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CENTRAL PLAINS LIBRARY SYSTEM NEWSLETTER

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GRANTS GALORE

The Nebraska Library Commission (NLC) provides grants to accredited public libraries and state-run institutional libraries through a competitive grant process. The four grants offered by NLC include Continuing Education and Training; Internship; Library Improvement; and Youth Grants for Excellence. The application process for all four of these grants opened on September 15, 2023. All of them are due November 17, 2023.

This makes it a very busy grant-writing season. The benefit is that no one will get confused about the final deadline date.

Here are some tips I learned from Christa Porter's presentation at the Youth Services Retreat in Ashland last month.

- The minimum grant amount is \$250. There is no maximum.
- Give details about your project...the more the better.
- Provide a timeline if appropriate.
- The project must be finished, and the Final Report is due on 9/30/2024.
- Look at the provided examples of the applications of previous Grant Recipients.
- When filling in the online application form, copy and paste from Word or Excel. This form *must be completed in one sitting*. You cannot start it, save it, and come back to it.
- Several grants have a 25% match. 10% must be cash. 15% can be in-kind.
- Take note of *ineligible* items, including food and beverages.
- Look at the Final Report form **before** you start so you can plan appropriately and collect all the necessary information.
- Click here to go to the [NLC Grant webpage](#).
- To learn more about the 2024 NLC grants, [view the archived September 20 NCompass Live webinar](#).
- Click here to go to other [Grant Opportunities for Nebraska Libraries](#). Check back often. This webpage is maintained and updated.
- [4imprint](#) provides several grants each business day.

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CENTRAL PLAINS LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS:

PUBLIC LIBRARY SURVEY

With Sam Shaw

Learn all about Bibliostat with Sam Shaw from the Nebraska Library Commission. Bibliostat reporting is required for libraries to be eligible for state aid and accreditation.

OCTOBER 3, 2023

10:00 AM - NOON

GRAND ISLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

2 CE AVAILABLE

[Click Here to Register Online](#)

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



TOOLS OF THE TRADE



We have a keynote address, 3 breakout sessions in each time slot, and lunchtime lightning rounds. All-day participants will earn 7 CEs. Library Directors, Staff Members, and Library Board Members will all find sessions that will interest them.



There will be plenty of giveaways, too!

[Click Here to Register](#)

October 19th 10am - 5pm	KEARNEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
	\$25.00 Includes Lunch

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Come And Join Us For The

CRICUT NEWCOMERS WORKSHOP

11/15/2023
1:00 - 4:00 PM

Is your new Cricut still in the box? It is time to get it out and start making! Come and learn about Design Space and all different types of vinyl.

HASTINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY
314 N. DENVER

Earn 3 CEs

[Click Here to Register](#)

Limit 12
participants

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it's TEEN TIME

Use common Makerspace equipment to entertain and intrigue your teen patrons. We are featuring the Button Maker, the Laminator, and the Cricut Joy.

MERRY MAKING IN YOUR
MAKERSPACE

DEC. 13
1-4PM

BROKEN BOW PUBLIC LIBRARY
626 SOUTH D STREET

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

EARN 3 CE CREDITS

BASIC SKILLS CLASSES

Class Dates	Class	Instructor	Registration
10/16 - 10/27	<u>Management/Supervision</u>	Cindy Osborne	9/12 - 10/7
11/6 - 11/17	<u>Leadership</u>	Tammi Thiem	9/26 - 10/21
11/27 - 12/8	<u>Library Services to Children & Teens</u>	Sally Snyder	10/24 - 11/18

NCompass LIVE PRESENTATIONS

NCompass Live is the Nebraska Library Commission's weekly webinar series, covering a variety of library activities and topics. The show is free and open to anyone to watch. These one-hour sessions are hosted by Christa Porter, the NLC's Library Development Director, and include a mixture of presentations, interviews, book reviews, Web tours, mini training sessions, and Q & A sessions presented by NLC staff and guest speakers. Attendees ask questions and participate in the show via VoIP, using their own microphone, or in the live text chat.

Every Wednesday 10am - 11am (CST)
To view past presentations, [CLICK HERE](#).

<u>NCompass Live: APPLE in Kansas - Training for New Library Directors</u>	Oct 4	<u>Register</u>
<u>NCompass Live: Learning Opportunities and Resources from WebJunction</u>	Oct 18	<u>Register</u>
<u>NCompass Live: Pretty Sweet Tech: How Augmented Reality Can Create Optimal Literacy Experiences</u>	Oct 25	<u>Register</u>
<u>NCompass Live: Racial and Gender Bias in Search</u>	Nov 8	<u>Register</u>
<u>NCompass Live: Best New Children's Books of 2023</u>	Nov 22	<u>Register</u>
<u>NCompass Live: Pretty Sweet Tech</u>	Nov 29	<u>Register</u>
<u>NCompass Live: Using Creativity to Grow & Develop</u>	Dec 6	<u>Register</u>



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Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC): Accessible Small and Rural Communities Grant

Library workers may apply online for grant funding from September 11, 2023, to December 11, 2023, at ala.org/LTCAccess.

Up to 300 libraries will be awarded in this second application period, part of ALA's longtime community engagement initiative.



In May 2023, [ALA announced](#) 240 libraries selected for round one funding. [View the full list of grantees awarded.](#)

Libraries selected for round two will receive \$10,000 or \$20,000 to support costs related to their community engagement project; virtual training to assist project directors in developing their community engagement, facilitation, and disability service skills; a suite of online resources developed to support local programs; and technical and project support from the ALA Public Programs Office throughout the grant term.

Libraries chosen to participate in LTC: Accessible Small and Rural Communities will first conduct community input-gathering sessions to assure that their work aligns with local needs. Libraries will be required to identify the primary audience they are hoping to reach (e.g., older adults with mobility disabilities, children with autism, Deaf community members) and facilitate a community conversation with the impacted populations to guide improvement of the library's services. Grantees will then use the grant funds to create services or improve their facilities based on the needs identified by their audience. [View the full project guidelines.](#)

The opportunity is open to libraries serving small and rural communities in the U.S. and U.S. territories. To be eligible, a library must be located in an area that's more than, or equal to, five miles from an urbanized area and with a population of 25,000 or less, in keeping with Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) definitions of small and rural libraries. Previous awardees are eligible to apply. Note that prioritization will be given to applicants not previously awarded.

ALA Conference in Chicago
June 22-27, 2023
by Laura Fentress

2023 was my first time ever attending the ALA Annual Conference and I'm grateful to CPLS for helping to send me there. It was great to connect with vendors, pick up swag to give away as summer reading prizes (including signed books!), and learn about what publishers have up their sleeves for upcoming releases.

One education session that got a lot of ideas percolating was "40+ Surefire Ways to Spark a Love of Reading" with teacher and author Shannon M. Anderson. Among my notes:

- Peer book recommendations! Use shelf talkers. Get parents involved. "Parents Say..." "Kids Say..."
- Read aloud first chapters to groups.
- Host a Book Tasting. Group books by genre and let kids go around and build a "Book Wish List."
- Bring in grown-up "guest experts" to read a personal favorite book or a book about their vocation/profession.
- "Blind Date with a Book" can be for kids, too!
- Host a Teddy Bear Sleepover. Kids drop off a stuffed animal at the library shortly before the library closes. The following morning, they retrieve their stuffed animal along with photos (staged by library staff) of the stuffed animal having fun reading at the library overnight.
- "Read Your Height" challenge – read a stack of books the same height as you.
- Have kids write and design their own books.
- Let kids decorate a plain white dress or shirt for the librarian to wear based on their favorite books.



Year of the Makerspace

2022-23 was the **Year of the Makerspace** for CPLS. Everyone who attended a makerspace workshop during this fiscal year was put into a random drawing. Here are the winners:

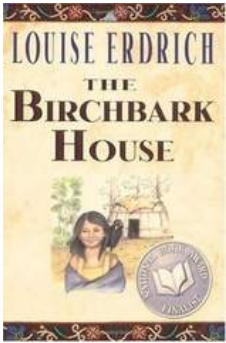
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Klyte Burt Memorial Library, Curtis
Library Director, Neta Storm

Cricut Joy
Lexington Public Library

Cricut Hat Press
Elm Creek Village Library

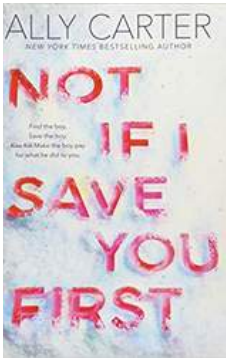
Cricut Mini Heat Press
St. Paul Library

NEW BOOK CLUB KITS AT CPLS



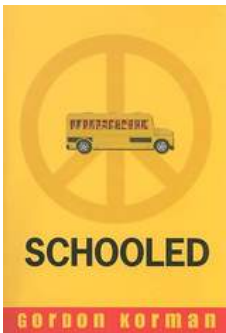
The Birchbark House by Louise Erdrich – 10 copies
One Book for Nebraska Kids 2023

This story is seen through the eyes of the spirited, 7-year-old Ojibwa girl Omakayas, or Little Frog, so named because her first step was a hop. The sole survivor of a smallpox epidemic on Spirit Island, Omakayas, then only a baby girl, was rescued by a fearless woman named Tallow and welcomed into an Ojibwa family on Lake Superior's Madeline Island.



Not If I Save You First by Ally Carter – 10 copies
One Book for Nebraska Teens 2023

Maddie lives a quiet life in the middle of the Alaskan wilderness with her father. But the arrival of her childhood friend shatters her solitude and she finds herself on the run from foreign mercenaries... and her feelings about her friend. Can she save both their lives and her heart?



Schooled by Gordon Korman - 10 copies

Capricorn Anderson had never watched a television show before. He'd never tasted a pizza. And he had never, in his wildest dreams, thought of living anywhere but Garland Farm commune with his hippie caretaker, Rain. He was homeschooled by Rain, the only person he knew in the world. When Rain falls out of a tree, he has to attend the local middle school. No amount of formal education could ready him for the trials and tribulations of public middle school.

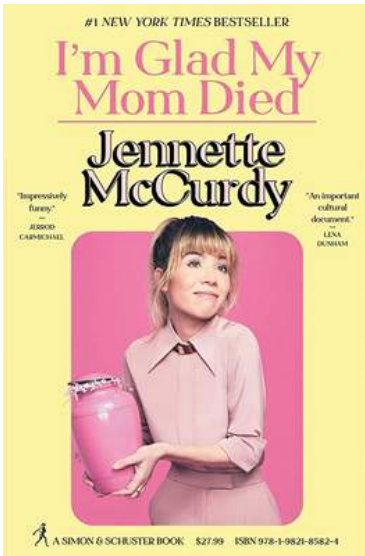


Yellowface by R. F. Kuang – 10 copies

Authors June Hayward and Athena Liu were supposed to be twin rising stars. So when June witnesses Athena's death in a freak accident, she acts on impulse: she steals Athena's just-finished masterpiece. So what if June edits the novel and sends it to her agent as her own work?

BOOK CLUB KITS AT NLC

CONTRIBUTED BY MACKENZIE MARROW



In 2007, with the help of the newly launched iPhone and the increasing popularity of YouTube, Web 2.0 was taking off in a big way. To cash in on this cultural zeitgeist, Nickelodeon premiered what would be one of their biggest sitcom hits, *iCarly*. And it was through *iCarly* that Jennette McCurdy caught her big break and became a household name for tweens everywhere. Now, almost ten years after the original show's ending, McCurdy released her memoir, *I'm Glad My Mom Died*, detailing the struggles of being a child actor under the shadow of her abusive mother. Based on her one-woman show of the same name, *I'm Glad My Mom Died* has sold nearly 2 million copies in the year it has been out, was number one on The New York Times Best Seller List for eight weeks, and is currently on its 50th week on the list. McCurdy's memoir is not the first from this generation of former teen sitcom stars, but none have come close to reaching such success.

Everything in young Jennette McCurdy's life revolves around her mother. Debra wanted to be an actress, so Jennette must be an actress. Debra has cancer, so Jennette must submit to daily intrusive body examinations. Debra fears gaining weight and looking old, so 11-year-old Jennette learns to have an eating disorder and undergoes cosmetic procedures. Despite having an innate talent (especially for crying on cue), Jennette doesn't want to be an actress. But she fiercely loves her mother and doesn't want to hurt her. Unfortunately, Debra's controlling behavior only worsens the more famous her daughter becomes, leaving Jennette with no control over her assets or life. When she is 21, Debra dies from cancer, and without her constant presence, Jennette begins to spiral. Her eating disorder and alcoholism worsen, and her mental health hits rock bottom. Without her overbearing mother, she is on her own for the first time, and it almost destroys her. Years pass, and Jennette has to face the reality of her mother's abuse despite still loving her.

I'm Glad My Mom Died is the perfect avenue for Older Teen and Adult Book Clubs to have great discussions. Readers who grew up watching McCurdy on TV will find the "behind the scenes" look fascinating and heartbreaking, and those who didn't will still find immense value in her fraught relationship with her mother and how it shaped her self-perception even up until today. Apparent from its success, *I'm Glad My Mom Died* has had a remarkable impact on Millennial and Gen-Z readers. Nickelodeon's Sitcom production has been full of scandal, especially regarding the predatory behaviors of their main showrunner, who is featured prominently but not mentioned by name in McCurdy's book. As time has passed, Nickelodeon stars have begun to speak out more against "The Creator," and the internet has become invested in the unraveling story. Those who grew up watching Nickelodeon and McCurdy and were subsequently horrified learning about everything the seemingly energetic teen went through and hearing it straight from her is a game changer.

If you're interested in requesting *I'm Glad My Mom Died* for your book club, you can find the [Book Club Kit Request form here](#). There are 5 copies available. (A librarian must request items)

AUDIOBOOK COLLECTION

CPLS owns over 1,300 circulating audiobook titles. System member libraries may borrow audiobooks (CD and MP3 formats) for a loan period of 90 days.

Here are some new additions:

***The First Ladies* by Benedict, Marie & Murray, Victoria Christopher**

***Storm Watch* by Box, C. J.**

***Little Monsters* by Brodeur, Adrienne**

***Letters of Comfort* by Brunstetter, Wanda E.**

***Fire Strike* by Cussler, Clive**

***The House Keepers* by Hay, Alex**

***The Happiest Man on Earth* by Jaku, Eddie**

***None of This is True* by Jewell, Lisa**

***Yours Truly* by Jimenez, Abby**

***Daughter of the Morning Star* by Johnson, Craig**

***Junkyard Dogs* by Johnson, Craig**

***Everyone Here is Lying* by Lapena, Shari**

***Prom Mom* by Lippman, Laura**

***Must Love Flowers* by Macomber, Debbie**

***The Do Over* by Park, Suzanne**

***Tom Lake* by Patchett, Ann**

***Obsessed* by Patterson, James & Born, James O.**

***Pete and Alice in Maine* by Shetterly, Caitlin**

***Happiness* by Steel, Danielle**



The Call for Speakers for Big Talk From Small Libraries 2024 is now open!

Submit your proposal by **Friday, December 15, 2023** at <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/bigtalk/call-for-speakers/>

This free one-day online conference is tailored for staff from small libraries; the smaller the better! Small libraries of all types - public, academic, school, museum, special, etc. - are encouraged to submit a proposal. We're looking for seven 50-minute presentations and four 10-minute "lightning round" presentations.

Do you offer a service or program at your small library that other librarians might like to hear about? Have you implemented a new (or old) technology, hosted an event, partnered with others in your community, or just done something really cool? The Big Talk From Small Libraries online conference gives you the opportunity to share what you've done, while learning what your colleagues in other small libraries are doing.

Here are some possible topics to get you thinking:



- * Unique Libraries
- * Special Collections
- * New buildings
- * Fundraising
- * That great thing you're doing at your library!
- * Improved Workflows
- * Staff Development
- * Advocacy Efforts
- * Community Partnerships



Big Talk From Small Libraries 2024 will be held on **Friday, February 23, 2024**, between 8:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (CT) via the GoTo Webinar online meeting service. Speakers will present their programs from their own desktops. The schedule will accommodate speakers' time-zones.

Speakers from libraries serving fewer than 10,000 people will be preferred, but presentations from libraries with larger service populations will be considered. Speakers must be from small libraries or directly partnered with a small library and submitting a proposal to co-present with the library.

This conference sponsored by the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) and the Nebraska Library Commission.

NEW STORY STROLL



RAVENNA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thanks to the efforts of Arnold Kyhn and his grandfather, Don Bergmeier, a Story Stroll was recently installed at Ravenna's new hike and bike trail giving families a chance to read a book as they hike the 1.68-mile looping trail east of town. Arnold is Library Director Joy Kyhn's son. He completed this work for a 4-H Citizenship project.

July 14, 2023
Central Plains Library System
Hybrid Board Meeting at Wilson Public Library, Cozad

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by President Terri Johnson. Secretary Terri Eberly took roll call.

Board Members present: Sharon Bohling, Stephanie Branham, Jody Crocker, Jamie Dennis, Sherri Dux-Ideus, Terri Eberly, Terri Johnson, Lisa Mount, James Tidei Board Members absent: Janene Hill, Kina Stefka. Others in attendance: Denise Harders, Deb Fairbanks, Andrew Sherman, Holly Woldt, Judy Hagan, Laurie Yocom, Amanda Shelton, Tim Johnson, Michael Burris, Jennifer Norton, Veronica Kaufman, Jane Hilton, Carla Post, Mary Koch.

Approval of the minutes: It was moved by Jamie Dennis and seconded by Sharon Bohling to approve the minutes with correction to spelling of last name Bohling. The minutes were approved with spelling correction.

Financial Report: Denise Harders reviewed the financial report. It was moved by Sharon Bohling and seconded by Terri Johnson to approve the financial report. The financial report was approved as circulated.

Amanda Shelton, Franklin Public Library; Amy Coffman, Sutherland Public Library; Judy Hagan, Atkinson Public Library; for funding for the humanities program by David Marsh.
Amy Coffman, Sutherland Public Library for the summer reading supplies.
Janel Keyes, Howard Elementary School, Grand Island for the paracord kit
Judy Hagan, Atkinson Public Library for the Mental Health Monday packet
Kelli Helton, St. Paul Public Library for the die cuts
Kristi Hagstrom, Ord Township Library for the Cricut workshop
Wilson Public Library Staff Members, Cozad for the system services
Rod Wagner shared via email a thank you received by Diane Brownstone for the Gift of 100 Library Books from the Spencer Township Library

Director's Report: Highlights of the report included:

- increased requests for book kits.
- use of the Cricut equipment.
- Deb was busy with die cut requests for the summer reading program.
- Thursday Morning Meetings are still popular with average attendance around 18.
- The system sent out a System Services Survey in April.
- April was designated the CPLS Month of Weeding (random drawing for \$100.00 amazon gift card went to Katie Foster at Indianola Public Library).
- May was recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month and Denise sent out emails with messages and suggestions to share with patrons and staff. Jennie Smith from Wilson Public Library was the winner of a Chicken Soup for the Soul book titled: The Advice that Changed My Life: 101 Stories of Epiphanies and Wise Words.
- The system office changed from Spectrum to Allo for telephone and internet services.

Old Business:

- Denise explained the investments held with Edward D. Jones.
- Denise reviewed the Survey results that were circulated. Many positive comments and feedback on future workshops and services the system could provide.
- David Marsh, Humanities Program sponsored for system libraries as of the meeting there were 21 appearances.
- CPLS Biennial Conference: Tools of the Trade, will be held at the Kearney Public Library, on October 19, 2023. The cost of the conference is \$25.00, and attendance will be limited to 70 attendees. Attendees will have the opportunity to earn 7 CEs.
- Officer Elections were held. It was moved by Sharon Bohling and seconded by Stephanie Branham to elect the slate of officers: Terri Johnson, President; Jody Crocker, Vice-President and Terri Eberly, Secretary. The motion passed.

New Business:

- 2023-2025 Plan of Service was reviewed. It was recommended that we change STEAM to STREAM to include reading. It was moved by Jamie Dennis to amend the plan of service as stated above. It was seconded by Lisa Mount. The motion was approved as amended.
- 2023-2024 Budget. Denise reviewed the proposed budget. Discussion was held regarding salaries. Wages for the current assistant, Deb Fairbanks, will be \$15.00/hour for 15 hours per week. Denise can advertise and hire additional staff with QuickBooks experience. Salary for the position will be \$16.00/hour for 25 hours per week. Noting the salary adjustments, it was moved by James Tidei and seconded by Sherri Dux-Ideus to approve the 2023-24 budget. The motion passed.
- Denise reviewed upcoming workshops.

Next Board Meeting: October 13, 2023

Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,
Terri C. Eberly, Secretary

Central Plains Library System
Annual Meeting, July 14, 2023
Wilson Public Library, Cozad

Denise Harders welcomed the attendees to the annual meeting.

Terri Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

Introductions: Attendees introduced themselves to the group.

Present: Sharon Bohling, Stephanie Branham, Jody Crocker, Jamie Dennis, Sherri Dux-Ideus, Terri Eberly, Terri Johnson, Lisa Mount, James Tidei, Denise Harders, Deb Fairbanks, Andrew Sherman, Holly Woldt, Judy Hagan, Laurie Yocom, Amanda Shelton, Tim Johnson, Michael Burriss, Jennifer Norton, Veronica Kaufman, Jane Hilton, Carla Post, Mary Koch and Christa Porter via ZOOM

Minutes of the July 8, 2022, annual meeting were circulated. It was moved by Judy Hagan and seconded by Laurie Yocom to approve the minutes as circulated. The motion was approved.

Election of Board Members: Denise explained there were no outgoing board members this year, however Doris Brandon submitted her resignation earlier in the year. Jane Hilton submitted her name for election to the board. Jane Hilton was elected to the board by a voice vote.

Other Business: Christa Porter presented the Nebraska Library Commission Report.

- 2023-25 State Biennium Budget: The Library Commission's state funds appropriation included a 4.4% increase in FY 24 and a 3.2% increase in FY 25.
- LB441 and LB635 no further action was taken. The bills will carry over to the 2024 session.
- Public Library Accreditation 2023 opened on July 1, 2023.
- The Celebration of Nebraska Books will be held October 14, 2023, at the Nebraska History Museum.
- NCompass Live Schedule is available on the NLC website.
- Basic Skills Schedule is available on the NLC website.

Denise reported on the Maker Space give away.

- Cricut Maker Bundle (\$464.98): Klyte Burt Memorial Library, Curtis
- Cricut Joy (179.99): Lexington Public Library
- Cricut Hat Press (\$149.99): Elm Creek Village Library
- Cricut Mini Heat Press (\$69.99): St Paul Library

Special Program: History of Barn Quilts, each attendee was able to create a windmill barn quilt. The activity was 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.

Digital Equity Means More Than Fiber to Your Library, Holly Woldt, Technology Support Specialist spoke regarding a program that will help provide digital services to all.

Adjourn



System Services Spotlight

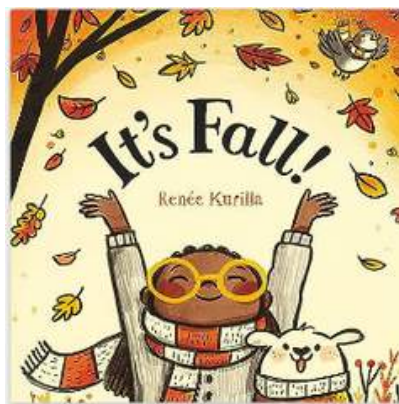
Deb's Preschool Projects

These craft projects feature shapes made by the System's die cutting equipment. Our intent is to save our CPLS librarians valuable time each month. Place your order for the craft materials before the posted deadline by emailing Deb at cplsasst@gmail.com. There is no charge for this service.

The craft for **November** is a cardstock bookmark with a pumpkin that the children will be able to assemble with glue sticks.

Your kit comes with Fall and Thanksgiving stickers for each child to use to decorate his or her own bookmark.

The deadline for this handy holiday bookmark is October 27, 2023.



Book Suggestions:

How to Catch a Turkey by Adam Wallace

and

It's Fall! by Renee Kurilla



CPLS HAS SCHOLARSHIP MONEY AVAILABLE!

Many of you may be looking forward to a new year and new opportunities to attend events such as the ALA Annual Conference, the Joint Youth Services Retreat, the ARSL Conference, or other training opportunities that come up during the next year. The System can help! We have money available for you!

CPLS can award up to \$200.00 per event in Nebraska and \$300 for out-of-state events. These funds are available to help cover expenses such as registration, mileage, meals, etc. Only one scholarship per person per fiscal year (July - June). 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 _____
 Who should the check be made out to _____
 Other information: _____
 Send your request to: Central Plains Library System
 2727 W. 2nd Street #233
 Hastings, NE 68901

Late Breaking News from the ARSL Conference!

Stephanie Branham, Library Director at C. B. Preston Memorial Library in Orleans, won an amazing prize at the Conference in Wichita. Stephanie was awarded a Conference Registration to the 2024 ARSL Conference.

Congratulations, Joy!

Joy Kyhn, Library Director at the Ravenna Public Library, was one of five nominees for the 2023 ARSL Distinguished Service Award.

Her Foundation Board nominated Joy for this national recognition for her long-time dedication to early childhood literacy. Joy has volunteered countless hours of her own time to the Head Start organization. She has also personally provided funding for many years to purchase books for the children to take home and keep.

Joy was the only nominee from Nebraska for any ARSL Award this year.

The next ARSL Conference will be held on September 11-14, 2024, in Springfield, Massachusetts



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Oct 1-7 - Banned Books Week
- Oct 3 - Public Library Survey, Sam Shaw, Grand Island Public Library, 10am - Noon
- Oct 9 - US Indigenous Peoples' Day Holiday - CPLS Office Closed
- Oct 13 - CPLS Board Meeting, Landmark Center, Hastings, 11am
- Oct 19 - CPLS Biennial Conference "Tools of the Trade" Kearney, 10am - 5pm
- Oct 27 - Deadline for requesting Deb's Preschool Projects for November

- Nov 10 - Veterans Day Holiday - CPLS Office Closed
- Nov 15 - Newcomers to Cricut Workshop, Hastings Public Library, 1-4 pm.
- Nov 17 - Deadline for Nebraska Library Commission Grant Applications
- Nov 23-24 - Thanksgiving Holiday - CPLS Office Closed
- Nov 28 - Deadline for requesting Deb's Preschool Projects for December

- Dec 11 - Deadline for ALA's Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC) Grant
- Dec 13 - Makerspaces Make Teen Time Merry, Broken Bow Public Library, 1-4 pm
- Dec 15 - Deadline for Speaker Proposals for Big Talk From Small Libraries
- Dec 25 - Christmas Holiday - CPLS Office Closed

*A library should be like a pair of
open arms.*
~Roger Rosenblatt

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SAVE THE DATE

Summer Reading Workshop

Adventure Begins at Your
Library

January 23, 2024

Lexington Public Library

March 27, 2024

Ravenna Public Library