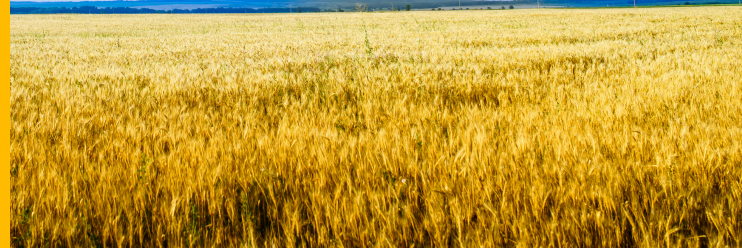


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ALA COUNCIL MEETS IN SAN DIEGO

by Amy Dissmeyer, Nebraska Library Association ALA Councilor

More than 13,000 attendees arrived in sunny San Diego for five days of learning, networking and rallying for the right to read freely. As ALA Councilor, I attended three official Council meetings for the second time—the first was Lib Learn X in January in Baltimore—and the nerd in me has to say I find them fascinating.

The American Library Association Council is made up of 186 library representatives, which requires a LOT of parliamentary procedure to keep things in order and running smoothly, especially when the meeting is offered virtually, as well. Any ALA member can view Council agendas, supporting documents and voting records on the ALA website. Please let me know if you need help finding these documents.

At this summer's meeting, the ALA Council voted to create an ALA Affiliates Committee and discontinue a committee on research and statistics. We also removed some outdated language in our policy manual -- very exciting stuff!

More importantly, though, we passed an updated resolution reaffirming our commitment to [Intellectual Freedom](#) and a resolution to look at creating a set of guidelines on what statements would be appropriate for ALA to make on societal issues. **(Cont. on next page)**



(*Cont.*) This summer, the work of the new ALA Core Values working groups will begin; ALA recently revised their statement of Core Values to be: Access, Equity, Intellectual Freedom and Privacy, Public Good, and Sustainability. Working groups have been assembled to further define the practical application of those terms to ensure important concepts represented in the previous longer list of values do not get lost. I have been asked to join one of the working groups, so if you have any questions, please reach out to me and I will do my best to keep you informed as to how the work goes.

ALA also encourages all library workers and supporters to participate in the 2024 elections, both locally and nationally, and in whatever capacity is relevant in your field. ALA itself currently faces staffing, budget and organizational challenges—the same as NLA—and the same as many of our libraries.

Having met several Councilors from across the country now, I believe that even as ALA and NLA both face decisions about changes to memberships, conferences and policies, everyone is working with their best intentions for the good of our libraries. Participation is important, whether it is voting in elections, or volunteering for committees in our professional organizations. All of our voices need to be heard and represented. Thank you for letting me represent Nebraska at this level.

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LOOKING AHEAD:

NLA Conference 2025



Holthus Convention Center in York, NE



Oct. 22-24, 2025*

Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA) Conference



La Vista Conference Center in La Vista, NE



Oct. 14-16, 2026

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!

*Date subject to change.

Nebraska Library Association Annual Conference

SAVE
the
DATE

OCTOBER 9-11, 2024

Conference registration will open next month!

THRIVE
TOGETHER 

EXCALIBUR AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC LIBRARIAN

Nominations for the 2024 Excalibur Award are open! This award, presented by the Public Library & Trustees Section, honors the career accomplishments of a public librarian who has demonstrated an outstanding record of service to their local library and to the library profession, especially in the following areas:



- Development of outstanding service in field(s) of expertise, e.g. reference, children's, technical, administrative
- Involvement in statewide library service
- Record of library leadership in local community, regional area or in the Nebraska Library Association
- Encouragement of community/institutional support for the library

FURTHER INFO

- Nominee must be a member of PLTS
- Nominations are open July 1- August 31, 2024
- Submit nominations at nebraskalibraries.org/PLTS_Awards
- Award is presented at the NLA annual conference

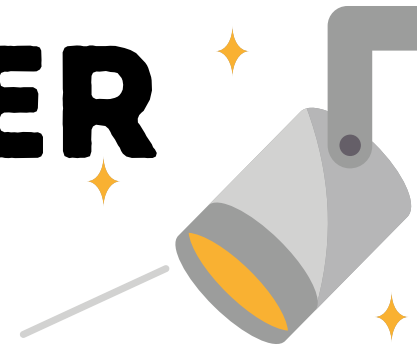
RECENT WINNERS

2022: Pat Leach, Past Director of Lincoln City Libraries (*pictured above with Sarah Johnson*)

2018: Gayle Roberts, Blair Public Library & Technology Center

2016: Lauran Lofgren, Wayne Public Library

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



Agatha May and the Anglerfish by Nora Morrison and Jessie Ann Foley, illustrated by Mika Song

When a school assignment gives Agatha May a chance to show everybody why she loves the humpback anglerfish, she discovers a passion for research and an exciting new dream for her future.

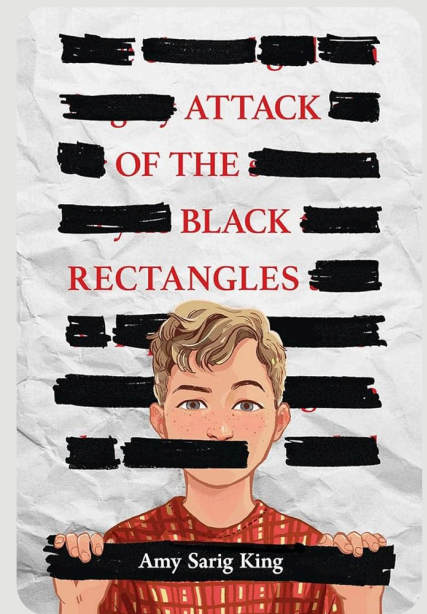
Honeybee



Controlled Burn by Erin Soderberg Downing

After a house fire left Maia's sister in the hospital, she spends the summer with her grand-parents in Minnesota. Maia takes daily motorcycle ride with Grandpa Howard into the woods to keep track of forest fires. When danger strikes again, she uses her bravery.

Meadowlark



Attack of the Black Rectangles

by A.S. King

When Mac and his friends notice some words are blacked out in their classroom books, they quickly figure out that someone is trying to prevent them from reading the full story.



ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE & RESEARCH LIBRARIES (ACRL) SUMMER WEBCASTS

As Nebraska's local chapter of ACRL, C&U is pleased to offer free access to ACRL Webcasts this summer. This opportunity is only available for current NLA C&U members.

The next webcast is:

Digital Preservation - Foundations and Theory

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Central

Sign up to receive the Zoom link and/or recording by filling out this [Google form](#) - *do not register via ACRL!*

NEBRASKA LIBRARY COMMISSION OFFERING FREE STATEWIDE REGISTRATION TO UNITED FOR LIBRARIES

All Nebraska public libraries are statewide members of [United for Libraries](#), a division of the American Library Association. The Nebraska Library Commission has purchased memberships to ensure that public library staff members, Friends, Trustees, and Foundations can take advantage of United for Libraries' services to enhance fundraising, advocacy, and public awareness.

The Commission is also paying for registration to the [United for Libraries virtual conference!](#)

From July 30-August 1, expert speakers on current topics facing library Trustees, Friends, Foundations, and staff who work with them.

[Register here](#) for free thanks to our state library!



JOB OPENINGS



Library Assistant & Library Page

The Gering Public Library is seeking a Library Page and Library Assistant I to assist with circulation, working with the public, computer assistance, and clerical and technical responsibilities.

Gering • Part Time • \$12 - \$17/hour

Library Services Associate

The Schmid Law Library at the University of Nebraska College of Law is hiring an academic library associate to contribute to the technical services department.

Lincoln • Full Time • \$18.27/hour minimum

Public Services Librarian

The Freeman/Lozier Library at Bellevue University is seeking a supervisor for the Reference and Circulation departments.

Bellevue • Full Time • Not specified

Library Director

The Holdrege Public Library is hiring a Library Director. This individual should have proven success in supervision, budget management, and staff development.

Holdrege • Full Time • Not specified

Senior Office Associate

The Keene Memorial Library in Fremont is hiring for responsible clerical and secretarial work requiring the exercise of independent judgment, initiative and mature discretion.

Fremont • Full Time • \$20.57 - \$28.98/hour

***Looking for a change?
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