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UPCOMING EVENTS

TED Democracy Philadelphia: Founding Futures

The Bellevue University Library is the single Nebraska library to host a livestream of *TED Democracy Philadelphia: Founding Futures*, a symposium featuring 15+ original TED Talks exploring the evolution and future of democracy, in celebration of America's 250th anniversary. Join us for engaging experiences of bold ideas, meaningful dialogue, and a shared civic moment.

June 13, 2026
Bellevue University, Bellevue

Free and open to the public!

10 am - 12:30 pm

[Details](#)

ALA Annual Conference 2026

Celebrate 150 years of ALA at the national conference and exhibition featuring Rachel Maddow, Jill Biden, and Wayne Brady! Advance registration through June 19.

June 25-29, 2026
Chicago, IL

[Details](#)

Central Community College Library and Information Services

Registration is now open for Central Community College Library and Information Services Fall 2026 classes. Courses run from August 17 through December 11, 2026.

Central Community College LIS

Fall 2026
August 17 - December 11, 2026

[Details](#)



Next NLA Board meeting: June 11 @ 1:30 pm
via Zoom OR in person at **Bellevue University Library**
Email nlaexecutivedirector@gmail.com for link

NLA + MPLA JOINT CONFERENCE 2026



Stars, Stripes, and Stories

– Libraries at the Heart of America –

NLA + MPLA Joint Conference

Stars, Stripes, and Stories: Libraries at the Heart of America

The 2026 joint conference will be held in LaVista where Nebraska State Poet Jewel Rodgers will be the keynote speaker. Join us and your statewide library community for learning, networking, engagement, and inspiration!

October 14-16, 2026
LaVista Conference Center

8:30 am - 4 pm

[Details](#)

PAST EVENTS

Nebraska Statewide Open Educational Resources (OER)

This **convening** brought together educators, librarians, instructional designers, and policy leaders from across Nebraska to share ideas, build networks, and advance open education.

Previous Meetings

Find out more about recent **NLA committee and roundtable meetings** throughout Nebraska.

AWARD RECIPIENT

2026 Ernest A. DiMattia, Jr. Award for Innovation and Service to Community and Profession

Congratulations to Assistant Director Chelsea Foust of the Morton-James Public Library in Nebraska City on winning this prestigious **award from the American Library Association!**



ANNOUNCEMENTS



PLTS Awards: Excalibur Award and Advocacy Award

Opens July 1



Meritorious Service and Mari Sandoz Award

Opens July 15



SCYP Mad Hatter Award



Gumdrop Books NLA Conference Scholarship

Opens August 1



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headed this summer?**

Tell us what—and where
you're reading this month!

Contact us!

BE A PART OF THE NLA

Libraries support democracy!

The **American Library Association** has worked for 150 years to ensure “access to information, defense of free speech, and upholding the power of libraries to transform lives and strengthen democracy” (ala150.org). Across the nation as we celebrate the semiquincentennial—the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, libraries continue to bring together our communities and share ideas and resources.



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