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## CELEBRATE A LIBRARY WORKER

by Shelby Janke Brodersen, NLA Communications Chair

August is the perfect time to reflect on library workers who enhance our profession. "But it's so busy in August," you might be thinking. This is true — August can be hectic with public Summer Reading Programs ending and the school year beginning.

This busy season gives us a chance to practice gratitude in between tasks, programs, and meetings. It is when our institutions are being utilized and stretched that we easily identify the rockstars keeping things running smoothly.

With that spirit in mind, I invite you to nominate a library worker for one of many NLA awards accepting submissions this month.

There are even a couple of awards to honor the library and literary partners that enhance what we do. Has a non-library organization changed the way you reach your community? Nominate them for the Mari Sandoz or Meritorious Service Awards.

Keep scrolling to read award descriptions and to find their respective nomination forms. Most nomination periods will close at the end of August.

# LET'S CELEBRATE

## **C&U Distinguished Service Award**

*Presented by the College & University Section (C&U)*

Given to an individual with service to academic librarianship within the last five years and active membership within the Section.

**Nomination form | Deadline: Sept. 19, 2024 | Contact: [nlacandu@nebraskalibraries.org](mailto:nlacandu@nebraskalibraries.org)**

## **Excalibur Award for Outstanding Public Librarian**

*Presented by the Public Library & Trustee Section (PLTS)*

Honors the career accomplishments of a public librarian who has demonstrated an outstanding record of service to their local library and the profession.

**Nomination instructions | Deadline: Aug. 31, 2024 | Contact: [nlaplts@nebraskalibraries.org](mailto:nlaplts@nebraskalibraries.org)**

## **Mad Hatter Award**

*Presented by the School, Children's, and Young People's Section (SCYP)*

Recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to School, Children's, and Young People's librarianship and library development.

**Nomination form | Deadline: Aug. 31, 2024 | Contact: [nlapastpresident@gmail.com](mailto:nlapastpresident@gmail.com)**

## **Mari Sandoz Award**

*Presented by the Scholarship & Awards Committee*

Recognizes significant, enduring contribution to the Nebraska book world through writing, film production or related activity

**Nomination form | Deadline: Aug. 31, 2024 | Contact: [nlascholarships@nebraskalibraries.org](mailto:nlascholarships@nebraskalibraries.org)**

## **Meritorious Service Award**

*Presented by the Scholarship & Awards Committee*

Given to a person or organization that contributed to the improvement of library services in a local community; a county, region or state agency; or in library legislation.

**Nomination form | Deadline: Aug. 31, 2024 | Contact: [nlascholarships@nebraskalibraries.org](mailto:nlascholarships@nebraskalibraries.org)**

## **Sandra Herzinger Award for Distinguished Service**

*Presented by the Technical Services Round Table (TSRT)*

Given to a Nebraska library worker who has demonstrated exceptional work in the profession and/or has been an advocate for technical services.

**Nomination form | Deadline: Sept. 8, 2024 | Contact: [nlatsrt@nebraskalibraries.org](mailto:nlatsrt@nebraskalibraries.org)**

# REGISTER TODAY!

2024 NLA Conference  
Oct. 9-11, 2024 in Kearney



## EARLYBIRD REGISTRATION FOR NLA CONFERENCE

We are delighted to invite library workers and supporters to the 2024 NLA Conference in Kearney, NE! **Registration is now open**, and earlybird discounts apply for those who register before September 3, 2024.

Registration options are also available for those unable to attend the full three-day conference.

### HOTEL INFORMATION

To reserve your room, please call the hotel and mention that you are with Nebraska Library Association:

Fairfield Inn (510 W Talmadge Rd.)  
(308) 236-4200 | \$139.95/night

Comfort Inn (118 3rd Ave.)  
(308) 251-2722 | \$129.95/night

### Full Conference

**\$115** Earlybird + Member

**\$140** After 9/3 + Member

**\$210** Non-Member



Secure your  
earlybird pricing  
before Sept. 3!

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

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

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## Wed., Oct. 9: Pre-Conference

In addition to Exhibitor Set-Up, the following sessions will occur in the afternoon in Kearney on Wednesday, Oct. 9 beginning at 1 p.m. CST.

**Choose Your Own Adventure: Intellectual Freedom Edition**

**United for Libraries**

**Nebraska Public Media: Harmonious Tales**

**Strategic Plan Town Hall**

**Exhibitors Reception**

**Pre-Conference Happy Hour**

*New Members Round Table*

# Happy Hour

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 5:30-8:30  
Big Apple Fun Center

**Free first drink, appetizers & billiards play!**  
**Registration encouraged, but not required!**

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## Thu., Oct. 10: Conference Day 1

### MORNING

Advocacy Policy Panel  
Willa Cather in the Public Library  
Nebraska Center for the Book  
When You're Suddenly In Charge  
Adaptive & Inclusive Programs  
Fostering Healthy Communication  
We Care for Kids  
Public Meetings  
Nebraska Arts Council  
UNCL: University of Nebraska Libraries  
NLA Sections & Roundtables  
Accessible Materials in Nebraska  
Reconsidering Custom Holdings in ILL  
Mini ComicCon/LibraryCon

### AFTERNOON

Succession Planning  
Empowered Library Stories  
The Cumulate Project  
Improving Talent Acquisition  
Advisory Boards & City Administration  
Creating a Library Podcast  
Teen Science Cafe  
STEM Programs for Career Exploration  
Government Documents for All  
High School Archival Interns  
United for Libraries  
What is Intellectual Freedom?  
Creating a StoryWalk  
Do you need new PCs?  
Library and Recreation Partnerships



### KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. ARTIKA TYNER

Dr. Tyner is a Civil Rights attorney and the author of ***The Inclusive Leader: Taking Intentional Action for Justice and Equity*** in addition to several books for kids. She fosters great change by promoting literacy and leadership.

# Thu., Oct. 10: Day 1 Continued

## Special Events

### BUSINESS MEETINGS

The NLA Annual Meeting will occur over the lunch hour on Thursday, Oct. 10 during conference. At this meeting, annual awards will be presented to recipients!

After the Annual Meeting, NLA Sections (C&U, PLTS, NMRT, and SCYP) will have their respective annual Business Meetings.

### UNK LIBRARY ART RECEPTION

Join artist Leslie Iwai and Nebraska State Poet Matt Mason for the installation of public art at UNK's newly renovated Calvin T. Library.



THRIVE TOGETHER

# AUTHOR BOOTHS

Sell books and meet librarians at the 2024 NLA Conference in Kearney

Oct. 9-11, 2024

Author Booths are \$100!

## Calling area authors!

Local authors and illustrators are invited to purchase an **Author Booth** in the Exhibitor Hall for **\$100**. Network with library workers, fellow writers, and sell books at the Nebraska Library Association conference this October!

Publishing houses may purchase a Commercial Booth.

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## Fri., Oct. 11: Conference Day 2

Day 2 of Thrive Together will begin at 8:30 a.m. The keynote speaker is scheduled for 10 a.m., followed by closing remarks. The final sessions will wrap up at 1 p.m. Lunch is not provided on Friday due to the half day.

### **PBS and Educational Local Programming**

#### **Nebraska Golden Sower Award**

**It's Okay to Admit When You're Bored: Taboo in Librarianship**

**To Librarianship and Beyond: Being a Corporate Librarian**

**9 Must-Haves for Professional Development Efforts**

**Taking Advantage of OverDrive**

**Creighton Health Sciences Library Reclassification Project**

**Use It or Lose It: Creating Intellectual Environments for Retirees**

**Color Our World: New Books for 2025 Summer Reading Program**



### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DR. LYDIA KANG**

Lydia Kang is an author of ***Star Wars: The High Republic: Cataclysm*** among other adult and young adult fiction, poetry, and nonfiction. She is also an internal medicine physician, and practices internal medicine in Omaha, Nebraska.

# LEVEL UP NLA



It's election season! The NLA Board of Directors is seeking interested individuals to lead our organization into 2025 and beyond. Nominate yourself or others for open **Board Positions** and **Section & Round Table leadership**.

Descriptions of each role can be found in **Section 3.3 of the NLA Handbook**. Sections and Round Tables are described in Section 5.

## **Vice-President/President Elect**

*The NLA Presidency is a three year term, passing annually in succession through the positions of Vice-President, President, and Past President.*

- Duties include: attending all board meetings, serving as Chair of the Conference and Professional Development Committees, filling committee vacancies, and performing duties of or assigned by the President or Board of Directors

## **Secretary**

- Duties include: keeping minutes of general meetings, transmitting copies of board meeting minutes, keeping record of committee and officer appointments and meetings, and working with the board on record retention

## **Treasurer**

- Duties include: handling all monies of the Association, including accounts, dues, income, and bills; attends all Board meetings and prepares treasury reports each month; serves as Conference Treasurer and prepares the conference budget, handling attendee and vendor fees

## **Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) Representative**

- Duties include: attending the MPLA Conference (in La Vista in 2026!), attending all NLA board meetings, and submitting an annual report to MPLA regarding Nebraska library activities

## **Webmaster – *New Position!***

- Update content, membership rosters, and information using NLA's StarChapter website and membership database

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PLACING A GOLDEN SOWER ORDER?

Our volunteers are hard at work helping schools celebrate this year's Golden Sower nominees! **Please send all orders to Sara at [goldensowerstore@gmail.com](mailto:goldensowerstore@gmail.com)** so we can best keep track of your order.

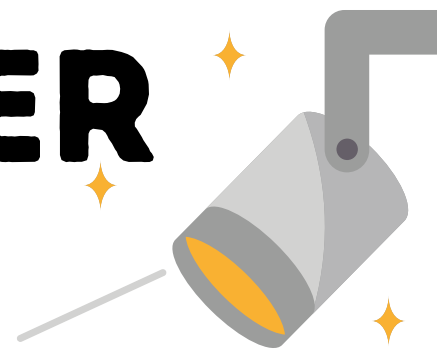


## MPLA 2024 LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Applications for the Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) Leadership Institute (LI) are open Sept. 2 - Oct. 4! The institute will take place in Estes Park, CO and develops 30 leadership fellows in the library field.

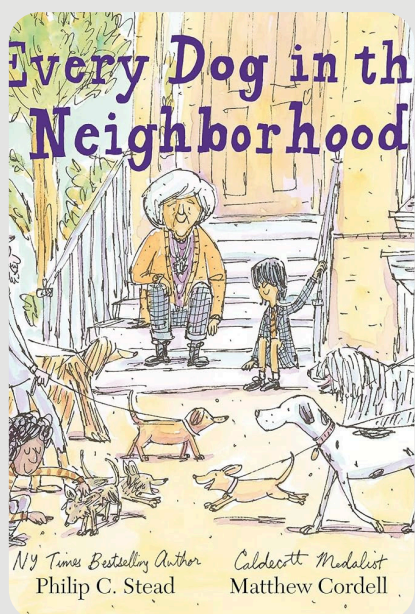
Learn more at [mpla.us/leadership](https://mpla.us/leadership).

# GOLDEN SOWER SPOTLIGHT



Each month, all year long, we'll spotlight a 2024-2025 Nebraska Golden Sower nominee from each category in the NLA e-newsletter! In alphabetical order by title, we'll share a synopsis of the Little Bluestem, Honeybee, and Meadowlark nominees that Nebraska's young readers will enjoy during the 2024-2025 school year.

## Little Bluestem



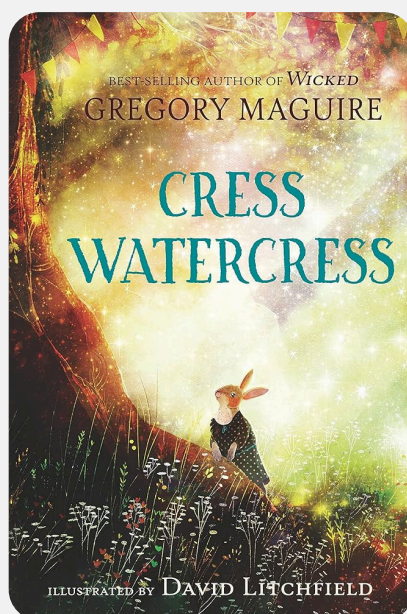
### **Every Dog in the Neighborhood**

by Philip C. Stead

illustrated by Matthew Cordell

Louis desperately wants a dog, but Grandma insists there are enough on the block. He wonders how many dogs are in the area? The pair embarks to City Hall to take matters into their own hands.

## Honeybee

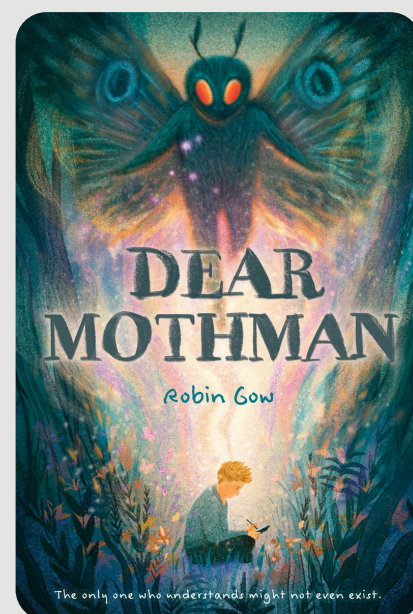


### **Cress Watercress**

by Gregory Maguire  
illustrated by David Litchfield

When Papa doesn't return from honey-gathering, Cress holds out hope for his safety. Mama moves them to a run-down apartment featuring an owl landlord, a nosy mouse, a family of squirrels, and songbirds.

## Meadowlark



### **Dear Mothman**

by Robin Gow

After his best friend and paranormal enthusiast, Lewis, dies in a car accident, Noah starts writing letters to Mothman, looking for his existence in the vast woods surrounding their small town.

# JOB OPENINGS



## Administrative Assistant

The Western Library System is seeking an assistant to support office management, finances, and record keeping. The position reports to the Director and assists with activities, marketing, and circulation.

*Scottsbluff • Part Time • \$18/hour*

## Librarian

The Bennington Public Library is seeking a passionate, dedicated, and versatile individual to join our team in fostering a love for reading and lifelong learning. You will play a crucial role in providing high-quality library services and resources to children through adult.

*Bennington • Full Time • \$42,000 - \$47,000/year*

## Library Technician

Wayne State College is seeking a technical to perform specialized clerical and technical library work related to cataloging and processing new library materials.

*Wayne • Full Time • \$36,845/year*

## Library Assistant

The City of South Sioux City, Nebraska, is seeking a part-time Youth Services Library Assistant. The qualified individual will assist patrons with locating and using all library materials and information

*South Sioux City • Part Time • From \$15/hour*

## Library Page

The Gretna Public Library is seeking 2 caring part-time Technical Service Aides working 29 hours a week that will assist visitors primarily at the Children's Library.

*Grand Island • Part Time • \$16.29/hour*

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

Find more job opportunities at  
**Now Hiring @ Your Library.**

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

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