

TRaiLS

THE PINZGAUER

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I know, I know, you're probably wondering what a Pinzgauer is and what it has to do with libraries!

Several years ago when I was President of the Mountain Plains Library Association, I attended the New Mexico Library Association Conference as part of my MPLA presidential responsibilities. While there, MPLA Vice-President Wayne Hanway and I decided to tour the Farmington Public Library. After the tour of a truly stellar modern library facility (<http://www.infoway.org/LibraryTour/index.html>), we began to talk with the Security Officers. In the course of the conversation, I discovered that one of them had worked with the Forestry Service just one mile from my home town in California (population 1200). After reminiscing about various places, the security guard invited Wayne and me out to the parking lot to see something unusual. You guessed it: the Pinzgauer! This six-wheel drive Swiss Army vehicle sure beats the Humvee! Wayne and I were taken for an exhilarating

ride over Bureau of Land Management land; over boulders and up and down sheer hills, through sand and water. It was a once in a lifetime experience! If we had not taken the time to connect with the staff, we would have completely missed out on this opportunity.

Ironically, the theme of the conference was Making Connections. By making this particular connection, Wayne and I experienced something new. Let me encourage you to make connections—through membership in NLA, NSLA, MPLA or ALA; through attending the annual joint conference; and through making new acquaintances with other people at system sponsored events. Your connections may not bring you something as fun as riding in the Pinzgauer but they can bring you friends and colleagues who can help you in many other ways, such as new job opportunities, help with problems or just a shoulder to cry on!



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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- Tech Topics

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Meet the TRaiLS Board Nominees!

The following four candidates are nominated for a 3 year term on the Three Rivers Library System Board of Directors.



GETTING TO KNOW:

Name: Staci Sandman

Library and position: Albion Public Library, Director

Favorite quotation about books or reading: This quote always makes me smile: "A well-read woman is a dangerous creature."

What excites you about being on the TRaiLS Board? Reading is such an important skill to learn and I live by the mantra: "You probably don't HATE to read... You just don't know WHAT to read!" I love making a difference in the reading lives of my patrons and I want to continue making a difference throughout our library system.

Don't forget that voting is now open! Go to <http://bit.ly/TRaiLSVoting> to cast your vote by June 30th!



GETTING TO KNOW:

Name: Karen Wyatt Drevo

Library and position: Youth Services Librarian at Norfolk Public Library

Favorite quotation about books or reading: "She is too fond of books, and it has turned her brain." ~~Louisa May Alcott "We English majors...need to promote public libraries as a tool in the war against terror. How many readers of Edith Wharton have engaged in terroristic acts? I challenge you to name one...Do we need to wait until our cities lie in smoking ruins before we wake up to the fact that a first-class public library is a vital link in national defense?"...Garrison Keillor

What excites you about being on the TRaiLS Board? Serving on the TRaiLS Board would be such an honor and a great opportunity to promote learning and professional growth. Advocating for libraries and their programs, communicating about and attempting to resolve issues that affect our system libraries and library service, making long range plans, building positive images for our libraries, and networking with libraries throughout TRaiLS excites me. I cannot think of anything more important or exciting than fostering exemplary library service for everyone.

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GETTING TO KNOW.....

Name: Ann Bachman

Library and position: House Memorial Library, Pender—Library Director.

Favorite quotation about books or reading: “A book is the most effective weapon against ignorance or intolerance.” - Lyndon B. Johnson.

Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.” - Walter Cronkite.

“You’re never too old, too wacky or wild, to pick up a book and read to a child.” - Dr. Seuss

“The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” - Dr. Seuss

What excites you about being on the TRaiLS Board? I look forward to working with the Three Rivers Library System staff and members of the board, making new acquaintances, being a voice for “small” rural libraries (those with a staff of only one or two persons) and learning about all the great programs and activities that are happening in our systems libraries. I love all the creative ideas that fellow librarians share for engaging with their communities and making their libraries a vital resource for patrons of all ages.

GETTING TO KNOW.....

Name: Kate Ostenrude

Library and position: Brunswick Public Library, Director and everything else. A little background: I was the director of the Neligh Library for 9 years then we moved to North Dakota where I was the director of the Cavalier Public Library for 3 years. We moved back to Brunswick with thoughts of retiring, but I was conscripted. I do like working here, I think I’d go nuts without a library. Yes, I am one of the old guard and have been a librarian for 35 years.

Favorite quotation about books or reading: I read constantly and do not have an applicable quote at my fingertips. Currently, I’m reading Robert Parker’s *Slow Burn*

What excites you about being on the TRaiLS Board? I was on the Northeast Library System board and served a term as president. Our major achievement during my tenure was hiring Jessica Chamberlain as Systems Director. Jessica is now the director of the Norfolk Public Library. The Systems board has an important function to act as a liaison with the commission and help with new projects.

Brunswick is important to the board because of its size. We are very tiny with a population of 136. Many librarians in the state believe that such small libraries serve no function and that funds should be allocated to larger entities. Small libraries serve those who have no other option. The library is the only source of entertainment and education in our community. Patrons, especially children, have no ready transportation to the world of books and programming. Small libraries serve their communities well and should be represented on the TRaiLS Board. Our voice should be heard.

AT THE TRAILS OFFICE

Bring on the Book Kits!

The TRaiLS Office is gearing up for the next school year with more book kit titles. In the last few weeks we've had some wonderful donations to our book kits from Gretna High School and Omaha Public Library which culminated in **seven** new titles to offer our members.

Our newest additions include:

God of Beer by Garret Keizer

Getting the Girl by Markus Zusak

In Cold Blood by Truman Capote

Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton

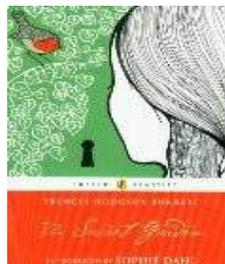
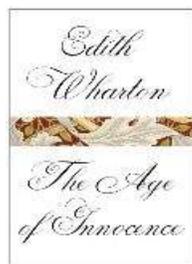
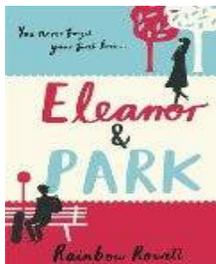
The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Wait Till Next Year by Doris Kearns Goodwin

Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell

As always, go to our website: trails.libib.com to check out titles, place items on hold, and read descriptions of the titles we offer.

We truly appreciate your suggestions and ideas for our book kit program and if you have some opinions please let us know at <http://bit.ly/KitEvals>



Join Us!

TRaiLS Annual Meeting!

The TRLS Annual Meeting will be held on August 5th, 2016 at the Neligh Public Library!

Registration will begin at 9:30am. Pat Wagner will be joining us via webinar to present a one-hour session of Bully-Proofing Your Library. The NLC report will start at 11:30am followed by lunch. The TRLS Board Meeting will begin at 1:00pm after lunch.

Register Online at: <http://bit.ly/TRaiLSAnnual>

No cost to register!

2CE credit hours available.

Neligh Public Library

710 Main Street, Neligh NE 68756



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Did You Know:

The TRaiLS Office has a bookshelf on trails.libib.com of items we're currently giving away? Newly added:

Book Kit Bundles
Toys
Literary Guides

If you see something that you'd like, just e-mail Chelsea at trls.assistant@gmail.com with what you would like and your mailing address. We'll get it out to you as soon as we can!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

2016 continuing education scholarships are still available to attend state, regional, and nationwide conferences and events. These scholarships are available to any director, media specialist, staff member, or trustee at libraries in the TRaiLS service area. Applications will be reviewed by the scholarship committee after the deadline to apply for each specific scholarship has passed. Scholarship recipients will be notified prior to the event with money awarded after attendance of the event.

An application to apply can be found at <http://libraries.ne.gov/trls/calendar/scholarship-opportunities/>

NLA/NSLA - October 19-21 in Omaha
Deadline to apply September 21 20 \$250 scholarships

ARSL - October 27-29 in Fargo, ND
Deadline to apply September 29 1 \$330.00 scholarship

Other C.E. Opportunities
Please submit applications at least one month prior to event roughly \$4,133.00 available for other continuing education opportunities.

Congratulations to Mary Jo Mack!

Mary Jo, Director of the John A. Stahl Library in West Point, won the Three Rivers Library System ALA Conference Scholarship.

Be on the lookout for her article in an upcoming TRaiLS newsletter about her experience at the ALA Conference!

UPCOMING BASIC SKILLS COURSE AND REGISTRATION DATES

Class Dates:	Class Title:	Registration Dates:
7/18 - 7/29	Collection Management*	6/10 - 7/8
8/22 - 9/2	Library Policy	7/15 - 8/12
9/12 - 9/23	Programming & Outreach	8/5 - 9/2
10/3 - 10/14	The Community and the Library*	8/26 - 9/23

* Required class

Calendar of Events

GLBT Book Month
June

TRaiLS Office Closed
4 July

Hemingway Day s
Third Week of July

TRLS Annual Meeting
Neligh Public Library
5 August
9:30am

Joint Youth Services Retreat
Carol Joy Holling Camp, Ashland
25-26 August

Library Card Sign-up Month
September

Fall Library Workshop 2016
Lifelong Learning Center
21 September

Leading Through Times of Change
Seward Public Library
23 September
9:30am - 3:30pm

Did You Know:

That Codecademy helps you learn how to create, code, and publish a website?

There's an online class to help you learn how to do all of the above!

Check it out at <https://www.codecademy.com/learn/deploy-a-website>

INFORMATION STATION

Tech Topics: Storms, Surge Protectors, and Safe Electronics



Melissa Geist from the Southeast Kansas Library System graciously allowed use of her article from *Stacks of News* newsletter. Read below to find out how to protect your tech!

What is a surge protector? A surge protector (or surge suppressor) is a device designed to protect sensitive electronic equipment from harmful voltage spikes and power surges. It absorbs excess energy much like a sponge absorbs water by blocking or sending to ground any voltages above a safe threshold. A power surge is a short-term increase in voltage (or voltage spike) due to lightening strikes or unusual line conditions, such as when power companies switch power distribution across grids.

What is the difference between surge protectors and power strips? Surge protectors are different from power strips because power strips provide power extension and extra outlets but offer no protection against power spikes or surges.

What is the difference between surge protectors and battery backups or uninterruptible power supplies (UPS)? UPS's provide many of the same features as surge protectors, but also protect equipment from short term power outages and brownouts, which are periods of lower voltage, not high enough to run traditional equipment.

When should a surge proctor be replaced? It's important to periodically replace your surge protector or battery backup (once every 3-4 years is recommended in most cases) since power surges wear down the protective components inside the surge protector over time.

Why should the surge protector or UPS be replaced regularly? The average building gets over 300 power surges per year. Power surges, voltage spikes, brownouts, and other power irregularities occur five times a day on average. Frequent power surges, even when small, cause cumulative damage, shortening the product lifespan, so a surge protector or a battery backup can save money by requiring electrical equipment replacements less often. Over 50% of electrical equipment failure can be attributed to power surges.

Stop using out of date surge protectors and power strips that provide no protection to computers, printers, routers, and other devices. Switching to a new surge protector or UPS can protect your device against power surges caused during storms and other bad weather so you won't have to replace routers and switches every year.

<http://smile.amazon.com/dp/B000J2EN4S> : highly rated, high quality surge protector.

<http://smile.amazon.com/dp/B001984U8> : Good basic battery backup/UPS

Trustee Zone's New Resources

Three new resources have been added to the Trustee Zone at <http://www.ala.org/united/nebraska>.

These practical guides include:

- ⇒ A Library Board's Practical Guide to Strategic Planning.
- ⇒ A Library Board's Practical Guide to Evaluating the Library Director.
- ⇒ A Library Board's Practical Guide to Finding the Right Library Director.

Don't forget to login to the Trustee Zone to access these new practical guides for Trustees included with your United for Libraries membership! Choose "Practical Guides" in the left column on the page underneath the Trustee Zone header.

If you need help with the login and password information, contact Holli Duggan at the Nebraska Library Commission at holli.duggan@nebraska.gov

Access to United for Libraries resources is provided by the Nebraska Library Commission.

LIBRARY NEWS

Plattsmouth Cornerstone Contents Revealed!

Approximately 300 people attended the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the laying of the Plattsmouth Public Library cornerstone on Saturday, April 23, 2016, in the library's parking lot. Children from the Plattsmouth Middle School sang three songs and presentations were made by Mayor R. Paul Lambert, historian Harlan Seyfer, and library patron Gail Johnson.

Those in attendance were able to see Public Works Director Gary Helwig and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Jesse Clark remove the receptacle from the cornerstone. "Sattler" and "April 19" were written on the bottom of the metal box. April 19, 1916, is the day the cornerstone was laid; Sattler had just been elected mayor. From the Plattsmouth Journal dated April 6, 1916, "For mayor, John P. Sattler, the democratic candidate, received a majority of 97 over Mayor E. J. Richey, the present occupant of the office...." The box and some of the papers had a considerable amount of rust on them, so not everything was legible.



Cornerstone dedication, Carnegie library, southwest corner of Fourth and Avenue A, April 20, 1916. Plattsmouth Public Library files.

The mayor, Mr. Seyfer, Margo Prentiss from the Cass County Historical Society Museum, and Library Director Karen Mier helped describe the contents before they were put in protective sleeves for preservation and for better viewing. The items in the cornerstone are identified below and are on display in the library.

Pennies – 5 wheat pennies dated 1909 (2), 1910 (2), 1914, and an Indian head penny dated 1902

2-page history of the library signed by the members of the Library Board

A list of some of the Plattsmouth High School students and the year they expected to graduate

A paper from Warga & Shuldice, general contractors, signed by Jess Warga

Business cards from Dr. John Stuart Livingston, Weyrich & Hadraba Red Cross Drug Store, John G. Wunderlich "candidate for Sheriff" (he won in 1916), and Paul Stadelman



Library staff and members of the Plattsmouth Conservancy were dressed in period attire. Attendees enjoyed buttermilk pie and pumpkin pie while the Plattsmouth Community Band played.

LIBRARY NEWS

Robotics at Weeping Water Public Library



The Weeping Water Public Library recently checked out a STEAM Kit from the TRaiLS Office and spent an afternoon building a robot. The boys had fun reading through the directions and collaborating on making that robot move.



If you also want to build a robot, check out our STEAM kits at trails.libib.com

The CCC at Weeping Water Public Library

The Civilian Conservation Corps were remembered in Weeping Water on May 16th. William Jamerson, a writer, documentary filmmaker, and living history presenter, captured the essence of the Civilian Conservation Corps through song and storytelling presentations.

William Jamerson also wrote the book, *Big Shoulders*, which uses the interviews with former members of the Civilian Conservation Corps as a window in the world of the Great Depression.

Read the full article that was printed in [The Journal](#).



LIBRARY NEWS

Emerson Public Library Reads On



The Summer Reading Program has officially started at Emerson Public Library with inviting each elementary class to see a presentation on the upcoming events to be held this year.

The Emerson Summer Reading Program is each Monday in June from 10:00am –11:00am where crafts, games, and reading books all happen. They also have the Individual reading Program which runs until the end of July. All ages are welcome and everyone gets a prize for each book they read. When the participants read ten books or more they receive a t-shirt and invitation to an ice cream party! Each patron gets a ticket, where they sign their name and get entered into the “grand prize bowl” for their age group which is drawn on August 3rd.

The response has been awesome and the patrons are keeping Emerson Public Library busy with the books coming and going!



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Lied Pierce Public Library Brings Magic

Lied Pierce Public Library kicked off their Summer Reading Program with magician Keith West, who entertained the whole group!

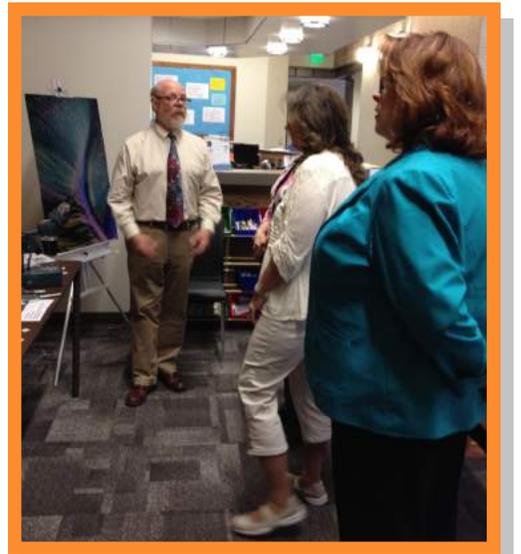


Kids also built towers out of old soda boxes and had a blast knocking them down!

Valley Public Library's Under the Microscope!

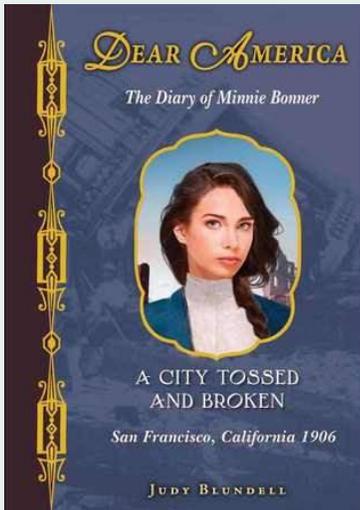
Gary Brown showed off the science corner at the DiSPeL Meeting at the Valley Public Library in May. Gary Brown helps maintain the circulating microscope kits at Valley Public Library.

To learn more about the microscope kits check out this blog post at <http://libraries.ne.gov/valley/2016/03/11/microscope-update/>



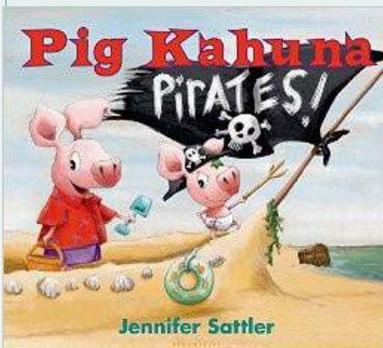
Featured above from left to right is Gary Brown, Julie Jorgensen (Waterloo Public Library), and Laura Marlane (Omaha Public Library).

Book Review Corner!



Submit news, articles, pictures, or resources for the newsletter to Chelsea at trls.assistant@gmail.com.

Please feel free to email or call with suggestions and comments for the newsletter or system.



A City Tossed and Broken: the Diary of Minnie Bonner By Judy Blundell

Recommended for middle school and up.

Article by Pat Thompson, WSC

Minnie Bonner is fourteen and her whole life has been living and helping the family in the French tavern in Philadelphia, which her father suddenly loses in a game of cards. Minnie's father disappears leaving the mess for her mother to clean up, resulting in Minnie becoming a companion to the daughter of the wealthy Sump Family. Minnie finds herself moving to San Francisco with the Sump Family to live on Nob Hill in a brand new mansion. A few days after the move at 5:23 a.m. on April 18th, 1906 an earthquake rips through the city while many residents were still in their bed. In the midst of the devasta-

tion, Minnie must figure out who she is, what she is going to do, and how she is going to help others with this turn of events.

This book is packed with intrigue, personal and city corruption, and lots of action which will appeal to both the male and female reader of middle school and higher age.

This volume is another in the 'Dear America' series written in diary form with author and historical notes along with actual photographs of the aftermath of the great earthquake and fire.

Interesting fact about the earthquake: It probably registered on the Richter scale between a 7.9—8.2 and resulted in three days of fire, which destroyed over half the city with 225,000 people being homeless. This is a great book to pique the interest of history and national disasters for both public and school libraries.

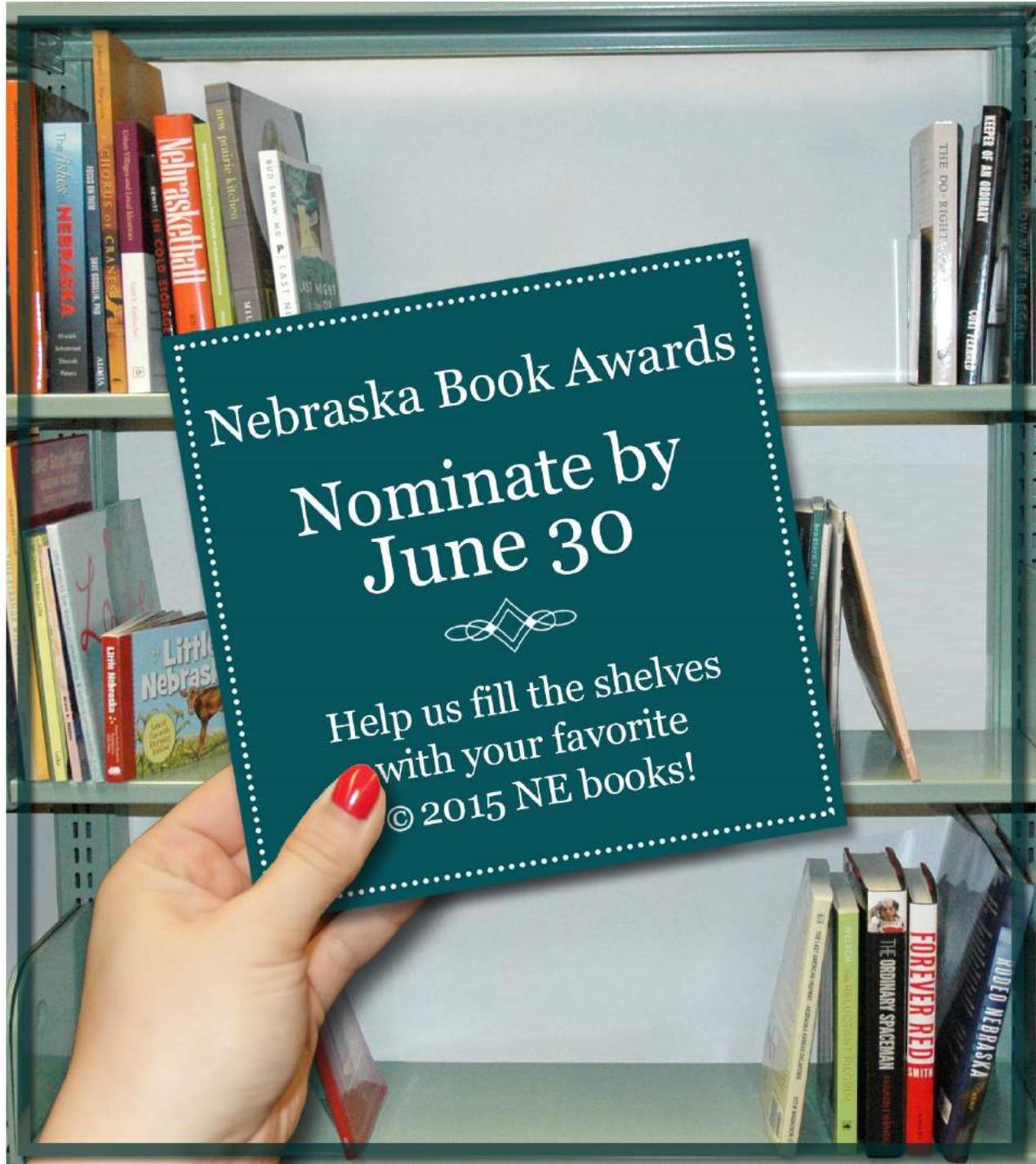
Pig Kahuna Pirates! By Jennifer Sattler

Recommended for Preschool—K

Article by Latricia Olson, Randolph

Pig Kahuna Pirates is a delightful book. Dink and Fergus are brother pigs who are spending the day at the beach. Fergus is having a great time enjoying the sea and the sand but not Dink. Dink got up on the wrong side of the bed after his nap and nothing Fergus says or does can change Dink's crabapple attitude. Not even the discovery of a pirate's hat and the building of a fabulous pirate ship! Dink is too busy having a temper tantrum to participate in all the fun. When a crab nips Dink on the toe and he emits an enormous "AAAArgh!" Fergus is inspired to tell Dink what a perfect pirate he would make, stink eye and all. With that, Dink's attitude turns around and the two brothers have a great time playing pirate.

The book has some great lessons for kids. One is that a bad day can get better. Another is that just because someone else isn't having fun doesn't mean that you cannot go right ahead and enjoy yourself.



Don't forget to enter in the 2016 Book Awards Competition at <http://centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/awards/nebookawards.html>



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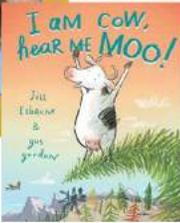
22nd Annual

Saturday, July 30th 2016
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Northeast Community College
Lifelong Learning Center
801 E Benjamin Ave, Norfolk, NE

Featuring:



Jill Esbaum



2017 Golden Sower Award nominee for *I Am Cow, Hear Me Moo!*



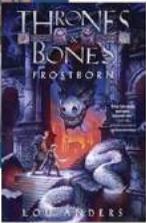
Sally M. Walker



2017 Golden Sower Award nominee for *Winnie: The True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie-The-Pooh.*



Lou Anders



2017 Golden Sower Award nominee for *Frostborn.*



Alan Gratz



2015 Golden Sower Award YA Winner for *Prisoner B-3087.*

ALSO: 2016-2017 Golden Sower Previews by Karen Drevo & Marci Retzlaff; Book Display & Discount Sales by Norfolk Public Library Foundation of titles by Jill Esbaum, Sally M. Walker, Lou Anders, and Alan Gratz; Sales of Golden Sower Items; Autograph Session/Book Signing with Jill Esbaum, Sally M. Walker, Lou Anders, and Alan Gratz; Door Prizes; 5 Continuing Education Hours (for all day attendance) from the Nebraska Library Commission for School & Public Librarians; 5 Professional Growth Points (for all day attendance) for Teachers/Staff employed by Norfolk Public Schools.

Advance tickets are available at Norfolk Public Library OR by mail order

For more information, contact Karen Drevo at NPL by phone at 402.844.2108 or email at kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us

A wonderful way to spend a summer day for literature lovers of all ages!

Mark Your Calendar for August 17, 2016!

27th Annual Nebraska Data Users Conference

Conducted by the UNO Center for Public Affairs Research,
the lead agency of the Nebraska State Data Center Network

We are excited to have three subject matter experts from the Census Bureau's main office in Washington, DC, and regional office in Denver presenting this year.

One focus of the conference will be a "mid-decade" look at how state and local populations have changed so far in the 2010s decade with projections toward 2020.

WHEN:

Wednesday, August 17, 2016; 8 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

WHERE:

University of Nebraska at Omaha Dodge Campus
CPACS Building, 6001 Dodge Street in Omaha

COST:

On-site: \$75 – Includes Lunch, Parking & Materials
NO webcast this year. Registration opens June 1.



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Topics Include:

- ★ Overview of Census Data
- ★ Data Visualization
- ★ Best Data Uses Panel Discussion
- ★ Local Employment Dynamics
- ★ Census Data Product Updates
- ★ Data Analysis Tips and Insight
- ★ Nebraska Demographic Trends

Hands-on computer trainings:

- ★ FactFinder Data Retrieval Tool
- ★ Accessing Employment Data
- ★ LED Workforce Data/On the Map

Learn more about Nebraska data and trends at cpar.unomaha.edu



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Joint Youth Services Retreat

featuring



Libraries Serving Youth: Growing the Brain!

Sheryl Feinstein, Dean of Education, UNK



Behind the Scenes with Bruce Arant

Bruce Arant, Author and Illustrator

22nd Annual Youth Services Retreat

August 25-26

Carol Joy Holling Camp and Retreat Center, Ashland

For full program and registration: <http://bit.ly/2016Ashland>

If you can't make the Ashland retreat, you can still hear the above speakers at the two events below!

Youth Services Day

August 19, Wilson Public Library, Cozad

Registration: <http://goo.gl/forms/XFAJK5UpJ0H91ZIB2>

Fall Library Workshop

September 21, Lifelong Learning Center, Norfolk

Registration: <http://bit.ly/FLW2016>

#TRLS_NNNC



Three Rivers Library System & NNCC Educational Service Units
present their Fall Library Workshop 2016

Evolve, Enrich, Empower

Join us Wednesday, September 21, 2016,
at the Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk, 800 East Benjamin.
School librarians, please visit www.esu1.org/registration to register.
Public librarians, please visit <http://goo.gl/forms/g8p9KTLCTN0VIWVb2> to register.

Call for Presenters

Please visit <http://goo.gl/forms/7g2YHh6G0j> to submit your proposal for the workshop.