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Ramblings from the Interim

We had an awesome annual meeting at Chappell Memorial Library and Art Gallery! The meeting had just the right amount of laughter, information, prizes, great food, and a great place to have the meeting. We had 30 in attendance, and the evaluations were positive. A huge thank you goes out to Cheri Leach (sorry for the misspelling last time) and her Friends of the Library crew who fed us well to start the day.

Connie Loos, from the Thomas Buckley Trust, gave a presentation about the trust and what monies are available. This trust supports tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations that deal with education, religion, or community-oriented programs. Since the first grant of $25,106.11 given in 1981 for a new ambulance in Chappell, this trust has given $18,361,788.65!

Tammy Covalt brought some of the things made from the Innovation Studio that Bridgeport has in their library. If you haven't visited to see the incredible options of things to make, you should make a point to do so. Scottsbluff will be next in line to receive this Innovation Studio. The door prizes were vases that had book quotes engraved on them using the laser cutter from the Studio. Tammy will be taking some of her examples to the state fair to showcase, as will Andrew Sherman from Sidney Public Library. Sidney has a permanent Makerspace that I understand is really fun as well.

"I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book." - Groucho Marx

Space :
"A Universe of Stories" Summer Reading 2019

We are working on some really cool things for next year's Summer Reading Program. Since it has to do with space and the universe, we are talking with NET Kids about the show "Ready, Jet, Go", and with NASA about extra things and people to use in our programs. Any other ideas would sure be welcome!

Have you tried the Demco site lately? I have been using some of their ideas for the monthly calendars, but there is a ton of stuff available. One of the tabs shows what grants are available, another lets you view webinars, and whether they are live, or archived. I looked at one webinar entitled: "Going Fully Mobile in Your Library: Eliminate the Desk and Improve Service" which I admit, I would not be too comfortable with, but is still an interesting idea. In the Blog area, the article entitled: "Starting a Makerspace: 5 Things Every Administrator Needs to Know" from July 30, 2018, by Dr. Jacie Maslyk was certainly intriguing.

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Congratulations are in Order!

Tammy Howitt Covalt was nominated by several people in Bridgeport for the Western Library System Distinguished Leadership Award. She was given the award at the annual meeting in Chappell. Here are a couple comments from those letters:

"Tammy is innovative, hardworking, and diligent. She knows how to work with people and helps them whenever possible. She collaborated with the school in many areas to bring students to the library to further our studies."

"Tammy is the definition of a winner, and makes it look like it was nothing. She is an encourager, a teacher, a comforter, a parent, a grandparent, a listener, a friend, and more. She is the lady of 100 hats all worn at once in any given day. Honestly, I have never ever seen her to be without a smile when helping anyone around the library."

Robin Quinn was selected as the recipient of the "Good Neighbor Award" in Grant, NE. Some of the positive comments in the nomination letter listed Robin's willingness to do things for her community, like the summer reading program, working with school students during the school year, serving the youth as a 4-H leader, and making her library the best it can be.

Basic Skills Classes:

7/30 - 8/10	Collection Management*	Denise Harders	7/2 - 7/20
8/20 - 8/31	Library Policy	Sharon Osenga	7/23 - 8/1/0
9/10 - 9/21	Programming & Outreach	Christa Porter	8/13 - 8/31
10/1 - 10/12	Community & Library*	Sam Shaw	9/3 - 9/21
10/22 - 11/2	Management/Supervision	Scott Childers	9/24 - 10/12
11/5 - 11/16	Leadership	Holli Duggan	10/8 - 10/26
12/3 - 12/14	Library Services to Children & Teens	Sally Snyder	11/1 - 11/23

*Denotes required classes

SEPTEMBER 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Hispanic Heritage Month Sept. 15-Oct. 15	*National Library Card Sign-up Month *International Literacy Month	*National Piano Month *Fall Hat Month	*Baby Safety Month *Hunger Action Month	*National Sewing Month *National Honey Month	1 Humming-bird Day
2 National Waffle Week	3 Labor Day	4 Book releases: *People Kill People* by Ellen Hopkins and *Ponti* by Shar-lene Teo National Wildlife Day	5 NCompassLive Roxie Munro born	6 National Read a Book Day	7 Google Commemoration Day	8 National Grand-parent's Day National Ampersand Day
9 National Teddy Bear Day	10 World Suicide Preven-tion Day	11 September 11 National Day of Service and Re-membrance Book release: *Katerina* by James Frey	12 National Video Games Day National Day of En-couragement Jesse Owens born 1913 NCompassLive	13 National Kids Take Over the Kitchen Day Think Positively Day Roald Dahl born 1916	14 Jane Austen Festival kicks off in the UK John Steptoe born	15 Inter-national Dot Day Agatha Christie born 1890
16 World Play-Doh Day	17	18 *National Rice Krispie Treat Day *IT Professionals Day	19 National Voter Registration Day National Talk Like a Pirate Day NCompassLive	20 *National Pepperoni Pizza Day *Chicken Dance Day	21 *National Miniature Golf Day *Gratitude Day Stephen King born 1947	22 Dear Diary Day First Day of Fall
23 Banned Books Week	24 National Punctuation Day	25 Book releases: *The Dark Descent of Elizabeth Frank-enstein* by Kiersten White and *The Caregiver* by Samuel Park	26 *National Women's Health and Fitness Day *National Pancake Day Johnny Applessed born NCompassLive	27 *National Crush a Can Day *Ancestor Apprecia-tion Day	28 *National Good Neighbor Day *Ask a Stupid Question Day	29 National Ghost Hunting Day Marissa Moss born
30 Inter-national Podcast Day		Host a Halloween costume exchange day	Melting sidewalk chalk: mix equal parts cornstarch and water, add food coloring and freeze	Elephant Appreciation Day is the 22nd	National Ants on a Log Day is the 11th	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 National Name Your Car Day **Book Release: *Broken Things*** by Lauren Oliver	3 National Techies Day **NCompassLive**	4 National Taco Day Susan Sarandon born 1946 Judith St. George born	5 World Smile Day World Teachers' Day	6 World Space Week National Mad Hatter Day
7 Teen Read Week	8 *American Touch Tag Day *Indigenous Peoples' Day R.L. Stine born	9 **Book Releases: *My Squirrel Days*** by Ellie Kemper and ***Dear Evan Hanson: The Novel*** by Val Emmich with Steven Levenson, Benj Pasek and Justin Paul	10 Stop Bullying Day The Pacific met the Atlantic in the final stage of the Panama Canal 1913 **NCompassLive**	11 Elmore Leonard born 1925 It's my party Day	12 National Farmer's Day ***The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*** by Douglas Adams released in 1979 Alice Childress born	13 The US Navy established in 1775
14 Theodore Roosevelt was shot in 1912 while campaigning in Milwaukee	15 (14th) National Chocolate-covered Insects Day	16 National Dictionary Day Noah Webster born 1758	17 *"Game of the Century" chess contest between Donald Byrrne and Bobby Fischer *7.1 earthquake in San Francisco Bay area 1989 *Black Poetry Day **NCompassLive**	18 Felicette, a stray cat, became the first catstronaut 1963 National Chocolate Cupcake Day *Wendy Wasserstein born 1950	19 Ed Emberley born 1931	20 **International Observe the Moon Night** Nikki Grime born
21 *Carrie Fisher born 1956 *Ursula K. Le Gui born 1929	22 National Friends of Libraries Week National Color Day (21st) National Reptile Awareness Day	23 National Mole Day (Avogadro's Number) Johnny Carson born 1925	24 Unity Day (wear orange) Phosphorus friction safety match patented 1836 National Bologna Day **NCompassLive**	25 *In 1955 Tappan introduced the home microwave * Pablo Picasso born 1881 National Pasta Day	26 *Doonesbury* debuted 1970 by Gary Trudeau *Charles William Post born 1854 (of cereal fame) National Frankenstein Friday	27 Poet Dylan Thomas born 1914 National Make-a-difference Day
28 In 1886, Pres. Grover Cleveland dedicated the Statue of Liberty	29 *1969 the first host-to-host connection made via ARPANET, the genesis of the Internet * 1st modern ballpoint pens sold 1945	30 **Book Release: *Elevation*** by Stephen King * Rumble in the Jungle boxing match Muhammad Ali and George Foreman 1974	31 John Candy born 1950 **NCompassLive**	*National Sarcastic Awareness Month *National Cookie Month *National Reading Group Month *National Bullying Prevention Month *National Apple Month	*National Cyber Security Awareness Month *Vegetarian Awareness Month *National Breast Cancer Awareness Month *National Seafood Month	*American Archives Month *National Computer Learning Month

Did you know?

Our Nebraska Library Commission has an awesome website where anyone can find information about just about anything! http://nlc.nebraska.gov/Govdocs/resources.aspx

Resources for Government Information

Ask a Librarian	Email, chat, or telephone the Library Commission reference desk. Links to Nebraska FAQs; State Government Publications Online; Subject Guide to Nebraska State Government Information; Federal, State, County, and Local Government links; and the Library Commission Online Catalog.
Online State Documents	Links to State Government Publications Online, NLC Online Catalog, lists of new online documents, and pages outlining how our electronic state documents program works.
FedStats	Gateway to statistics posted by over 100 federal agencies.
Google Government Search	Searches federal and state government web sites.
Government/Elections/Law	Links from NebraskAccess to sites for Census, Copyright, Elections and Politics, Elected Officials, Embassies, Local, County, State, Federal, International, Law, Patents, etc.
FDsys:GPO's Federal Digital System	Formerly called GPO Access, this site from the Government Printing Office offers free access to Congressional hearings, reports, bills, public and private laws, the U.S. Code, Federal Register, Code of Federal Regulations, and much more. Advanced searching or browsing by collection, Congressional committee and date.
Statistics about Nebraska Counties and Towns	Nebraska Databook, Property tax statistics, Income and poverty statistics, etc.
Nebraska Frequently Asked Questions	Answers to Nebraska-related questions like age of majority, birth certificates, business startup, consumer complaints, contractor's licenses, drivers licenses, elected officials, elections, genealogy, governors, landlord-tenant, legal forms, lemon laws, marriage licenses, mechanics liens, professional licenses, school report information, sex offender registry, state laws, regulations and legislative bills, state capitol, state senators, state symbols, tax forms, unclaimed property, etc.
Nebraska Legislators, Past and Present	Brief information about persons serving in the Nebraska legislature.
State of Nebraska Official Website	Services topically arranged for citizens, businesses, visitors, links to agency web sites, subscriber portal for fee-based services, etc.
Subject Guide to Nebraska State Government	State agencies grouped by topics and services.
What's Up Doc	An electronic blog and publication listing new state and federal documents received, postings about documents in the news and highlights of Clearinghouse activities.

Here are some titles from the Nebraska Library Commission Collection for outreach to the WIC program. As always,–please contact nlc.ask@nebraska.gov if you'd like to check out any of these tiles. Thanks.

Animal Shenanigans: Twenty-Four Creative, Interactive Story Programs for Preschoolers, Synopsis here, by Rob Reid, Z718.3 .R44 2015

Baby Storytime Magic: Active Early Literacy Through Bounces, Rhymes, Tickles, and More, Synopsis here, by Kathy MacMillan and Christine Kirker ; with illustrations by Melanie Fitz, Z718.3 .M247 2014

Connecting Children with Classics: a Reader-Centered Approach to Selecting and Promoting Great Literature, Synopsis here, by Meagan Lacy and Pauline Dewan ; foreword by Catherine Sheldrick Ross, Z1037.A1 L21 2018

Crash Course in Family Literacy Programs, Synopsis here, by Rosemary Chance and Laura Sheneman, LC151 .C425 2012

Information Services to Diverse Populations: Developing Culturally Competent Library Professionals, Synopsis here, by Nicole A. Cooke, Z711.8 .C66 2017

Summer Matters: Making All Learning Count, Synopsis here, by Elizabeth M. McChesney, Bryan W. Wunar ; with illustrations by Steve Musgrave, Z718.3 .M38 2017

Bringing Libraries to WIC; Public libraries and the Women, Infants, and Children program partner on early literacy and health, by Terra Dankowski, in American Libraries, online, June 1, 2018: https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2018/06/01/bringing-libraries-to-wic/

To search the Nebraska Library Commission Catalog, go to http://nlc.nebraska.gov/opac, and search on: *children reading, family literacy, multicultural programs, baby programs, health library*

The Library Commission also has library science titles you can request and keep, via the Giveaways from the Nebraska Library Commission page: http://nlc.nebraska.gov/ref/giveaway_LIS.aspx.

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Summer Reading at Morrill Public Library

"This year for Libraries Rock we had 52 children, 9 teens, and 11 adults who participated." The top four "super readers" were:

Ella: 17,925 pages

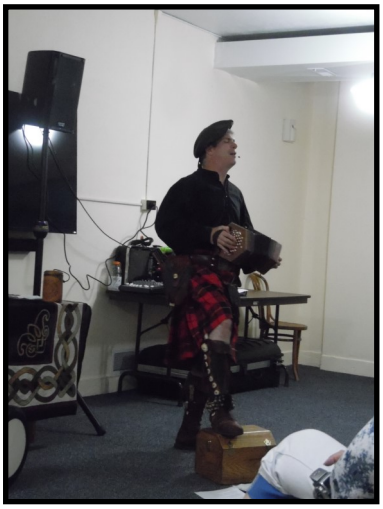
Zoe: 6500 pages

Hayden: 6000 pages

Cecila: 5000 pages.

Wow! Congratulations!

Morrill Public Library hosted the "Kilted Man" who does mostly Scottish music, but throws a few Irish tunes in as well. Sarah says, "He not only sings, but he tells the kids about the instruments he has and tells jokes."



Morrill Public Library Presents:

Senior Chair Yoga!

Starting Monday, Aug. 6th from 1:00-2:00

Try an easy to do yoga from a chair, not the floor. Call Sarah for more information.

Happenings in our system:

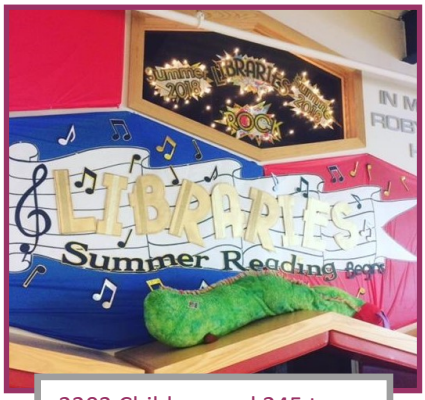
The annual Harvest Festival at the Legacy of the Plains Museum will be held on September 15th and 16th. Come see a restored Jayhawk Stacker!

Dundy County Library and the Dundy County Sheriff's Department Collaborate on Women's Self Defense Class

The Dundy County Library and the Dundy County Sheriff's Department collaborated on a self defense class for women, on June 6, 2018. There were about thirty women and girls in attendance to the class taught by Dundy County Sheriff Justin Nichols in the weight room at the Dundy County-Stratton High School in Benkelman. The class lasted about an hour with instruction on basic self-defense techniques. Nichols demonstrated to the class how to stand, punch, and kick and where to land the punches and kicks. Overall, the class was very well attended. There is the possibility of further classes to come.

The West Nebraska Family Research & History Center hosted former Scottsbluff resident Eduardo Hernandez Chavez, author of the book *Elvira: A Mexican Immigrant Woman*. He came on June 30th for a morning of discussion and book signing. "The memoir is the intriguing personal story of Elvira C. Hernandez (nee Elvira Chavez), a girl whose family fled Chalchihuites, Zacatecas in 1916, at the height of the Mexican Revolution, seeking safety in a land once alien, now native. Ever intent on finding a more gainful life, Elvira's father uprooted his family, moving them to Scottsbluff, NE. Elvira was to live in Scottsbluff for the rest of her life."

Summer Reading Programming from Lied Scottsbluff Public Library



2203 Children and 245 teens registered

1889 children and 165 teens completed program

Noelle Thompson, Miss Kool-Aid Days, and Deb Carlson visit Longfellow Elementary to promote Summer Reading

Theatre West performed "Adventures in Storyland" for Scottsbluff patrons

FACT or FICTION?

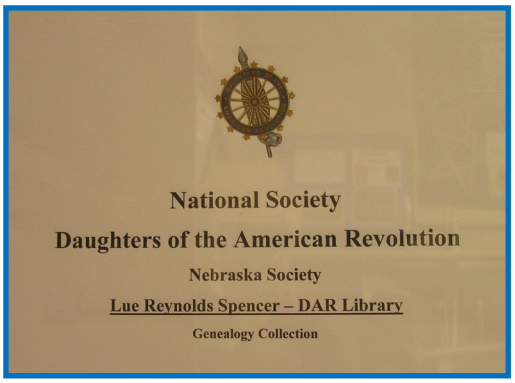
Don't be duped by misinformation on the internet! Use Freddie's 10 tips to "ferret" out fake news.

1. **Read beyond the headline.**
   What's the whole story? Be wary of clickbait!
2. **Consider the source.**
   Is it objective, impartial, unbiased?
3. **Check the author(s).**
   Are they real? What makes them experts?
4. **Check the date.**
   When was the information published? Has it been revised or updated?
5. **Check the links.**
   Are they working? Too many broken links should raise a red flag.
6. **Check the comments.**
   Many call out the article for being fake or misleading.
7. **Evaluate supporting quotes.**
   Who or what is being quoted? Is the source real? Is it credible?
8. **Ask: "Is this a joke?"**
   Satirical articles are not reliable sources for research.
9. **Ask: "Are my own beliefs affecting my judgment?"**
   Be aware of confirmation bias.
10. **Conduct a reverse image search.**
    A photo used in multiple stories may not be trustworthy.

Ask your librarian for more information.

EBSCO

I traveled to the Knight Museum & Sandhills Center in Alliance to meet with Ellen White in the Lue Reynolds Spencer - DAR Library: Genealogy Collection. I honestly did not even realize it was there. It isn't too large, but filled with books for research in family history, specifically for DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution). One of the highlights for me was the collection of *Nebraska Cattlemen* magazine the "Hello There" section. This is a collection of the articles that highlight Nebraska families who are and have been cattlemen, with pictures, and information about their families. We will be hearing more from Ellen in the upcoming issues of the newsletter highlighting certain books or series that can be found in this little library.



Book Repair Workshop August 24th:

Did you know that Kapco glue doesn't break down or dry out? (unless you freeze it!) The participants of the book repair workshop learned this and so much more! Kary Barth presented a very interesting workshop to help with everyday book repair problems. All participants took home samples and a prize.

Riders on the Orphan Train August 24th at Lied Scottsbluff Public Library

Alison Moore and Phil Lancaster presented a program they have developed to spread the story of the largest children migration in history. Their presentation showcases the 250,000 orphans and unwanted children who were put on trains in New York between 1854 and 1929 and sent all over the United States to be given away to new families. I had not heard of this huge "migration" until I read the Orphan Train series by Joan Lowry Nixon, and later a Golden Sower Nominee by Andrea Warren. Allison pointed out in her talk that Nebraska was the first state to actually include this piece of history in their Social Studies text books (5th grade level) last year. A question after the presentation was, "What happened if the child was not taken in by a family?" They were sent back to New York! I knew that some of the children were orphans, and I had read that some were from families who could not take care of them. I find it hard to imagine the huge number, but seeing actual photographs puts it in true perspective. They were real children, some who went to good homes, and some, unfortunately, not so good.

Lied Scottsbluff Public Library is the next on the list for the public libraries who have received the Innovation Studio Grant. They will be getting their Studio set up September 17-26, and will then be available to the public.

The last go-round for the Innovation Studio's Grant went to three of our area libraries: Chadron PL, Kimball PL, and Grant PL. Congratulations!!

P.S. Guess what? There are still four more grants available! Does your library have what it takes to be in the running for an Innovation Studio, or mini studio? Think about it and let us know if we can help you get that great opportunity for your library.

If you weren't able to attend this year's WLS annual meeting, you missed an exceptional get-together. The Chappell Library staff and their Friends of the library were most welcoming, with book bags and cookbooks donated by the Friends group given to each attendee. They have a beautiful building and two amazing collections. The prizes were also great: quilted "coasters" made by Kathy Terrell and vases of flowers etched by Tammy Covalt with equipment they have in their traveling maker space. As always, getting to visit with fellow librarians from around the System was a highlight of the day.

One of the comments made on the evaluation form was how nice it was to have the meeting in a "central" location. When your System is as big as ours, it's hard to find a place that is central for everyone, so the Board hopes you will all keep in mind that what is central for you is quite a drive for someone else. That is why we try to rotate the meeting around the System, from North (Chadron, Rushville, Alliance) to Central (Scottsbluff, Gering, Mitchell) to South (Sidney, Ogallala, Oshkosh). Thanks from the System Board to everyone who made this such an enjoyable meeting. Maryruth Reed, Board President.

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