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Save the Date

NEBRASKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:

**LIBRARY PROM**  
"AN EVENING OF ELEGANCE"

NOVEMBER 18TH AT 6PM  
HASTINGS AUDITORIUM-HASTINGS, NE

TICKETS AVAILABLE SEPTEMBER 18TH

Save the date for Library Prom during Nebraska Library Week! Please contact Amy Dissmeyer at [nlaauditing@nebraskalibraries.org](mailto:nlaauditing@nebraskalibraries.org).

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](http://www.nebraskalibraries.org)

# 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.

# LIBRARIANS & libations



A Nebraska Library Association happy hour

SEPT

Network in  
North Platte! **21**

Pals Brewing Company  
4520 S Buffalo Bill Ave  
North Platte, NE 69101

**6-8 p.m. CST**

North Platte-area library workers are invited to converse over craft beer! Stop by Pals Brewing Co. on Thursday, September 21 to network with your colleagues.

NOV

Niobrara  
librarian retires **17**

Verdigre Public Library  
101 E. 3rd Avenue  
Verdigre, NE 68783

**10-11 a.m. CST**

The Knox County librarians invite you to honor Esther Nielsen as she retires from the Niobrara Public Library. Please join them for a coffee reception in Verdigre!

To host a Librarians & Libations Happy Hour in your region, or for any questions, contact [nlacommunications@nebraskalibraries.org](mailto:nlacommunications@nebraskalibraries.org).

# NOW AVAILABLE!

# 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.

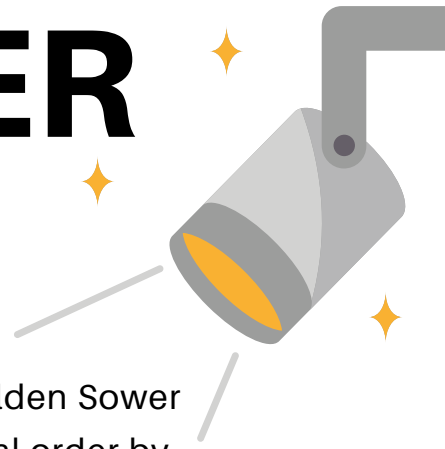
## **SCHOOL DISTRICT PURCHASE:**

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.

NLA and the Golden Sower Award Committee thanks all of the volunteers who wrote detailed manual pages about the 30 nominated books! This manual is dedicated to you and your commitment to education and fostering a love of reading.

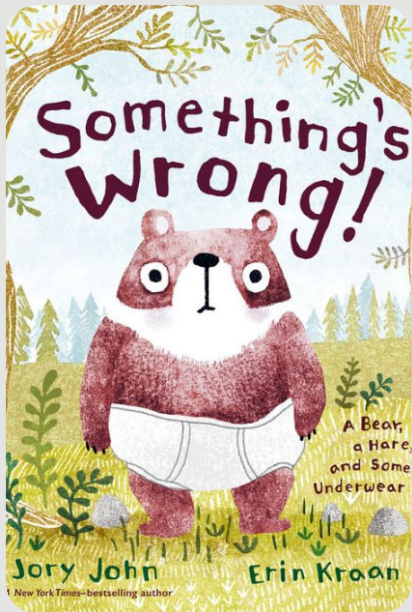


# GOLDEN SOWER SPOTLIGHT



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



### **Something's Wrong!**

by Jory John & Erin Kraan

Jeff the Bear just feels off. He's definitely forgotten something. In this picture book, Jeff's friends help him get through a very bad day... of wearing underwear over his fur!

## Chapter Book

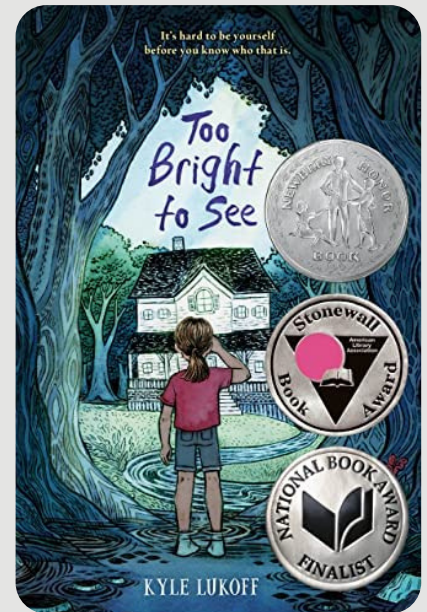


### **What Comes Next**

by Rob Buyea

A stand-alone middle-grade novel about a girl who is dealing with the tragic loss of her best friend, and the dog that helps her forge new friendships and find happiness once again.

## Novel



### **Too Bright to See**

by Kyle Lukoff

While 11-year-olds Bug and Moira spend the summer prepping for middle school, Bug begins to feel haunted by a ghost in rural Vermont that brings truth to light.



**Congratulations!**

# **NIXON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

**Nicole B. North Platte, NE**  
**Jessica O. Rutgers University**  
**Marcella D. Creighton University**

## **ICYMI: NLA TRAINING CAMP**

Want to get more involved in NLA but not sure where to start? Have no fear — we recorded our sessions from the NLA Training Camp so you can hear directly from our volunteer leaders, committee chairs, and elected positions about what their service entails. Click on the session topic in bold to be directed to the Zoom recordings.

Have questions? Contact Emily Nimsakont at [nlapastpresident@gmail.com](mailto:nlapastpresident@gmail.com).

## **SESSION 1:**

### **Elected Positions**

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## **SESSION 2:**

### **Sections, Round Tables, and Interest Groups**

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## **SESSION 3:**

### **Committees**

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# WE CARE FOR KIDS WEEK

September 25 - October 1 is We Care for Kids Week, a statewide celebration connecting partners and community leaders to families and resources in their community with the goal of building support for quality early childhood education.

Libraries play an essential role in providing early childhood education to families, supporting educators, and bridging gaps within our communities. We all know it takes a village to raise the next generation — so let's do it together! Learn more at [nebraskacaresforkids.org](http://nebraskacaresforkids.org).



We Care   
for Kids

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

Show your care at [NebraskaCaresForKids.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:nlacommunications@nebraskalibraries.org).

## Tiny & Mighty Interest Group

Next meeting:

Tues., Oct. 17, 2023 at 10 a.m. CDT  
[nlatiny&mighty@nebraskalibraries.org](mailto:nlatiny&mighty@nebraskalibraries.org)

## 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.

## 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](#).

Follow NLA!



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