

## A GREAT CITY REQUIRES A GREAT LIBRARY



*Artistic Rendering of a new central library on the p.s.*

A city that values education as Lincoln does deserves a strong library system with a new 21st Century Central Library at its core. The Lincoln City Library Board and the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries want to build a new 21st Century Central Library to meet the needs of our growing community for the next 50 years.

A new Central library will serve as the administrative headquarters for the Lincoln City Libraries Public Library system and will meet the needs of the 8 branch libraries and the Lied Bookmobile. This new facility will also serve its neighborhood, which has the largest and most economically challenged population base in our city. It will play a leadership role in our new information-based world and feature:

- Appealing areas for children and youth that focus on preparing for school, succeeding academically, using technology effectively, and becoming lifelong learners. They may look like fun play areas, but they support effective education.
- Welcoming spaces for people to study, tutor, and gather together. Libraries have been shifting from emphasizing space for books and other items to providing space for people to use the library in various ways, a trend that will continue in the future.
- Up-to-date technology that addresses a remarkable variety of needs, from low income families needing broadband access, to creative entrepreneurs using wireless, to people

applying for jobs, to students with their school-issued tablets and other devices.

Studies released in 2003 and 2012 determined that Bennett Martin Public Library, Lincoln's Main Library, is no longer able to meet the future service needs of our community in this changing world.

- Bennett Martin Public Library is not representative of the quality of our city.
- Bennett Martin Public Library opened in 1962, and was expanded twice; is expensive to maintain due to aging equipment, roofs, and other systems; and its inefficient floorplan creates limitations in use of space, staff, and effective security.
- Approximately 650 people visit Bennett Martin Public Library each day, very similar to the numbers who visit the downtown YMCA or the Lincoln Children's Museum, so we know that our citizens value and use Libraries.

The 2012 Vision and Concept study estimated that a new central library would cost approximately \$43 million. The \$55 million project amount reflects the addition of a system-wide upgrade of the branch libraries throughout the city, as well as the inflation factor from 2012 to 2018, the potential beginning of construction and demolition. A bond issue will be determined by the success of a capitol campaign which will provide private support and decrease the bond amount.

The last few years have seen unparalleled growth and redevelopment in Lincoln's downtown. Continued planned investment will spread that progress and strengthen the city. This is the perfect time to invest in Lincoln's libraries. A great city requires a great library!



MSR

*Multi-use site-Library and partner*

SINCLAIR BUILDING ARCHITECTS

# FRIENDS

of Lincoln City Libraries

## 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



*Pat Wiseman, Kay Green, Kim Wiseman*

The Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries celebrated its 60th Anniversary Saturday, March 28 at the PlaMor Ballroom. Our guests - some wearing poodle skirts, blue jeans, leather jackets, and saddle shoes - danced the night away to music of the 50s and 60s, thanks to legendary DJ Craig Estudillo. Kim Morock and her staff at the catering company Tastefully Yours provided delicious treats of the era, including Tastes and malts. Thanks to donations from generous people throughout the community, the Silent Auction was a huge success! The event and silent auction proceeds provide support the electronic services of Lincoln City Libraries. Thanks to our event sponsors and guests for ensuring the event's success! A good time was had by all!!



*Brenda Ealey, Julie Beno*

## SAVE THE DATE!

The 2016  
Wine & E  
will be held on  
Thursday, April  
28, 2016,  
at the Country  
Club of Lincoln.  
More information  
to come!



# DONORS

## 2015 MEMBERS

### Pulitzer (\$5,000+)

Herb & Dianna Schimek

### First Edition (\$2,500+)

Sue & Ed Tricker

### Epic (\$1,000-\$2,500)

Pat Leach

Lynn Roper/Merrill Lynch

### Best Seller (\$500-\$999)

Barbara Hansen

### Novel (\$250-\$499)

Brian & Teresa Chaffin

Curt & Kandy Denker

Georgia Glass

Tom & Nancy Graul

Edmund Hamann

Ben & Maja Harris

Julie Hector

Frank & Liz Hilsabeck

James Johnson

Alison Knudsen

Jessica McMullen

Melissa Newton

Nancy Raun

Susan Steider

Anne White

### Short Story (\$100-\$249)

Alan Worth & Linda Ager

Nancy Anderson

David Bagby

Erin Blankenship

Anita Breckbill

Bethany Brunsman

Amy Cassner-Sems

Catherine Chia

Sheri Christen

Rod & Laurie Confer

Penni Cummings

Cynthia Davis

Jennifer Davis

Chip & Lisa DeBuse

Steven Dunbar

Kasey Ferris

Randall Hinrichs

Kathy Jeune

Susan Johnson

Adam Lenzen

Sara Luther

Christopher Marks

Jill Marshall

Rogert McCammon

Carol McShane

Sara Morgan

Kathryn Murtha

LeEtta Nelson

Francine Oran

Mary Reiman

Eric Sergeant

Tedde Taege

Art & Carol Thompson

Linsay Tillinghast

Rich & Karen Vierk

Dwight Wigg

Andrew & Erin Willis

Alan Worth

### Book Lover (\$50-\$99)

Rebecca Barnes

Tammy Beck

Brian & Candiss Bock

Paul Cepure

Vicki Clarke

Geraldine Cox

Lou Davidson

Ron & Shirley Doan

Anita Rose Ducey

Toni Dutton

Greg Gilmour

Jessica Greenwald

Erin Hall

Erika Hamilton

Leslie Hawley

Peter Jorgensen

Elizabeth Lorang

Cynthia Maddux

Ann Martinez

Rob McMaster

Rosalind Morris

Monica Norby

Ellen Paparozzi

Laurie & Joe Petty

Tan Pham

Bryan Rettig

Larry Scherer

Danielle Smith

Nancy & Ron Smith

Chris Steffens

Peter Uhring

Michael & Jane Voorhies

Kendra Wiebe

Courtney Young

Shalla Young

### Book Worm (\$25-\$49)

Patty Beutler

Sharon Bishop

Kathryn Brockmeier

Mary Cassner

Barbara DiBernard

Douglas & Margaret Gibson

Kathleen Glenn

Donna Gustafson

Evelyn Harris Haller

Nick Hernandez

Jane Hood

Kathryn Kelley

Jeff Kirckpatrick & Glenda Pierce

Jill Ann Larrew

Joseph Leazer

Sherry McCranie

Jessica McMullen

Charlene Neely

Rhonda Neely

James Purtzer

Jodi Rethmeier

Sabrina Riley

John Rodriquez

Susan Schoen

Pearl Strobe

Steve & Carol Swanson

Candace Schweiger

Jess & Autum Sweley

Dianna Seiffert

Jennifer Snyder

Barbara Strauss

Nga Vu

Stacey Walsh

Elizabeth Walter-Shea

Norma Wiegert

### Give to Lincoln Day Supporting the Summer Reading Program

Jane Aalborg

Ken & Pat Backemeyer

Richard Bagby

David Bagby

Rich Bailey

Ed & Margaret Bates

Jennifer Becwar

Brian & Candiss Bock

Bob & Judi Burton

Jack & Sally Campbell

Brian & Teresa Chaffin

Foster Collins

Rod & Laurie Confer

Kim Cook

Curt & Kandy Denker

Jennifer Doll

Sonya Ekart & Ron Kalihoff

Polly Feis

Alan Frank & Barbara Johnson

Jessica Freeman

Cheryl Frizzell

Bridget Furry

Beth Goble

James Goeke

Tom Grafton

Regy & Kay Green

Jessica Greenwald

Mark Grimes

John & Nancy Haessler

Stefanie Hamilton

Ben & Maja Harris

Trudy Hines

Peter & Wynn Hjermsstad

Jane Renner Hood

Barbara Jacobson

James Johnson

Bruce Johnson & Barbara Hoppe

Johnson

Nicole Juranek

Joe & Rita Kean

Kathryn & Brian Kelly

David Kleopfer

Ken & Liz Koop

Evelyn Kubert

Peter & Nancy Larimer

Pat Leach

Greta Leach

Lucy Lien

Roger & Dr. Ann Lott

Gary & Cindy Love

Richard & Wilda Lyons

Todd & Robin Martin

Dan & Donna Marvin

Christina Mayer

Gail McNair

Kevin Miller

Patte Newman & Darrell Klein

Samantha Niemeyer

Mary Sue Pardee

Becky Pasco

Marc & Denise Pearce

Sheppard & Marlene Perkins

Joe & Laurie Petty

Kathie Putensen

Jill Riley

Travis Russell

Tom & Roxann Sattler

Herb & DiAnna Schimek

Will Sheehan

William Snyder

Ryan Sothan & Cori Amend

Sara Stephenson

April Stevenson

Gene & Kristen Stohs

Ron & Camilla Svoboda

The Mill/Dan & Tamara Sloan

Michele Tilley

Ed & Sue Tricker

George & Mary Lynn Tuck

Laura Uridil

Anne Vidaver

Kevin & Boots Wailes

Phillip Waldron

Brendan Wamstad-Evans

Mary Wegner

Mary Welty

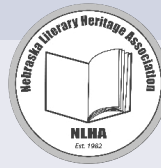
Tom White & Kim Hachiya

Yan Xi

# NLHA

Nebraska Literary Heritage Association

NLHA provides support for the Jane Pope Geske Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors



## HERITAGE ROOM ANNUAL MEETING

The 2015 Nebraska Literary Heritage Association Annual Meeting was held at Bennet Martin Public Library on April 19. Out-going president Wendy Johnson spoke on the organizational accomplishments over the course of the year and honored curator Meredith McGowan on the occasion of her



retirement after ten years of service. The board also thanked Kathryn Kelley for her service as interim curator and welcomed new curator Erin Willis, who reported on Heritage Room activities. Gloria Strobe was introduced as the 2015-16 president, serving for a second term.

Nick Hernandez will serve as vice president. New board members were elected to the board, including Ernesto Castillo, Deborah Coyle, Janet Hyde, Meredith McGowan, Jodi Rethmeier, Pearl Strobe, and Autumn Sweley. The meeting concluded with Author Member Mark McKusick's lively and thought-provoking presentation about his book *Boxes: The Secret Life of Howard Hughes*, which makes the case that the eccentric billionaire lived in anonymity years after his reported death. Charlene Neely was announced as Author Member for the upcoming year.

## LINCOLN STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE KLOEFKORN PARADE

Eloise Kloefkorn rode in a Thunderbird as Grand Marshal of the Grand Parade as students of Kloefkorn Elementary School walked in honor of her husband, the late William Kloefkorn, Nebraska State Poet and their school's namesake.



The Parade is an annual celebration at the end of each school year. Students wore Kloefkorn-inspired plaid shirts and carried items symbolic in the life of Mr. Kloefkorn, such as musical instruments, kites, pigs, and moustaches. Onlookers, also wearing plaid shirts, lined the streets to cheer.



Bill Kloefkorn served on the NLHA board and was a supporter of NLHA and leader of the Writer's Write Workshops for 8th graders in the Heritage Room for many years. He was the author of twelve collections of poetry, two short story collections, several children's Christmas stories, and four memoirs. The professor emeritus of English at Nebraska Wesleyan University died in May 2011 at the age of 79.

## GREETINGS FROM NEW NLHA PRESIDENT GLORIA STROBE

I am a retired elementary teacher. I taught in Omaha, Mobile, AL, and Louisville, KY. I lived away from Nebraska for 25 years and moved back to Lincoln in 2004. Growing up in Falls City, NE, I had three career aspirations: I wanted to work in a green house, be a teacher, or be a librarian. I'm an avid reader and have always had a love of Nebraska history and literature. I have kept a list of all the books I have read since 1982.



I have been a member of NLHA for almost a decade, participating in many activities and on many committees, and will be serving a second term as president. During this time, I have developed a real passion for the Jane Pope Geske Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors.

In my 2015-2016 year as president of NLHA, the board and I will continue to encourage the promotion of the Heritage Room and through outreach by our new curator, Erin Willis.

With Nebraska's 150th birthday coming in 2017, there is the opportunity for NLHA to enrich Nebraskans' appreciation and understanding of our beloved state. To accomplish this, board members will develop annotated reading lists for adults, young adults, and children, drawn from the Heritage Room collection. We can share these lists with libraries and related groups throughout the state.

Hopefully the board will approve a proposal to develop an ongoing relationship with the Nebraska State Historical Society.

In the years I have been involved in NLHA, I have observed positive growth in this organization and I look forward to maintaining that momentum.

## 2015 NLHA SPELLING BEE A HUGE SUCCESS

By Jenni Jex and Jessika Gilmore

A large audience enjoyed delicious food and drink, the antics of John Baylor, costumed little bees buzzing about, and 18 spellers who made their way through a challenging array of words at Lincoln's Single Barrel Chop House & Whiskey Bar on April 23. In the end, Aimee Allard, a PhD candidate in 20th Century American Literature at UNL, was pitted against four-time champion Larry Day. After a back and forth battle that saw many extraordinarily difficult words, the judges called a draw; both spellers were declared winners, and presented with yummy prizes courtesy of Nothing Bundt Cakes.



Money raised through contestant fees, ticket sales, letter sponsorships, and silent auction goods go to the Jane Pope Geske Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors at Bennett Martin Public Library and benefit a variety of programs, including Lunch at the Library, Read to Me, and Writer's Write, which are designed to

encourage an interest in reading and writing and to further knowledge and understanding of Nebraska authors in all age groups.

At the bee, NLHA's Literary Heritage Award was presented to Meredith McGowan, recently retired curator of the Heritage Room.

This year's sponsors were: A (Simply) A-MAIZE-N Popcorn & Snacks; B Bryan College of Health Sciences; C Covington, Louisianians for NLHA - Jim & Emily Wagner; D dancewares, inc.; E Eclipse Screen Printing, Embroidery, & More; F Ross & Emily Faubel; G Georgia's Grandpa & Grandma - Ron & Nancy Smith; H Huskerville; I It Works! Independent Consultant Jessikah Gilmore; J Kent & Terri Jex; K Klaus & Gisela Hartmann; L Pat Leach; M Max Muscle; N NLHA; O omt! divine resale; P Sheppard & Marlene Perkins;

Q Queen Bees - Marty Eischeid & Bonnie Williams; R Russ & Jenni Jex; S Single Barrel Chop House & Whiskey Bar; T Tico's; U Unparalleled Undergraduates at UNL - Bailey Jex & Friends; V Veterinarian Judy Mulder, DVM; W Rod & Diane; X X-tra Fun & X-citing - Gerry & Molly Fisher; Y Yia Yia's Pizza; Z ZSA Realty Group

Thanks to all the sponsors, participants, attendees, board members, and the staff at Single Barrel for making the 2015 Spelling Bee outstanding!

## CURATOR'S CORNER

By Erin Willis

I am honored and humbled to have the opportunity to serve the NLHA and the Jane Pope Geske Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors as its new curator. It is fortuitous that I should assume this role during the centenary year of the publication of Willa Cather *The Song of the Lark*. My first experience reading Willa Cather as a young adult was a revelation, and inspired my passion for Plains Literature, a passion that I pursued throughout my education and in my professional life.



In the first section of *The Song of the Lark* the protagonist, Thea, acquires her own room after years of constant turmoil in her family life and school obligations. The independence and responsibility of her new space gave her the opportunity for reimagining her abilities and aspirations. "She thought things out more clearly. Pleasant plans and ideas occurred to her which had never come before".

Like Thea, I feel like I have been given my own room. I can imagine innumerable possibilities and opportunities for the future of the Heritage Room! Like Thea, I feel I have the chance to be part of something extraordinary: to participate in the preservation, celebration and promotion of some of the great writers of the world, both past and present. I am honored to have the trust of the NLHA and heartened by the support of the many authors, board members, patrons and community members who have so warmly welcomed me to this new position.

My first responsibilities have been to build upon the established affiliations that share in the mission of the NLHA and the Heritage Room. The past few months have been dedicated to celebrating the works of Willa Cather through a number of programming events and partnerships in conjunction with the centenary of *The Song of the Lark*. These endeavors have provided occasions to showcase our significant collection of Cather materials.

While much attention is given to Willa Cather at present, the Heritage Room continues to serve as a daily resource for researches and general interest patrons. The visitors to the Heritage Room include school tours, book clubs, independent researchers, scholars, tourists visiting through the Be A Tourist Passport program, and occasionally visitors who wander in out of curiosity. The delight that patrons express in visiting the Heritage Room is a testament to the value of this collection. I am immensely proud when I share the treasures that have been collected and preserved during the past 65 years. It is a privilege to share in the Nebraska literary tradition.

# DONORS

## 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Catherine Angle  
Loel & Judy Berg  
Carl & Janet Eskridge  
Georgia Glass  
Norman & Ruth Griswold  
Chris & Julie Heinrich  
Jane Hood  
Inspro Insurance  
Lesley & Kent Jagers  
Cindy Love  
Martin & Ruth Massengale  
Roger & Margaret Miller  
Mark & Susan Musik  
John & Claudia Reinhardt  
Steve & Barbara Seglin  
Lori Teaford  
Marlene & Jim Wagner  
David Wysong  
Marge Young

### In Memory of.....

**Barbara Albers**  
Mark Albers  
**Bridgett Beall**  
John & Susan Hoppe  
Dawn & Brian Rockey  
**Kevin Colleran**  
Karen Colleran  
**Doris Edwards**  
Bessie England  
Marian S. Foged  
Hampton Commercial Construction  
**Tony Kirkpatrick**  
Jeff Kirkpatrick & Glenda Pierce  
**Jim McShane**  
Anne McShane  
**Duane L. (Whitey) Nelson**  
Kaye Banzhof  
Robert & Carmen Shively  
Mr. & Mrs. Phil Sorenson  
Steven Otto  
**Susan Kinyon**  
Mary Wegner  
**Beverly J. Sinovich**  
Ed & Sue Tricker  
**Betty Wilkin**  
Mr. Howard Hull  
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Milford

## Thanks to our sponsors:



Elizabeth Rubendall Trust



First National Bank



### In Honor of.....

**Michael Cartwright**  
Molly Fisher  
**Lincoln Teens**  
Christian Andersen

**Polley Music Library Endowment**  
MarySue Harris

## PROGRAM DONORS

B&R Stores, Inc.  
Community Services Fund  
Cooper Foundation  
Dillon Foundation  
Donlan Foundation/Margaret Donlan  
Lincoln Community Foundation/  
Cintani Fund  
Lincoln Industries  
Woods Charitable Fund, Inc.

**Special Events**  
**Coffee on the Dock at the Mill** -Dan & Tamara Sloan & Staff

**Heritage Room Endowment**  
Larry Bradley  
Morrie & Amy Tuttle  
Meredith & Tom McGowan  
Lana Nova  
Andrew & Erin Willis

# DANIEL BENNETT GROUP AT BENNETT MARTIN LIBRARY



The Daniel Bennett Group performed at Bennett Martin Public Library on June 6. This was one of Lincoln City Libraries First Friday events, popular events throughout Lincoln held on first Fridays of each month. An audience of approximately 100 enjoyed a unique mix of modern jazz and American Folk music, performed by this New York group.

The Daniel Bennett Group curates and performs in New York City's Triad Theatre's ongoing concert series, which is gaining critical acclaim throughout the New York area, according to Jim Macnie of the *Village Voice*. The group also travels throughout the country sharing their music, and stopped in Lincoln to promote their new cd and share their talents with a very appreciative audience.

## Join Today!

Membership expires December 31, 2015

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name to appear in newsletter)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in volunteering

A matching gift form will be sent from employer

You're invited to join one or both:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Friends of LCL

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ NLHA

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL

Check Payable to: Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries (Federal Tax ID#: 47-6032744)

Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Visa  Mastercard

Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name On Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit payment to:

Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries  
136 S. 14th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Or via website: [www.foundationforlcl.org](http://www.foundationforlcl.org)

# Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries

*For our Libraries. For our future.*

136 S. 14, 68508  
Lincoln, NE 68508  
402.441.0164  
www.foundationforlcl.org  
email: foundationforlcl@gmail.com

*If you have books to donate, call us or drop  
them off at any Lincoln City Library!*

Nonprofit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Permit# 1147  
Lincoln, NE



**Community  
Services Fund  
of Nebraska**

CommunityServicesFund.org

## ANNUAL BOOK SALE

**October 1 – 4, 2015  
Lancaster Event Center**

### **Public Sale (open and free to all):**

Thursday, October 1, 2015	10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Friday, October 2, 2015	10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Saturday, October 3, 2015	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday, October 4, 2015	10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### **Pre-Sale:**

Wednesday, September 30, 2015 | 4:30-8:30 p.m.  
\$40 for pre-registration or \$50 day of event  
\$35 for friends of LCL Members

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED MONDAY - SUNDAY**



### **Come Early – Shop Late! Cash & Carry!**

For information or to sign up to volunteer call:  
Gail (402.441.0164) or visit [www.foundationforlcl.org](http://www.foundationforlcl.org)  
Hosted by Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries.