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TeenTober: A New Celebration

The Young Adult Library Services Association board decided to re-envision Teen Tech Week and Teen Read Week and create a larger advocacy/awareness campaign to promote the importance of year-round teen services.

The new, nationwide celebration hosted by libraries every October, is called **TeenTober**. This event aims to celebrate teens, promote, year-round teen service and the innovative ways teen services help teens learn new skills, and fuel their passions in and outside the library. By making the change to a month-long celebration, libraries have the flexibility to choose their own focus: digital literacy, reading, technology, and/or writing.

Library staff are encouraged to utilize this new celebration to advocate for and raise awareness of the importance of year-round teen services in libraries. For this inaugural year, the celebration will have "soft" launch. [Digital marketing materials](#) are available for free download.

If you'd like to receive updates about TeenTober, please sign up [here](#).

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TEENtober

What will you discover at the library?

www.ala.org/yalsa/teentober

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Test Prep Toolkit

Test Prep Toolkit (<https://www.testpreptoolkit.com/>) has **FREE** online GED classes in math, science, and social studies, as well as GED practice tests. The website includes everything from practice tests, video lessons, and online courses. They also have ACT, SAT and GRE test prep materials.



On this Day. . . .



October

Edgar Allan Poe—Died October 7, 1849

R.L. Stein - Born October 8, 1943

Dan Gutman - Born October 19, 1955

Gordon Korman—Born October 23, 1963

Steven Kellogg - Born October 26, 1941

Sense & Sensibility by Jane Austen was published-Oct. 30,1811

November

Robert Louis Stevenson—Born November 13, 1850

C. S. Lewis—Died November 22, 1963

Roald Dahl—Died November 23, 1990

Frances Hodgson Burnett—Born November 24, 1849

P.D. Eastman—Born November 25, 1909

Charles M. Schulz—Born November 26, 1922

C. S. Lewis—Born November 29, 1898

Lucy Maud Montgomery—Born November 30, 1874

Mark Twain—Born November 30, 1835

Save the Date



*Central Plains Library System Cordially Invites You to Attend the
Grand Summer Reading Program 2020 Workshop*

Ballroom Locations

Friday, January 17th

*McCook City Library
802 Norris Avenue
McCook, NE 69001*

Thursday, March 19th

*Grand Island Public Library
211 N. Washington
Grand Island, NE 68801*

Wednesday, January 29th

*Broken Bow Public Library
626 South D Street
Broken Bow, NE 68822*

*Agenda & Registration Link
will be emailed out in late
October.*

*The cost for each Prince or
Princess will be \$10 with
lunch included*



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.

Bibliostat Workshop



Every year, the Nebraska Library Commission participates in a national program of public library data collection called the Public Library Survey. This workshop will provide an overview of the data collection program, and specifically the data collection tool used in Nebraska, Bibliostat. The survey runs from mid-November to mid-February every year. The survey is required for Nebraska accredited libraries, and unaccredited libraries are eligible for a one-time grant (Dollar\$ for Data) if they complete the survey online via Bibliostat. Come learn tips and tricks that will make the process easier for you!

Presenter: Sam Shaw (Nebraska Library Commission)

When: Tuesday, November 19th, 2019 from 10am - 1pm

**Where: Ravenna Public Library
324 Milan Avenue
Ravenna, NE 68869**

3 CEU's for Attending

To get registered for this workshop, please [click here](#).

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 administrated by the Nebraska Library Commission.

E-Rate & Digital Literacy Workshop Opportunity

Two experienced NLC trainers will be on hand to help you understand what E-Rate is, how your library can benefit, the kind of digital skills that are necessary to meet the growing needs of your patrons, and how to become a more valuable resource to your community.

DATE & TIME: Monday, October 28th

Registration Begins at 8:30am

9am-12pm (E-Rate Morning Session)

1pm-4pm (Thriving in a Digital World Afternoon Session)

*Lunch will be on your own.

WHERE:

Grand Island Public Library

211 N. Washington

Grand Island, NE 68801

3 CEU's Earned for Each Session

E-Rate: What's New for 2020 (Morning Session)

What is E-rate? How can my library benefit from E-rate?
How do I apply for E-rate?

E-rate is a federal program that provides discounts to schools and public libraries on the cost of their Broadband, Fiber, and Wi-Fi Internet access and Internal Connections, such as wiring, routers, switches, and other network equipment, in order to make these services more affordable.

The [E-Rate Productivity Center](#) (EPC) is your online portal for all E-rate interactions. With your organizational account you can use EPC to file forms, track your application status, communicate with USAC, and more.

What does your library need to know to use EPC? In this workshop, Christa Porter, Nebraska's State E-rate Coordinator for Public Libraries, will cover the basics of the E-rate program and show you how to access and use your account in EPC to submit your Funding Year 2020 E-rate application. There will also be hands-on time, when you can get assistance completing your E-rate forms.

[Register Here](#) for the E-Rate (Morning Session) Workshop

E-rate Resources:

[NLC E-rate website](#)

[USAC Schools and Libraries E-rate website](#)



Thriving in a Digital World (Afternoon Session)

How can libraries help communities thrive in a digital world? In 1991, there was one website in existence. There are now over [1.7 billion websites](#) with over [4.3 billion internet users](#) worldwide. The internet has changed the way we communicate, how we access information, learn new skills, buy and sell goods, and so much more. Digital skills have become a necessity in many ways.

This workshop will help you identify and meet your community's growing need for digital and technology skills. Make your library a more valuable resource to the community. By the end of this workshop, you will be able to do the following:

- 1) Identify who you are helping in your community, and how you can help
- 2) Leverage existing tools and resources to meet growing digital need
- 3) Gain inspiration from other libraries in-state and nationwide
- 4) Experience more interactive, hands-on ways to meet library customer needs
- 5) Begin building a feasible plan to meet the needs of the future

Together, we will build a happy, healthy and safe digital world for everyone.

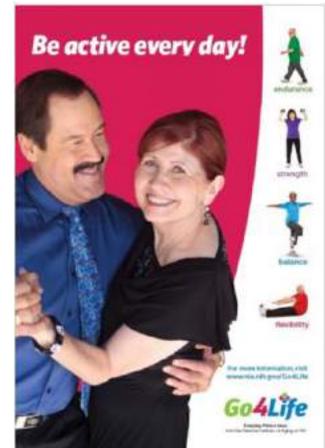
Presenter: Amanda Sweet, Technology Innovation Librarian, Nebraska Library Commission

[Register Here](#) for the Thriving in a Digital World (Afternoon Session) Workshop

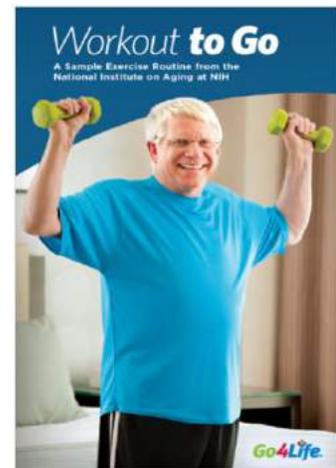
FREE Resources for Your Library

Go4Life® from the National Institute on Aging at NIH

Go4Life, an exercise and physical activity campaign from the National Institute on Aging at NIH, is designed to help fit exercise and physical activity into the daily life of older adults. Motivating older adults to become physically active for the first time, return to exercise after a break in their routines, or build more exercise and physical activity into weekly routines are the essential elements of **Go4Life**.



Go4Life offers exercises, motivational tips, and **free** resources to help libraries encourage their older patrons get ready, start exercising, and keep going. The **Go4Life** campaign includes an evidence-based exercise guide in both English and Spanish, an exercise video, and an Interactive [website](#).



Go to this web page to order **free** 120-page Exercise Guides, brochures on multiple health topics, posters, and more! <https://go4life.nia.nih.gov/free-resources/>

Let **Go4Life** help you plan programming for your patrons.

The one event you've been waiting all year for....



Our Cricut 2.0 Make & Take Workshop

Join us for an exciting day where we will learn all the newest techniques and use the latest tools that Cricut has to offer. We will be making at least 5 projects so you will leave with plenty of hands-on experience and gifts to give away (or keep for yourself!).

When: Tuesday, December 3rd

Time: 10am—4pm

Where: Kearney Public Library
2020 First Avenue
Kearney, NE 68847

Cost: \$10 per person (includes lunch)

Credits: 5 CEU's

New Materials We Will Learn:

- Balsa Wood
- Large Format Cardstock
- Infusable Ink
- Engraving Tool
- Leather

To get your ticket for this limited seating event, please [click here](#).

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.

Audiobook Collection

CPLS owns over **1,200 circulating audiobook titles**. System member libraries may borrow audiobooks (CD, MP3, and Playaway formats) for a loan period of 90 days.

Bunny by Awad, Mona (MP3)

Upheaval by Diamond, Jared

Temper by, Fargo, Layne

I Know Who You Are by Feeney, Alice

The Pioneers by McCullough, David

This Could Hurt by Medoff, Jillian

Your Life Is Mine by Ripley, Nathan

Beijing Payback by Nieh, Daniel

Fame Adjacent by Skilton, Sarah



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

Happy Thanksgiving!



CPLS Board Meeting Schedule



October 11, 2019

January 10, 2020

April 10, 2020

July 10, 2020



Call for Speakers: Big Talk from Small Libraries 2020



The Call for Speakers for Big Talk From Small Libraries 2020 is now open!

This free one-day online conference is aimed at librarians from small libraries; the smaller the better! We are looking for speakers from small libraries or speakers who directly work with small libraries. Small libraries of all types - public, academic, school, museum, special, etc. - are encouraged to submit a proposal. We're looking for seven 50-minute presentations and five 10-minute "lightning round" presentations.

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

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

Big Talk From Small Libraries 2020 will be held on Friday, February 28, 2020 between 8:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (CT) via the GoToWebinar online meeting service. Speakers will be able to present their programs from their own desktops. The schedule will accommodate speakers' time-zones.

If you are interested in presenting, please submit your proposal by **Friday, January 3, 2020** at <https://forms.gle/GPbwvxMMrkFyk2rZA>. Speakers from libraries serving fewer than 10,000 people will be preferred, but presentations from libraries with larger service populations will be considered.

More details about the conference can be found at <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/bigtalk/>

This conference is organized and hosted by the Nebraska Library Commission and is co-sponsored by the Association for Rural & Small Libraries.

Unique Celebrations Coming Up....



Monthly Celebrations

Celebrating The Bilingual Child Month
Children's Magazine Month
Dyslexia Awareness Month
Emotional Wellness Month
Financial Planning Month
Global Diversity Awareness Month
Health Literacy Month
National Book Month
National Bullying Prevention Month
National Chili Month
National Cookbook Month
National Cookie Month
National Depression Education & Awareness Month
National Domestic Violence Awareness Month
National Learning and Development Month
National Medical Librarian Month
National Reading Group Month
National Sensory Awareness Month
TeenTober

Weekly Celebrations

Active Aging Week – October 1-7
Get Organized Week – October 6-12
Mystery Series Week – October 7-13
National Friends of Libraries Week – October 20-26
Freedom of Speech Week – October 21-27

Daily Celebrations

October 4th—National Taco Day
October 5th—National Do Something Nice Day
October 10th—World Mental Health Day
October 12th—I Love Yarn Day
October 12th—National Costume Swap Day
October 13th—National Train Your Brain Day
October 16th—Boss's Day
October 17th—Get to Know Your Customers Day
October 17th—Black Poetry Day
October 18th—National Chocolate Cupcake Day
October 20th—National Youth Confidence Day
October 26th—National Pumpkin Day



Monthly Celebrations

Family Stories Month
Lung Cancer Awareness Month
Movember
National Adoption Month
National Alzheimer's Disease Month
National Diabetes Month
National Family Caregivers Month
National Inspirational Role Models Month
National Life Writing Month
National Family Literacy Month
National Fun with Fondue Month
National Gratitude Month
National Novel Writing Month
National Inspirational Role Models Month
National Long-term Care Awareness Month
NoSHAVEmber

Weekly Celebrations

National Young Reader's Week – November 11-15
American Education Week – November 18-22
Better Conversation Week – November 24-30
National Bible Week – November 24-30
National Game & Puzzle Week – November 24-30
National Deal Week – November 27-December 3

Daily Celebrations

November 1st—National Authors' Day
November 1st—National Family Literacy Day
November 5th—National Love Your Red Hair Day
November 6th—National Stress Awareness Day
November 7th—National Men Make Dinner Day
November 8th—National STEM/STEAM Day
November 9th—National Scrapple Day
November 12th—National Chicken Soup for the Soul Day
November 13th—World Kindness Day
November 15th—National Rural Health Day
November 15th—National Bundt (Pan) Day
November 16th—National Button Day
November 18th—National Princess Day
November 19th—National Play Monopoly Day
November 20th—National Absurdity Day
November 30th—National Mason Jar Day



Meeting of the Minds

Join us for the next meeting at the **Ord Township Library** on **Wednesday, November 13th from 10am~1pm**. The topic will be:

Evaluations

During this meeting we will discuss the policies you use for conducting performance reviews, the frequency in which evaluations are conducted, motivating employees to perform better, etc. We will also be sharing struggles you may be having in this area. Please bring copies for the group of evaluation forms you like using. As always, bring a question and a success story to share with the group.

The System's New Car.....



Color:

Sting Gray



Nickname:

"Stingray"



IS YOUR LIBRARY HOSTING A GAMING EVENT?

International Games Week is an initiative run by volunteers from around the world to reconnect communities through their libraries around the educational, recreational, and social value of all types of games.

International Games Week is **November 3-9, 2019**. Libraries can host a gaming event during or near this week to be eligible for registration for donations.

[Register here](#) [Promotional Materials](#) [History of Event](#)

For more information on this fun event, please see the [ALA website](#).



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

A Taco Makes a Terrible Bookmark!!

Have you ever found something unusual in a book that has been returned to you? A few things that have been reported are uncashed paychecks, credit cards, \$100 bills and panty liners...and even a taco.

Go to the [CPLS website](#) and report the crazy stuff stuck between the pages of your books.



A Novel Concept: Silent Book Clubs



Individuals congregate together as a group, but they aren't talking. A **Silent Book Club** is meeting.

The concept is simple yet revolutionary: Members meet up at a bar, a library, a bookstore, or any venue that will host them. Once the bell rings, silent reading time commences. After an hour, the bell rings again. Other than that, there are no rules. Participants can bring whatever they'd like to read and chat about anything. This club is especially attractive to introverts or anyone who just wants to carve out some time to read.

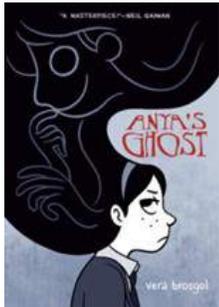
Future Basic Skills for Nebraska Librarian Classes

Class Dates	Class	Instructor	Registration Dates
10/7 - 10/18	Community & Library	Sam Shaw	9/9 - 9/27
10/21 - 11/1	Management/Supervision	Scott Childers	9/23 - 10/11
11/4 - 11/15	Leadership	Holli Duggan	10/7 - 10/25
12/2 - 12/13	Library Services to Children & Teens	Sally Snyder	11/4 - 11/22



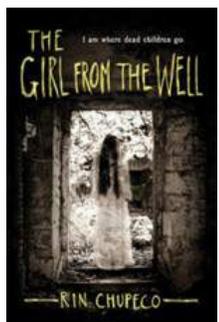
YA Ghost Books

October is the time for SPOOOOKY books. This list includes a range from being dark and disturbing to being lighter and more fun. To see a complete list of **25 of the Best YA Ghost Books**, click on this link: <https://bookriot.com/2019/09/16/ya-ghost-books/>.



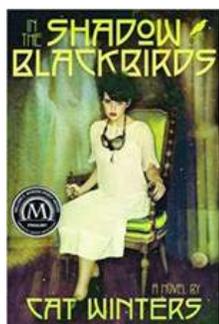
Anya's Ghost by Vera Brosgol

Anya didn't expect to find a new friend at the bottom of the well, let alone a ghost who would become her closest friend and confidant. This is a fun and heartening graphic novel especially great for younger YA readers.



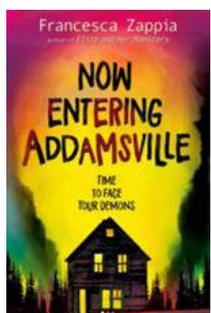
The Girl From The Well by Rin Chupeco

In the story, our main ghost character gets her revenge on those who've harmed children. But when she's unable to protect a boy, she begins to wonder what it is that makes him different and why her powers fail. A story of possession, of secrets, and yes, a ghost.



In The Shadow of Blackbirds by Cat Winters

Set in 1918, this is a book about a girl named Mary who doesn't believe in ghosts but who watches with awe and fascination as those who've lost loved ones to the Spanish Influenza and the first World War seek out seances and other spiritualists for help. This book has archival photographs to add to the allure and romance of this ghost story.



Now Entering Addamsville by Francesca Zappia

Everyone believes that Zora is the person behind the arson that took out the school janitor's home and left him burned. Zora needs to clear her name, but is challenged by the fact that there's a popular ghost hunting reality tv show in town and, well, she has to figure out what stories about the town are true and which are merely ghost stories.



Online Training Opportunities

Oct 23rd Nebraska Extension's "Read for Resilience" Program

[Register Here](#)

Oct 30th Pretty Sweet Tech

[Register Here](#)

Nov 6th Feeding America-Garden, Seed Exchanges, Summer Meals, & More!

[Register Here](#)

Nov 20th VoteLibraries 2020: Thinking about Elections and Libraries Without Being Partisan

[Register Here](#)

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, 2019 thru June 30, 2020, 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!

Cover One Book Repair Service!

The System has 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.

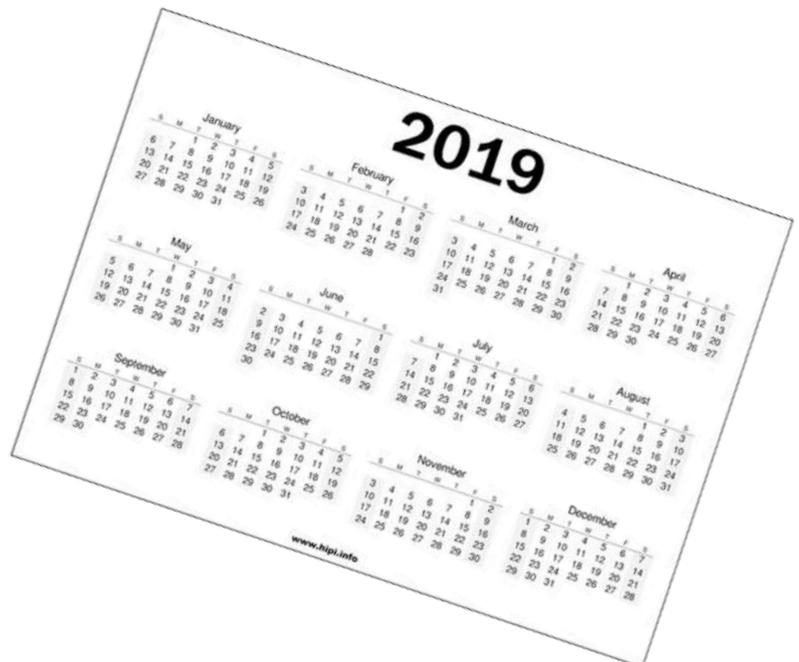
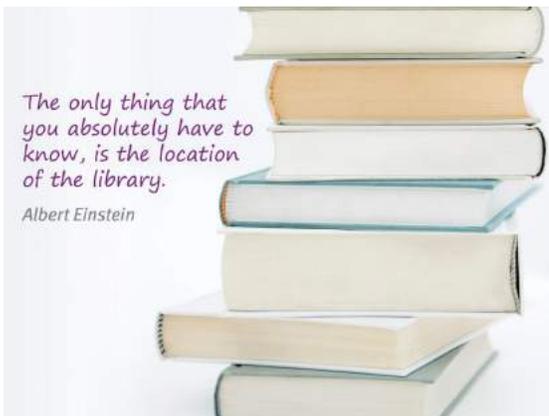
Mail or bring your books to the System Office. We will repair them for \$1 per book plus actual return postage.



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Mark Your Calendar

- October 2-4.....ILA/NLA/NSLA Annual Conference, LaVista
- October 5.....Nebraska School Librarians Assn. Fall Spectacular, Papillion
- October 7-18.....Basic Skills – The Community and the Library, Online, Sam Shaw
- October 11.....CPLS Board Meeting, Atkinson Public Library
- October 14Columbus Day Holiday—System Office Closed
- October 22-Nov. 2..Basic Skills – Management & Supervision, Online, Scott Childers
- October 28.....E-Rate: What’s New for 2020? Grand Island Public Library
 Thriving in a Digital World, Grand Island Public Library
- November 4-15.....Basic Skills—Leadership, On-line, Holli Duggan
- November 8.....Nebraska Library Commission Meeting, Lincoln
- November 11.....Veterans Day Holiday—System Office Closed
- November 13.....Meeting of the Minds, Ord Township Library
- November 14.....Quarterly Meeting of the Systems & NLC, Hastings Landmark Center
- November 19.....Bibliostat Workshop, Ravenna Public Library
- November 28-29....Thanksgiving Holiday—System Office Closed
- December 2-13.....Basic Skills—Library Services to Children & Youth, Online, Sally Snyder
- December 3.....Cricut 2.0 Make-and-Take Workshop, Kearney Public Library
- December 25.....Christmas Holiday—System Office Closed
- January 1.....New Year’s Day Holiday—System Office Closed
- January 3.....Deadline for submitting proposal to Big Talk from Small Libraries 2020
- January 10.....CPLS Board Meeting, Telephone Conference Call
- January 17.....Summer Reading Workshop, McCook
- January 29.....Summer Reading Workshop, Broken Bow



We're On the Web

libraries.ne.gov/cpls