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NLA STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE!

Brenda Ealey & Wyatt Packard, Strategic Planning Committee

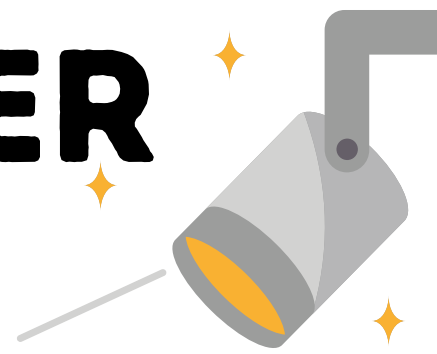
As we prepare for the future success of the Nebraska Library Association, we are excited to share the recent steps taken forward as we complete the goals in the approved 2024 Strategic Plan. These proposed changes will be voted on at the annual business meeting at the 2024 Conference in Kearney in October:

- Updated membership structure that simplifies registration to two types: Member and Advocate.
- Members will have the opportunity to engage with sections and round tables of interest as part of their membership with no additional fees, have voting rights, receive continuing education opportunities, the best conference discounts, and be eligible for leadership roles. The proposed Member rate is \$75, adding \$45 of value with the new ability to participate in all aspects of the organization!
- The Advocate membership is intended for those who want to support Nebraska libraries, maintain connections with NLA, and stay informed about library issues. At \$40, this is a great way for library supporters to contribute to NLA's ongoing advocacy and continuing education efforts.

We welcome your feedback and questions! You can contact us by email at nlastrategicplanning@nebraskalibraries.org.

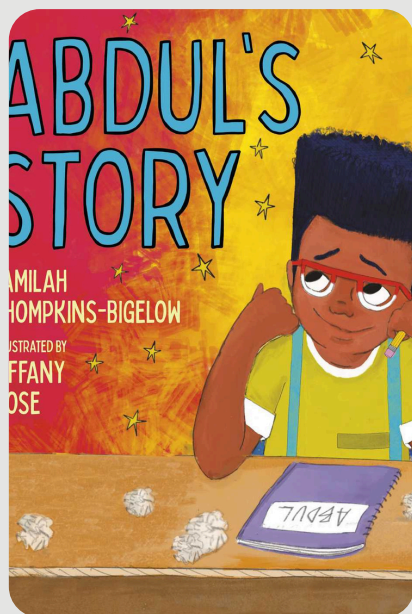
Current Strategic Planning Committee members include: Becky Baker, Cali Biaggi, Amy Dissmeyer, Holli Duggan, Lane Gibson, Shelby Janke, Matt Kovar, Wyatt Packard, Lacey Partlow, Anneka Ramirez, Deb Robertson, Michael Straatmann, and Tammi Thiem.

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

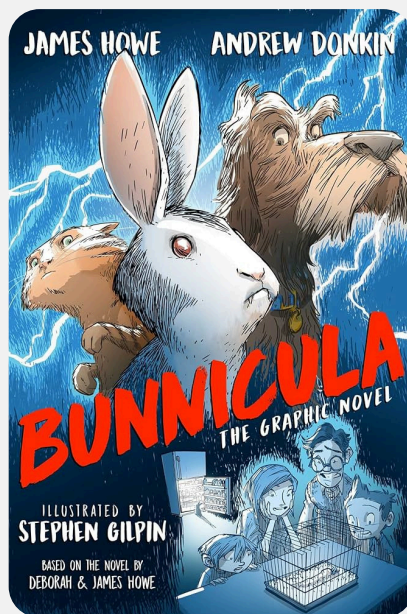


Abdul's Story

by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow
Illustrated by Tiffany Rose

Abdul LOVES to tell stories, but struggles to write them down. He learns that even superheroes make mistakes when a special guest visits his classroom.

Honeybee

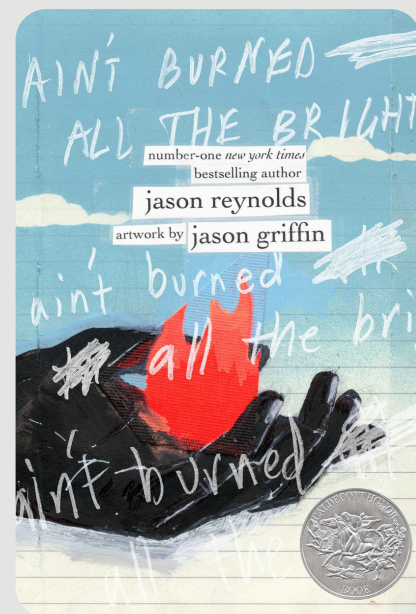


Bunnacula: The Graphic Novel

by James Howe
Illustrated by Andrew Donkin

Harold the dog and Chester the cat must find out the truth about the newest pet in the Monroe household—a suspicious-looking bunny with unusual habits...and fangs!

Meadowlark



Ain't Burned All the Bright

by Jason Reynolds
Illustrated by Jason Griffin

Three sentences. Three hundred pages of art. This book is a heartbreaking yet hopeful manifesto about what it means to breathe in America.

EXCALIBUR AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC LIBRARIAN

Nominations for the 2024 Excalibur Award open on **July 1, 2024!** 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



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FOUR UNL LIBRARIANS RETIRE WITH 142 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

Congratulations are in order for four University of Nebraska-Lincoln librarians who are retiring this summer! Dana W.R. Boden, Anita Breckbill, Judy Diamond, and Joan Latta Konecky each have over three decades of service to UNL for a total of about 142 years.

Click on the retirees' names to leave a message of well wishes on their Online Kudo Boards!

The Nebraska Library Association congratulates these individuals for their impact on academic librarianship!

The librarians' skill sets and contributions touched many types of librarianship, scholarship, education, and research:

- [Dana W.R. Boden](#), Agriculture Librarian
- [Anita Breckbill](#), Head of Music Library; formerly music cataloger
- [Judy Diamond](#), Curator at the University of Nebraska State Museum
- [Joan Latta Konecky](#), former faculty member at the University of Nebraska Medical Center



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



Assistant Library Director

This position requires attention to detail, strong organizational skills, and a passion for providing excellent customer service. The ideal candidate will have experience working in a library or similar environment.

Gothenburg • Full Time • \$12-\$14.94/hour

Marketing & Communications Specialist I

This position develops and implements a marketing and outreach program for the Talking Book and Braille Service at the Nebraska Library Commission. Apply by June 28, 2024.

Lincoln • Full Time • \$18.26-\$26.92/hour

Cataloger

The Holdrege Area Public Library is seeking a Cataloger. The position is extremely detail oriented and the candidate must be computer literate.

Holdrege • Full Time (35 hrs) • Salary unspecified

Library Assistant

This position is responsible for a variety of clerical, computer support, and public contact duties. Bilingual communication is a plus.

Columbus • Part Time • \$15.51-\$20/45/hour

Technical Services Library Aide

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.

Gretna • Part Time • \$15.50/hour

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

Find more job opportunities at
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