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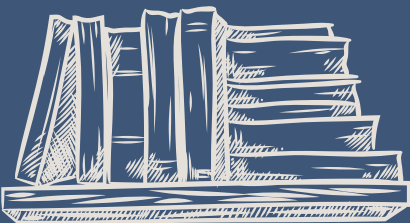
by Holli Duggan, Nebraska Library Association President

Happy New Year from NLA!

January marked the transition in NLA leadership as new officers and representatives began their terms as part of the Executive Board, Committees, Sections, Round Tables, and organizational representatives. A big thank you to all officers and members as we start this new year!

I was (re)appointed to serve as NLA President this year after the NLA Board accepted Lane's resignation. Thank you, Lane for all your hard work and contributions to NLA!

As 2025 brings uncertainty to many (and perhaps more unprecedented times), libraries remain critically important. As an Association, we can share in the joys of our profession, work to better our communities, and support each other through any challenges ahead!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

GET INVOLVED!

NLA needs you! Join a Committee, Section, Round Table, or Interest Group.

[View them here.](#)

Contact the Chair of the group you're interested in to get started!

Have news you'd like to share?
Send an email to:
[NLA Communications](#)
for submission to the NLA
newsletter and social media.

NLA Board

Next Meeting:

Thursday, Feb. 13th
1:30 pm

Legislative Advocacy Virtual Membership Open House

February 13th via Zoom
7:00 pm CST / 6:00 pm MST

Register here:

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NLA Advocacy Committee:

Meets every Wednesday
at 4:00pm (via Zoom)

For more information about
joining the meetings or to get
weekly update emails, contact
[Deb Robertson](#)

ADVOCACY DAY 2025



SAVE THE DATE!
MARCH 17, 2025
DOWNTOWN LINCOLN

Earn NLC
CE
Credits!

Every year, NLA members and library supporters visit the Capitol to meet and speak with lawmakers about the importance of Nebraska's public, school, academic, and special libraries.

More details to come, but the day includes an update from the NLA Lobbyist, library volunteer recognition, and professional development opportunities!

- **Updates at the Capitol & Volunteer Recognition**
 - 8:30am - 12:00pm
- **Professional Development at Bennett Martin Public Library**
 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

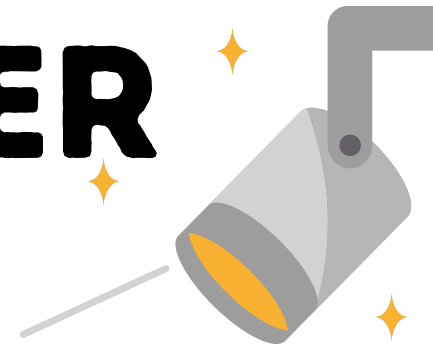
Nominate an outstanding library volunteer!

Each year, volunteers from across Nebraska are awarded the **NLA Outstanding Library Volunteer Award** for their priceless contributions to their local libraries:

- [Click here for the nomination form](#)

Important Date: The 109th Legislature of Nebraska will convene on January 8, 2025.

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.

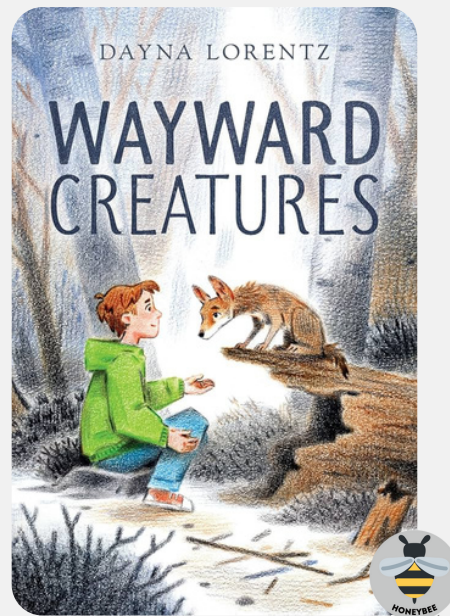
Little Bluestem



Poopsie Gets Lost
by Hannah E. Harrison

Fluffy indoor cat Poopsie, strikes out on an adventure at the urging of the book's narrator and ends up in some frightfully fur-raising situations. Will Poopsie and the narrator navigate the dangers and make it out in one piece?

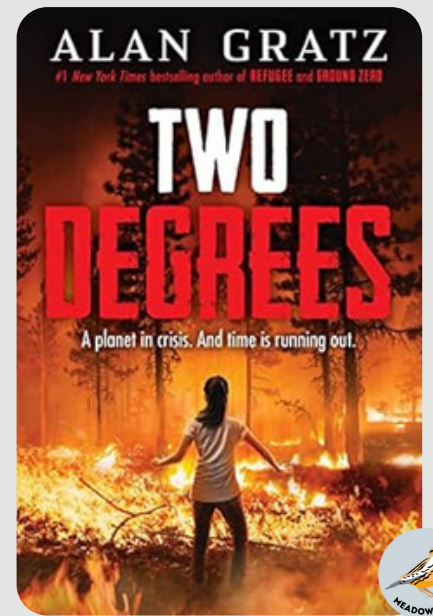
Honeybee



Wayward Creatures
by Dayna Lorentz

After a forest fire, twelve-year old Gabe befriends a coyote called Rill. A story of friendship, belonging and healing for humans and animals alike.

Meadowlark



Two Degrees
by Alan Gratz

Four kids face three natural disasters. Wildfires in California, ice melt in Canada, and floods in Florida. Akira, Owen, George and Natalie find themselves connected in ways they never imagined.

JOB OPENINGS



Assistant or Associate Professor (3 positions)

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Love Library

- Evidence Synthesis Sciences
- Digital Scholarship & Sciences Research Specialist
- Sciences Teaching & Learning

UNL • Full Time • Salary will begin at \$62,500

Library Aide, Eiseley Branch Library

"Library Aides provide excellent service to our customers behind the scenes by ensuring returned materials are checked in correctly and distributed to their next destination."

Lincoln • PartTime • \$13.50/hour

Data Services Librarian / Faculty Rank

UNMC, McGoogan Health Sciences Library

"Coordinates and delivers the library's research services for research data management, data curation, data visualization, data literacy, and open science."

Omaha • Full Time • Range starting at \$65,000

Library Assistant

"Library Assistant I is a moderately skilled position responsible for performing routine computer and clerical work. This includes maintaining customer files and executing general circulation desk duties."

Gering • Part Time • \$14.50 - \$17.50 / hour

Library Assistant

"This position is responsible for a variety of clerical, computer support, and public contact duties such as entering data in computer files, assisting library users with computer equipment, checking materials in and out, assisting with programming, putting away and moving materials, and processing and/or repairing library materials."

Columbus • Part Time • \$15.51-\$20.96/hour

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