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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM NLA!

by Shelby Brodersen, Communications Chair

We at the Nebraska Library Association hope you had a restful and rejuvenating new year. January 1 marked a transition in our NLA leadership as new Executive Board officers, organizational representatives, and Committee and Round Table chairs have begun their posts.

This is an exciting - and critical - time to continue serving libraries and library staff, as users may be experiencing economic effects of recession-like symptoms, and as libraries and their materials continue to be challenged in unprecedented droves.

At the same time, we are kicking off 2023 with opportunities that evoke pride and joy in the work we do. In the pages of this e-newsletter, you will find upcoming events that recognize outstanding library volunteers, celebrate Nebraska's children's choice literary award, and facilitate advocacy efforts in our state's Capitol. We've got this!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Diversity Interest Group is seeking members!

The Diversity Interest Group aids in recruitment and retention of under-represented groups, provides continuing education opportunities concerning all issues of diversity, and is a representative collective voice for all Nebraska libraries.

Contact [Lane](#) to get involved.

Tiny & Mighty Interest Group

Next meeting:

Tues., Feb. 21, 2023 at 10 a.m.

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

Nominate an Outstanding Volunteer to honor at Advocacy Day!

Each year, volunteers from across the state of Nebraska are awarded the NLA Outstanding Volunteer Award for their priceless contributions to their local libraries.

Nominations will be accepted [here](#) until Friday, February 17 at 5 p.m. CST.

Take your leadership to the next level.

NLA needs you! Want to impact Nebraska libraries in 2023? Join a Committee, Section, Round Table, or Interest Group that aligns with your expertise. View them [here](#).

Contact the [Chair](#) of the group you're interested in to get started!

Follow NLA!



Nebraska Golden Sower Virtual Award Party!

We invite all schools, libraries, and home schools to celebrate the 2021-22 Nebraska Golden Sower Award winners LIVE on February 24! We'll hear the authors below accept the Nebraska Golden Sower Award, listen to Nebraska youth discuss what the winners' books mean to them, and participate in a Q&A to address the burning questions that Nebraska youth have about their writing.

MEET THE WINNING AUTHORS!



Chris Van Dusen

Author of *If I Built a School*, 2021-22 winner in the Picture Book category intended for grades K-2.



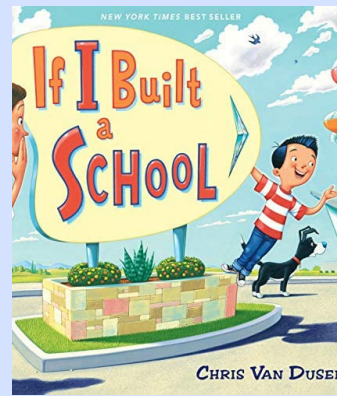
April Henry

Author of *Run, Hide, Fight Back*, 2021-22 winner in the Novel category intended for grades 6-8.



Rodman Philbrick

Author of *Wildfire*, 2021-22 winner in the Chapter Book category intended for grades 3-5.



Register [here!](https://forms.gle/zGzrReN6rEaaJ32G7)

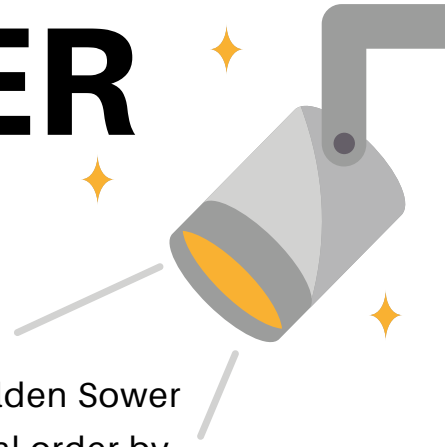
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**Feb. 24, 2023
at 10 a.m. CST**

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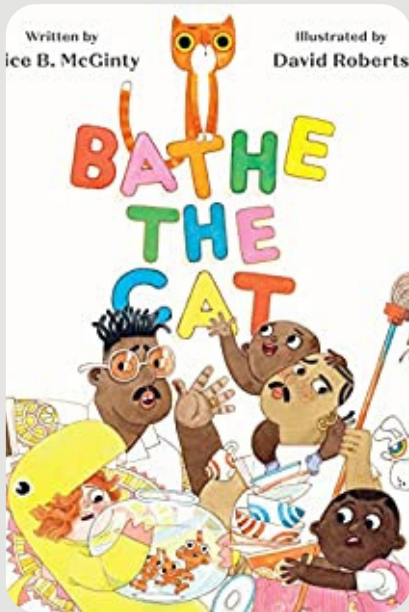
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GOLDEN SOWER SPOTLIGHT



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 schoolyear.

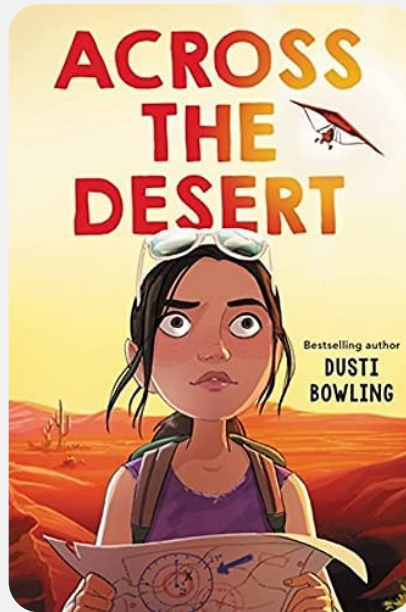
Picture Book



Bathe the Cat
by Alice B. McGinty
illustrated by David Roberts

This riotous romp of a picture book follows a frantic family as they try to get some chores done—with no help from the family cat, who keeps scrambling the list of chores with hilarious effects.

Chapter Book



Across the Desert
by Dusti Bowling

After watching the accident on a livestream, twelve-year-old Jolene sets out on a journey across the treacherous Arizona desert to rescue daring young pilot, Addie Earhart, stranded after a plane crash.

Novel



Alone
by Megan E. Freeman

Maddie wakes up alone to her town mysteriously evacuated, and she slowly learns to survive on her own despite the crippling loneliness. Can Maddie's stubborn will carry her through?

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ADVOCACY DAY 2023

BILL WATCH: NLA is keeping an eye on [LB71](#), [LB374](#), [LB441](#), and [LB635](#).
Details on these and other proposed legislation is available at nebraskalegislature.gov.

Stand up for libraries on March 3.

Join us in Lincoln as we learn about important legislative updates that pertain to libraries and library workers.

Invite your legislator to attend Advocacy Day! Find them [here](#).



**Lincoln Marriott
Cornhusker Hotel**

Fri., March 3, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



Nominate your library's outstanding volunteer!

Outstanding library volunteers will be recognized at the Advocacy Day luncheon! Submit your nomination [here](#) by Feb. 17 at 5 p.m. CST.

Tickets are \$35 each. Register [here](#). Details forthcoming.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Interested in committee leadership? Contact [Holle](#).

WE'RE ALL EARS!

Email nlacommunications@nebraskalibraries.org to submit your news, announcements, action items, and stories! Submissions can be placed in the newsletter and on NLA social media.

