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LB441 BLOCKED BY FILIBUSTER

by **Shelby Janke Brodersen, Communications Chair**

Last month, library professionals, advocates, and supporters closely monitored LB441 in the Nebraska Legislature. This bill, resurrected from 2023 and introduced by Sen. Joni Albrecht (Thurston, NE), would have removed librarians and K-12 educators from the class of protected professions when being charged for providing “obscene” materials. Simply put, LB441 would criminalize librarians for providing information deemed inappropriate by few in power.

On March 20, which happened to be NLA’s annual Advocacy Day, Senators completed an eight-hour General File filibuster on LB441 that stretched over three days. With Nebraska library workers and advocates in the balcony, the Legislature failed to reach a filibuster-ending cloture vote. We applaud the Senators who spoke on behalf of our profession, ethics, and Nebraskans’ right to information.



This newsletter was prepared by the NLA Communications Committee: Shelby Janke, Megan Jensen, Courtney Kilroy, Melissa Payne. Please submit any and all news to nlacommunications@nebraskalibraries.org.

2024 Outstanding Library Volunteers



Carol Vlasin
Crete Public Library
Pictured with Senator Tom Brandt

Carol has volunteered at the Crete Public Library for over five years and was nominated by Library Director Joy Stevenson. She takes care of rather mundane tasks with ease and good cheer, such as weeding, mastering software like Apollo and OCLC, labeling books by genre and age, cleaning up patron files, and assisting with the Summer Reading Program.

Fifteen years ago, the Grand Island bookmobile service was discontinued, and the library needed to serve the patrons who had no way to visit the library in-person. With generous support from volunteers, homebound delivery was made possible. Lorry Dinkelman, Steve and Leanne Morris, and Diana Callahan serve these patrons by reliably delivering library materials on a monthly basis, to much appreciation and gratitude.



Homebound Delivery Drivers
Grand Island Public Library
nominated by Susie Cartwright & Chris Dierks

Ann Sedlacek (not pictured) helped start the Friends of the Library in Blair 40 years ago in 1984. Over the years, she has served as secretary, treasurer, and member-at-large. For decades, she's assisted with organizing events, book sales, and helping librarians with programming. Ann helped the group stay the course throughout COVID restrictions; the group is accumulating members again and sponsoring more projects at the library.



Ann Sedlacek
Friends of Blair Public Library
nominated by Brooke Zarco

2024 Outstanding Library Volunteers



Kailee Moorhead
Lincoln City Libraries
nominated by Deanne Johnson

Kailee began volunteering at the Lincoln City Libraries Bess Dodson Walt Branch in May 2014 as a middle school student. She uses a wheelchair and is nonspeaking, communicating through sign-language, gestures, and a communication board that has even come in handy during the Summer Reading Program. Kailee’s mother, Kendra, helps her with the 300 volunteer hours she has dedicated to the Walt Branch over the last ten years.

Even in retirement from KFOR and the Food Bank of Lincoln, Scott continues using his talents to improve the lives of others. He volunteers at the Talking Book & Braille Service each week, using his unmistakable voice to narrate books and magazines for those unable to use print. Scott embodies everything one looks for in a volunteer: dedication, talent, wisdom, and generosity.



Scott Young
Nebraska Library Commission
nominated by Matt Hier



Pamela Morriss
Grand Island Public Library
nominated by Shaun Klee

In recent years, libraries have increasingly become a community center that is more than just books. Public libraries now have video games, board games, Makerspaces, appliances, and even seeds. Now, in times of rising costs and food insecurity, people turn to the library even more as an affordable resource. The Grand Island Public Library Seed Library—now starting its third year—owes its success to volunteer Pamela Morriss.

New Members Round Table Spring Meeting

*April 16, 2024
10am - 11am*

[CLICK TO
REGISTER](#)

C&U/TSRT SPRING MEETING

All-Inclusive AI: All the Awe-Inspiring Access, Archives, Acquisition and Ingeniously Innovative Instruction, Interlibrary Loan, and Information Literacy Initiatives in Nebraska Libraries

The NLA College & University Section/Technical Services Round Table Joint Spring Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 22**, at Doane University in Crete, NE. A virtual attendance option will also be offered. Registration information and more details coming soon.

Artificial intelligence isn't the only AI in the world of libraries! Your library is probably doing something inspiring, innovative, and awesome in the area of archives, access services, acquisitions, instruction, interlibrary loan, information literacy.... The list goes on. Here's your chance to share your AI with the Nebraska academic library and technical services community!

The Joint Program Committee invites proposals for 50-minute presentations and 15-minute lightning rounds (3 rounds in one session), on any aspect of academic or technical services librarianship which addresses the conference theme or is related to the theme in some way.

This call for proposals is open, so membership in C&U or TSRT is not required to present. Do you know of something interesting or exciting your colleagues are doing? Share this call with them and encourage them to submit! Please submit your proposals no later than 8am on Monday, April 15. You will be notified of acceptance by Wednesday, April 24.

Spring Meeting

NLA Public Libraries & Trustees Section

May 2, 2024
9am - 3pm

Kilgore Library
York, NE

Rebroadcast
via Zoom

May 6
12:30pm - 4pm

PLTS Member

In-person - \$35*
Virtual - \$20

Non-member

In-person - \$50*
Virtual - \$35

*includes lunch!

Featured Speakers

"Policies of Yes"

Jennie Garner
Kellee Forkenbrock
North Liberty Library, IA

"Adults Need to Play Too!"

Dr. Melissa Cast-Brede
Erica Rose
University of Nebraska - Omaha

Earn 4 CE credits! Register here!

In-person: <https://nebraskalibraries.org/meetinginfo.php?id=74&ts=1707926427>

Virtual: <https://nebraskalibraries.org/meetinginfo.php?id=75&ts=1707930269>

For more information, email nlaplts@nebraskalibraries.org.

SAVE *the* DATE

OCTOBER 9-11, 2024



THE NLA CONFERENCE IS BACK!

Meet us in Kearney this October to convene with **Nebraska's largest network of library professionals!**

This year, we are celebrating the fact that Nebraska libraries are for everyone. Our industry will **Thrive Together** as we learn about:

- Community building
- Organizational excellence
- Intentional advocacy work
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion

NLA invites submissions that embrace this theme, seeking a multitude of voices that can share knowledge and contribute lived experiences towards an understanding of how to face challenges and capitalize on opportunities that face our profession.

SUBMIT A CONFERENCE PROPOSAL BY MAY 27!

Please use [this form](#) to submit a Preconference or Conference presentation proposal for the **2024 NLA Conference: Thrive Together**.

Have an idea but need more contributors? Check out this [networking sheet](#) to brainstorm ideas.

Questions? Review the [FAQ](#), or contact Lane Gibson at nlapresidentelect@nebraskalibraries.org.



2024 NLA Conference

October 9-11, 2024

Younes Conference Center South, Kearney

The Nebraska Library Association is pleased to announce plans for the 2024 Annual Conference, which will be held at the Younes Conference Center South in Kearney, NE.

We will welcome exhibitors starting with a late afternoon/early evening opening reception with attendees on the exhibit floor on Wednesday, October 9 and continuing through the day on Thursday, October 10, 2024. The 2024 conference schedule is still being finalized.

Please click [here](#) to see the tentative conference schedule.

2024 Registration Fees

Pipe, drape, signage, table, and two (2) chairs are included in registration fee.

Commercial Exhibitors	\$600
Non-Profit Exhibitors	\$250

Pricing is for one (1) 10' x 10' booth. Additional booths can be purchased at the per booth rate.

Refer to the [exhibit floor map](#) for booth choice.

Booths will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Conference management reserves the right to rearrange the floor layout, etc based on total number of booth reservations received.

Please provide your top three (3) booth choices to avoid delays in booth space assignment.

**** Booth reservations received after September 16, 2022 are not guaranteed to be included in the conference program. ****

For questions contact: Nancy Novotny, Exhibitor Chair - nlatreasurer@nebraskalibraries.org

Register HERE!

Additional Information

Electrical - Electrical is provided at the facility. Extension cords are available through Younes Conference Center South for rent, or you can bring your own.

Wi-Fi - Younes Conference Center South provides complimentary broadband wireless internet access. This free service is for what should be considered normal bandwidth usage for web browsing and e-mail. Additional bandwidth demand must be requested well in advance and will be at an additional cost. The Conference Center cannot be held responsible for lost data, viruses or malware, incompatibility, or connectivity issues.

Shipping - Exhibitor freight should not be shipped to the conference center earlier than five days prior to the conference start date. The Conference Center reserves the right to charge storage fees for early shipments, or oversized shipments.

Sponsorships - Sponsorship opportunities for the 2024 NLA Conference are available and can be found on the same page as the exhibitor information. We appreciate your support!

Overflow space for exhibitors will be in the Younes Pre-Function area. Non-profit booths will be moved there first, if needed.



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The 2024 Exhibit Floor is also open for booth reservations!

Please click [here](#) for information on exhibiting at the 2024 NLA Conference.

2024 Sponsorship Opportunities

Breakfast Sponsor (1)	\$1,500
AM Break Sponsor (1)	\$750
PM Break Sponsor (1)	\$750
Lunch Sponsor (1)	\$3,500
Speaker Sponsorship (2)	\$1,500
General Conference Sponsorship	\$350
Game Room/Hospitality Lounge Sponsorship (1)	\$1,500
Speaking Opportunity (1)	\$500

All sponsors will be recognized in the conference program, with conference signage, on the NLA website, social media and in the NLA E-News.

Register [HERE!](#)

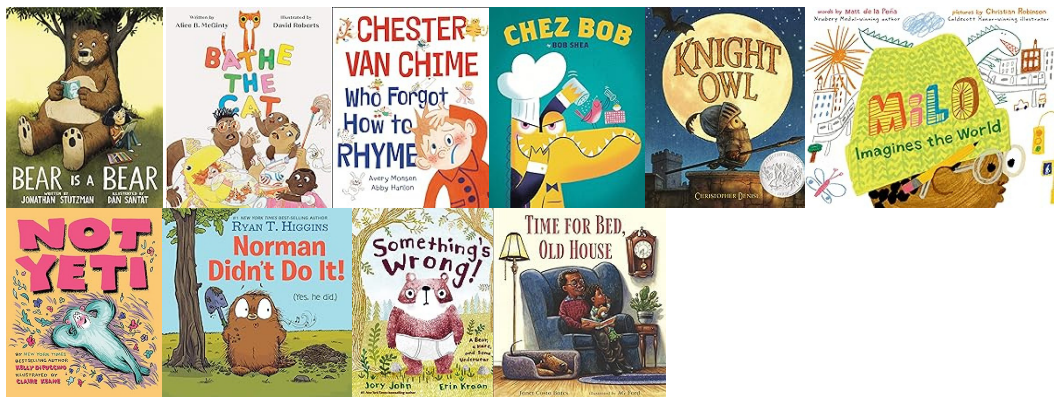
Additional Information

- **Breakfast, Breaks (AM&PM), Lunch Sponsor, Game Room/Hospitality Sponsor** - one sponsor per item. Company will be recognized in the conference program, on the NLA website, in the NLA E-News and with signage on-site.
- **Speaker Sponsor** - two available. Company will be recognized in the conference program, on the NLA website, in the NLA E-News, in the speaker introduction and with signage on-site.
- **Speaking Opportunity** - Sponsor will have one opportunity to address attendees during the conference for a period of 5-10 minutes.
- **General Conference Sponsor** - Company will be recognized in the conference program, on the NLA website, and in the NLA E-News which is distributed to our over 500 members and is available to anyone on nebraskalibraries.org.
- **Exhibiting** - The 2024 Exhibitor Floor is open for reservations! Please click [here](#) for more information on exhibiting at the 2024 NLA Conference. We appreciate your support!
- For questions contact: Nancy Novotny, NLA Treasurer - nlatreasurer@nebraskalibraries.org

GOLDEN SOWER VOTING ENDS APRIL 15!!



Picture Books (Little Bluestem)



Chapter Books (Honeybee)



Novels (Meadowlark)



Click the QR
Code
Below to
Vote!



READ FOUR FROM ONE CATEGORY AND VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE!

Interested in volunteering? Email Samantha Rundle at nlagoldensower@nebraskalibraries.org.





Louise A. Nixon Scholarship

Opens on March 22!

- Student attending a **ALA-accredited graduate program** in library science **OR** school librarianship/media
- **Nebraska resident** **OR** **employed** by a Nebraska library for 1+ year
- Member of **NLA** or **NSLA**

Louise Nixon was the Executive Secretary of the Nebraska Public Library Commission, Assistant Director of the Nebraska Legislative Reference Bureau, and Legislative Council Librarian.

NEBRASKA LIBRARIES SAVED FAMILIES \$135 MILLION IN 2022.

What would it cost if the library did not exist? The figures below show what Nebraskans would pay out of pocket for the materials and services provided by the library for free.

\$161.8 MILLION
Physical materials

\$27.9 MILLION
eBooks & eAudiobooks

\$18.9 MILLION
Computer usage

The numbers show it all: Nebraska libraries have a return on investment that saves Nebraska taxpayers millions of dollars. While Nebraska's 294 public libraries operate on \$73 million annually, taxpayers save \$135.4 million on books, DVDs, computers, education, and programs by using their local libraries.

Data is based on 2021-22 fiscal year statistics from the Nebraska Library Commission.

Media Literacy in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Discover how artificial intelligence (AI) has impacted our digital media experiences and other aspects of life. Learn how media literacy can help protect us from the adverse impact of AI. Connect with other researchers and teachers to explore the social impact of AI.

Key Speakers



Kjerstin Thorson

Brandt Endowed Professor of Political Communication, Michigan State University

Digital Platforms, Algorithms and the Future of News Consumption



Jevin West

Associate Professor and Co-Founder of the Center for an Informed Public, University of Washington

Misinformation was Already Challenging — Then Came Generative AI



Cuihua (Cindy) Shen

Professor and Co-Director of the Computational Communication Research Lab, University of California, Davis

From Photoshop to Midjourney: Building Resilience Against Visual Misinformation

Topic Highlights

- Social media algorithms
- Misinformation and disinformation
- Generative AI
- AI bias



April 12th, 2024 @ 9 a.m.

Johnny Carson Center

1300 Q St, Lincoln, NE 68508

Registration Link (QR to the left)

<https://go.unl.edu/symposium-registration>

Contact Us

- For questions or more information, contact Ming (Bryan) Wang at mwang10@unl.edu
- Find more information on the project at <https://go.unl.edu/media-lit>

Library and Information Services

Fall 2024 Online Course Offerings

Aug. 19, 2024 – Dec. 13, 2024

Registration opens April 15, 2024



LIBR 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services

Marty Magee, Instructor

This course, the recommended first in the Library and Information Services curriculum, provides introductory information in multiple areas.

- Library history and organizations
- Foundational Principles/Code of Ethics
- Information databases and Internet usage

LIBR 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies

Michael Straatmann, Instructor

This course includes the theories, concepts and activities integral to leading and managing 21st Century libraries and information agencies.

- Leadership principles
- Management strategies
- Policies and procedures

LIBR 2940 Library and Information Services Capstone Practicum

Patty Birch, Instructor

This capstone course is the last course in the Library and Information Services program. Students will complete 40 hours of service learning in a host library. The course also includes a review of the principal pieces of learning from the LIS program.

- Prerequisites: LIBR 1010, 2100, 2150, 2210, & 2250

<i>Fall 2024</i>	<i>Spring 2025</i>
Libr 1010 Foundations of Library and Information Services	Libr 2100 Reference Resources and Services
Libr 2250 Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies	Libr 2150 Develop and Organize Collections
Libr 2940 Library Science Capstone Practicum	

The Library & Information Services Certificate is a 15-credit hour program. All credits can be applied to a Central Community College associate degree.

For more information on the Library and Information Services program, see:

<https://www.cccneb.edu/lis/>

For information concerning Admissions or Registration,
contact: Michelle Setlik michellesetlik@cccneb.edu
402-461-2538 or Toll Free at 308-398-7341

Central Community College is an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution.



JOB OPENINGS



Library Service Supervisor and Associate

Lincoln City Libraries has two openings at the Walt and Bennett Martin branches. Both positions are eligible for insurance benefits. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply even if they do not meet all preferential skills, knowledge, and experience.

Lincoln • Full Time • Stated in job descriptions above

Part-Time Library Clerk

The Morton-James Public Library seeks an enthusiastic person with excellent customer service, computer, organizational and communication skills. This contract ends by September 30, 2024.

Nebraska City • Seasonal • \$12/hour, 29 hours weekly

Library Programming Coordinator

Are you a Library Science professional looking for a new rewarding and creative opportunity? Apply for the City of Blair's full-time Library Programming Coordinator to engage and inspire Library patrons of all ages!

Blair • Full Time w/ Benefits • \$19.98-\$26.03/hour

Library Office Associate

Work involves the performance of clerical duties using independent judgment based on knowledge gained through work experience. The position is 28 hours per week and will include day, evening and weekend hours.

Columbus • Part-time • \$18.61-\$25.15/hr, 28hr/week

Library Assistant II

Kilgore Memorial Library is seeking a Library Assistant to perform a variety of tasks to promote patron engagement services for all ages. This position requires working evening and Saturdays, reporting to the Public Service Coordinator.

York • Part-time/Permanent • Starting at \$15.50/hr

***Looking for a change?
Just starting out?***

Find more job opportunities at
Now Hiring @ Your Library.

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