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## NLA CONFERENCE: THAT'S A WRAP!

by Shelby Janke Brodersen, NLA Communications Chair

Thank you to everyone who attended the NLA Conference earlier this month! The conference planning committee realizes it can be difficult to travel and cover staffing needs for the sake of continuing education. We are so glad you joined us in Kearney!

We have just a little bit of homework for you as we collect data and let our new knowledge simmer. Please fill out this **survey** by Oct. 31 and let us know what you thought of this year's conference.

Then, don't forget to earn credit for the sessions you attended! Fill out this special **Continuing Education credit form** from the Nebraska Library Commission so your conference attendance counts toward your librarian certification. The form will be available for 90 days.

Finally, mark your calendars for our next two conference gatherings:

### NLA Conference

Oct. 22-24, 2025

Holthus Convention Center  
York, NE

### MPLA Conference

Oct. 14-16, 2026

La Vista Conference Center  
La Vista, NE

# Meet your 2025 officers!

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- Tiny & Mighty
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- Diversity

# WHAT ARE NLA SECTIONS AND ROUND TABLES?

NLA is divided into Sections and Round Tables to reflect the diverse specializations and interests of its membership. Each Section or Round Table's chairs are elected by the individual groups, and these chairs are members of the NLA Board of Directors.

## SECTIONS

**College & University (C&U):** Librarians, administrators, and support staff at public and private academic institutions. C&U is the Nebraska chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL).

**Public Library & Trustee (PLTS):** Serves public library staff and trustees by providing educational, professional, and networking opportunities.

**School, Children's, & Young People (SCYP):** Promotes total library service to young people by fostering cooperation among all types of libraries serving children and young people.

## ROUND TABLES

**Intellectual Freedom (IF):** Promotes intellectual freedom and advocates its value by educating and supporting Nebraska library workers and policy makers to create responsible organizations that better our communities.

**New Members (NMRT):** Helps librarians new to the profession build the skills, knowledge, and network needed to have a successful career.

**Technical Services (TSRT):** Promotes the communication of ideas and interests of its members who are concerned with: acquisitions, collection development, cataloging and classification, preservation, serials control, interlibrary loan and document delivery.

# STRATEGIC CH-CH-CHANGES TO NLA

The Strategic Planning Committee has been working hard to add value to your NLA membership, grow our organization, and establish its financial health. To do so, we're changing our membership structure, which was presented to the Association at the NLA Conference in Kearney this month. Starting in the new year, here's what you can expect:

## **Regular Member (\$75/year)**

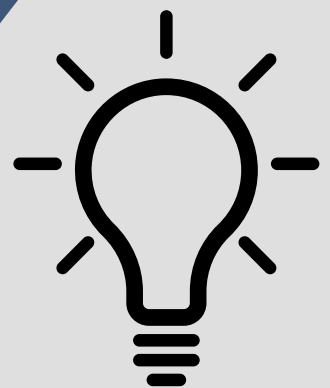
This member type is ideal for library workers and provides leadership opportunities, advocacy work, and continuing education. Regular Members may join any and all Sections and Round Tables, vote in NLA elections, earn the best conference and meeting discounts, receive the NLA E-News, and run for leadership positions.

## **Student Member (\$46/year)**

Current MLIS, CAEP, and LTA students may take advantage of this joint NLA/ALA membership while receiving all of the same benefits as the Regular Member above, including meeting/conference discounts, the ability to run and vote in NLA elections, and join any and all Sections and Round Tables.

## **Advocate Member (\$40/year)**

This level is ideal for trustees, retired members, and engaged community members who would like to support NLA's purpose, advocacy work, and continuing education. Advocates receive second-tier meeting and conference discounts and the monthly NLA E-News.



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## HAVE YOU HEARD?

We're hiring an Administrative Assistant to keep the website up to date, including the calendar of events, process membership renewals (primarily online), and respond to internal and external communications to the Association. Oversight of the position is provided by the NLA executive board and regular (at minimum monthly) communication regarding work accomplished is required. This is a remote work from home position and is budgeted for 10 hours a week at \$15 an hour.

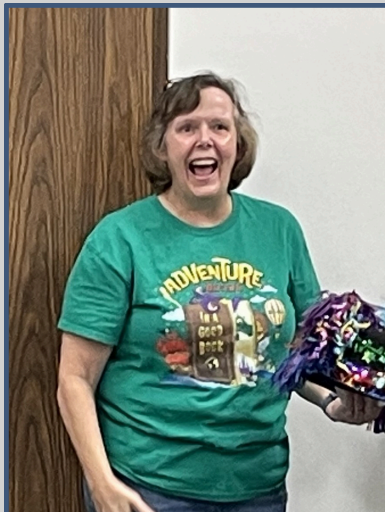
## CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER



Our annual awards were given out at the NLA Conference. Please join us in congratulating these recipients:

**PLTS Excalibur Award for Outstanding Public Librarian:** Christine Walsh, Kearney Public Library (*upper left*)

**Mari Sandoz Award for Contributions to Nebraska Letters:** Rebecca Faber, Nebraska Center for the Book (*upper right*)



**SCYP Mad Hatter Award for Youth Services:** Sally Bankson, Central City Public Library (*lower left*)

**TSRT Sandra Herzinger Award for Distinguished Technical Services:** Linda Novotny, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (*lower right*)

**NLA Presidential Award of Excellence:** Lacey Partlow and Shelby Janke Brodersen (*not pictured*)



# 2024 NLA ADVOCACY AWARD

by **Deb Robertson**  
**Chair, NLA Advocacy Committee**

The Nebraska Library Association is proud to announce that Senator Danielle Conrad, (District 46), is awarded our prestigious Advocacy Award in recognition of her outstanding support and commitment to libraries across the state.

Senator Conrad has been a dedicated advocate for Nebraska's libraries, fighting legislation and initiatives that threaten the state's public library systems, erode intellectual freedom rights, and impact access to educational resources for all Nebraskans. Her efforts have a profound impact on both urban and rural communities, ensuring that libraries remain vital hubs for learning, innovation, and community engagement. Senator Conrad's support was critical when LB 441 was being debated on the floor, during the 2024 Legislative Session. Her comments were essential, and the bill did not pass cloture.

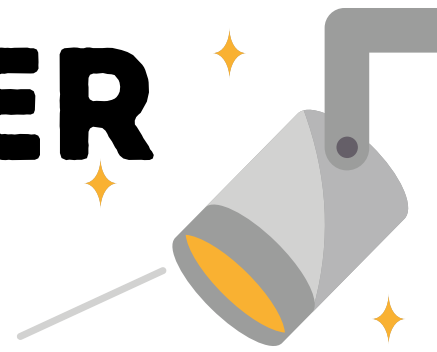
We are thrilled to honor Senator Conrad with this Advocacy Award. Those of us who work closely with Senator Conrad recognize that her steadfast commitment to improving library services and her understanding of

the critical role libraries play in education, civic engagement, and workforce development make her a true champion for our cause. Her advocacy efforts ensure that libraries continue to thrive and serve as inclusive spaces for all.

Senator Conrad, who has long been a vocal supporter of public services and educational opportunities, has long fought for the civil rights of all Nebraskans through her work as an attorney and public policy advocate, as well as leading ACLU of Nebraska for eight years. During the 2024 legislative session, Senator Conrad led the charge to defeat LB 441, which would have criminalized librarianship and limited access to information to all Nebraskans.

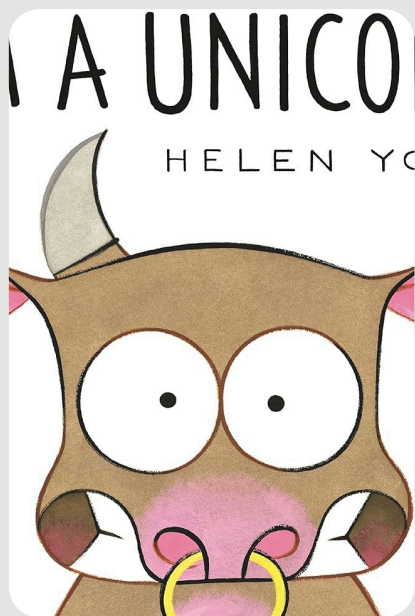
This inaugural NLA Advocacy Award is being presented to Senator Conrad because her work has benefited ALL libraries in our state. Sections of the state library association offer awards to advocates in local communities or regions. But when someone works for us as hard as Senator Conrad, we want to recognize that work with a special award from all of us. Congratulations!

# 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



**I'm a Unicorn**  
by Helen Yoon

What happens when a one-horned calf with impeccable logic is convinced they're a unicorn? In *I'M A UNICORN*, Helen Yoon spins an endearing comedy of self-determination for gigglers everywhere.

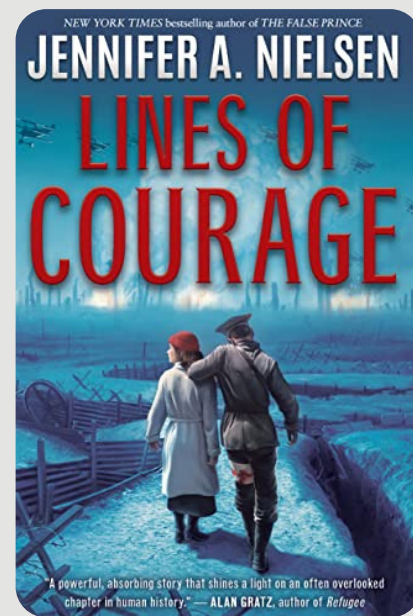
## Honeybee



**The Midnight Children**  
by Dan Gemeinhart

Ravani is eager to learn everything he can about his new neighbors, and finds an unexpected friend named Virginia. When he learns of a threat to his new friends, he must fight to keep them safe, or lose the only person who has ever understood him.

## Meadowlark



**Lines of Courage**  
by Jennifer A. Nielsen

*LINES OF COURAGE* is another Golden Sower nominee where the lives of five children intersect... if they are lucky enough to find each other as World War I stretches across Europe.

# 2025-2026 GOLDEN SOWER NOMINEES



## **LITTLE BLUESTEM** *intended for grades K-2*

**Big** by Vashti Harrison, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2023.

**The Book that Almost Rhymed** by Omar Abed, illustrated by Hatem Aly. Dial Books, 2024.

**Dog Vs. Strawberry** by Nelly Buchet, illustrated by Andrea Zuill. Random House Studio, 2024.

**I Am Stuck** by Julia Mills. Clarion Books, 2023.

**I Want 100 Dogs** by Stacy McAnulty, illustrated by Claire Keane. Chronicle Books, 2023.

**Mr. S** by Monica Arnaldo. Katherine Tegen Books, 2023.

**The Red Jacket** by Bob Holt. HarperCollins, 2023.

**Seals Are Jerks** by Jared Chapman. Orchard Books, 2023.

**The World's Best Class Plant** by Audrey Bernick & Liz Garton Scanlon, illustrated by Lynnor Bontigao. G.P., Putnam's sons Books for Young Readers, 2023.

**Worm and Caterpillar Are Friends** by Kaz Windness. Simon Spotlight, 2023.

# 2025-2026 GOLDEN SOWER NOMINEES



## **HONEYBEE** *intended for grades 3-5*

***Dogtown*** by Katherine Applegate & Gennifer Choldenko, illustrated by Wallace West. Square Fish, 2024.

***Ferris*** by Kate DiCamillo. Candlewick, 2024.

***The Firefly Summer*** by Morgan Matson. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2024.

***Greenwild: The World Behind the Door*** by Pari Thomson. Farrar, Strous, and Giroux, 2023.

***Home Away From Home*** by Cynthia Lord. Scholastic Press, 2023.

***The Lost Library*** by Rebecca Stead & Wendy Mass. Feiwel & Friends, 2023.

***Medusa*** by Katherine Marsh. Clarion Books, 2022.

***The Mystery of the Radcliffe Riddle*** by Taryn Souders. Sourcebooks Young Readers, 2023.

***Nothing Else But Miracles*** by Kate Albus. Margaret Ferguson Books, 2023.

***Tree. Table. Book.*** by Lois Lowry. Clarion Books, 2024.

# 2025-2026 GOLDEN SOWER NOMINEES



## MEADOWLARK *intended for grades 6-8*

***Dust*** by Dusti Bowling. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2023.

***The Labors of Hercules Beal*** by Gary D. Schmidt. Clarion Books, 2023.

***The Lost Year*** by Katherine Marsh. Roaring Brook Press, 2023.

***Mascot*** by Charles Waters & Traci Sorell. Charlesbridge, 2023.

***The Mona Lisa Vanishes*** by Nicholas Day, illustrated by Brett Helquist. Random House Studio, 2023.

***Parachute Kids*** by Betty C. Tang. Graphix, 2023.

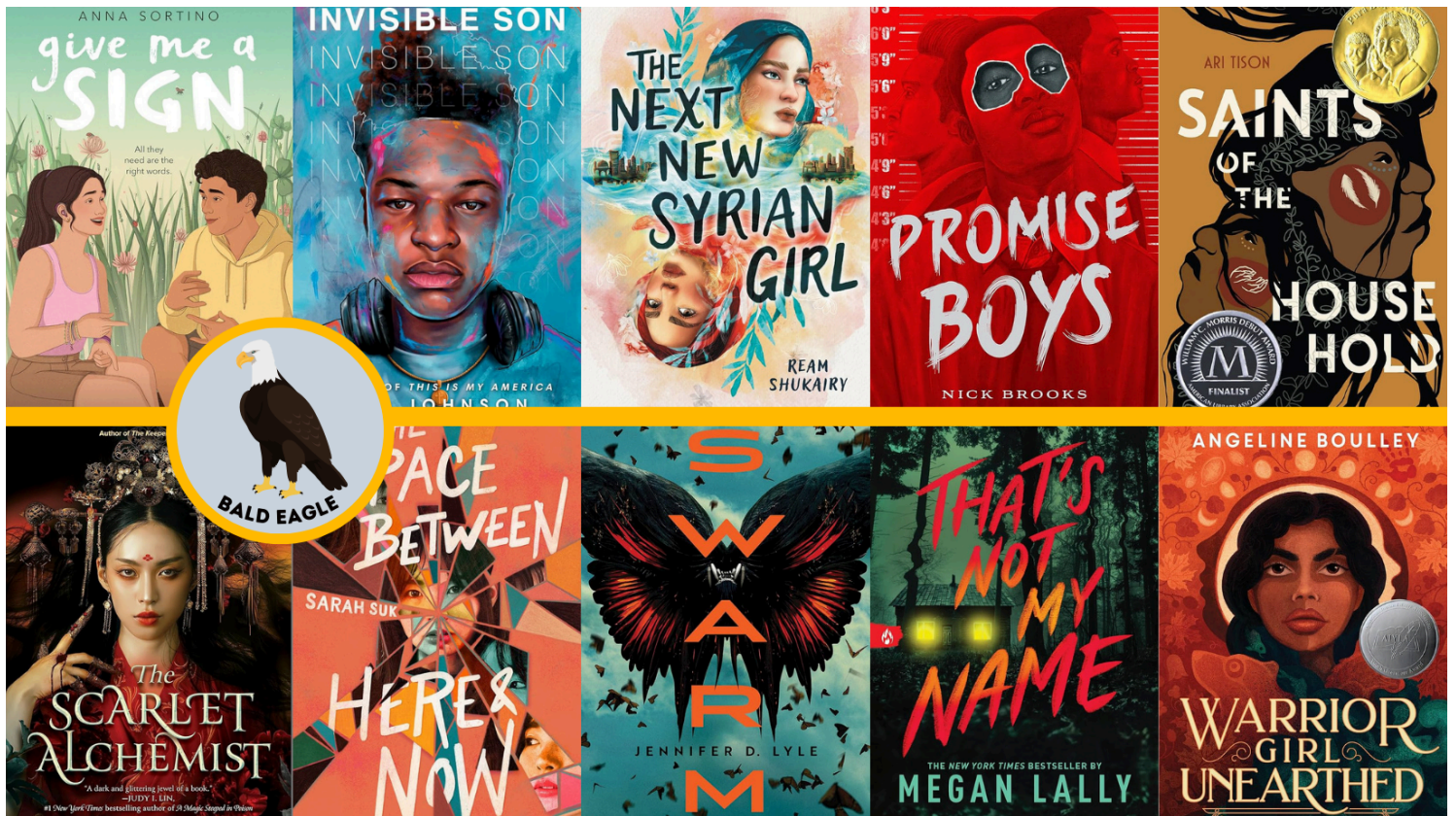
***The Probability of Everything*** by Sarah Everett. Clarion Books, 2023.

***Simon Sort of Says*** by Erin Bow. Disney Hyperion, 2024.

***Something Like Home*** by Andrea Beatriz Arango. Yearling, 2024.

***Wild Poppies*** by Haya Saleh, translated by Marcia Lynx Qualey. Levine Querido, 2023.

# 2025-2026 GOLDEN SOWER NOMINEES



## **BALD EAGLE** *intended for grades 9-12*

***Give Me a Sign*** by Anna Sortino. G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, 2024.

***Invisible Son*** by Kim Johnson. Ember, 2024.

***The Next New Syrian Girl*** by Ream Shukairy. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2023.

***Promise Boys*** by Nick Brooks. Henry Holt and Co., 2023.

***Saints of the Household*** by Ari Tison. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2023.

***The Scarlet Alchemist*** by Kylie Lee Baker. Inkyard Press, 2023.

***The Space Between Here and Now*** by Sarah Suk. Quill Tree Books, 2023.

***Swarm*** by Jennifer D. Lyle. Sourcebooks Fire, 2023.

***That's Not My Name*** by Megan Lally. Sourcebooks Fire, 2023.

***Warrior Girl Unearthed*** by Angeline Boulley. Henry Holt and Co., 2023.



## THE LONG MARCH HOME: A WORLD WAR II NOVEL OF THE PACIFIC CHOSEN AS 2025 ONE BOOK ONE NEBRASKA

by Tessa Timperley  
Nebraska Library Commission

People across Nebraska are encouraged to read the work of a Nebraskan—and then talk about it with their friends and neighbors. ***The Long March Home: A World War II Novel of the Pacific*** (Revell, 2023) by Marcus Brotherton and Tosca Lee is the 2025 One Book One Nebraska selection.

*The Long March Home* is a historical fiction novel inspired by true stories of friendship, sacrifice, and hope on the Bataan Death March.

### From the Inside Cover:

Jimmy Propfield joined the army for two reasons: to get out of Mobile, Alabama, with his best friends Hank and Billy and to forget his high school sweetheart, Claire.

Life in the Philippines seems like paradise--until the morning of December 8, 1941, when news comes from Manila: Imperial Japan has bombed Pearl Harbor. Within hours, the teenage friends are plunged into war as enemy warplanes attack Luzon, beginning a battle for control of the Pacific theater that will culminate with a last stand on the Bataan Peninsula and end with the largest surrender of American troops in history.

What follows will become known as one of the worst atrocities in modern warfare: the Bataan Death March. With no hope of rescue, the three friends vow to make it back home together. But the ordeal is only the beginning of their nearly four-year fight to survive.

**Marcus Brotherton** is a New York Times bestselling author and coauthor, with five New York Times bestsellers, seven national bestsellers, and four books have been optioned for movies. He was born in British Columbia and earned degrees at Multnomah University in Portland and Biola University in Los Angeles. He currently lives in the Pacific Northwest with his wife and children.

**Tosca Lee** is the award-winning and New York Times bestselling author of twelve books. Those awards include three International Book Awards, and a Nebraska Book Award for her thriller *The Line Between* and its sequel *A Single Light*. She received her B.A. from Smith College and currently lives in Nebraska with her husband, three of four children still at home, and her 160-lb. German Shepherd, Timber.

Libraries across Nebraska will join other literary and cultural organizations in planning book discussions, activities, and events that will encourage Nebraskans to read and discuss this book. Support materials to assist with local reading/discussion activities will be available **online** after January 1, 2025. Updates and activity listings will be posted on the One Book One Nebraska **Facebook page**.

2025 will mark the twenty-first year of the One Book One Nebraska reading program, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book. The Nebraska Center for the Book **invites recommendations** for One Book One Nebraska book selection year-round.

## Library and Information Services

Spring 2025 Online Course Offerings

January 13, 2025 – May 8, 2025

Enrollment for Spring Semester 2025 opens

Monday, Nov. 18, 2024



### ***LIBR 2100 Reference Resources and Services***

*Marty Magee, Instructor*

- Professional competencies including legal and ethical responsibilities
- Reference interview process
- The Reference collection
- Evaluation and use of digital resources, including databases, and websites

### ***LIBR 2150 Develop and Organize Collections***

*Patty Birch, Instructor*

- Basics of collection management including terminology and models
- Community and collection analysis
- Selection, Acquisition, Deselection/Weeding
- Intellectual Freedom and Copyright
- Cataloging instruction including classification systems, subject headings, MARC records, and RDA

<b><i>Spring 2025</i></b>	<b><i>Fall 2025</i></b>
<b>Libr 2100</b> Reference Resources and Services	<b>Libr 1010</b> Foundations of Library and Information Services
<b>Libr 2150</b> Develop and Organize Collections	<b>Libr 2250</b> Leadership and Management in Library and Information Agencies
	<b>Libr 2940</b> Library Science Capstone Practicum



For more information on the Library and Information Services program, see: <https://www.cccneb.edu/lis/>

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Central Community College is an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution.

# JOB OPENINGS



## Children's Librarian

This position involves working directly with children and their parents or caregivers. It is important, therefore, that the person with this title genuinely likes children, is comfortable with them, and enjoys serving them.

*Plainview • Part Time Permanent • Unspecified*

## Digital Projects Coordinator

Leads the University Libraries efforts to coordinate, track, steward, document, and assess the various digital projects undertaken by the Digital Strategies department and the Center for Digital Research in the Humanities.

*Lincoln • Full Time • \$46,000/year*

## Librarian

Performs routine library circulation services which can readily be learned in the job and are repetitive in nature; work is generally in areas of shelving books; and assisting library patrons.

*Madison • Part Time • \$15/hour*

## Patron Services Supervisor

Under the direction and supervision of the Library Director, performs a variety of professional library activities including supervising staff, managing library collections, planning programming, and providing customer service.

*Norfolk • Full Time • \$4,538-\$6,224/month*

## Library Director

The Greenwood Public Library Board is accepting applications for a part-time Library Director. This individual must be comfortable using technology, be forward thinking with a positive attitude, and have a passion for exceptional library service.

*Greenwood • Part Time • \$15/hour*

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