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INTRODUCING NEBRASKA LIBRARY WEEK: NOV. 12-18, 2023

by Lane Gibson, Nebraska Library Week Chair

The Nebraska Library Association is planning on a state-wide event this winter to celebrate ALL Nebraska libraries and the good work they do in our communities!

The purpose of Nebraska Library Week (NLW) will be to:

- promote public, academic, and special libraries throughout the state of Nebraska to the public, government officials, advocates, and stakeholders
- celebrate and recognize library workers for their contributions to their local communities
- foster a sense of community between library professionals and library supporters throughout the state of Nebraska

The theme for our inaugural NLW will be "Connecting Communities" in honor of the broadband legislation passed earlier this year. The theme emphasizes the various ways in which libraries connect people to each other, to their local communities, and to the global community.

Nebraska Library Week will consist of NLA events such as Library Prom, the annual NLA business meeting, a Golden Sower Award ceremony, and regional networking and educational programs. We also encourage all libraries to coordinate their own NLW events to celebrate your local library, honor area library workers, and engage library users and community leaders. Stay tuned for more info!

NEBRASKA 2023 LIBRARY WEEK

NOVEMBER 13-17

Connecting Communities



GET INVOLVED IN NLW 2023!

NLA GROUPS:

Calling all committee, section, and round table chairs! We encourage you to discuss hosting/sponsoring a Nebraska Library Week program with the members of your group.

This can be a social event, networking event, training opportunity, guest speaker, or other library-related event of your choosing. Please submit programming/events for NLW using [this form](#). Please contact [Lane Gibson](#) with questions.

LIBRARIES:

Become an official participant in NLW by completing [this form](#). Participating libraries will be featured on NLW promotional material in addition to being a "stop" on our Connecting Communities Road Map.

Libraries will also receive a programming handbook with suggestions for possible in-house programming do host during the week, templates to send to officials in your area to solicit proclamations, and an invitation to Library Prom.

New Members Round Table presents:

LIBRARY TOURS FALL 2023

CRETE

Tuesday, Sept. 12 | Crete, NE

10 a.m.: Crete Public Library

11:30 a.m.: Lunch

1:00 p.m.: Doane University
Perkins Library



HASTINGS

Thursday, Oct. 12 | Hastings, NE

10 a.m.: Hastings Public Library

11:30 a.m.: Lunch at Blue Fork
Kitchen

1:00 p.m.: Hastings College
Perkins Library



Register and learn more at
www.nebraskalibraries.org

TWO SESSIONS LEFT!

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NLA LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMP SECTIONS & ROUND TABLES

Want to get more involved in the
Nebraska Library Association?

Thurs., Aug. 17 | 11:00 AM

We will discuss opportunities for leadership in the following sections and round tables: College & University / Intellectual Freedom / New Members / Public Library & Trustee / School, Children's, & Young People / Technical Services



NLA LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMP COMMITTEES

Want to get more involved in the
Nebraska Library Association?

Thurs., Aug. 24 | 11:00 AM

We will discuss opportunities for leadership in the following committees: Advocacy / Auditing / By-Laws & Handbook / Communications / Elections / Finance / Professional Development / Scholarships & Awards



SEEKING NOMINATIONS

Click on the title of each award to be directed to further information and nomination forms.

MAD HATTER AWARD

This award recognizes an individual member of the Nebraska Library Profession who has made an outstanding contribution to School, Children's, and Young People's librarianship and library development.

MARI SANDOZ AWARD

The Mari Sandoz Award recognizes significant, enduring contribution to the Nebraska book world through writing, film production or related activity.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

The Meritorious Service Award is given annually to a person, corporation or organization which has contributed to the improvement of library services in a local community; a county, region or state agency; or in library legislation.

PLTS ADVOCACY AWARD

This award recognizes a trustee, user, friend, foundation, or library board that has provided exceptional support for their local library. The award can be given to an individual or a group. The award will be given for support of the library or library community.

SANDRA HERZINGER AWARD

The Sandra Herzinger Award will be given to a Nebraska library worker who has demonstrated exceptional work in the profession and/or has been an advocate for technical services.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITY

by Deb Robertson, Advocacy Committee Chair

You're invited to consider sending a staff member to attend [Thriving Children, Families, and Communities Conference](#) held in Kearney this September, hosted by our new partner, [We Care for Kids](#). I attended this conference for the first time last year. It was amazing. This conference "informs, engages, and motivates Nebraskans to support and implement quality early childhood programs and services in their communities." Does this sound like something you do in your community?

I attended this conference to learn from experts in early childhood how we might better utilize the marvelous Early Childhood Discovery Center we have in our library that was funded by our local public school Sixpence Program. I came home with tons of information about the early childhood crisis in our state and country and a mission to use our Early Childhood Discovery Center to highlight what we are doing from the library to serve this need.

As the chair of the NLA Advocacy Committee, I believe we can engage library advocates while helping solve this crisis by partnering with others in our local communities working to meet the needs for early childhood education opportunities.

Will you join me? You do need to register, but there is no cost. It is one day, September 19, from 8:30 to 4:30 pm CT. If you register, let me know, I would love to hear from you! You can reach me at nlaadvocacy@nebraskalibraries.org. Maybe next year we can present at this conference about how libraries are working to help with this effort across our state!

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY?

Libraries are at the heart of Nebraska's communities. Each day, Nebraska librarians help citizens across the state access the materials and information they need to help improve their quality of life.

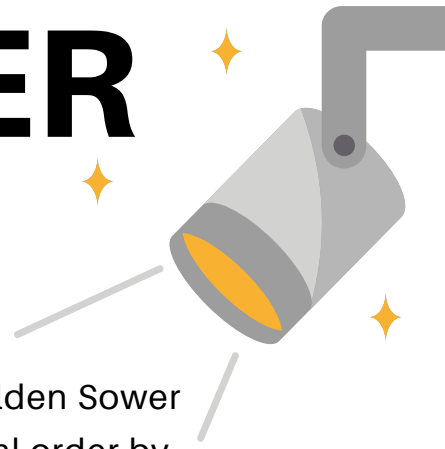
Do you love your local library? **Please consider signing up as a Nebraska library advocate.** You will be notified of opportunities to make your voice heard and stand up for Nebraska libraries.

Nebraska needs libraries, and Nebraska's libraries need you. Thank you!



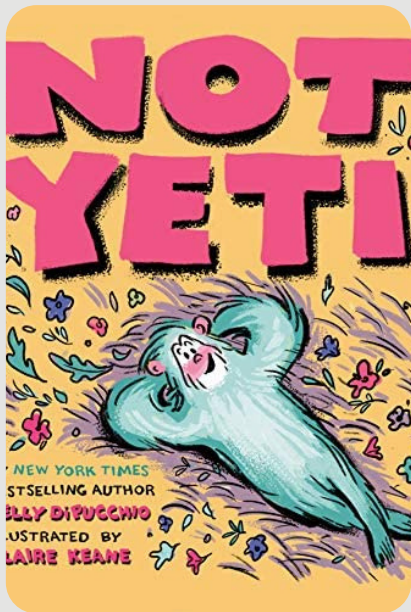
We Care for Kids

GOLDEN SOWER SPOTLIGHT



Each month, all year long, we'll spotlight a 2023-2024 Nebraska Golden Sower nominee from each category in the NLA e-newsletter! In alphabetical order by title, we'll share a synopsis of the Picture Books, Chapter Books, and Novels that Nebraska's young readers will enjoy during the 2023-24 school year.

Picture Book



Not Yeti

by Kelly DiPucchio and
Claire Keane

Monsters are loud, rude.
But not Yeti, who bakes
banana bread and always
has a nice word to say.
But sometimes being
different feels lonely. But
there's a surprise in store!

Chapter Book

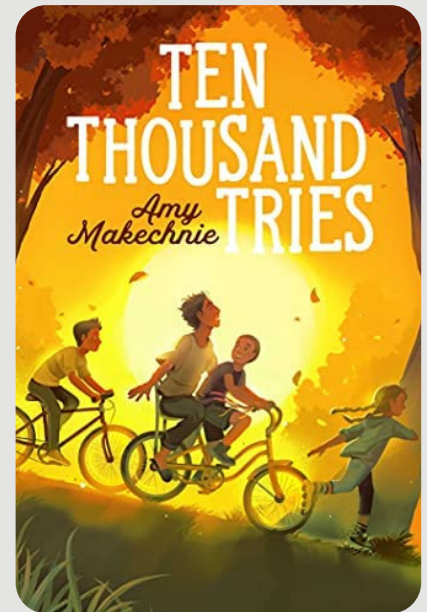


Time Villains

by Victor Pineiro

When the annual "Any
Three People to Dinner"
homework assignment
comes around, Javi needs
help hosting the ultimate
dinner party. But his
family's mysterious antique
table has other plans...

Novel



Ten Thousand Tries

by Amy Makechnie

A middle school soccer
whiz's determination to
keep things from
changing is tested when
his father's ALS
symptoms worsen. The
author grew up in NE!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Host a Librarians & Libations Happy Hour in your community!

Want to host an NLA happy hour in your part of the state? Contact the Communications Committee and we will help you advertise!



Email nlacommunications@nebraskalibraries.org.

Have news you'd like to share? Send an email to nlacommunications@nebraskalibraries.org for submission to the NLA newsletter and social media.

The Diversity Interest Group is seeking members!

Want to make an impactful difference affecting equity in the Nebraska Library Association? [Join the Diversity Interest Group](#) and help guide its strategic goals.

Sign up [here](#).

Tiny & Mighty Interest Group

Next meeting:

Tues., Sept 19, 2023 at 10 a.m. CDT
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Save the Date: 2024 Conference

Mark your calendars! The 2024 Nebraska Library Association Conference will be held in Kearney, NE on October 8 through October 10.

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