraries around the system.
- Central Plains Library System will attend the Tri-City Educational Fair. It is an opportunity to reach teachers, let teachers use the die-cut machines and pass out the brochure about library services offered.
- Golden Sower Kits are available for check-out from Central Plains Library System. There are three for Grades 4-6 and two for Grades K-2 and Teens. Each library can get one set at a time. These kits are a great way to introduce children to Golden Sower. Authors like to receive the Golden Sower Award because it is voted on by children, not adults.
- A Golden Sower book club suggestion for grades 4-6 or Teens is for each participant to take a different book to talk about and then swap books when they come back the next time.
- RTI ECO Autosmart – This is a disc repairing machine. If the disc is cracked or scraped on top, it cannot be fixed. The first ten discs sent in to be repaired by each library are free of charge.
- **The Cover One Machine is used to repair books. CPLS member libraries may send books to the CPLS office. We will repair the books and return them to the member libraries for a charge of \$1 per book repaired plus the cost of the postage to return them to the member library.**
- There have been a lot of changes in library positions recently. Many are due to retirements.
- Hastings Public Library is planning a full renovation. They will be moving to the Hasting Museum during the renovation.
- Broken Bow Public Library is in the fundraising stage.
- Nebraska library community losses:
 - ◇ Judy Grandstaff, who was a librarian at the Blue Hill Pubic Library for 46 years and a member of RVLS.
 - ◇ Bill Keller, who was the Director of the Dundy County Public Library in Benkelman.
- The Central Plains Library System Leadership Award was presented to Mo Khamouna.

NEBRASKA LIBRARY COMMISSION REPORT:

Rod Wagner gave the Nebraska Library Commission Report updating attendees on NLC activities for the past year.

MISCELLANEOUS:

McCook has black and clear DVD cases. If you would like any, contact Jody.

North Platte Public Library has boxes of security cases for CD's that they will give away. Contact the North Platte Public Library, if you are interested.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Kathy Thomsen, Acting Secretary

Free Computer Skills Classes for Library Staff

The Nebraska Library Commission has prepaid for all Nebraska public library staff to participate free of charge in online training. Access more than 450 classes (most on computer skills) offered by Skillssoft through WebJunction.

Classes include: **Microsoft Word**
Microsoft Excel
Microsoft PowerPoint
Information Security
Social Networking
Computer Operating System
And Many More

Build computer skills and earn librarian certification C.E. credits at your own pace when and where it works best for you. Take these self-paced, interactive classes on any computer at any time—day or night. **And they are FREE!**

For more information go to <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/CE/skillssoft.aspx>.



Save the Date

2016 Summer Reading Program Workshops

Friday, January 29, 2016 Grand Island
Monday, March 21, 2016 North Platte

Children: On Your Mark, Get Set, Read
Teens: Get in the Game: Read
Adults: Exercise Your Mind – Read

Registration Forms will be available soon!

Golden Sower Kits



Thousands of Nebraska's children participate in the Golden Sower program annually by voting for their favorite book. To be eligible to vote, a reader must have read or heard a minimum of four of the current nominees from one category. Voting is open to all eligible Golden Sower readers in the State of Nebraska through public and school libraries.

Voting is free and no registration is required.

The Central Plains Library System is pleased to offer multiple sets of Golden Sower titles for the upcoming 2015-16 school year. We have 2 complete sets of the Primary and Young Adult nominees and 3 complete sets of the Intermediate titles. You may borrow a set for 6 weeks. Give the children in your community the chance to see every title in their reading level.



The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) encourages libraries to use the **Get Away** theme during Teen Read Week™, October 18 - 24, 2015, to spotlight all the great resources and activities available to help teens build literacy skills while reading for the fun of it. An annual celebration, this year's theme encourages libraries to help teens escape from the day to day grind of school, homework, family responsibilities, part time jobs and so on by picking up something to read. Interpret the theme in ways that highlight a variety of resources in your collection—fantasy novels, sci-fi, beach reads, travel books, tales of adventure and escape, and more!

Driver's Ed Program for Your Community

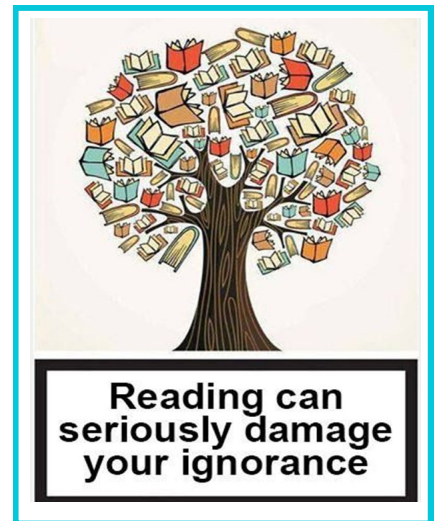


Help your patrons prepare for their DMV permit exams. **Free and ad-free for the library and for the patrons.** Unlimited access allows your patrons to practice at the library, at home, or on the go. No registration required!

Go to <http://driving-tests.org/library/> to see how it works. Your program will contain state-specific information including:

- 10 car practice tests
- 5 motorcycle practice tests
- 3 CDL practice tests
- + online manuals and detailed hints and answers

Click on the "Sign Up" button to get started!



Found on <http://theeducationaltourist.com/>.

Storytime on Demand

Mrs. P (aka actress Kathy Kinney) brings stories to life on her website (<http://mrsp.com>) which includes streaming videos of Mrs. P reading classic tales, activity guide, coloring sheets, and more.

Play a video for a class or bookmark the site on your library's computers so children can watch the stories on their own.



Selling Weeded Books

Recently, on the [ARSL Listserv](#), a librarian from a small library asked, “What do I do with the books that are weeded from my collection?” Several people responded with, “Sell them on the Internet.” One company that was recommended by two librarians that belong to ARSL is [LibraryConsignment.com](#). They sell on 10 different online marketplaces. You enter the ISBN of books you have and then they tell you which books they will try to sell for you. [LibraryConsignment.com](#) pays the postage for those items. You will receive a check once a month as the books sell. Go to <http://LibraryConsignment.com> for complete details.

What type of books does LibraryConsignment.com accept?

- Hardcover Fiction and Non-Fiction
- Mass Market Paperbacks
- Textbooks
- Trade Paperbacks
- Travel Books
- Gently-Loved Children's Books
- Ex-Library Copies
- Dictionaries and Thesauruses
- Rare and/or Collectible Books
- Book Club Editions
- Workbooks with no writing



What type of books does LibraryConsignment.com not accept?

- Water-Damaged
- Badly Stained
- Moldy
- Advanced reader copies
- Missing covers or pages
- Incomplete volumes

If you get lots of donations that you cannot use or if you have gone through a major weeding project recently, this might be an option for you.



Volunteers Shelving???



Do you have untrained volunteers shelving for you? That is a scary thought. What about the decimal numbers in nonfiction? Do you spend a lot of time explaining how the books belong on the shelves? Here is the perfect online game for you to use. ***Order in the Library*** gives progressively harder shelving questions. It even produces certificates of accomplishment! This game is perfect for student workers in the school library. It is really even kind of fun.

Go to https://www.ischool.utexas.edu/resources/order_in_the_library_game.swf to try it out.

E-Rate Workshop

Kearney Public Library

November 17, 2015

10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Big changes are coming to E-rate, the federal program that provides discounts to assist schools and public libraries in the United States to obtain affordable Internet access and Connections. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has established the E-rate Productivity Center (EPC). EPC is the account and application management portal for the Schools and Libraries E-rate Program. Applicants, consultants, and service providers participating in the E-rate Program will use this tool to manage program processes and to submit questions.

What does your library need to know to prepare for these changes? In this workshop, Christa Burns, Nebraska's State E-rate Coordinator for Libraries, will cover the basics of E-rate and explain the changes that will be made to the program for Funding Year 2016.

Go to the Nebraska Library Commission's Training & Events Calendar to register:
<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>.



REACHING TEENS AND YOUTH THROUGH GRAPHIC NOVELS

Preconference—Wednesday

October 14th from 1:00-5:00

Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, Lincoln

Presenter: Kat Kan

Register at: nebraskalibraries.site-ym.com/?page=Neplib2015

Graphic novels and manga have provided a fun way for busy teens to read. The format has evolved over the past few decades and has become much more than the superhero-centric form most people think of as comics. Nowadays, many graphic novels and manga appeal to children - thanks mostly to Raina Telgemeier, Kazu Kibuishi, and Jennifer and Matthew Holm and the Eisner Awards expanded their youth categories to three age levels. Kat Kan will talk about the many genres, diversity in comics, resources for building and augmenting collections, programming, and classroom use. Whether you work in a public or school library, you can find help, ideas, and inspiration for using graphic novels with your teens and youth.

Katharine "Kat" Kan has been reading comics for 50 years. She earned her B.A. (1977) and M.L.S. (1981) at the University of Hawaii-Manoa. She has worked as a children's and then young adult librarian for public libraries in Hawaii and Indiana, and she is now a part-time school librarian in the Florida Panhandle. Kat edited *Graphic Novels and Comic Books* published by H.W. Wilson and has been writing about graphic novels in libraries since 1994, mostly for *Voice of Youth Advocates* (VOYA).



According to Kat, "graphic novels belong in libraries because they should always be part of the whole reading mix, just like any other kind of book. "I grew up reading comics, classics, history, biography, the encyclopedia, all kinds of genre fiction. When you read a graphic novel, you need to read the art as well as the text, so your brain gets a total workout!"

Screen Documentaries for FREE at your Library

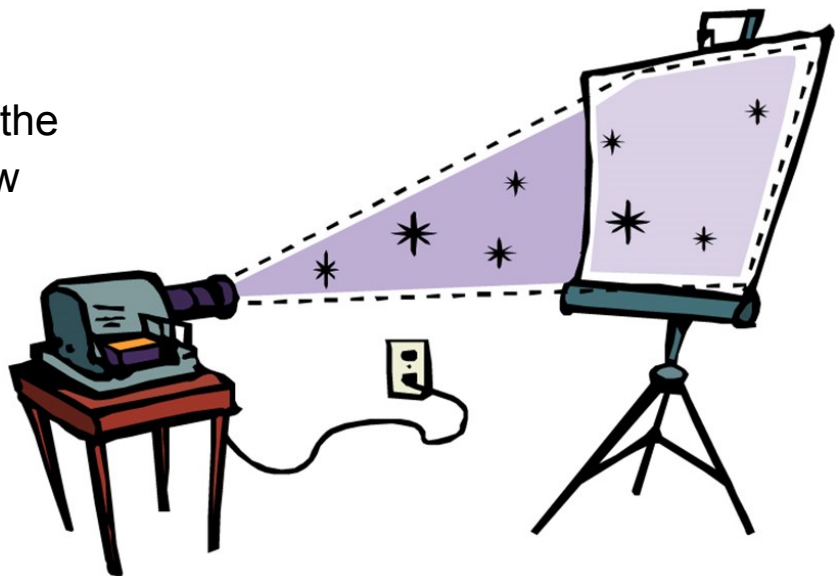
American Documentary produces the award-winning series **POV** for PBS. **POV** is a cinematic term for “point of view” and part of the organization’s mission is to lend out films for free screenings, nationwide. They also develop free resources to accompany each film, including a Discussion Guide, Lesson Plan, and Reading List.

There are more than 80 titles available to borrow from the Lending Library. You can browse by title or topic.

There are just a few quick steps to register a screening and borrow DVDs:

1. Go to www.pbs.org/pov/. Click on Local Screenings. From that page you can learn about how to host a screening and access the free DVD lending library.
2. Register in the POV Community Network.
3. Activate your account. Check your inbox for an activation link and temporary password. (email events@pov.org if you do not receive this email)
4. Log in to your account and click "Create an Event" to register the screening at least one month in advance of your program.

You're welcome to borrow the films for free sneak preview screenings before they broadcast on PBS, or at any time after their broadcast that works with your programming.



Audiobook Collection

CPLS owns over **500 circulating audiobook titles**. System member libraries may borrow audiobooks (CD, MP3, and Playaway formats) for a loan period of 90 days.



New titles include:

Star for Mrs. Blake by Smith, April

Lakeside Cottage by Wiggs, Susan

Full Life: Reflections at Ninety by Carter, Jimmy

Call the Midwife by Worth, Jennifer

Dave Barry CD Collection by Barry, Dave

Come Rain or Come Shine by Karon, Jan

All the Light We Cannot See by Doerr, Anthony

American Sniper by Kyle, Chris

Fateful Lightning by Shaara, Jeff

Finders Keepers by King, Stephen

Go Set A Watchman by Lee, Harper

Memory Man by Baldacci, David

Invention of Wings by Kidd, Sue Monk

Truth or Death by Patterson, James

Wicked Charms by Evanovich, Janet

Lord of the Wings by Andrews, Donna

Murder House by Patterson, James

Fall of Marigolds by Meissner, Susan

Piranha by Cussler, Clive

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

Cover One is Ready to Roll!

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 2 ½" 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 8 ½ 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, 2015 thru June 30, 2016, 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 35 cents per disc. A similar service at a retail video outlet costs more than \$5.00 per disc!

Strategic Planning Done Right: Getting to the Heart of Your Community

Where: Elwood Public Library

306 Calvert, Elwood, NE 68937



When: Thursday, December 3, 2015

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Is your library due for accreditation in 2016? Would you like to plan ahead and attain a higher level of accreditation? Would you like for your strategic planning process to go more smoothly next time?

If you said yes to any of these questions, this is the **FREE** workshop for you. Plan now to spend the afternoon with Richard Miller to make your next Strategic Plan the best one ever! Earn 3 CE credits.

To register, call (800) 569-4961 or email the Hastings office at cplsasst@gmail.com

Top Ten Romance Fiction: 2015

Each year Booklist brings us the 10 most outstanding romances reviewed, including both debut novels and best-selling authors at their very best. Here they are in alphabetical order:

An Affair Downstairs, by Sherri Browning

After a Fashion, by Jen Turano

Brown-Eyed Girl, by Lisa Kleypas

Caged in Winter, by Brighton Walsh (debut novel)

Dearest Rogue, by Elizabeth Hoyt

Hot Point, by M. L. Buchman

Jilted, by Rachael Johns (debut novel)

Say Yes to the Marquess, by Tessa Dare

This Heart of Mine, by Brenda Novak

Through Waters Deep, by Sarah Sundin



Go to <http://www.booklistonline.com/Top-10-Romance-Fiction/pid=7696204> to see complete publication information and reviews.



Check out our Makerspace table in the Exhibits Hall during Open Hours at the October 15-16 NLA/NSLA Conference
Cornhusker Marriott in Lincoln

- ▣ Quilling
- ▣ Legos
- ▣ Sew a Christmas ornament
- ▣ Papercraft
- ▣ Construct a mini catapult
- ▣ Crocheting
- ▣ Whatever your imagination can conjure!



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CPLS Has Scholarship Money Available

Up to \$100.00 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 _____

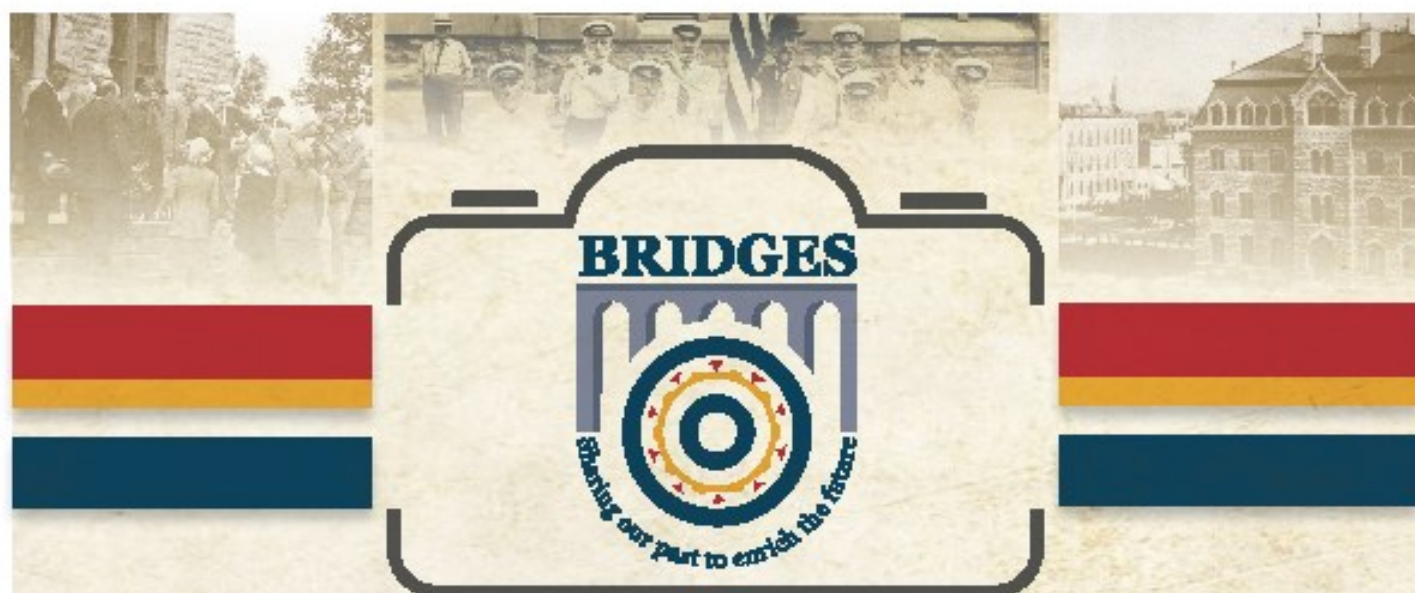
Scholarship requested for _____ (meal, room, etc.)

Amount requested _____

Other information: _____



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



YOU are invited to participate in a Call to Photographers

June 1, 2015 - January 4, 2016

A STATEWIDE PHOTOGRAPHY CALL

This exciting call is inviting photographers from across Nebraska to highlight historical sites & treasures found in all 93 counties. Serve as a bridge to link history, generations and cultures.

SELECTED photos to be included in a statewide exhibition to celebrate Nebraska's Sesquicentennial in 2017

ALL submitted photos will become part of a virtual exhibit!

Entrants must be at least 15 years of age and do NOT need to be Nebraska residents

State agency representatives are welcome to participate

Questions?

Contact Cathy Harrington

402-730-6668

lettersfromhome51@hotmail.com
or info@hildgardcenter.org

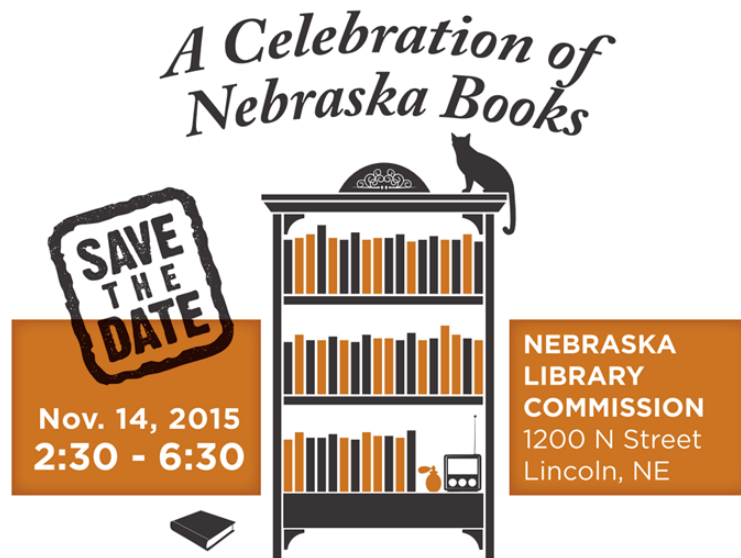
Sponsored by Hildegard Center for the Arts, in partnership with the Nebraska Tourism Commission & the Nebraska State Historical Society

For entry guidelines and to submit photos, visit
www.hildgardcenter.org



Visit Nebraska.
Visit Nice!





The Celebration of Nebraska Books will be held November 14, 2015, from 2:30 - 6:30 p.m., at the Nebraska Library Commission at 1200 N Street, in downtown Lincoln. This event, free and open to the public, will feature a presentation on the 2015 One Book One Nebraska book selection, honor winners of the 2015 Jane Geske and Nebraska Book Awards, and announce the reading selection for the 2016 One Book One Nebraska.

The 2015 Nebraska Book Awards honor authors and publishers of books with a Nebraska connection published in 2014. Featured winning authors will read from their work and sign copies of their books. The 2015 Jane Geske Award will be presented to a Nebraska organization for exceptional contribution to literacy, books, reading, libraries, or literature in Nebraska. The Jane Geske Award commemorates Geske's passion for books, and was established in recognition of her contributions to the well-being of the libraries of Nebraska. Jane Pope Geske was a founding member of the Nebraska Center for the Book, former director of the Nebraska Library Commission, and a long-time leader in Nebraska library and literary activities.

This year the Celebration marks the eleventh year of One Book One Nebraska—selecting and promoting a book for Nebraska citizens to read to celebrate the literary richness of our state. *Death Zones & Darling Spies: Seven Years of Vietnam War Reporting* (University of Nebraska Press, 2013) by Beverly Deepe Kever is the 2015 One Book One Nebraska selection, and Nebraska libraries and other literary and cultural organizations across the state are hosting activities and events to encourage all Nebraskans to read and discuss the same book (see <http://onebook.nebraska.gov/2015/index.aspx>).

The Nebraska Center for the Book Annual Meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m.—just prior to the November 14 Celebration of Nebraska Books. An Awards Reception honoring the winning authors, book signings, and announcement of the 2016 One Book One Nebraska book choice will conclude the festivities. The 2015 Celebration of Nebraska Books is sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Library Commission, and University of Nebraska Press—with Humanities Nebraska supporting the One Book One Nebraska presentation. For more information see <http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/programs/celebration.html>.

Central Plains Library System

Mark Your Calendar

October 1-3	ARSL Annual Conference, Little Rock, AR
October 12	Columbus Day Holiday—System Offices Closed
October 14	Preconference presented by Kat Kan (see page 8)
October 14-16	NLA/NSLA Annual Conference, Lincoln, NE
October 18-24	Teen Read Week (see page 5)
October 19-30	Basic Skills, Management & Supervision
November 2-13	Basic Skills, Leadership
November 6	Fall Workshop, Kearney Public Library (see page 2)
November 14	Celebration of Nebraska Books, Nebraska Library Commission (see page 15)
November 17	E-Rate Basics, Kearney Public Library (see page 7)
November 20	State Advisory Council for Libraries, Lincoln
November 26-27	Thanksgiving Holiday—System Offices Closed
Nov. 30-Dec. 30	Basic Skills, Library Services to Children & Youth
December 3	Strategic Planning & Accreditation, Elwood (see page 12)
December 25	Christmas Holiday—System Offices Closed
January 29	Summer Reading Program Workshop, Grand Island
March 21	Summer Reading Program Workshop, North Platte

The only thing you absolutely have to know is the location of the Library.

~Albert Einstein



We're On the Web

libraries.ne.gov/cpls