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A WORD FROM AUTHOR TOSCA LEE

by Tosca Lee, Nebraska Library Week Honorary Chair

Libraries are magical.

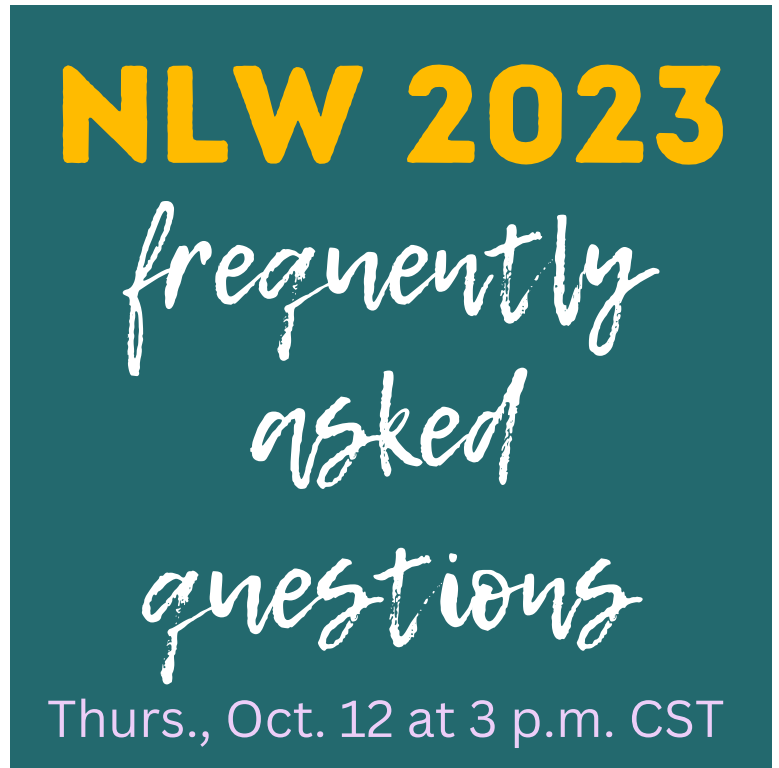
My imagination took flight at my local library. I'd peddle my bike there and ride home with totes full of books dangling from each handle. I discovered my favorite authors and genres while wandering the stacks of Gere Branch Library in Lincoln, did homework at the carrels by the windows and, many years later, read the final pass of my seventh novel at the same library.

Today, visiting Nebraska's libraries is one of my greatest joys. They continue to be safe places where all are welcome, full of so many community and cultural resources, fun and enriching events, friendly and knowledgeable librarians, and beautiful areas to read, learn, and think freely. I love seeing what new technology, programs, "libraries of things," meeting areas, and cozy reading nooks they have to offer as they serve their communities in new and innovative ways. When working on the road, you'll often find me tucked away in the corner of the nearest local library, feeling fortunate and grateful to be there.

HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT NEBRASKA LIBRARY WEEK?

What are you planning for Nebraska Library Week? Get your questions answered at a Q&A Zoom meeting on Oct. 12 at 3 p.m. CST. Register here!

Don't forget to become an official partner library and submit your NLW events to our statewide roadmap.



NLW 2023
frequently asked questions
Thurs., Oct. 12 at 3 p.m. CST



An Evening of Elegance
NEBRASKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:
LIBRARY PROM

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

Tickets are on sale now for Library Prom! Wrap up Nebraska Library Week on Saturday, November 18 in Hastings for an evening of dinner, dancing, and dazzling in all that Nebraska libraries provide.

Show your support for libraries across Nebraska by participating in a silent auction and fun cash games and activities throughout the night. Proceeds and sponsorships will go toward the NLA Advocacy Committee's activities and programs that support pro-library legislation that and efforts to fight censorship.

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.

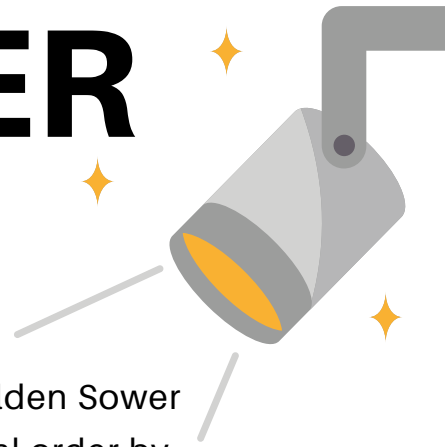
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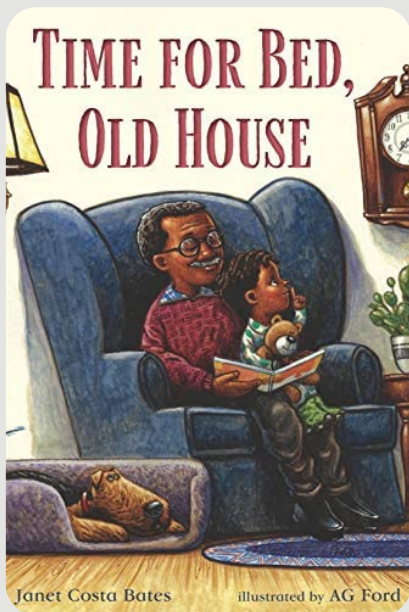
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16	17	<u>Librarians & Lattes in Verdigre</u>	18	<u>Library Prom in Hastings</u>		
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GOLDEN SOWER SPOTLIGHT



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 school year.

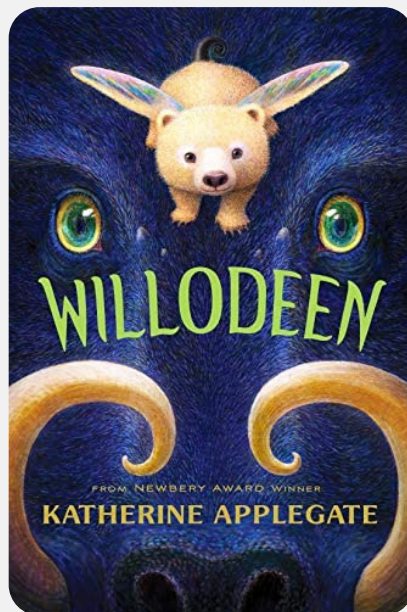
Picture Book



Time for Bed, Old House
by Janet Costa Bates

While spending the night away from home for the first time, Isaac helps Grandpop put the house to bed, room by room, getting to know the unfamiliar noises of an old house.

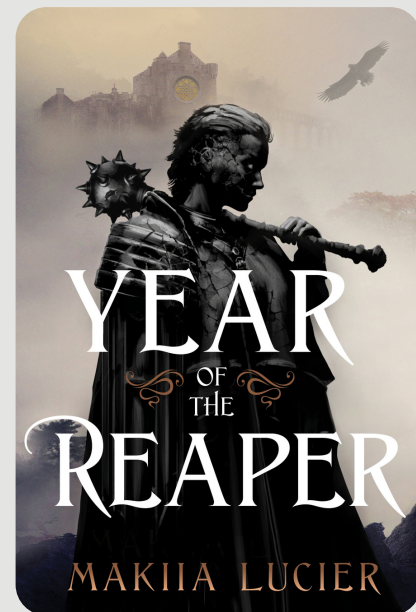
Chapter Book



Willodeen
by Katherine Applegate

Willodeen adores creatures of all kinds, but lately nature seems angry: droughts, mudslides, and fires. A handmade gift gives Willodeen the strength to speak up for the animals she loves.

Novel



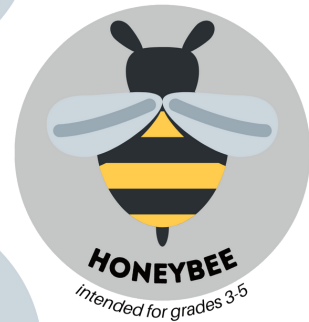
Year of the Reaper
by Makiia Lucier

Before an ambush, Lord Cassia was an engineer's apprentice. Three years later, his old home has become a refuge for his enemies. Can Cas unveil a threatening secret to protect the kingdom?

SAVE THE DATE!

THE 2024-25 GOLDEN SOWER
NOMINEES WILL BE ANNOUNCED
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 AT
10 A.M. CST IN HONOR OF
NEBRASKA LIBRARY WEEK!

Follow the Nebraska Golden Sower Award on Facebook to celebrate the newly nominated titles as soon as they're announced.



GOLDEN SOWER MANUAL 2023-2024

The Golden Sower Committee is excited to present this schoolyear's manual for the 2023-24 nominees! The manual includes activities, vocabulary exercises, and discussion questions for all thirty titles that are nominated for the Golden Sower Award. The manual can be purchased in two ways:

TEACHERS PAY TEACHERS:

Educators, parents/guardians, and homeschool instructors may purchase the manual for \$15 on Teachers Pay Teachers. All proceeds go toward the Golden Sower Committee's operation and events such as the Virtual Award Party.

SCHOOL DISTRICT PURCHASE:

For \$100, schools can purchase a shareable digital copy of the manual from the Nebraska Golden Sower online store. A digital file will be sent to your school email which can be uploaded to a shared drive.

WE CARE FOR KIDS CORNER

[Nebraska Extension](#) and [We Care for Kids](#) recently commissioned a statewide survey of registered voters in Nebraska to gauge public support for early childhood education in our state. Results show widespread support for child care and early learning, and demonstrate that Nebraskans see a clear link between access to child care, helping workers provide for their families, and keeping businesses strong.

Check out this [video](#) of the findings and how to incorporate this research into serving your community.



Early childhood educators help children, families, and Nebraska thrive.

Show your care at NebraskaCaresForKids.org

BE A LIBRARY ADVOCATE

The [NLA Advocacy Committee](#) meets weekly via Zoom to stay up to date on defending libraries, fighting book bans, and planning ahead for the legislative session. Do you have skills that will serve Nebraska libraries? Email Deb Robertson at nebraskalibraryadvocacy@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link, updates, and calls to action.

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!



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.

Tiny & Mighty Interest Group

Next meeting:

Tues., Oct. 17, 2023 at 10 a.m. CDT
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Have questions about Nebraska Library Week?

Join us for a Q&A on Thursday, October 12 at 3 p.m. via Zoom. [Register here](#) to access the link.

Join the Communications Committee!

Do you enjoy graphic design, social media strategy, and fostering engagement? The Communications Committee needs your help to bring NLA's messaging and events to the next level. [Email Shelby](#) for more information!

Follow NLA!



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

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