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WELCOME, 2024!

by **Tammi Thiem, NLA President**

Bringing in the new year as the Nebraska Library Association president is an exciting adventure! A new year means fresh ideas, and I hope I can do justice to the position. I am always eager to learn new things, so I think this position will provide that opportunity. One thing I have already learned is that I will not be traveling alone along this path. This is a joint venture with many brilliant minds who are passionate about libraries, and that is so reassuring.

Thank you to last year's NLA President, Holli Duggan, for her service as NLA president during 2023. There were some challenging moments and some changes along the way. Her professional leadership was appreciated, and I look forward to continuing to learn from her in the upcoming year.

One change that has already been determined for next year is more regular meetings, as they will be held monthly rather than quarterly. This will increase chances for open communication, and that is always a positive thing. More of these meetings will also include an in-person option, and I feel that many people have missed the occasions to network with one another face to face. Of course, these meetings will also allow for virtual attendance, making these hybrid meetings accessible to more NLA members.

Watch for the year 2024 to be a growing and evolving experience for the Nebraska Library Association. This will be the perfect time for new ideas, new members, new exploration, and new expeditions. If you are not already a member, please consider joining. If you are a member, thank you for being part of the journey.



Save the Date: Advocacy Day March 20, 2024

RSVP today!

Every year, NLA members and library supporters make their way to the **Capitol** city to **speak with lawmakers** about the importance of Nebraska's public, school, academic, and special libraries.

The day includes an update from NLA's knowledgeable lobbyist, as well as a quick overview for speaking with elected officials.

Senators are invited to dine with NLA members during a **special luncheon** where library volunteers from across the state are **recognized** for their outstanding service.

That's not all - we're planning an exciting day full of **energizing activities** to make your trip to Lincoln a memorable one. Mark your calendar for **March 20, 2024!**

9:00	State of Nebraska Libraries
10:30	Capitol Visit & Outstanding Volunteers
12:00	Lunch with NE Senators & Keynote
1:30	I Love Nebraska Libraries Story-Time
3:00	Librarians & Libations

Get your tickets today!

**Earn 8 CE
Credits!**

2024 LEGISLATIVE WATCHLIST



Last week, the Nebraska State Legislature finished introducing bills that will be heard and considered in the 108th legislative session.

The NLA Advocacy Committee is **monitoring** these bills for activity surrounding libraries, library workers, intellectual freedom, and data privacy.

As the legislative session continues, the Advocacy Committee will update NLA members and the public on its official stances if and when the monitored bills progress.

Sign up as a Library Advocate to be the first to know when we need your help in urging senators to protect Nebraska libraries.

LB #	SENATOR	TOPIC
308	Bostar	Genetic Information Privacy Act
939	Erdman	My Student, My Choice Act
1064	Lippincott	Prohibit tenure at postsecondary ed. institutions
1071	Dugan	Protect Rights of Student Journalists & Media Advisors
1092	Murman	Online Age Verification Liability Act
1241	Von Gillern	Change provisions relating to property tax levy limits
1294	Bostar	Data privacy
1330	Murman	Prohibit public edu. institutions from certain <u>DEI</u> actions
1399	Murman	Involvement of edu. decision makers in their kids' education
LR 278 CA	Murman	Const. Amend. to change State Board of Ed. membership
71	Sanders	Parent Access to Learning Bill
371	Murman	Prohibit individuals under 19 /21 from attending drag shows
374	Murman	Parent Bill of Rights
441 & 635	Albrecht	Obscenity Bill Database Bill

CARRIED OVER FROM 2023

JOB OPENINGS



Circulation Desk Library Assistant

Are you a dynamic and collaborative individual with a passion for reading and a keen interest in engaging with patrons of all ages and backgrounds? Valentine Public Library is looking for a self-motivated Circulation Desk Library Assistant to enhance our team.

Valentine NE • Full-time/Benefits • \$16.71 - \$17.21 an hour

Library Service Associate - Support Services

Do you want to be the first to see and touch all the new library materials? Do you want to get these new items into the hands of eager customers? Then this position might be for you.

Lincoln NE • Full-time/Benefits • \$20.73 - \$26.47 an hour

Evening Library Technician

Western Nebraska Community College is currently accepting applications for the part-time position of Library Technician. Assist with circulation desk duties, materials processing, and phone reference.

Scottsbluff NE • Part-time/20hr • \$25.4K - \$32.2K a year

Library Service Associate - Support Services

The Library Coordinator is responsible for managing and overseeing all functions of the library and ensures the library maintains high customer service to LPTC and the Winnebago community.

Winnebago NE • Full-time/Salary • \$40K - \$50K a year

Head Librarian

Midland University, located in Fremont, Nebraska, is seeking a professionally trained Librarian with innovative ideas to be a part of its team and lead the Luther Library. The Head Librarian is responsible for helping our students and faculty become information literate in a digital world.

Fremont NE • Full-time/Benefits • \$47.5K - \$60.2K a year

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

Find more job opportunities at
Now Hiring @ Your Library.

New Year's READINGS & RESOLUTIONS



READING GOALS

- **Pick a Number:** How many books do you want to read this year? Do you want to read a certain number of pages a day? Set your goal and keep reading!
- **Keep a Reading Log:** Track your journey! Whether it's with a reading journal or with apps like Goodreads or Storygraph, recording your progress can help you keep your stride.
- **Reread at Least 2 Books:** Rereading helps improve our comprehension and retention, can get us out of a reading slump, and bring us comfort as we fall back into a story we love.
- **Join a Reading Challenge:** There are hundreds of reading challenges out there to keep you motivated and inspired. Find lists, prompts, calendars, bingos, and more to keep reading through 2024.



RESOLUTIONS

- **Read One Book You Own for Every Book You Borrow or Buy:** Work on your TBR list without skipping out on the bookstore or the library!
- **Read a Book You've Always Said You Would:** Have a classic on your list you never seem to get to? Want to read that bestseller everyone's been talking about? This is your year to get it off your list.
- **Read to Learn:** Whether to learn about a new interest, the world, or more about yourself, read more than just your favorite author or genre and explore new things!
- **DNF What You're Not Into:** Don't let meeting your reading goals keep you reading a book that doesn't keep your interest or give you joy. It's okay put it down!
- **Any Format Counts:** Mix it up with graphic novels, audiobooks, eBooks, whatever format isn't your go to style.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Host a Librarians & Libations Happy Hour in your community!

Want to host an NLA happy hour in your part of the state? Contact the Communications Committee and we will help you advertise!



Email nlacommunications@nebraskalibraries.org.

Tiny & Mighty Interest Group

Next meeting:

Tues., Feb. 20, 2024 at 10 a.m. CDT
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2024 Conference!

The NLA Conference will occur in Kearney, NE on October 8-10, 2024. We're seeking talented event planners, presenters, and facilitators to join the Conference Planning Committee. Please contact [Lane Gibson](#) if you are interested!

Nominate an Outstanding Library Volunteer!

We know there are countless volunteers that help keep Nebraska's libraries open and operating. Help us celebrate them by nominating an Outstanding Library Volunteer! Nominations are due by March 1, 2024. Nominees will be honored at Advocacy Day.

Follow NLA!



Have news you'd like to share? Send an email to nlacommunications@nebraskalibraries.org for submission to the NLA newsletter and social media.

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