



# Plain Speaking

Central Plains Library System

*Educate      Connect      Inspire*

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## Welcome to Central Plains Library System



**CPLS Board**

The merger of Meridian and Republican Valley Library Systems became official on January 1, 2015.

The new Central Plains Library System Board met for the first time on January 21st at Broken Bow Public Library. The new Personnel Policies were approved and the Board directed co-directors Denise and Sharon to prepare a draft of Operating Policies and Procedures for the April meeting.

CPLS is maintaining two System Offices: the main office is in Hastings with Denise and Administrative Assistant Kay Kloppenborg while Sharon is at the Kearney office. You may reach either Director via the cell phone numbers listed or by email.

As you can see, we have totally revamped the look of the newsletter. The Board made the decision that ***Plain Speaking*** will be published six times per year in electronic format only.

The focus of this issue is System Services in general, and specifically Large Print Bulk Loans. With the merger, there will be changes to the services offered. In the next few months, we plan to add new services. If you have ideas and suggestions, we urge you to attend one of the four Meet and Greet events that we have scheduled around the System (see flyer in this issue).

Hastings Office  
2727 West 2nd Street  
#233  
Hastings, NE 68901

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816 East 25th Street #7  
Kearney, NE 68847

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### Board Members

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## CPLS Meet And Greet

This is your chance to meet the Central Plains Library System co-directors Denise Harders and Sharon Osenga.

We also plan to chat about system programs and services you would like to see us provide in the coming two years.

There are four choices of location:

St. Paul Public Library: February 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:30 pm

Atkinson Public Library: February 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00 pm

North Platte Public Library: March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00-5:30 pm

Holdrege Area Public Library: March 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:30 pm

Light refreshments will be served.

All meetings are dependent upon good weather and road conditions.

Contact the System Office with any questions: 800-569-4961.

## FOCUS: Large Print Bulk Loans

Are your patrons asking for more large print books? We have the answer for you!

The System contracts with McCook Public Library and Hastings Public Library to provide bulk loans of large print materials. For an annual fee of \$50, members libraries can receive up to 200 books.

We are offering a special opportunity to try this valuable service. For only **\$25** you will receive 100 large print books between now and June 30, 2015. Your bulk loans will come from one or the other of our designated lenders. If you would like to select your own titles, you can choose which lender to use. If your library is too far for a personal visit, the lending libraries will send you a selection of titles based on your preferences.

To get started, contact the System Office in Hastings.

### Cooperative Puppet Orders

Several times a year, the System places a cooperative order for Folkmanis puppets. System member libraries are eligible for a discount. To view the Folkmanis online puppet catalog, go to [www.folkmanis.com](http://www.folkmanis.com), then watch the newsletter for cooperative order information.



### Audiobook Collection

CPLS owns over 500 circulating audiobook titles. System member libraries may borrow audiobooks (CD, MP3, and Playaway formats) for a loan period of 90 days. View the list of titles on our website under Services and then call or email the System office to borrow or reserve titles.

New titles include:

***City of Bones*** by Michael Connelly

***The Long Star Ranger*** by Zane Grey

***Tucker*** by Louis L'Amour

***The Blood of an Englishman*** by M.C. Beaton

***Love Letters*** by Debbie Macomber

***Heroes Are My Weakness*** by Susan Elizabeth Phillips

***Gray Mountain*** by John Grisham

***The Babes in the Wood*** by Ruth Rendell

***The Sweet Spot*** by Stephanie Evanovich

***One Kick*** by Chelsea Cain

***Robert B. Parker's Bull River*** by Robert Knott

***Burn*** by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge

***Betrayed*** by Lisa Scottoline

***The Good Girl*** by Mary Kubica



# Week of Weeding



The Central Plains Library System is declaring March 23-27 the 2015 "Week of Weeding!"

We want to encourage everyone to participate by agreeing to weed a section of their library that they have been avoiding. You know what it is—that corner, that shelf, that genre of books that you have put off weeding for a while. Now's the time! ALL Libraries in CPLS are eligible to participate!

## How to Participate:

After you finish your weeding project, fill out the form below. If you have any questions during the weeding process, feel free to contact either Denise or Sharon for help.

Those who submit their forms to the CPLS Office by March 30th will be entered into a drawing for a Kindle E-Reader!. The winning library will be selected in a random drawing on March 31st..



## Week of Weeding Participation Form

Library \_\_\_\_\_

Section Weeded \_\_\_\_\_

How many books were weeded? (roughly, doesn't have to be exact) \_\_\_\_\_

Best (or worst) thing that was weeded out? \_\_\_\_\_

We'd love to see some "before and after" photos of your project! You can email digital pictures or submit printed photos with this participation form. (While we'd love to see them, they are not required and will not affect your library's chance of winning the e-Reader.)

Return form to: Central Plains Library System, 2727 W 2nd Street, #233, Hastings NE 68901

## CPLS is on **LibraryThing!**

Have you ever wished you could find a book with easy puppet plays or book club ideas or a list of Nebraska Authors? CPLS has all those and more! And now you can easily find out what we have by searching our catalog on [LibraryThing](#). Use the link on the CPLS webpage. The drop down menu in the upper left hand corner lets you see all professional material by topic or the search box on the same line will help you find just what you want.

Our audiobook collection is also included. Your patrons can select which books on CD you should request. Clicking on the "Tags" box sorts the whole collection by genre. If you want to see what we have recently purchased, select the Audiobooks collection, and then click on the Date column, first to sort oldest to newest and again to bring all the new material to the top.

Be sure to call or email the CPLS Office with your requests.

## Equipment Loan

The Central Plains Library System has available for loan to system member libraries the following equipment: Public Address System, Laptop & LCD Projector, Overhead Projector, Digital Audio Player and twelve Flip Digital Video Cameras. For more information or to reserve equipment, please contact the System Office

The System has two Nintendo Wii gaming systems for check-out. We have two dance pads and two different dancing games. Borrow a Wii to have fun with young and old in your library. The Wiis are terrific for intergenerational programming.

E-mail or call the System Office to reserve a Wii gaming system.

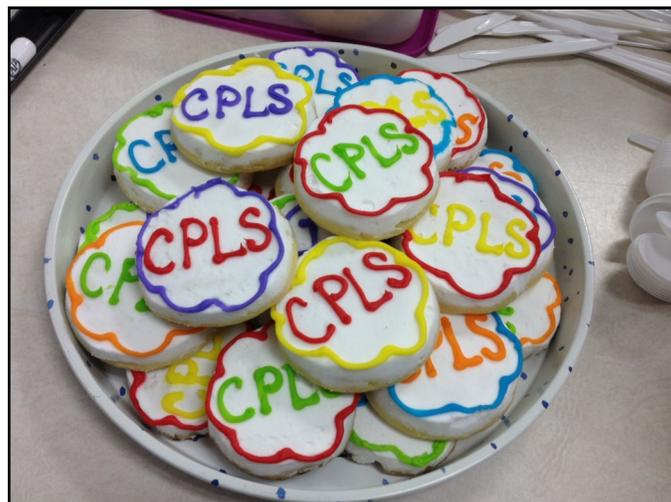


## Disc Cleaning and Repair

The System Office has the ECO AUTO-SMART Fully Automatic Disc Repair System. It is not just a buffer, but a full-service machine, to both clean and repair your valuable discs. Save those discs that won't play! As long as they are not cracked, we can fix them.

From now thru June 30, 2015, each CPLS member library has 10 free disc cleanings.

- If you have more than 10 discs that need fixing, you may send them to us and we will repair them and send them back with an invoice for 50 cents per disc.
- If you come to the CPLS Office in Hastings and pick up the repaired discs, the charge is 35 cents per disc. A similar service at a retail video outlet costs more than \$5.00 per disc!



## Book Sets

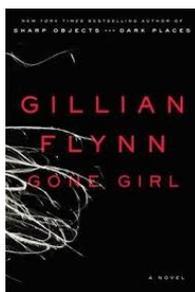
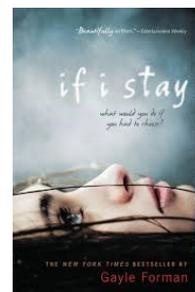
CPLS member libraries have access to many book sets for student groups or Book Clubs.

See the list of titles available from the System Offices on the [CPLS webpage](#). To see the kits available from the Nebraska Library Commission, click [here](#).

Be the first to borrow one of our newest book sets donated by Hildreth Public Library:

### ***If I Stay*** by Gayle Forman

Life changes in an instant for young Mia Hall after a car accident puts her in a coma. During an out-of-body experience, she must decide whether to wake up and live a life far different than she had imagined. The choice is hers if she can go on.

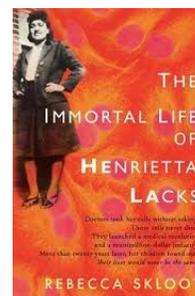


### ***Gone Girl*** by Gillian Flynn

With his wife's disappearance having become the focus of an intense media circus, a man sees the spotlight turned on him when it's suspected that he may not be innocent.

### ***The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*** by Rebecca Skloot

Doctors took her cells without asking. Those cells never died. They launched a medical revolution and a multimillion-dollar industry. More than twenty years later, her children found out. Their lives would never be the same. (Nonfiction)



### ***Orphan Train: a novel*** by Christina Baker Kline

Foster teen Molly is performing community-service work for elderly widow Vivian, and as they go through Vivian's cluttered attic, they discover that their lives have much in common. When Vivian was a girl, she was taken to a new life on an orphan train. These trains carried children to adoptive families for 75 years, from the mid-nineteenth century to the start of the Great Depression. Molly's present-day story in Maine seems to pale in comparison, but as we listen to the two characters talk, we find grace and power in both of these seemingly disparate lives.

### Big Talk From Small Libraries

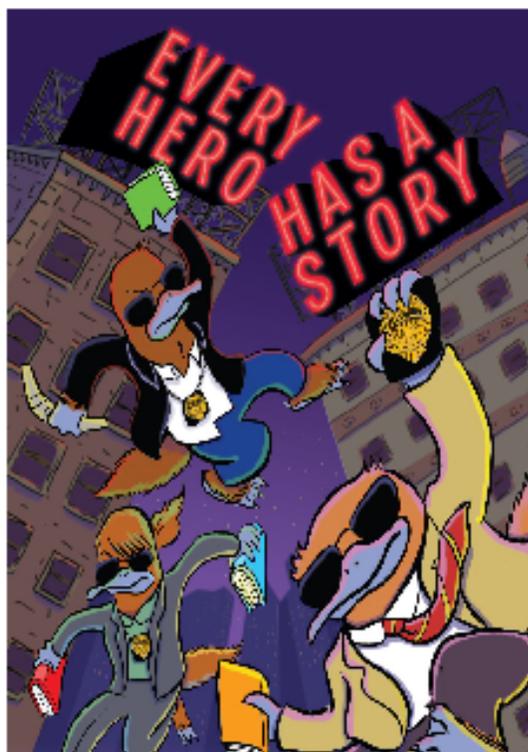
February 27, 2015

8:45 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

This free online, all-day conference will be broadcast online using the GoToWebinar online meeting service. GoToWebinar login instructions will be e-mailed to registered attendees.

For more information go to: <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/bigtalk/schedule/>.





## Central Plains Library System Summer Reading Workshop

### AGENDA

5 CEU's

9:30 — 11:00 am

Heroic Book reviews  
by Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission

11:00 — Noon

Bring your own great ideas to share with the group

### LUNCH PROVIDED

1:00 pm — Comic Book/Graphic Novel Superheroes  
by Scott Childers, SELS Director

2:00—3:30 pm — Theme related ideas  
by Denise and Sharon

**Registration Fee \$20.00 (Includes your lunch)**

**March 23, 2015**

**Grand Island Public Library**

211 N Washington St.

Grand Island, NE 68801-5855

(Registrations due March 16th)

In case of Inclement weather please contact the System office( 1-800-569-4961 or 308-708-1688)  
to see if the workshop has been rescheduled.



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Name \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Library \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: Central Plains Library System, 2727 West 2nd St. - Suite #233, Hastings, NE 68901**

# Who We Are, What We Do, Why It Matters: Why Nebraska Needs Libraries More Than Ever

Registration Fee:  
Only \$30



**Presenter: Valerie Gross,**  
President & CEO of Howard  
County Library System,  
Maryland

**9:30 AM**  
to  
**3:00 PM**

**April 22— Alliance Public Library**

**April 23— Kearney Public Library**

**April 24— Columbus Public  
Library**

Learn to describe your work and profession in terms that people understand and value. Explore, discuss, and practice proven techniques to:

- x Redefine libraries in a new, innovative way
- x Align your library with what the community understands: education
- x Incorporate intuitive, value-enhancing words into your everyday lexicon
- x Heighten your library's visibility, stature, and funding
- x Develop strategies that you can integrate immediately into your work



## PLTS Spring Meetings 2015

**Major Sponsor:** The NLA Public Library and Trustee Section. (We use your NLA dues to make terrific events like this one possible!) **Co-sponsors:** Central Plains Library System, Southeast Library System, Three Rivers Library System, and Western Library System. **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.**



**Public Library and Trustee Section 2015 Spring Meetings**

**Who We Are, What We Do, Why It Matters: Why Nebraska Needs Libraries More Than Ever**

**April 22-Alliance Public Library**

**April 23-Kearney Public Library**

**April 24-Columbus Public Library**

**9:30 -10 am** Coffee & Registration

**10 am - 12 pm** Part I: Getting It Together

- The “Libraries = Education” Vision
- The Power of Language
- Q&A

**12 -1 pm** Lunch on your own

**1 - 3 pm** Part II: Putting It Together

- Implementing the Vision
- Education Innovation
- Q&A/Wrap-Up

**3:30-5:30 pm Navigating the Law (Kearney only)**

An extra, optional workshop with Richard Miller of the Nebraska Library Commission. Especially geared towards library directors and trustees.

Registrant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Library Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Location:  Alliance  Kearney  Columbus  Kearney with additional workshop (add \$5)

Include a **check for \$30** made out to the **NLA Public Library and Trustee Section** with this registration form. Send to Amy Hafer, NLA PLTS Secretary/Treasurer, Hastings Public Library, 517 W 4<sup>th</sup> St., Hastings, NE 68901.

**Registration deadline is April 10. Late or onsite registrations will be \$40.**

Questions about registration? Contact Amy Hafer at [amy@hastings.lib.ne.us](mailto:amy@hastings.lib.ne.us) or 402-461-2348, or Todd Schlechte at [tschlechte@omahalibrary.org](mailto:tschlechte@omahalibrary.org) or 402-521-0405.

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## “We Speak Your Language” Spanish Collections

The Central Plains Library System has 12 rotating collections of adult and children’s items in Spanish.

Contact the System office if you would like to be included on the route.



Follow the [System’s Pinterest page](#) to see the Boards for:

- Best Book Lists
- Displays for Libraries
- Digital Citizenship
- Library Funnies
- Ideas for Libraries
- eBooks
- Summer Reading 2015
- Pinterest Party Ideas

...and much more!

## Digital Article Request Service

Sign up today for the Digital Article Request service. This service will allow you to request relevant articles from your favorite professional journals via email. Here is how it works:

- ⇒ Table of Contents of each new edition of a professional journal is scanned and sent by email to participants.
- ⇒ Participants select articles they would like to read.
- ⇒ Articles are scanned and emailed to the members that have requested them.

No more waiting for professional periodicals to arrive in the mail!  
No more postage to mail the journals to the next library in line!  
This service will allow you to read the articles you want when you want them.

Once you are signed up for the service, you will receive an email with the Table of Contents from each of your selected journals attached. Email your article requests to [cplsasst@gmail.com](mailto:cplsasst@gmail.com). Please allow up to five business days for your article to arrive in your email box.

If you are a new subscriber, select professional journal titles from the list at <http://libraries.ne.gov/cpls/services/periodicals/> and email Kay at [cplsasst@gmail.com](mailto:cplsasst@gmail.com).

**Book Page** and **Booklist** will continue to be routed by mail.

Current subscribers through Meridian and RVLs have been automatically added to the routing lists.

## Workshops on Demand

Have you ever been interested in an advertised workshop, only to realize it is on the day you have story time? Or that it is too far away? Or that you don't have any Personal Days left? Or that your professional education budget is empty?

CPLS has a plan for providing workshops that will solve all these problems, and more!

**Workshops on Demand** will allow you to choose the workshop topic, select the date and time, and decide how many from your staff will attend...all at no cost to you. From January 1 through June 30 you can choose from this list of twelve 2-hour workshops.

1. Better Book Clubs
2. Book Repair
3. Dazzling Displays
4. Defusing the Angry Library Patron
5. Digital Citizenship
6. Fund Raising With Your Friends
7. How to Weed
8. Making Space for Makerspaces
9. Patron Confidentiality
10. Practical Readers Advisory
11. Strategic Planning: A Customized Approach
12. Writing Effective Policies and Developing a Procedures Manual



Pick a day, decide if you want the session in the morning or the afternoon, and contact me to get it on the calendar. Once we have 3 people registered, we are ready to go.

Invite your board members, Friends of the Library, and neighboring librarians. Use this service for staff development day. The list of available workshops will change in July, so schedule your favorite one now!

## Central Plains Library System Board Meeting

January 21, 2015 10:00 am

Broken Bow Public Library

626 South D Street.

**PRESENT:** Dixie Codner, Jody Crocker, Judy Hagen, Pat Hughes, Tim Johnson, Mo Khamouna, Shawna Lindner, Debra Moninger, Sky Seery, Megan Svoboda, Kathy Thomsen

**ABSENT:** Robyn Johnston, Rochelle Kruger, Kristi Hagstrom, Julia Van Meter, Denise Harders (CPLS Director)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sharon Osenga, (CPLS Director) Richard Miller (NLC Rep), Kay Kloppenborg (CPLS Admin Asst.)

### Agenda

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:** Jody Crocker called the meeting to order on 1.21.15 at 10:01am followed by introductions. Jody Crocker was appointed temporary President. Sky Seery was appointed temporary Secretary.

**SET ADJOURNMENT TIME:** Pat Hughes suggested 3:00pm and Jody Crocker moved to 3:30pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Fresh start, new board, no minutes.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Transitional items still wrapping up, normal. Megan Svoboda made a motion to approve the financial reports as read. Kathy Thomsen seconded. The motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Janet Wilke from UNK Calvin T. Ryan sent a note, she served on the Transition Team.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** New checking account through 5 Points Bank. Credit cards ordered (and ordered again!), ordered stationary and business cards as well as card door magnets w/CPLS name. Bills are still coming in from old systems as well as items waiting to be closed out. Gary (the financial reviewer) will audit in April or May. RVLS will be completely closed in Feb. Website is under construction and system brochure will be created.

Promotional items are in the process of being ordered. Receptions will be held in the area. Atkinson, North Platte, Holdrege and St. Paul are tentative. Reception would be an informal meet and greet, idea gathering, etc.

Workshops: Workshop on Demand classes will be expanded. Ideas: Customer Service, traditional library services. Split between both Sharon and Denise.

Summer Reading programs, first at Cozad w/30 registered. Second summer reading program planned for March 23 at Grand Island. Will do east/west or north/south workshops for future in order to cover the area, may utilize Go-To Meeting software.

Both Sharon and Denise have been very busy meeting with libraries throughout the CPLS area.

Meridian System car is up for sale. Meridian savings and \$7,000 from the commission will go towards a new one. Looking at Honda Accord or Ford Fusion. Sharon will drive this car until she retires in 2017.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**Merger of RVLS and MLS:** Transition Team (6 member team) approved CPLS personnel policy. Merging of the two systems policy, grandfathered in benefits from each system. Sharon's balance will be honored minus sick leave which will be forfeited upon separation of the system.

Clarification of offices: Sharon moved to a 1 room space, Kay and Denise will stay at the Landmark Center.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Grant Agreement Approval:** Grant Agreement w/NLC – old agreement was 10 years old. Language has changed. Agreement is very specific, to understand, evaluate, report to the federal government and state. From 1.1.15 – 6.30.17, develop 2 year plan to include, strategic planning, library accreditation, trustee/board certification, public library certification, children/young adult services and technology/E-rate, Overdrive, Pioneer Consortium, statewide databases, library personal management, multicultural/diversity, Basic Skills, Talking book/Braille, aiding other services offered by Commission. Assist w/Commission 5 year plan, employee full-time w/Master's Degree, provide professional consulting, provide workspace, when vacancy occurs Commission reserves right for non-voting member. Payments made on quarterly basis. Capital items owned by system. System will be required for certain financial administration. System will provide: Approved System minutes, Annual Report, Up-to-Date Aol, bylaws and policies and copies of promotional items. Anything produced has a specific statement. Subject to various federal provisions. Judy Hagen made a motion to approve the Grand Agreement, Shawna Linder seconded the motion. The motion was approved as read.

**System Newsletter:** 6 newsletters a year, suggested that the newsletter is electronic. Tim Johnson made a motion to provide an electronic newsletter 6 times a year. Pat Hughes seconded. The motion carried as read. Denise suggested Plain Speaking for the name, Mo Khamouna to approve Plain Speaking as the name of the newsletter. Dixie Codner seconded. The motion carried as read.

**Cutting Machines:** CPLS has five machines and a large number of dies. It is suggested that they keep the original letter machine, space saver machine and one of the Accucut Mark IV roller machines. Dies are compatible w/one or more of those machines. Proposed giving away the XL Letter Machine and 1 Accucut Mark IV, options are to a CPLS library or another system. As far as the dies, would like to keep 1 set w/each machine. There is still a large selection w/each cutter. A motion was made by Pat Hughes to offer the other systems the cutters, if they aren't interested then the machines will be raffled off w/in the system. Debra Moninger seconded the motion, the motion carried.

**Board Meeting Schedule:** CPLS By-laws state that the CPLS Board will meet a total of four times per year, including an Annual Meeting of the Membership. Suggested that those meetings will be January, April, July and October, with the Annual Meeting in July. April and October would be phone conference calls. {Weather is a crapshoot, weather depending, SeS} Next meeting will be 4:00pm via conference call on April 20, 2015.

*Jody Crocker briefly adjourned for a delicious pot-luck lunch provided by CPLS Members at 11:51am. Thanks to all!*

*Board Meeting was called back into session by Jody Crocker at 12:25pm.*

**Election of Officers:** Pat Hughes nominates Jody Crocker as CPLS Board President, Megan Svoboda seconded. Debra Moninger moved to cease nominations, Shawna Linder seconded. The motion carried. Pat Hughes nominated Judy Hagan as Vice President. Debra Moninger seconded. Tim Johnson moved to cease nominations, Kathy Thomsen seconded. The motion carried. Debra Moninger nominated Sky Seery as Secretary of the board. Shawna Linder seconded. Dixie Codner moved to cease nominations, Shawna Linder seconded. The motion carried.

Officers are as elected:

President: Jody Crocker  
Vice President: Judy Hagan  
Secretary: Sky Seery

## DISCUSSION ITEMS:

**Division of Directors' Duties:** With two professional staff members, Directors are going to serve their original area until June. Then the duties will be looked at further. The board thought while that was okay for 6 months, would really like to see that change. It provides time for the dual collaboration. Workshops on Demand will be taught by the system administrator, w/no specific name attached. Meet and greets in the area will also help that and the partnership will evolve in time. More discussion to follow at the April meeting. Denise and Sharon are working with Scott Childers regarding software to help provide collaboration w/in libraries in the CPLS area.

**CPLS Policies:** Denise and Sharon will merge/simplify the policies and present them to the board to approve in April.

**Bulk Lending:** RVLS previously facilitated the Bulk Lending system service program for the elderly and visually impaired. Hastings and McCook are lending libraries, member libraries would pay \$50/year for 200 titles (50 titles quarterly). RVLS provided \$1500 based on the number of libraries served. This service will run through June 20, 2015.

Sky Seery made a motion to continue with the Bulk Lending program and opening that up to outside of the CPLS area, promoted through Plain Speaking and remaining at the same price until June 30, 2015. Judy Hagen seconded. The motion carried.

**System Plan:** System directors work together throughout the state to develop System Plans that are consistent w/services required in the NLC Grant Agreement.

**Website Tagline:** The Central Plains Library System website is nearly done. Directory is a WIP. Website needs a tagline. Please feel free to offer suggestions.

**Week of Weeding:** Week of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, giving away another Kindle. The newsletter will have the entry forms, so keep an eye out for that. If you need assistance weeding, Sharon and Denise are there.

**NLC COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:** New systems map is out from Data Dude. IRS Tax forms will be soon. Skill-Soft Classes are self-paced online classes available to Nebraska library staff members. US Citizenship and Immigration Services have an office available for questions. Basic Skills classes are lined up, if interested see the NLC website. Interested in teaching a course, please contact Laura Johnson. Health Insurance Marketplace, look for Mary Sauers blog post on the Commission's website. NCompass Live programs, every Wednesday from 10-11 CST, check it out. Programs are archived, so listen at your leisure. Podcasts of NCompass Live are available – find the link at NLC website. NEST \$529 winners to appear in Omaha & at the Capitol.

The meeting adjourned at 1:19pm.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** Telephone conference April 20, 2015 at 4:00pm.

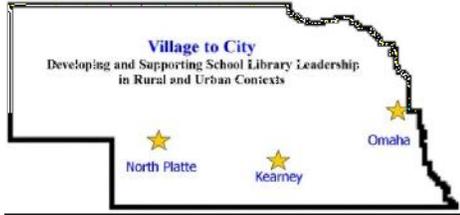
Respectfully submitted,

Sky Seery

Nebraska Library Association  
Advocacy Day  
March 10, 2015



Sponsored by the Nebraska School Librarians Association, University of Nebraska at Omaha and University of Nebraska at Kearney with support from the Nebraska Library Commission and the state regional library systems



**Nebraska School Librarians' Day: It's All about Literacies!**  
**Saturday, March 21, 2015 at a location near you.**

- Omaha, UNO Roskens Hall Ideas Room -- Registration at 8:30 AM. Sessions start at 9:00 AM**
- Kearney: Kearney Public Library -- Registration at 9:00 AM. Sessions start at 9:30 AM**
- North Platte: North Platte High School-- Registration at 8:30 AM. Sessions start at 9:00 AM**

**Registration, Coffee and Refreshments**

**Wrapping Your Head around the Nebraska's Multiple Literacies Standard**

- Omaha - Courtney Pentland, Omaha Public Schools and Kim Gangwish, Bellevue West High*
- Kearney - Angie Richeson, UNK*
- North Platte - Dr. Becky Pasco, UNO*

**Break and NSLA Door Prizes**

**Technology and Multiple Literacies**

- Omaha - Sara Churchill, Arbor Park Intermediate School and Gavin Flint, Bryan High*
- Kearney - Michael Sauers, Nebraska Library Commission*
- North Platte - Wendy Loewenstien, UNO*

**Literature and Literacy Strategies/Books**

- Omaha - Kim Jones, Elkhorn Ridge Middle School and Annette Luedtke, Belle Ryan Elementary*
- Kearney -Dr. Carrie Kracl, UNK*
- North Platte - Tifany Frost, Papillion La Vista South High*

**Lunch and short presentation from NSLA**

**Round Robin Book Reviews for All Grade Levels**

- Book review sessions will be interactive. **Please bring two books you would like to share**
- Omaha Facilitators—Jo O'Garro, Central Park Elementary and Jill Annis, Grandview Middle School*
- Kearney Facilitator—Angie Richeson and Dr. Sherry Crow, UNK*
- North Platte Facilitators—Patty Birch, North Platte High School and Mary Reiman, Lincoln Public Schools*

Kim Gangwish, Executive Secretary  
Bellevue West High School  
1501 Thurston Ave.  
Bellevue, NE 68123

**Registration**

Cost—\$20.00 (includes lunch). Please register by **March 13**.  
Make checks payable to **Nebraska School Librarians Association** and mail to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Special diet (gluten free, vegetarian, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (cell or home in case of weather) \_\_\_\_\_

Which site are you attending? \_\_\_\_\_ Omaha \_\_\_\_\_ Kearney \_\_\_\_\_ North Platte

## Mark Your Calendar

February 16	Presidents' Day Holiday, CPLS Offices Closed
February 17	Meet and Greet, St. Paul Library (see page 2)
February 18	ESU #11, School Librarians Workshop
February 19	Meet and Greet, Atkinson Public Library (see page 2)
February 23-March 6	Basic Skills, Reference
February 27	<a href="#">Big Talk From Small Libraries</a> (see page 6)
March 3	Meet and Greet, North Platte Public Library (see page 2)
March 5	Meet and Greet, Holdrege Area Public Library (see page 2)
March 9-20	Basic Skills, Intellectual Freedom
March 10	NLA <a href="#">Advocacy Day</a> , State Capitol Building
March 21	School Librarians Day, 3 Locations (see page 15)
March 23	SRP Workshop, Grand Island Public Library (see page 7)
March 23-27	Week of Weeding (see page 4)
March 23-April 3	Basic Skills, Readers Advisory
March 26	NLA Paraprofessional Section Spring Meeting, <a href="#">Live Webinar</a>
April 6-17	Basic Skills, Library Governance
April 20	CPLS Board Meeting, Conference Call, 4:00 p.m.
April 22	PLTS Spring Meeting, Alliance (see pages 8-9)
April 23	PLTS Spring Meeting, Kearney (see pages 8-9)
April 23-24	<a href="#">NETA Spring Conference, Omaha</a>
April 24	PLTS Spring Meeting, Columbus (see pages 8-9)
April 24	Arbor Day Holiday, CPLS Offices Closed
April 27-May 22	Basic Skills, Organization of Materials

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