

# TRAILS

## 2017 ASSOCIATION OF RURAL & SMALL LIBRARIES CONFERENCE

*Article by Tammi Thiem, TRLS System Peer Coordinator, Director at Genoa Public Library*

My name is Tammi Thiem, and I am the Library Director of the Genoa Public Library and the System Peer Coordinator for the five-county group of Antelope, Boone, Madison, Nance, and Platte. I was fortunate to be awarded the Dr. Bernard Vavrek Scholarship to attend the 2017 Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) Conference held in St. George, Utah from September 7th-9th. There were four separate scholarships offered, and there were over 100 applicants, so I feel very honored to have been chosen as a recipient! The scholarship paid the yearly membership fee to ARSL, registration for the conference, the hotel accommodations for three nights, and a \$500 stipend for travel and meal expenses. Due to the limited budget of my small library, attendance would not have been possible without this generous scholarship opportunity!

The “Libraries Elevated — Everything from ARSL to Zion” conference featured 541 attendees, more than 40 vendors, over 50 interesting break-out sessions, and five amazing keynote speakers: Jill Nystull, Richard Paul Evans, Clint Lewis, Brandon Mull, and Lance Conrad. The break-out sessions addressed a wide variety of library-related issues and ideas, and there was so much valuable information learned during this conference! All five of the keynote speakers were fantastic and inspirational!

I recommend that everyone who is qualified apply for one of these wonderful scholarships! The 2018 ARSL Conference, “Linking Libraries in the Land of Lincoln,” will be held September 13th-15th in Springfield, Illinois. It is exciting to meet librarians from all over the country who all work in small and rural libraries, it is an amazing educational experience, and it is unbelievably fun!

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Review Corner
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## AT THE TRAILS OFFICE

### Scholarships

TRaiLS 2017 continuing education scholarships are available to attend state, regional, and nationwide conferences and events. Any director, media specialist, staff member, or trustee at libraries in the TRaiLS service area may apply. 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.

#### Did You Know:

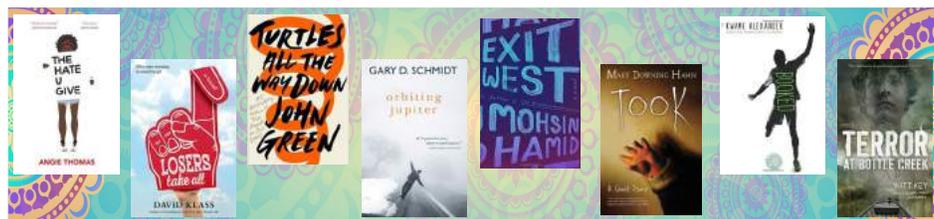
TRaiLS is offering two \$1,000 scholarships to attend the Public Library Association 2018 conference in Philadelphia, PA. Details of the conference can be found at the [PLA Conference website](#). The deadline to apply is December 20th, 2017 in order to allow registrants to meet Early Bird deadlines and save the most money!

To apply— complete the application form available at [the Three Rivers website](#) and email it to Chelsea at [trls.assistant@gmail.com](mailto:trls.assistant@gmail.com) before close of business on Wednesday, December 20th.

An application to apply can be found at <http://libraries.ne.gov/trls/calendar-2/scholarship-opportunities/>

### Book Kits Added to TRaiLS

- The Three Rivers Library System has added new book kits for our system members to check out for their book clubs. Look for them at [trails.libib.com](http://trails.libib.com).
- ◇ [Exit West](#) by Mohsin Hamid
  - ◇ [Turtles All the Way Down](#) by John Green
  - ◇ [Losers Take All](#) by David Klass
  - ◇ [Booked](#) by Kwame Alexander
  - ◇ [Terror at Bottle Creek](#) by Watt Key
  - ◇ [The Hate U Give](#) by Angie Thomas
  - ◇ [Orbiting Jupiter](#) by Gary D. Schmidt
  - Keep an eye out on [our website](#) and [Libib page](#) for more additions to our book club kits!
  - ◇ [Took: A Ghost Story](#) by Mary Downing Hahn



### Giveaway Items

At the office, we're parting with our professional development collection as well as some titles from our book kits, so head on over to [trails.libib.com/i/give-away](http://trails.libib.com/i/give-away) and see if there's anything your library may need.

If there is, send Chelsea an e-mail at [trls.assistant@gmail.com](mailto:trls.assistant@gmail.com) and she can help figure out a pickup date.



## MAKING A MIDDLE SCHOOL/ TWEEN ADVISORY BOARD



On the YALSA blog, they explore utilizing an advisory board for middle schoolers and how giving middle graders more of a voice and agency in their programming has helped to create a tight-knit library community. [Check out the blog](#) to read more about youth participation.

YALSA also has [guidelines for Teen Programming](#), which can be used to help create a similar middle school advisory board.

If you've already got a great teen or middle grade advisory board, email the Three Rivers Library System a little write-up all about what worked for your group and even the ideas that didn't work. Other librarians in the system can benefit from all learning experiences, and can even help crowd-source troubleshooting advice.

## NLA CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE

*Article by Lisa Macke*

I am Lisa Macke from the Creighton Public Library in Creighton, Nebraska. I started my job as the library director in August 2016. Everything in the library was new to me. Honestly, I didn't know that there was a conference for school and public librarians until I started my job. When I went to the DiSPEL meetings, people were always talking about the conference. I was intrigued to see what the conference was all about. I applied for the TRaiLS scholarship in hopes that I would receive one of them. As we all know our budgets are tight and we try to scrimp and save as much as we

can. I was excited to be notified that I was a recipient for the scholarship.

When I got to the conference, it was very overwhelming to say the least. I went in there not really knowing what to expect. I couldn't believe all of the options of the opportunities to attend throughout the day. There were so many to choose from. The biggest thing I brought back was a lot of ideas I would like to try in my library. I really enjoyed being given the opportunity to attend the conference and make the friendships I did.

## UPCOMING BASIC SKILLS COURSE AND REGISTRATION DATES

Class Dates:

Class Title:

Registration Dates:

11/6 - 11/17 [Library Service to Children & Youth](#)

10/2 - 10/26

\* Required class

## Calendar of Events

DiSPEL Meeting  
Neligh Public Library  
15 November 2017  
9:30am—Noon

DiSPEL Meeting  
Waterloo Public Library  
17 November 2017  
2:30pm—4:30pm

DiSPEL Meeting  
Lyons Public Library  
17 November 2017  
9:30am-11:30am

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Plainview Public Library's Summer Reading

*Article by Eileen Bramer*



The Public Library's five-week summer reading program, "Building a Better World," concluded with a pool party and Dino O'Dell. There were sessions for infants to two year olds, preschool, children going into kindergarten through second grade and students going into third through fifth grade.



Dino is a musician, storyteller, and all around funny man. He played his guitar and sang while the children in the pool joined in. His performance was interactive, educational, and funny.



Summer reading, "Building a Better World" included sessions on construction, ecology, music, five senses, animals, famous bridges and famous building.

Jami, from the Nebraska Game and Parks, visited and did a great job teaching the children about all that can be learned from SCAT. They had fun making edible SCAT.



The Pierce County Extension office came twice. The first session was on building bridges and what could be done to uphold more weight.

The second session was "Horse Trading." This was a fun lesson on what to give away and what to keep.



Jason Halverson visited both the preschool and the kindergarten-second grade groups. He shared the content of his construction tool belt with the children. They were taken up with his chalk marker.

The summer activities were assisted by Kylie Mosel, the library summer intern, and by Becky Baller and Paige Norris.



# LIBRARY NEWS

## Creighton Public Library's Halloween Tradition

Article by Lisa Macke



Creighton Public Library has a Halloween tradition to have a Trick or Treat Parade on main street the Saturday before Halloween. In September, I talk to the businesses to let them know when it will be and how many children participated the year before. Then 2 weeks before the event, I call the businesses to remind them about the upcoming event. The day of the Trick or Treat Parade everyone meets at the library. We leave the library at 10am and walk to the businesses. The businesses have someone standing outside of their door to hand out candy to the kids. I am in contact with our local police department to have them assist with crossing the highway. I also have board members to help walk among the kids to keep everyone safe. One of the local churches has piggy-backed on our Halloween and have a Trunk or Treat a couple of blocks from the library. After the kids are done with our trick or treat, I stand at the library and thank the kids for coming and send them down to the church for the Trunk or Treat.



## Lied Pierce Public Library's Annual Halloween Costume Party



## LIBRARY NEWS

### NLA/NSLA Experience

Article by Jaclyn Harris

Working at a private Catholic high school, there was little chance of my making it to the NLA/NSLA conference without assistance. I was very lucky to receive a TRaiLS scholarship this year in order to attend the conference. The best parts about the conference were by far the keynote speakers.

On Thursday, we heard from Jill Bourne, Library Journal's 2017 Librarian of the Year. Her keynote was on the importance of working together to achieve what we need for our library patrons. This message works for both public and school librarians. What really spoke to me was the fact that Bourne had many jobs before getting her spot in the public library, even an unfortunate night as a hostess at a strip club. Even though Bourne had worked many places, it was her spot in the library where she was really able to flourish. She continued to speak about how librarians are stronger together and that we should not do everything alone. She also shared a message she shares with her coworkers, "Be Awesome Today." What a great message to start the conference with!

On Friday, the speaker was Todd Burselson, School Library Journal's 2016 Librarian of the Year. Burselson shared with us his adventures in creating a makerspace in an unused computer lab attached to his library (which also has a real working fireplace!). Burselson's IDEA lab attracts students from throughout the school and working together, classes have been able to create many wonderful things, like wagons to help move textbooks and a fish tank for trout they were going to hatch and release. His main message was working on a balance between "books and bytes" and it was great to see what adventures his students were having in their makerspace.

### Dakota City Library Starts Fundraisers

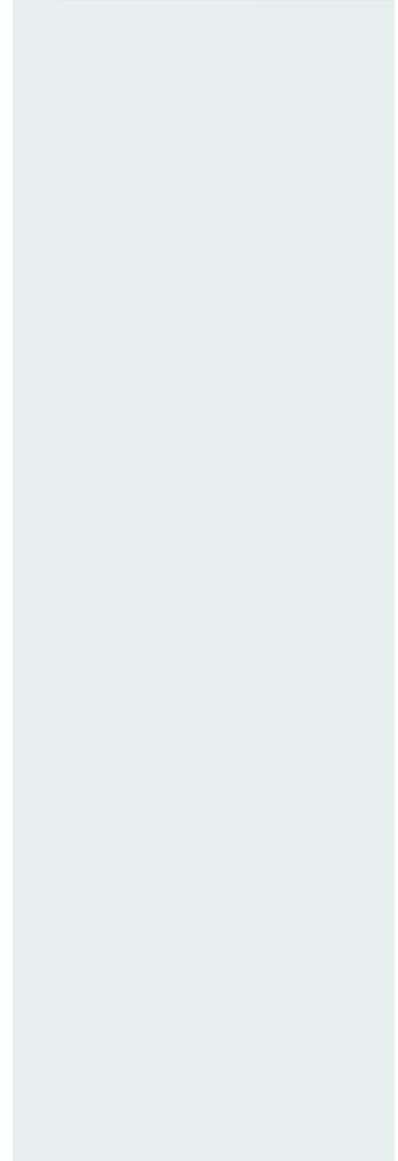
Article by Kathy Schable

The Dakota City Public Library will begin circulating a "Traveling Toilet" as a means to raise money to help defray costs of a roof repair. They were able to find a loyal patron to paint their toilet and design a sign.

Participants will pay:

- ◆ \$10 to have the toilet removed from their property within 24 hours.
- ◆ \$20 to have it delivered to a friend of their choosing.
- ◆ \$30 to receive an Insurance Certificate to insure that they do not receive it again.

Along with the *Traveling Toilet*, Friends of the Library are putting together some "Book Baskets" to raffle off. Each basket will contain a reading pillow with a pocket holding a book and a movie, and a few movie watching snacks. Baskets will be on display at City Hall and the Library. Tickets may be purchased from Friends of the Library members or at the Dakota City Public Library for \$2 each or 3 for \$5.



## LIBRARY NEWS

### ***Gov. Ricketts Unveils Library Innovation Studios Makerspace Partnership***

*Nebraska Library Commission*



Governor Pete Ricketts announced that 18 Nebraska libraries will be the initial local participants in Nebraska's Library Innovation Studios: Transforming Rural Communities project to create library makerspaces. The Nebraska Library Commission was recently awarded a National Leadership Grant of \$530,732 by the Institute of the Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for this partnership project with the University of Nebraska Lincoln (UNL), Nebraska Innovation Studio, Nebraska Extension, Regional Library Systems, and local public libraries.

"This partnership demonstrates how our Nebraska communities can use technology and education to empower community residents to create, learn, and invent," said Governor Ricketts. "By expanding the skills of the workforce in our communities, supporting entrepreneurs, and encouraging lifelong learning, this partnership reinforces our vibrant business climate and supports community development."

The project uses Library Innovations Studios makerspaces hosted by public libraries to support community engagement and participatory learning experiences by providing access to technology and innovative learning tools not readily accessible locally. This is expected to stimulate creativity, innovation, and the exchange of ideas to facilitate entrepreneurship, skills development, and local economic development.

The Nebraska Innovation Studio — the UNL makerspace — is the creative and collaborative hub of UNL's Nebraska Innovation Campus, where makers and builders team up to conceptualize, prototype, and iterate projects that solve problems and influence change. The primary focus is on creativity, interdisciplinary collaboration, entrepreneurship, and education.

Nebraska Extension is one of three components of UNL's land-grant mission. It is a dynamic educational organization that puts research to work in local communities, businesses, and individuals' lives. Extension professionals are recognized for subject matter competence, excellent teaching skills, and community presence. They live and work in Nebraska communities across the state and engage with local and state partners in educational program delivery to address critical issues identified by constituents.

The initial local library partners that will host one of the four rotating makerspaces are:

- ◆ Ainsworth Public Library
- ◆ Ashland Public Library
- ◆ Bridgeport Public Library
- ◆ Broken Bow Public Library
- ◆ Central City Public Library
- ◆ Crete Public Library
- ◆ Geneva Public Library
- ◆ Loup City Public Library
- ◆ Nebraska City, Morton-James Public Library
- ◆ Neligh Public Library
- ◆ Norfolk Public Library
- ◆ Plattsmouth Public Library

#### Did You Know:

The Plattsmouth Public Library is the first library to have their equipment installed at the beginning of November! They invite any interested libraries to visit for a demo of some of the equipment.



*Featured above: Plattsmouth Public Library's Community Action Team's meeting in October allowed team members to meet with JoAnn McManus, Library Innovation Studios Project Manager, to discuss the next steps and training for the project.*

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- ◆ Ravenna Public Library
- ◆ Scottsbluff, Lied Scottsbluff Public Library
- ◆ Sidney Public Library, Special Model Program Partner
- ◆ South Sioux City Public Library
- ◆ Wayne Public Library

Twelve additional libraries will be selected in 2018 to host makerspaces in 2019/20. This project began July 1, 2017 and will conclude June 30th, 2020. For more information about the project or equipment that will be featured in the rotating makerspaces, see <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/grants/InnovationStudios>.

“Nebraska’s public libraries are the natural gathering points for people to come together to share materials, knowledge, and experiences,” said Nebraska Library Commission Director Rod Wagner. “Whether the materials and tools are high tech or low tech, digital or analog, art or science, the focus is to create, invent, tinker, explore, and discover using the tools, materials, and knowledge available. Libraries have always been dedicated to community partnership, collaboration, and the free exchange of ideas—makerspaces are the next step in that progression.”

“UNL and Nebraska Innovation Studio are extremely excited to be partnering with the Nebraska Library Commission and libraries across the State of Nebraska to help bring hands-on learning experiences to Nebraskans of all ages,” said UNL Nebraska Innovation Studio Founder Shane Farritor. “I think it is very important to provide the opportunity to be creative and this partnership is going to create new opportunities,”

“As centers of learning and catalysts of community change, libraries and museums connect people with programs, services, collections, information, and new ideas in the arts, sciences, and humanities,” said IMLS Director Dr. Kathryn K. Matthew. “They serve as vital spaces where people can connect with each other. IMLS is proud to support their work through our grant making as they inform and inspire all in their communities.”

As the state library agency, the Nebraska Library Commission is an advocate for the library and information needs of all Nebraskans. The mission of the Library Commission is statewide promotion, development, and coordination of library and information services, bringing together people and information. The most up-to-date news releases from the Nebraska Library Commission are always available on the Library Commission website, <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/publications/newsreleases>.

Nebraska’s Regional Library Systems are four non-profit corporations governed by boards representative of libraries and citizens in the region. Systems provide access to improved library services by facilitating cooperation among all types of libraries and media centers within the counties included in each System area.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is celebrating its 20th Anniversary. IMLS is the primary source of federal support for the nation’s 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. Their mission has been to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. For the past 20 years, their grant making, policy development, and research has helped libraries and museums deliver valuable services that make it possible for communities and individuals to thrive. To learn more, visit [www.imls.gov](http://www.imls.gov) and follow them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. (Grant #LG-95-17-0046-17)



Check out the **Community Engagement** section of the **Library Innovation Studio** website.



## LIBRARY NEWS

### Osmond Public Library's Halloween Contest

*Article by Donna Kahny*



We had a wonderful turnout for our “Pumpkin Decorating Contest”, organized by our aide, LaVail Ashoff. It was a night of fun for our little town! We had over 65 pumpkins brought in for the judges, and prizes were inspired by our local community businesses. Prizes were donated by over 20 businesses, and they either had something to do with what they sell, or something with their name on it. Some fun examples are: A mouse trap, a screwdriver, flashlights, umbrellas, basketballs, footballs, etc.



It was a  
HUGE  
success!



### Snapshots with Verdigre Public Library

*Article by Katie Hollmann*

The Stan Buman Exhibit, “Fencline Photos” can travel to interested libraries. It is available anytime after October 2017. The exhibit consists of forty gorgeous bird and wildlife photos.



Twenty-five of the photos are either photos-on-canvas or framed (ready-to-hang); the other 15 are matted and wrapped in protective plastic. The Verdigre Public Library used a combination of wire display racks and tabletop easels to display this and other shows.

If any library would like to borrow Stan's exhibit (free of charge) they can contact Katie Hollmann at [verdigrelibrary@gmail.com](mailto:verdigrelibrary@gmail.com)

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Conference Report From a Scholarship Winner

*Article by Laura England-Biggs*

The 2017 NLA/NSLA conference in Kearney was October 11-13. I received a scholarship from the Three Rivers Library System, which helped defray the cost of my hotel room for two nights. I was able to attend the pre-conference session “Implementing Developmentally Appropriate Practices in Early Childhood Programming” which expanded my understanding of how to work with different age groups in my children’s programs. I also learned that Early Childhood has been redefined to go from Birth up to Third Grade, something to keep in mind as I work with our school-age children.

Because of the scholarship, my library was able to send additional people to conference which meant I could focus on youth services topics. On Thursday, I attended the following “kid-friendly” sessions:

- “Connecting Kids @ Their Library” which was about two programs (Kindercarding and 100 Best Books) at the Lied Scottsbluff Public Library
- “Let’s Get ‘Em Started” dealing with the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program at

McCook Public Library

- “Helping Kids LEAP to the Good Life” which focused on a special story time program developed by Christie Clarke, Youth Services Librarian at Gering Public Library

On Friday I attended the Golden Sower session where we were visited by author Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (via technology). We got to hear how she approaches her writing process and ask questions just like she was in the room with us.

The keynote speakers both days were amazing – Jill Bourne, 2017 Librarian of the Year, even posed for a selfie with me after her session!

I attended more sessions but am out of room here. I picked up so many ideas that I would like to explore. I’m grateful for the funds to attend this conference and would strongly recommend others apply for a scholarship through TRLS. It’s easy and well worth your while!

## THANKS FOR THE 2017 GRANT!

*Article by Katie Hollmann*

Once again I got LOTS of great ideas at the NLA conference in Kearney which I’m sure I can implement in Verdigre. For starters the digitization project presented by Sydney Public Library was inspiring. In fact within two weeks of the conference I used a donation to kick off our own *Verdigre Eagle Digitization Fund*.

At a super-informative ADA presentation we received a succinct list of ADA requirements for public libraries. A bonus idea came from the audience. I had been needing a catchy, positive name for taking books to people physically unable to visit the library and now I have it: *Door-step Delivery*.

Another idea I wonder about is adapting the Human Library idea that was shared during one of the (two excellent) keynote addresses. One of

our Strategic Plan goals is to initiate an inter-generational, interactive storytelling event ... Hmmm.

Acting upon “what I learned at last year’s conference” is rewarding, too. After casually spying on other librarians I found out where to buy Golden Sower stickers. Plus the Perma-Bound people handed me a Golden Sower poster so I want to start promoting the Golden Sower books at our library.

I knew eventually I would win one of the intriguing raffle baskets (while supporting scholarships, of course) and this was the year for that. What fun! I saved a banned books mug for myself but will use the other treasures as door prizes at the library. I am already excited for next year’s conference!

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Say Yes to the Dress... and the Book!

Article by Karen Mier



Yolanda Jasso has created two beautiful displays in the Plattsmouth Public Library, "Say Yes to the Dress... and the Book." Yolanda used only book covers from titles that the library owns.

### Hartington's "Bounce for Books"

Article by Tami Anderson

The Hartington Public Library did a Back to School "Bounce for Books" event in August! Children with book checkouts received a ticket into the Castle Bounce House rented by their Friends of the Library Group. They had over 140 bouncers between the hours of 10:00am—6:00pm and circulated over 500 books that day.

Library patrons took part in the Hartington Public Library 1st StoryWalk at Felber Park this summer. Over 75 kids and adults walked the book stations to support and raise awareness of literacy and the library.



The StoryWalk being enjoyed in Felber Park



Patience bouncers waiting to get into the Castle Bounce House



#### Did you know:

That the ALA has free downloadable social media images for Banned Books Week? Check it out on the [ALA Banned Books section](#) of their website.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### NLA/NSLA Scholarship

*Article by Kathy Schable*

I would like to take this time to personally thank those responsible for awarding me the TRaiLS Scholarship of \$250 so that I might attend the NLA/NSLA Conference in October, 2017. It was a wonderful conference and I would highly recommend any and everyone to take the time to attend a future conference.

With so much emphasis on Maker Spaces in the Library setting, this was a fantastic way to hear about what Todd Burleson has been able to do in his school library and to see and experiment first hand some of the endless possibilities in the Innovation Stations. Todd Burleson was a perfect keynote speaker for this topic. It was amazing at what he has been able to do with the kids in his school district. I was able to make new mousepads for our computers with a design that I put together for the Summer Reading Program 2018.

It is always a pleasure to listen to Sally and to hear the review of new books out for each age group. The sessions that I attended and found very helpful to our small library were *Are You Afraid of the Big, Bad Inventory?;* *Desperate Times Call for Desperate Measures;* and *Providing the Good Life for the Disabled.* I was interested in what possibilities a small library could do for fundraising and if our older building was up to code on the ADA requirements. Our library con-

ducted our own inventory a few years ago, but we weren't sure that we did things correctly, so the session conducted by the Fremont Library Director was very helpful. The things that she found as challenges were the same challenges that we had run into and her suggestions were notes that I had made myself to make future inventories go smoother.

I attended the session on book repair and even though I learned a lot, I was disappointed that there wasn't more hands-on on how to repair each type of damage. I think I am doing things ok, but it would have been nice to see demonstrations to reinforce each method.

I also attended the session on having an adult Summer Reading Program. This is an idea that I have tossed around, but just haven't put together yet. So, it was nice seeing how other libraries have been successful with their program. I was able to get several good ideas.

I am so thankful that the Three Rivers Library System has provided scholarships so that more people are able to attend these conferences. Budgets are tight in many small town libraries and we appreciate any and all the help we can get. I would highly recommend that more library staff check out the possibility of attending future conferences.

#### Did you know:

The Clarkson Public Library will be displaying the top three winning quilts and six quilts that received honorable mention through November 14th! They are all beautiful quilts and are very fortunate to be one of the libraries that can place them for viewing.

Stop in the library and make sure you get to see the winners for the State's 150th birthday!

### The Motley Library Crew

It was all about pirates for the nearly 170 kids who came to the Tilden Public Library during downtown trick-or-treat, which was held on Friday, October 27th. As kids and parents entered the foyer of the library they were greeted by the resemblance of a pirate ship, complete with treasure, skeletons and familiar pirate sea shanties. Once inside the library, the Motley Library Crew handed out bags of pirate booty to the brave (and not so brave) trick-or-treaters who dared to enter.



Library Pirates (left to right) Jeanne Dahl, Jeanmarie Shermer, Cindy Simeon, Hella Bauer.

# Programming at Verdigre Public Library

Article by Katie Hollmann



- ◇ “Coin Collecting”
- ◇ “How to Keep Your Car Running” shown bottom left, a couple of girls learning how to check their oil.
- ◇ “Cooking Class for Kids” shown bottom right some kids making pudding.



## STORYTIME REFRESHER

Article by Nancy Novotny

Do you feel like your preschool storytimes are in a rut? Do you want to get out into the community more? Try hosting a preschool storytime at a care facility or a nursing home and invite the residents to join you!

Last Spring, I approached the staff at Azria Montclair Care Facility in Omaha with this idea. Dani Hearron, the Life Enrichment Coordinator, was immediately on board. We scheduled two storytimes in April and May as pilots, and they were successful. We didn't schedule during June or July due to the Summer Reading Program, and resumed in August. We average 8-12 residents and 4-5 families per storytime, and this is a good size for the space.

Planning for a multi-generational storytime is similar to planning for a preschool storytime. Many care facility residents attend physical and occupational therapy to improve their fine motor skills, so a preschool-level craft is often at an appropriate skill level for the adults. We mix up the generations at each table so everyone has a chance to talk while working on the craft. At times, Dani will bring in the therapists to see what we are doing so they can use the ideas with the residents who didn't join us that day.

During the music and movement portion of the storytime, participants of all ages develop upper body strength and mobility using shaker eggs and scarves in addition to fingerplays and action songs. At first I worried that singing kids songs might be insulting to the adults, but I realized that they enjoyed singing them as much as the kids. We end each storytime with parachute play, where we circle the adults around the parachute to raise and lower it

(and sing!) while the kids play underneath.

We all know a good read aloud is interesting to both the children and the parents. The residents enjoy hearing the classic stories they might have read to their own children as well as the new stories the children are more familiar with.

Some tips: Choose themes that you would use for a preschool storytime. For our Bird theme, we used shaker eggs while listening to “Rockin’ Robin” and made a bird feeder by stringing Cheerios on chenille sticks. In May we sang “Take Me Out to the Ballgame,” read Pete the Cat: Play Ball! and made pennants from construction paper and adhesive foam shapes for our Baseball Storytime. For a storytime using The Hello, Goodbye Window, we learned a hello goodbye song with sign language from the Jbrary website. To fit the style of the illustrations in the book, we painted pictures using Bingo daubers.

Since many young children live far away from their grandparents, little ones may not see their grandparents and the residents may not see their own grandchildren very often. Residents benefit from playing with young people and having physical therapy in a different format. Little ones learn how to interact with adults who are not family. Storytime also gives families an opportunity to visit residents during a structured activity. Dani says, “Each month, the different books, theme, craft and songs are so wonderfully engaging and fun. Doing it along-side the preschoolers also makes for new and precious memories for them.”

### E-Rate 2018 Calendar

E-rate is a federal program that provides discounts to schools and libraries on Telecommunications, Internet access, and Internal Connections costs in order to make these services more affordable. There have been some big changes to E-rate since USAC launched the E-Rate Productivity Center(EPC). This new online portal is the main point of entry for all E-rate interactions. With your organizational account you can now use EPC to file forms, track your application status, communicate with USAC, and more.

What does your library need to know to use this new E-rate portal? In this workshop, Christa Porter, Nebraska's State E-rate Coordinator for Public Libraries, will first cover the basics of the E-rate program and then show you how to access and use your account in EPC to submit your Funding Year 2018 E-rate application.

#### Dates and locations:

- ⇒ November 6 - Kearney Public Library
- ⇒ November 7 - McCook Public Library
- ⇒ November 8 - Scottsbluff Public Library
- ⇒ November 14 - Plainview Public Library
- ⇒ November 20 - Blair Public Library
- ⇒ November 29 - Seward Memorial Library
- ⇒ December 5 - Online, Go-ToWebinar

To register for any of these sessions, go to the Nebraska Library Commission's Training & Events Calendar and search for 'e-rate 2018':

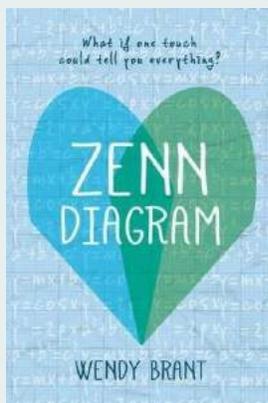
<http://nlc.nebraska.gov/calendar/>

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### Gabe & Izzy

By Gabrielle Ford

Review by Diane Limoges

Gabe loved to dance. Then she diagnosed with the degenerative neuromuscular disease, Friedreich's ataxia and learns she will never be a professional dancer. As she is determined not to use a wheel chair or walker while in school, she hides the disease from her classmates. When the bullying becomes a problem Gabe tries to handle it on her own, not very successfully. Now as an adult, Gabe and her dog, who also deals with medical issues, speak to students about bullying and its effects. Though Gabe and her mother both seem to have been in some sort of denial about her disease, it still is not right that she or anyone was/is bullied. Hopefully this will point not just kids and teens in the right direction but will make teachers and parents realize that the control of bullying starts with them.

Accelerated Reader: 5.2

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### Zenn Diagram

By Wendy Brant

Review by Melissa Cast-Brede

Being a math nerd isn't easy. Being a psychic math nerd is even harder. Eva has built a solid reputation as the go-to math tutor coaches call to quickly put failing athletes back on track. Her secret? One touch of someone's calculator and Eva can psychically tell which math concepts elude her students. Unfortunately, touching actual people is not a positive experience as physical contact with most humans generates a fractal vision of emotional colors — often dark, negative ones. Eva has learned how to avoid physical contact making only a handful of exceptions: young children, such as her quadruplet siblings; and her best friend whose fractals are guileless

and happy. This strategy has worked for Eva until she meets the new kid in school, Zenn. Zenn is charming with a hint of mystery, and Eva finds herself falling for him quickly. Author Brant smoothly guides Eva and readers through a sweet tale of teen love and emerging sexuality without too much angst. The surprise twist should seem implausible, but Brant leaves enough delicate clues to make the revelation feel natural. Some cursing is present but it does not detract. By the end of the book, readers will find themselves rooting for the very likeable teens to the extent that they won't mind the Pollyanna finish. Sometimes it's nice to have a simple happy ending.



## Library & Information Services

Online Course Offerings

Spring 2018

January 8, 2018 – May 3, 2018

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### **LIBR 2150 Managing Collections in Libraries and Information Agencies**

*Patty Birch, Instructor*

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*For information regarding course content, contact the instructor at [pbirch@cccneb.edu](mailto:pbirch@cccneb.edu)*

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*Ruth Carlock, Instructor*

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*Erica Rose, Instructor*

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