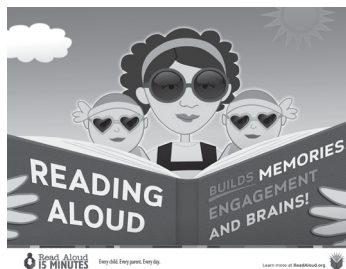


READING MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

There is a new national campaign gaining traction across the nation AND in Lincoln Nebraska! Lincoln City Libraries is getting ready to embark on a new program that encourages all of us to read to a child for 15 minutes each day. The benefits of this relatively easy activity are astronomical for us all, not just the child! Lincoln City Libraries Director, Pat Leach, announced the program at the Prosper Lincoln breakfast on February 10th. A thousand heads were nodding throughout the room, as people learned of the program and its benefits, and realized that a simple activity like “reading to a child for 15 minutes each day” could broaden the horizons of each child and has the potential of changing the landscape of Lincoln’s future.

The new program is one of Lincoln City Libraries efforts in being part of the solution to the issues raised in the Prosper Lincoln efforts. Prosper Lincoln presented three goals - Early Childhood, Employment Skills, and Innovation - with this reading program a perfect program to meet the Early Childhood goal to Lift Lincoln Higher by nurturing every child on the path to success.



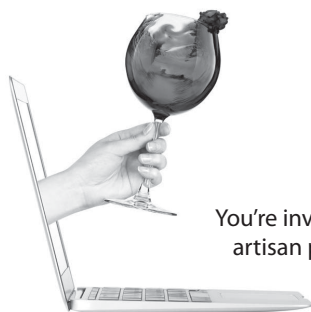
Prosper Lincoln explains that the Early Childhood goal creates equal opportunities for all children to learn and grow in their early years which is vital to Lincoln’s prosperity. Lincoln City Libraries is bringing the Read Aloud 15 minutes program to Lincoln because research has proven that the simple activity of reading to a child gives each child a head start in language and literacy skills and enters school better prepared to learn. This program also nurtures family life, which creates an environment for the child to enter school ready to learn. Lincoln benefits because we have a community of better educated citizens who are grow into involved and creative citizens. Please visit the Prosper Lincoln website for additional information to learn more about each goal.

How can we help? Read to your grandchildren. Read to a neighbor child – the parents will love you! Visit one of Lincoln City Libraries Book Nooks and buy a children’s book and give it to a child who may not own a book. Encourage everyone you know to get a library card, because they can borrow books to read to a child for FREE! P.S. You’ll love the bonding time with the child even more than the child!

WINE & E

supporting technology in Lincoln City Libraries

The Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries will host its annual Wine & E fundraiser to support technology in Lincoln City Libraries on April 21, 6-9 p.m. at the Country Club of Lincoln, 3200 S. 24th. Enjoy this casual evening of Artisan pizza and a wine tasting bar. The silent auction, featuring unique, one-of-a-kind items - including a diamond necklace, baskets of interesting wines, chocolates and delectable, and much more - will close at 8:30. Bring your friends and family and join the fun! Tickets: www.foundationforlcl.com. For more information E-mail foundationforlcl@gmail.com or call Gail McNair 402-441-0164.



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You’re invited for a special evening complete with artisan pizza and our silent auction of intriguing experiences and unique treasures.

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CLAYTON ANDERSON AT WALT LIBRARY

Nebraska's own Astronaut, Ashland native Clayton Anderson, spoke at Walt Branch Library on Thursday, December 3, 2016. Mr. Anderson spoke to a room full of young astronaut wanna-a-be's and their parents, astronaut wish-it-were me's! Mr. Anderson has recently published his book, *The Ordinary Spaceman: From Boyhood Dreams to Astronaut*, and entertained us all with stories from his life on earth and his experiences in space – all included in the book.

His friend and fellow Nebraskan, Larry the Cable Guy, called while Mr. Anderson was speaking and relayed his message... "Git 'er Done!" Clay spoke especially to the group of youngsters in the room, telling his story of applying fifteen times over fifteen years to become an astronaut. As Nebraska's own Olympic Gold Medalist Curt Tomasevicz said, "Clay proves that life is what you make of it!" Clay made us laugh and made us cry with him, as he flew over Nebraska as he returned to earth after spending six months on the space station.

Mr. Anderson is an inspiration to us all! He is retired after a thirty-year career with NASA. He lives in Texas with his family, but returns frequently to the Midwest, as his son is a student at Iowa State. This event was sponsored by the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries, and Mr. Anderson generously shared his time without any cost to the Foundation. A portion of his books sold that evening were returned to the Jane Pope Geske Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors Endowment Fund.



Astronaut Clayton Anderson explains his uniform patches to a future astronaut.

CLAYTON C. ANDERSON
**THE ORDINARY
SPACEMAN**
From Boyhood Dreams to Astronaut
Foreword by NEVADA BARR



Astronaut Clayton Anderson will be at Eiseley Branch Library on Sunday, March 13, 1:30 p.m. to share his story. Bring the family and enjoy this wonderful opportunity! Mr. Anderson will again be available to sign his books.

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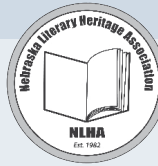
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LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY: NOON AT BENNET MARTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

March 2: Pat Leach, Library Director, Lincoln City Libraries

Notable Books from The American Library Association

April 6: Phyllis Moore, fiber artist and essayist. *From Sampler to Sunset*

A show-and-tell of Moore's earliest quilt to the present day. Includes work-in-progress. Moore is the author of *The Space Between Stars* (2011), a collection of quilt essays, and exhibits of her work can be seen at Hillestad Gallery on UNL's East Campus. Moore creates quilts in winter and gardens in summer. She has a Master of Arts degree in English from Utah State University with additional work from Columbia University, NYC; and she studied poetry writing with Hilda Raz at UNL.

The Nebraska Literary Heritage Association Presents

FLOAT LIKE A BUTTERFLY, SPELL LIKE A BEE



32nd Annual Adult Spelling Bee

Tuesday, March 29, 2016
6 PM Socializing
7 PM NLHA Heritage Award presented by Pat Leach, Director of Lincoln City Libraries

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This unique resource is located at Bennett Martin Public Library.

NE150 BOOKS

In conjunction with the Nebraska Sesquicentennial, the NLHA has been preparing a selection of 150 noteworthy books by Nebraska authors. Here's a preview of some of the selections:



The Swan Gondola, Timothy Schaffert

Schaffert's novel of romance, mystery, and the strange, is set during the 1898 Omaha World's Fair, which, in turn, inspired *The Wizard of Oz*.

A Cycle of the West, John G. Neihardt

Neihardt's epic poem traces the settling of the American West in the 19th century, featuring the

harrowing survival story of Hugh Glass, subject of the new film *The Revenant*, starring Leonardo DiCaprio



The Niobrara: A River Running Through Time, Paul Johnsgard

Johnsgard explores the geological and human history of the river at Nebraska's northern boundary, combining scientific narrative with human story.

Winter Thunder, Mari Sandoz

Sandoz's short novel about the blizzard of 1949 captures the overwhelming power of nature, while showing the bravery and fortitude of a group of children caught in the storm.



Prairie University, Robert Knoll

The story of our flagship university and its mission to be one of the great institutions of learning on the Great Plains.

AUTHOR MEMBER PROFILE

CHARLENE NEELY



Charlene reading at the Cather Center.

This year's NLHA Author Member Charlene Neely is a poet and a grandmother. Her new book *The Lights of Lincoln* will appear in spring 2016 from Infusion Media. Her poems have appeared in *Naugatuck River Review*, *Lincoln Underground*, *Nebraska Presence*, and *Times of Sorrow, Times of Grace*. She enjoys working with kids at the public schools.

How did you come to poetry? In other words, what led you to become a poet?

My parents and grandmother read poetry to me from the earliest I can remember. And they made poetry books available always. Frost and Reilly are two early poets I was introduced to. My Dad made weekly forays to Long's Bookstore (about 18th & O in the 40's) and came home with a sack full of books of all kinds – how to's, fiction, encyclopedias, poetry -, which my siblings and I read voraciously. Add to that *Post*, *Life*, *Hardware Age* and *National Geographic* which arrived monthly in the mail. There was always something to read in our house.

What do you like most about writing poetry?

I love to play with words, their sound, their look on the page, and how they can tell a story when you least expect it.

What poets or other writers inspired you?

James Whitcomb Reilly always and whatever new (to me) poet I have just stumbled upon.

What are some of your favorite books?

In fiction I just finished *The Boob Girls* by Joy Johnson (a Nebraska author) and *The Pledge of Silence* by Flora J. Solomon, about an army nurse in the Philippines during WWII and her life after that. The poetry books on my table just now are Louise Gluck's *The First Four Books of Poems*, and several by Laura Madeline Wiseman (a Nebraska poet). Books by Marge Saiser and Robert Wrigley's *Moon in a Mason Jar* are seldom on the shelf.

CURATOR'S CORNER

By Erin Willis

My attention is drawn time and again to the many beautiful books in the Heritage Room collection; the physical form and visual aspects of so many books are equally as beautiful as the text within. The conception and production of books as an art form continues to evolve, and Nebraska has a rich variety of books that are distinguished not only by prose and poetry, but by sophisticated design with attention to artistry, typography, presswork and bookbinding. The Heritage Room contains many such books, whose aesthetic aspects are as exemplary as the literary content.

It has been the tradition of the NLHA to celebrate the art of the book in all forms. The artistry of Fine Press Printing is being celebrated this year in honor of the 100th birthday of the venerable Harry Duncan. Known as "the father of the modern private-press movement," Duncan was a Nebraska poet and artisan book publisher whose influence can be seen in fine book printing worldwide. Duncan lived by the philosophy that the book "shouldn't get in the way of the poetry, but that it should act as a window to the world." Many Fine Press books by Nebraska authors and poets have been preserved by the Heritage Room, with the books serving to illuminate the creative process and literary accomplishments of the writers.

The Spring John H. Ames reading series will showcase some of the beautiful books of poetry by modern Nebraska poets. On Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 2pm, the Heritage Room will host Steve Langan, Bradford Tice, and Laura Madeline Wiseman. Steve Langan was inspired by Harry Duncan from an early age and was drawn to the composition and construction of Duncan's publications. His 2015 book of poetry, *What it Looks Like, How it Flies*, is a fitting homage to the Nebraska printing legend who inspired its creation.

Bradford Tice is a poet and short story writer whose work published widely in poetry reviews. His story "Missionaries" was selected by Salman Rushdie for the *Best American Short Stories* 2008 anthology and he won *Prairie Schooner's* 2009 Edward Stanley Award for poetry.

Laura Madeline Wiseman's collaborative book with artist Sally Deskins, *Intimates and Fools*, celebrates the intimates we keep so close to the heart. It was selected as an Honor Book for the 2015 Nebraska Book Award for Cover/Design/Illustration.



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Winner announced at 10:30 a.m.



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Save the dates for the 2016 Book sale:

Thursday, October 27 through Sunday, October 30. The Pre-sale ticketed fundraiser will be held on Wednesday, October 26th. Volunteers are needed starting on Monday October 24th for set-up and will continue throughout the week. If you have books to donate, please drop them off at Eiseley Branch, Gere Branch, and Walt Branch or call 402-441-0164. Books are accepted throughout the year and qualify as a tax deductible donation.



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