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Do You Want a Makerspace?

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the term “makerspace?” 3-D Printer... Electronics... Augmented Reality... Robotics? Sounds scary—right? Many librarians believe that they don’t have the space or the technology expertise to have a makerspace in their libraries. A makerspace can be high tech, but it doesn’t have to be. One definition is that a “makerspace is an area that has materials available for creating.” With that in mind, maybe you already have a makerspace.

If you have ever done crafts such as Duct Tape projects, book folding, knitting, and beadwork, your library has a makerspace. A LEGO Club is also a creative activity. Of course, there are lots of pieces of equipment that can be used to create. Just look at the list for the Library Innovation Studios grant that is made possible in part by the Nebraska Library Commission. <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/grants/InnovationStudios/> If your library is eligible (accredited), please take a moment to look at the application for this opportunity. You have until **July 20** to apply.

If your library is not eligible or for whatever reason you are not planning to apply for that grant, you can still be a part of the maker movement. Start

small; it doesn’t have to cost a lot. Stealth programming is a great way to get your patrons involved. You just set out something for people to do whenever they happen to be in the library. It could be a craft, an activity, a puzzle, a trivia quiz, or, really, anything that can be done without your supervision. Set out books or printed instructions for several different origami designs. Add paper cut to size. Makers of all ages can try their hand at this ancient art form. LEGO Braille is another stealth program. Set out a book on braille, a bin of LEGOs, and baseplates. Ask patrons to create their name in braille. You could ask them to write a message using braille and leave it for the next person to decode.

The Central Plains Library System wants to help you offer some makerspace experiences to your patrons, too. We have three pieces of equipment that you can borrow for up to one month. A button maker; a small laminator; and an embroidery sewing machine by Brother. You may get one, two, or all three items at a time. The only expense is replacement cost of the materials used. If you are interested in reserving any of our makerspace equipment, email or call the System office.

Cox, Marge. “Essential Makerspaces” *School Library Connection*, October 2016, pp 16-17.

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Central Plains Library System “Micro” Makerspace

Computerized Sewing and Embroidery Machine Brother SE625



- 4"x4" embroidery field, with an included 4"x4" hoop, embroidery arm and embroidery foot
 - Large, 3.7" Sew Smart color LCD touch screen display allows you to view your embroidery designs in full color before stitching
 - 280 embroidery designs total, with 80 built in and 200 on the included CD, including beautiful decorative alphabet, Greek applique, borders, holiday, sports, florals, kids and nature designs
 - Import your own .PES embroidery design files using the built-in USB port, for virtually unlimited embroidery design options.
- 103 built-in sewing stitches, including beautiful decorative stitches and 8 styles of one-step, auto-sized buttonholes
 - Expanded 6.4" w x 4.1" h needle-to-arm workspace provides more room for quilts and bulkier sewing projects
 - Includes 7 versatile sewing feet, with buttonhole, overcasting, monogramming, zipper, spring action zigzag, blind stitch and button sewing feet

American Button Machines

2.25" Button Maker



- All metal construction
- Industry Standard Size
- Swivel die set increases speed
- No changing of dies between steps
- Made in America with American steel
- Super fast two-step button making process
- "Swivel die stop" ensures upper and lower die alignment
- Compact, lightweight machine for easy storage and transport
- Positive full stroke button press verification (No half-made buttons)
- Cam-on-roller design requires very little physical force to operate

Fellowes Laminator Saturn 3i 125



- Rapid 1-minute warm-up with InstaHeat Technology
- Hot lamination for 3-mil or 5-mil as well as cold pouches
- Release lever disengages pouch for re-centering or removal
- Auto Shut off saves energy and prevents overheating



5th Annual Read to Win \$529 Drawing

*Fifteen Readers to Each Receive \$529 NEST Accounts
in Random Drawing*

Summer readers at participating Nebraska libraries will have an opportunity to win a \$529 college savings account from the Nebraska Educational Savings Trust (NEST 529) in the Read to Win \$529 Drawing. Fifteen summer readers between the ages of 3 and 18 will be selected in a random drawing to win a \$529 contribution each to a NEST 529 College Savings account. Five winners will be selected from each of Nebraska's three congressional districts. Children and teens may participate in the Read to Win \$529 drawing, provided they have completed their local libraries' requirements for the summer reading program and have registered through their local libraries before **August 22**.

Winners will be announced in late September and recognized in a ceremony at the Capitol in October. More than 13,000 were entered in last year's drawing. **Each winner's library branch will receive \$250 from NEST.**

Contact Sally Snyder (sally.snyder@nebraska.gov) at the Nebraska Library Commission for more details.

Librarians and Teachers to Host Letter Writing Clinics

Q. What could motivate Nebraska young people to write letters?

A. A great story—and the opportunity to tell an author about how a book made a difference in their own life.

Teachers and librarians across Nebraska have been awarded grants to host Letter Writing Clinics for students in their area. The clinics will introduce students to the Letters About Literature contest and letter writing techniques. Students get ideas for selecting books and learn how to craft letters that can be submitted to the [Letters About Literature contest](#), a national reading and writing promotion program (from the Library of Congress) that annually engages nearly 50,000 adolescent and young readers in grades four through twelve. The competition encourages young people to read, be inspired, and write back to the author (living or dead) who had an impact on their lives.

Congratulations to our 2018 grant awardees:

- Bayard Public Library - Becky Henkel
- Morrill Public Library - Sarah Alfred
- **Overton Public Schools - Alicia Lassen**
- **Hoesch Memorial Library, Alma - Keri Anderson**





Hosting a Library Innovation Studio

Project staff and partners for the [Library Innovation Studios: Transforming Rural Communities](#) project provided an update to the project, a review of the benefits and commitments involving a makerspace, the need for local partners, and details about the final application/selection process. Eligible Nebraska public libraries are those with a legal service area of less than 25,000 and are accredited. The deadline for the second application cycle - that will identify the final thirteen participating libraries - is scheduled for **July 20, 2018**.

During the NCompass webinar you'll also hear from Heather St. Clair and Audrey Heil (the directors from the Ashland and Loup City public libraries) who will discuss their experiences preparing for and hosting a Library Innovation Studio for up to 20 weeks.

The Nebraska Library Commission (NLC) along with partners University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Nebraska Innovation Studio, Nebraska Extension, and Regional Library Systems, are excited about the project, which was awarded a National Leadership Grant of \$530,732 by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The project began July 1, 2017 and will conclude the summer of 2020.

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

To see this webinar, which was originally broadcast on May 30, 2018, go to <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/ncompasslive/ncarchivelist.asp>.



Central Plains Library System

Annual Meeting

July 18, 2018



10:00 am CPLS Board Meeting

11:15 am CPLS Annual Meeting of the Members

(1 CEU for attending Annual Meeting)

Lunch following Annual Meeting (Optional)

Menu: Pulled Pork Sandwich
Cowboy beans
Fruit Salad
Pasta Salad
Buckeye Brownies (Chocolate & Peanut Butter) or Oatmeal Cookies

House on the Hill Bed and Breakfast

74050 Highway 283

Elwood, NE 68937

Please register by mail or on-line at: <https://goo.gl/forms/r9pUS2atHy4FwkeQ2>

All Registrations due by July 10th, 2018



Annual Meeting Registration

Name: _____ e-Mail: _____

Library: _____

I will attend the meeting and will stay for lunch \$10.00

I will attend the meeting —no lunch

Mail registration to: Central Plains Library System

2727 West 2nd St. Suite #233

Hastings, NE 68901

**Central Plains Library System Board Meeting
April 18, 2018
Kearney Public Library, Kearney, NE**

Present: Tony Anderson, Judy Hagan, Pat Hughes, Tim Johnson, Shawna Linder, Lori Long, Kathy Thomsen, and Matt Williams.

Absent: Dixie Codner and Linda Nickel

Also Present: Denise Harders, CPLS Director

Call to Order / Roll Call:

- ◆ President Judy Hagan called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Roll call followed.

Approval of Minutes:

- ◆ Tony Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2018, conference call. Shawna Linder seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Financial Report:

- ◆ Janice Hinze at Balanced Books has set-up the bookkeeping system. The budget had not been entered correctly. The amount spent is now available.
- ◆ 75% of the yearly budget has been used according to the amount taken in on the bindery machine.
- ◆ The computer category is high because the System needed to purchase both a laptop and a desktop computer.
- ◆ Denise was not able to purchase the Microsoft Office software from Tech Soup, as she usually does, because at this time, Tech Soup does not approve the category of organization that Central Plains Library System falls under.
- ◆ Sharon was included in the payroll for the first three months of this fiscal year, which was followed by her payout. Next year's payroll should be more normal.
- ◆ The car budget discrepancy is because Sharon was on the road continually the last three months she worked for CPLS. Costs included are gas, oil, windshields and tires.
- ◆ Janice Hinze is scheduled to return to address a couple of invoices that won't allow payment.
- ◆ Janice Hinze has not submitted an invoice for her computer services yet.
- ◆ The accountant takes care of the annual audit and tax payments.
- ◆ In the Other Category the System will begin to list what is being billed.

Matt Williams made a motion to approve the Financial Report. Pat Hughes seconded the motion. The Financial Report was approved.

Correspondence:

- ◆ Sky Seery sent a thank you for the \$300 scholarship she received to attend the ALA Conference in June.
- ◆ Cindee Wagner from the Palisade Public Library sent a thank-you for the children's books from the Nebraska Library Commission that were donated to the Library.
- ◆ Kristi Hagstrom from the Ord Township Library sent a thank-you for the Escape Kits she borrowed for their "Love Your Library" programs in February.

Director's Report:

- ◆ The number of Denise's activities was down because she has been teaching Basic Skills classes and responds to students' comments. Her Basic Skills class in March had 60 participants.
- ◆ Denise and Kay have reorganized the die cutting equipment. Denise has less space in the hatch of her current vehicle. There are two traveling die sets with the most popular shapes and one set that is kept in the CPLS office. An item can be requested from the set that is kept in the office.
- ◆ Franklin Public Library has an opening for Library Director. It is a full-time position with benefits.
- ◆ The "Week of Weeding" will be held the first full week of August this year.
- ◆ Jan Joliffe has resigned as the Director of the Western Library System.
- ◆ The Library Systems are sponsoring the Spring Meetings as a group.
- ◆ Seward Public Library will have a Golden Sower Reading Day on the Friday before Memorial Day. 80% of the readers are located in the metro area. We need readers from western Nebraska. The selection meeting is in July. Readers for the Golden Sower books have access to a Goodreads page.

Old Business:

- ◆ Micro Makerspaces
 - * The Central Plains Library System has purchased a button maker, a laminator and an embroidery machine that can be borrowed by the member libraries, either one at a time or as a group.
 - The button machine makes pin, mirror or magnet buttons.
 - The laminator is a pouch system that will laminate up to 8 ½" x 11." Paper and fabric can be laminated. Examples include luggage tags and bookmarks.
 - The Brother Embroidery Machine is easy to use. There are 70 patterns on the machine and another 200 on the accompanying CD. Examples included t-shirts and pictures. Metallic thread can be used with the embroidery machine.
 - Twenty-four have signed up for the CPLS "Three in One" workshop, on Friday, April 20. These machines will be demonstrated at the "Three in One" workshop.
- ◆ Print Newsletter Update
 - * Creating a printed newsletter was costly and time consuming.
 - * The post office has a materials criteria policy that has to be followed.
 - * Approximately 260 newsletters were mailed with three libraries responding that they would need to have paper copies mailed to them in the future.
 - * Future CPLS newsletters will be in the electronic format.
- ◆ Pat Hughes, Dixie Codner, and Linda Nickel are members of the CPLS Scholarship Committee. Changes to the General Policy included changing the scholarship amounts to \$200 per scholarship for in-state conferences and \$300 per scholarship for out-of-state conferences. Other policy changes involved changing the policy for the NLA conference this year to include a \$500 scholarship. The NLA Conference 2018 will be in Lincoln at the Cornhusker Hotel and will be held on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Four \$500 scholarships will be offered with a limit of one scholarship per agency.

Tim Johnson made a motion to approve the scholarship policy. Lori Long seconded the motion. The scholarship policy was approved.

New Business:

- ◆ Board Pins
 - * CPLS purchased pins for the Board Members to wear on their lapels when attending conferences and meetings. Pins included a book pocket with a card, a book drop, a book truck with books, a book mobile pick-up, and a card catalog drawer. Board members were invited to take a pin before leaving the board meeting.
 - * NLA Conference in Lincoln
 - Board members are being invited to attend the 2018 NLA Conference without charge. Denise will let CPLS Board members know if the CPLS Board qualifies for this benefit.
- ◆ Retiring Board Members
 - * Four board members have served two terms and will be going off the board on June 30.
 - * Judy Hagan has served one term and is up for reelection, if she agrees to serve another term.
 - * A board member can be nominated for election after one year of not serving on the Board.
 - * The Board is required to have 9 to 15 members.
- ◆ Annual Meeting Date
 - * Location suggestions for the Annual Meeting included wineries, breweries and the Willa Cather Museum in Red Cloud.
 - * It was suggested that the Annual Meeting be held in a different part of the system each year.
 - * The week of July 16 through July 19 was chosen for the Annual Meeting date and Denise will decide upon the exact date and the location.
- ◆ System Awards
 - * System awards will be offered at the Annual Meeting.
 - The Helping Hand Award is offered for an outstanding volunteer and the Leadership Award is offered for exceptional work by a staff member.
 - Applications for these awards will be available in the next CPLS newsletter.
- ◆ Election of Officers
 - * Officers will be elected immediately prior to the Annual Meeting.
 - * Members must be on the CPLS Board for one year prior to being elected to an office.
- ◆ Budget Update
 - * An e-mail from Rod Wagner was read regarding the Library Commission budget.

- ◆ Christa Burns submitted the NLC report, but was not able to attend the CPLS Board meeting.
 - * There will likely be a reduction in funding for the Library Systems next year.
 - * CPLS Library Innovation Studio Grant recipients are Ainsworth and Loup City – first round recipients and Broken Bow – second round recipient.
 - * The goal of the grant is to allow people to use the items in the library for five weeks. They can then offer input into which items they would like to have purchased.
- ◆ Denise discussed the need to have a physical office available for CPLS. The CPLS Board supported the idea that a physical location is vital for the CPLS System.

Pat Hughes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tony Anderson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Thomsen, Secretary

Cover One Book Repair Service!



The System has purchased a binding repair machine that fixes a variety of types and sizes of books. This machine easily binds up to a 2½" thick book and it has a sliding wall to hold smaller books in place. It will also work with legal size as well as regular 8½ x 11" size items. Repaired books will be ready to use in just 20 minutes! Go to <http://www.coverone.net> and click on the link for Book

Repair Demo on the left-hand side of the page to see it in action.

This machine is perfect to repair books with glued bindings that have "popped" and split into several big chunks, paperbacks that have come out of their covers, and books where individual pages are coming loose.

Mail or bring your books to the System Office.
We will repair them for \$1 per book plus actual return postage.

Disc Cleaning and Repair

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



From July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018, each CPLS member library has 10 free disc cleanings.

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

New Self-Paced Basic Skills Class Module

Introduction to Cataloging (formerly Organization of Materials)

After taking this course, participants will:

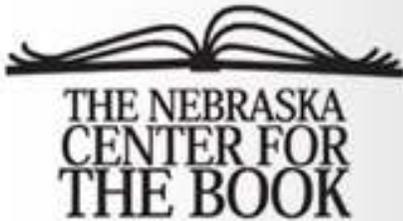
- be able to determine how a library collection is organized and why it is organized that way.
- be able to assign appropriate subject headings to an item
- be able to determine the best classification number for an item.
- understand what a MARC record is and how MARC records are used in your library's catalog.
- have a general knowledge of developments in cataloging.

Class starts on June 18, 2018, and all assignments must be completed by July 13, 2018. This is an online **self-paced** class -- class participants do not need to be online at any particular time; however, all coursework must be completed by July 13th. This module will be self-paced, instead of the instructor-led format that students may be familiar with from other Basic Skills classes.

Enrollment is limited to 35 students.

A few days before the class starts, class participants will be sent information about accessing the class.

This is one of the required modules to fulfill the Basic Skills requirements for Nebraska Librarian Certification.



Nominate Books for the 2018 Nebraska Book Awards

Have you read any good Nebraska books lately? If you have, you can nominate them for a book award. The 2018 Nebraska Book Awards program, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book (NCB) and Nebraska Library Commission, will recognize and honor books that are written by Nebraska authors, published by Nebraska publishers, set in Nebraska, or relate to Nebraska.

Books published in 2017, as indicated by the copyright date, are eligible for nomination. They must be professionally published, have an International Standard Book Number (ISBN), and be bound. Books may be entered in one or more of the following categories: Nonfiction, Fiction, Children/Young Adult, Cover/Design/Illustration, and Poetry. Certificates will be awarded to the winners in each category. Award winners will be presented at the Fall 2018 Nebraska Center for the Book's Celebration of Nebraska Books and Annual Meeting in Lincoln.

The entry fee is \$40 per book and per category entered. Deadline for entries is **June 30, 2018**. For more information, including entry forms, see <http://www.centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/awards/nebookawards.html> or contact Mary Jo Ryan, maryjo.ryan@nebraska.gov, 402-471-2045, 800-307-2665, for print information.

Enter by sending the entry form (<http://www.centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/docs/BookAwardsEntry2018.pdf>), three copies of the book, and the entry fee to NCB Book Awards Competition, Nebraska Library Commission, The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023.

K-12 School / Library Partnership Grant Awarded

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Mid Continental Region, offered funding to enhance existing collaborative projects between a public library and a K-12 school entity.

Congratulations to Maltman Memorial Library in Wood River for receiving one of four \$2,500 grants.

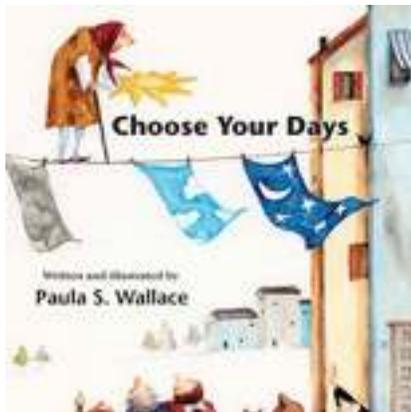
Children participating in Wood River Elementary School's *After School Program* will be learning about and participating in activities that establish a healthy lifestyle including exercise and nutrition.



A banner for Teen Read Week 2018. The background is a dark purple night sky with stars and a crescent moon. On the left, the text "IT'S WRITTEN IN THE STARS." is written in a white, hand-drawn font, with "Read" written in a large, white, cursive font below it. In the center, there is a small illustration of a person standing next to a stack of books. On the right, the text "TEEN READ WEEK™" is written in large, bold, red letters, with "October 7-13, 2018" written below it in a smaller, white font. The YALSA logo is in the bottom right corner.

The 2018 event will be held Oct. 7 - 13th, featuring the theme "It's Written in the Stars: READ." Library staff, afterschool providers and educators can use this theme to encourage teens to think and read outside of the box, as well as seek out fantasy, science fiction and other out-of-this-world reads.

Choose Your Days by Paula Wallace to Represent Nebraska at National Book Festival



A children's picture book that encourages us all to remember that we hold the key to our days will represent Nebraska at the 2018 National Book Festival. The Nebraska Center for the Book selected **Choose Your Days** by Paula Wallace (Cinco Puntos Press, 2016) as the state's selection for the National Book Festival's "Discover Great Places through Reading" brochure and map. Each state selects one book about the state, or by an author from the state, that is a good read for children or young adults. The brochure and map will be distributed at the September 1 Festival in Washington DC and will be featured in the "Great Reads about Great Places" links on the websites of both the national and Nebraska Centers for the Book.

This book, written and illustrated by **Omaha artist Paula Wallace**, tells an engaging story of a child learning to live her dreams to the fullest. The bright and whimsical illustrations sweep the reader along through the story and help deliver a powerful message about love and loss.

Audiobook Collection

CPLS owns over 1,000 circulating audiobook titles. System member libraries may borrow audiobooks (CD, MP3, and Playaway formats) for a loan period of 90 days.

Bear Town by Backman, Fredrik

The Undertaker's Daughter by Blaedel, Sara

The Wife by Burke, Alafair

Robicheaux by Burke, James Lee

The Woman In The Window by Finn, A. J.

Raspberry Danish Murder by Fluke, Joanne

Crimson Lake by Fox, Candice

Promise by Gwin, Minrose

Into The Water by Hawkins, Paula

The Family Next Door by Hepworth, Sally

Bloodstains With Brontë by Hyde, Katherine Bolger

Man Overboard by Jance, J.A.

The Only Girl In The World by Julien, Maude

The Shape of Water by Kraus, Daniel & Guillermo Del Toro

Borden Chantry by L'Amour, Louis

Poison by Lescroart, John

Sunburn by Lippman, Laura

The Third Victim by Margolin, Phillip

The Mountain Between Us by Martin, Charles

The Vanishing Season by Schaffhausen, Joanna

Past Perfect by Steel, Danielle



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

CPLS Has Scholarship Money Available

Up to \$200.00 per event for registration, mileage, meal, etc.
Only one scholarship per person per year.
Each Library Agency shall be limited to two scholarships per year.

Name _____

Library _____

Event _____

Date of event _____

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

Amount requested _____

Other information:



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



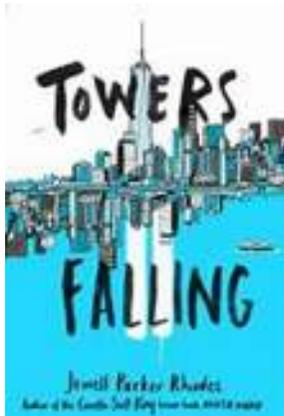
Week of Weeding August 5–11, 2018

It's time to get the shelves cleaned up after Summer Reading and before school starts.

Call the System Office if you need help.



New Book Set



Towers Falling by Jewell Parker Rhodes – 10 copies + CD

When her fifth-grade teacher hints that a series of lessons about home and community will culminate with one big answer about two tall towers once visible outside their classroom window, Dèja can't help but feel confused. She sets off on a journey of discovery, with new friends Ben and Sabeen by her side. But just as she gets closer to answering big questions about who she is, what America means, and how communities can grow (and heal), she uncovers new questions, too. Like, why does Pop get so angry when she brings up anything about the towers?

School Librarians in the Digital Age

Central Plains Library System and the Nebraska School Librarians Association are sponsoring “School Librarians in the Digital Age” on July 31, from 9:00 to 12:00. The workshop will cover three current topics. The location will be the Lexington Public Library, 907 N. Washington, Lexington, NE 68850. To register, go to <https://goo.gl/forms/kTz0Qon3qOitT5v62>



9:00 am Crystal Hurt
Fake News: Teacher Media Literacy

“Fake news” is in the news, making determining fact from fiction harder than ever! Participants in this session will learn how they can empower students to be critical readers of digital content using “Four Moves and a Habit” from Mike Caulfield’s online OER textbook *Web Literacy for Student Fact Checkers*. Participants will walk away with a digital literacy lesson they can use with students the very next day as well as digital tools, games, and sites to help turn students into fact checkers.

10 am Judy Henning
Strategies for Identifying Fake News

With the proliferation of fake (or, at least, dubious) news, students need to know the strategies necessary to be a good consumer of information. This involves fine-tuning their critical thinking skills and using prior knowledge when determining the validity of research information. This presentation will give school librarians ideas and information they can incorporate in their information literacy curriculum.

11 am Keegan Korf
Maintaining Student Privacy: 5 Things Teachers and Librarians Can Do

Do you know how the apps you’re using use and share student information? Learn how to navigate Common Sense’s new privacy evaluations and the implications for your school. Discuss the importance of privacy and data use for educators. Share practices at your school and learn from others.




LITERATURE
FESTIVAL

24th Annual

Saturday, July 28th 2018

8:15 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Activities begin at 9:00

Norfolk Public Library

308 W Prospect Ave, Norfolk, NE

[Go to the CPLS website for full event and registration information.](#)



2018 NLA/NSLA
Joint Conference
October 4-6, 2018
The Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker
333 S 13th Street, Lincoln, NE

The 2018 NLA/NSLA Conference promises to be an exciting experience. To make it possible for more library workers from the Central Plains Library System to attend, the CPLS Board has decided to award **FOUR \$500 Scholarships** this year. The special Application can be found on page 15 of this newsletter and on the Workshops page of the CPLS website.

All applications will be reviewed, and award decisions will be made by the CPLS Board's Scholarship Committee.

Young Nebraskans Win Writing Competition

Do young people still write letters? They do if they want to tell an author about how books can make a difference in a young person's life. Young Nebraska writers who wrote winning letters in the *Letters About Literature* competition received award certificates from **Gov. Pete Ricketts** at a proclamation-signing ceremony celebrating National Library Week, April 8-14, 2018.

This annual contest is sponsored nationally by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, with funding from Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The Nebraska competition is coordinated and sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book, Nebraska Library Commission, Houchen Bindery Ltd., Humanities Nebraska, and Chapters Bookstore in Seward.

Winners

Avery Yosten, Norfolk, for a letter to Rob Buyea

Caleb Hans, Omaha, for a letter to Trenton Lee Stewart

Harper Leigh Wells, Axtell, for a letter to Harper Lee

Alternate Winners

Ryan Ostrander, Lincoln, for a letter to Katherine Applegate

Conleigh Hemmer, Lincoln, for a letter to Herman Melville

Daniel Con, Lexington, for a letter to Suzanne Collins

The students wrote personal letters to authors explaining how his or her work changed their view of themselves or the world. They selected authors from any genre, fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic. Winners were chosen from three competition levels: upper elementary, middle, and secondary school.

The Nebraska winners are honored at a luncheon and receive cash prizes and gift certificates. Their winning letters are placed in the Jane Pope Geske Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors at Bennett Martin Public Library in Lincoln. They will advance to the national competition, with a chance to win a trip to Washington, D.C. for themselves and their parents.

Central Plains Library System
\$500 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
2018 NLA/NSLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
October 4-6, 2018

Name _____

Library _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Library Position Held _____

Briefly explain how this program will benefit either you or your library:
 (attach a separate sheet, NOT hand-written)

I understand that I will be notified of acceptance or denial before July 20, 2018 (prior to Early Bird registration deadline) and that scholarship monies will be awarded immediately prior to attendance at the NLA/NSLA Annual Conference.

I understand I must submit a short article about the event within two months for publication in the CPLS newsletter.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

Return completed form by **July 13, 2018** to:

Central Plains Library System
 2727 West 2nd Street, #233
 Hastings, NE 68901
 Email: denise.cpls@gmail.com
 Phone: 402-462-1975

 For CPLS use: Date received _____ Amount awarded _____ Report received _____

Central Plains Library System

Mark Your Calendar

- June 8.....Retirement coffee for Brenda Wisner, Holdrege Area Public Library, 9:30-10:30 am
- June 11-22.....Basic Skills—Library Finance
- June 18-July 13.Basic Skills—Introduction to Cataloging, Self-Paced (see page 9)
- June 30.....Deadline for nominations for 2018 Nebraska Book Awards (see page 9)
- July 9-20.....Basic Skills—Reference, Christa Porter
- July 13.....Deadline for \$500 2018 NLA/NSLA Scholarship (see page 15)
- July 13.....Nebraska Library Commission Meeting, Lincoln
- July 18.....CPLS Annual Meeting (see page 5)
- July 20.....Deadline for Innovation Studio, 2nd round of Applications (see page 4)
- July 20.....Nebraska State Advisory Council on Libraries Meeting, Online
- July 27.....Early Bird Deadline for the NLA/NSLA Annual Conference
- July 28.....Norfolk Public Library Literature Festival (see page 13)
- July 30-Aug 10...Basic Skills—Collection Management, Denise Harders
- July 31.....School Librarians in the Digital Age (see page 13)
- August 5-11.....CPLS Week of Weeding (see page 12)
- August 20-31.....Basic Skills—Library Policy
- August 22.....Deadline to submit entries for the NEST 529 Drawing (see page 3)
- Sept 10-21.....Basic Skills—Programming and Outreach
- Sept 13-16.....Association of Rural and Small Libraries Conference, Springfield, Illinois
- October 4-6.....NLA/NSLA Annual Conference (see page 14)
- October 7-13.....Teen Read Week (see page 10)

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