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## ANNOUNCING PROFILES IN TECHNICAL SERVICES

by Joyce Melvin, Chair of the Technical Services Roundtable

Do you know someone who should be recognized for their technical work in Nebraska libraries? The Technical Services Roundtable wants to highlight these librarians through a profile each month in the NLA e-newsletter.

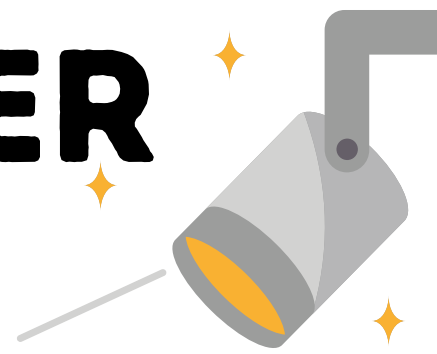
Historically, Technical Services have been associated with cataloging and acquisitions, but times are changing. This work now includes working with collection organization, sharing materials (ILL), and the preservation of all kinds of library materials.

Do you want to expand your network of Technical Services professionals? Or know a colleague who deserves to be highlighted? Please send your suggestions to TSRT at [nlatsrt@nebraskalibraries.org](mailto:nlatsrt@nebraskalibraries.org).

## COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR OPEN!

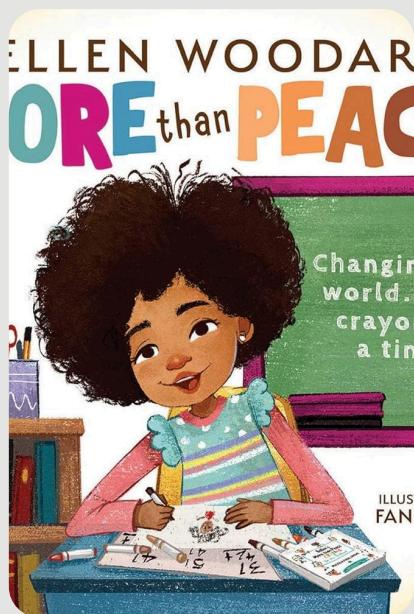
Are you a marketing superstar looking to become more involved in NLA? We're seeking a Communications Committee Chair to maintain NLA's social media accounts and create this monthly newsletter. Email President-Elect Lane Gibson at [nlapresidentelect@nebraskalibraries.org](mailto:nlapresidentelect@nebraskalibraries.org) for more information.

# 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.

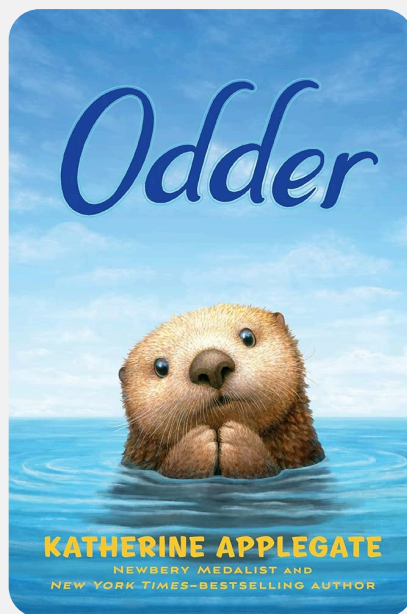
## Little Bluestem



**More Than Peach**  
by Bellen Woodard

Penned by the very first Crayon Activist, Bellen Woodard, this picture book will tug at readers' heartstrings and inspire them to make a difference!

## Honeybee



**Odder**  
by Katherine Applegate

Inspired by the true story of a Monterey Bay Aquarium program that pairs orphaned otter pups with surrogate mothers, *Odder* is about a playful sea animal who faces a hungry great white shark... as well as her fears.

## Meadowlark

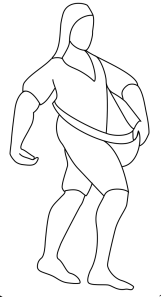


**Miss Quinces**  
by Kat Fajardo

This funny and heartfelt coming-of-age graphic novel is about a girl who would rather do anything other than celebrate her quinceañera!

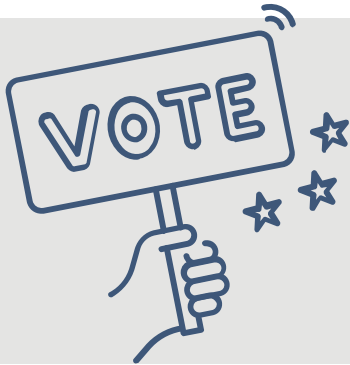
# GOLDEN SOWER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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GOLDEN SOWER AWARD

There are several ways to get involved with the Nebraska Golden Sower Award this time of year, and they just take a few clicks!



## **Vote on 2024-25 Golden Sower nominees!**

Help your students and young library users vote on their favorite nominees from this year. Voting is open now until April 15, 2025. [Click here to vote.](#)



## **Share your feedback**

We're seeking input on our [2024-25 Golden Sower Manual](#), as well as on our newly updated [Official Documents & Bylaws](#). We'd appreciate your input!



## **Check out our new order form**

Looking for Golden Sower Award merch? Please use our new order form, and email it to [nlaexecutivedirector@nebraskalibraries.org](mailto:nlaexecutivedirector@nebraskalibraries.org).



## **Browse next year's nominees!**

The 2025-26 Golden Sower nominees have been announced, including our brand new Bald Eagle reading level intended for grades 9-12!

# JOB OPENINGS



## Reference/Instruction Librarian

Primarily responsible for providing general reference services to all students, faculty, and staff and formal library instruction to students during the evening and at several Bellevue University locations.

*Bellevue • Full-Time • Unspecified*

## Circulation Librarian

Plans and coordinates all aspects of the Circulation Department, including manage the lending and return of library materials, oversee library inventory, and assist patrons in locating resources.

*South Sioux City • Full Time • \$16-\$21/hourly*

## Archives Assistant for ArchivesSpace

The Nebraska State Historical Society is migrating our archival records into ArchivesSpace. This is a two-year position to support the migration of analog finding aids into ArchivesSpace.

*Lincoln • Full Time • \$17.31/hourly*

## Western Library System Director

Exceptional opportunity for a versatile professional to provide services for a multi-type regional library system in a 21-county area in western Nebraska. Desired starting date: Monday, March 3, 2025

*Scottsbluff • Full Time • \$29.26/hourly*

## Library Reference Associate - UNMC

This position provides first-line services to faculty, staff, students and the public at the library's virtual and physical AskUs Desk. Associate's degree or equivalent and 2 years of related library experience required.

*Omaha • Full Time • \$19.90-\$27.89/hourly*

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