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LIBRARY LOVERS MONTH

by Shelby Janke Brodersen, Communications Chair

Now that it is February, the New Year has lost a bit of its newness and perhaps we have settled back into our pre-resolution routines. It is also Library Lovers Month and the 108th Legislative Session is in full swing. Nebraska's libraries have a lot to be grateful for, and we have a lot to protect as well. Here are just a few ways to harness your love for libraries this spring:

- 1.** Attend Advocacy Day in Lincoln on Wed., March 20. We'll receive training on how to best communicate with Nebraska lawmakers, then head to the Capitol to discuss important topics this session. Plus, we'll honor Nebraska's Outstanding Library Volunteers. Library staff, volunteers, and trustees are encouraged to attend. Make the most of your trip to Lincoln by attending the free Creating Advocates Workshops the day before, and energize your advocacy muscles.
- 2.** Send a letter to the Editor of your local newspaper about why you love your public, school, or academic library. We know that library work can be a thankless job, and community support is always welcome — and necessary.
- 3.** Spread the love and nominate an Outstanding Library Volunteer to be honored at Advocacy Day alongside Nebraska State Senators. Library workers and volunteers keep the doors open to information and imagination. Send in your nomination by March 1, 2024. Then invite your nominee to the Advocacy Day Luncheon on Wed., March 20 at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel in downtown Lincoln.



Save the Date: Advocacy Day March 20, 2024

RSVP today!

Don't forget to register for Advocacy Day on March 20! Our annual pilgrimage to Lincoln allows us to directly advocate for Nebraska libraries to our state's lawmakers.

All library workers, supporters, and trustees are invited to sharpen their advocacy skills. Plus, you will earn up to 12 continuing education credits by attending 1.5 days of activities.

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Creating Advocates Workshop

Bennett Martin Public Library

- Advocacy workshops led by Nebraska librarians and advocates for all types of libraries
- Evening networking opportunities
- Discounted hotel rooms at the Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel
- 4 CE credits!

3/20

NLA Advocacy Day 2024

Cornhusker Marriott & State Capitol

- State of Nebraska's Libraries
- Legislative update + advocacy training: What do I say?
- Honor Outstanding Library Volunteers at lunch
- "I Love Nebraska Libraries" Story Time and READ posters
- 8 CE credits!

**12 CE
Credits
Total!**

Meet the presenters:

Creating Advocates Workshop



Ryan Wieber
Director of Lincoln City Libraries
“Creating Connections and
Communicating Your Library’s Value”



Vicki Wood
Youth Services Librarian, Retired
“Understanding What’s Really Behind
Book Challenges and Bans”



Courtney Pentland
President, American Association for School Librarians
“Building Relationships to Grow
Advocates and Allies”



Jackie Ostrowicki
Library Board Trustee, Lincoln City Libraries
“Using Communication to Advocate
for Nebraska’s Libraries”

**Earn 4 CE
Credits!**

Tuesday, March 19 from 1-5 p.m.
Networking & libations to follow.

Bennett Martin Public Library
136 S 14th St, Lincoln, NE

ADVOCACY DAY

Wed., March 20 from 9-3

By registering for Advocacy Day, you'll earn up to **12 CE credits**, network with fellow library workers and supporters, recognize outstanding volunteers, and learn how to discuss library topics with state lawmakers.

Not an NLA member yet? No worries! Join today to **save money** on staff and trustee memberships, plus future savings at the 2024 Conference in Kearney!

We're also accepting questions for our **Legislative Advocacy Panel** experts about what to say when advocating at the Capitol. Email nlaadvocacy@nebraskalibraries.org.

9:00	State of Nebraska Libraries
10:00	Legislative Advocacy Panel
12:00	Lunch: Outstanding Volunteer Awards
2:00	I Love Nebraska Libraries Story-Time
3:00	Librarians & Libations

Reserve your 2-in-1 ticket today!

Earn 8 CE Credits!



We invite **all** library lovers, workers, and supporters from across Nebraska to advocate for Nebraska libraries!

This year's program is two-days for one registration ticket. If you need a place to stay between **March 19-20**, NLA has reserved a limited number of hotel rooms at a **discounted rate** at the Lincoln Cornhusker Marriott. The deadline to reserve a room is **Feb. 27, 2024**.

LIBRARIANS & libations



Whether you're attending Advocacy Day or are simply nearby, all are welcome to these three networking happy hours in Lincoln.

**Tuesday,
March 19**



5-7 p.m.
CST



Yia Yia's
Pizza & Beer
1423 O St.
Lincoln, NE

**Tuesday,
March 19**



7-9 p.m.
CST



Miller Time
Pub & Grill
333 S. 13th
Lincoln, NE

(inside Cornhusker Hotel)

**Wednesday,
March 20**



3-5 p.m.
CST



Saro Cider
1012 S 10th
Lincoln, NE

NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING LIBRARY VOLUNTEER!

Each year, we recognize Nebraska's Outstanding Library Volunteers at the Advocacy Day luncheon with our state senators. In addition to talented library professionals, volunteers often keep Nebraska's libraries operating smoothly with a smile.

Nominate your community's Outstanding Library Volunteer by **March 1** at nebraskalibraries.org.



2024 LEGISLATIVE WATCHLIST



The NLA Advocacy Committee has reviewed the bills introduced in the 108th Legislative Session for activity surrounding libraries, library workers, intellectual freedom, and data privacy.

The Nebraska Library Association has determined its stances on these bills. Please see the color-coded key below to learn how these bills will impact Nebraska libraries and residents.

Strongly support

Support

Neutral/Monitoring

Oppose

Strongly Oppose

Sign up as a **Library Advocate** to be the first to know when we need your help in urging senators to protect Nebraska libraries.

LB #	SENATOR	TOPIC
79	Erdman	Nebraska EPIC Consumption Tax
308	Bostar	Genetic Information Privacy Act
939	Erdman	My Student, My Choice Act
1064	Lippincott	Prohibit tenure at certain postsecondary educational inst.
1071	Dugan	Protect Rights of Student Journalists and Media Advisors
1092	Erdman	Online Age Verification Liability Act
1241	Von Gillern	Property tax levy limits provisions
1294	Bostar	Data privacy
1330	Murman	Prohibit public edu inst. from certain DEI actions
1336	DeKay	Broadband Bridge Act
1371	Vargas	Media Literacy Act
1399	Murman	Change provisions to educational decision makers

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Wondering what you can do to **support libraries in Nebraska**? Here are a few simple actions that will build our crew of advocates:

1. Attend the **Creating Advocates Workshop and Advocacy Day** on March 19-20 in Lincoln.
2. Review our **Legislative Watchlist** on the NLA Advocacy webpage.
3. Use the **Prepare to Advocate!** widget to sign up as a Library Advocate, and be the first to know when we need your help in urging senators to protect Nebraska libraries.

CARRYOVER BILLS FROM 2023

LB #

SENATOR

TOPIC

71

Sanders

Parent Access to Learning Material

371

Murman

Prohibit individuals under 19 or 21 from attending drag shows

374

Murman

Parent Bill of Rights

441

Albrecht

Change provisions relating to obscenity

635

Albrecht

Requirements on school/library digital resources/databases

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

LR6CA

Erdman

Governments only impose retail consumption taxes and excise taxes

LR7CA

Erdman

Impose a consumption/excise tax on all new goods/services but grocery items

LR278CA

Murman

Change membership of the State Board of Education

Early childhood care and education is essential for **families to work** and for **rural Nebraska to thrive**.



NebraskaCaresForKids.org



MORE TO FIGHT FOR

“With one in four jobs in Nebraska connected to agriculture, rural communities fuel our economy. Yet many families in rural Nebraska face few to no early childhood care and education options for their children.”

Learn about easy actions you can take to support child education in rural Nebraska with our partner, **We Care for Kids**.



READERS *Needed*

- Read & discuss eligible titles
- Recommend your top titles
- Vote for nominees

Questions? Email us at:

nlagoldensower@nebraskalibraries.org

To become a reader, view nominees and learn more visit us at:

 <https://sites.google.com/site/nebraskagoldensower/home>

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

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

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.

JOB OPENINGS



MPLA Executive Secretary

MPLA's longtime Executive Secretary is retiring, and we hope to find another amazing person to fill this key role. If you love libraries and are fun, organized, and comfortable with technology, you just might be the right person for the job.

Remote • Part-Time/Contract • \$15,000 annual stipend

Library Specialist

The Omaha Public Library is hiring a Library Specialist. This is para-professional library work performing skilled library duties and providing customer service. Connect people with knowledge and resources!

Omaha • Full-time/Benefits • \$45,905-\$56,659 annually

Library Clerk

Jensen Memorial Library in Minden is seeking a Library Clerk with a commitment to excellent customer service, knowledge of technology, and excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

Minden, NE • Part-time/20hr • Salary: Unknown

Cataloging Librarian

The Nebraska Library Commission is seeking a Cataloging Librarian to catalog items for the permanent collection, Nebraska Memories collection, and more. MLIS degree & professional library experience required.

Lincoln, NE • Full-time/Benefits • \$26.69-\$39.94/hr

Associate Dean/Education & Research Services Librarian

The McGoogan Health Sciences Library at the University of Nebraska Medical Center seeks a collaborative, innovative, and values-driven candidate to apply for its Associate Dean position.

Omaha/Hybrid • Full-time/Benefits • Salary: Unknown

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

Find more job opportunities at
Now Hiring @ Your Library.

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., Feb. 20, 2024 at 10 a.m. CDT
nlaticy&mighty@nebraskalibraries.org

2024 Conference!

The NLA Conference will occur in Kearney, NE on October 8-10, 2024. We're seeking talented event planners, presenters, and facilitators to join the Conference Planning Committee. Please contact [Lane Gibson](#) if you are interested!

Nominate an Outstanding Library Volunteer!

We know there are countless volunteers that help keep Nebraska's libraries open and operating. Help us celebrate them by nominating an Outstanding Library Volunteer! Nominations are due by March 1, 2024. Nominees will be honored at Advocacy Day.

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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