

2017 ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Mark your calendars for the 2017 Annual Book Sale! The Public sale that's free to all **starts Thursday, October 26th and ends Sunday, October 29th at the Lancaster Event Center.** The Pre-sale fundraising event is **Wednesday, October 25th, 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** Tickets for Wednesday's event are available at foundationforlcl.org and are \$40 per person and includes a sandwich, sides, and a soft drink.

Many of Lincoln's residents are anxiously awaiting this really fun annual event. There are books for every age and interest. There's a special section for children and for teens. Movies and CDs are waiting to go to new homes. You can't believe until you see it! Join the fun!

If you're interested in volunteering to help, volunteers are needed throughout the week. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday are set-up days. Volunteers are also needed throughout the sale to work the event. Thanks to all who have helped in the past! The community event wouldn't happen without the tremendous support of the many volunteers! Groups such as Lincoln's own Parrott Heads help each year and add fun and frivolity to the event as we all listen to Jimmy Buffett music and wear festive clothing. If you belong to a group or want to help individually, please contact 402-441-0164 or email foundationforlcl@gmail.com.



Children's Area

COFFEE ON THE DOCK AT THE MILL

The dock at The Mill in The Haymarket was filled with readers enjoying the beautiful spring morning and anxiously awaiting the announcement of the three finalists of the 2017 finalists of Lincoln's very popular, city-wide reading program One Book, One Lincoln. The winner will be announced in September. The selections included:

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles
Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi
Moonglow by Michael Chabon

Thanks to The Mill owners Dan and Tamara Sloan and their staff for donating the dock space and the coffee sales to support Lincoln City Libraries. Thanks also to the many volunteers who have been reading books throughout the winter to determine the winner!



Pat Leach, LCL Director & David Smith, OBOL Chair



Crowds flow in for the Annual Book Sale



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A WORD FROM 2017–18 PRESIDENT JENNI JEX

Greetings! I'm busy preparing for my tenure as NLHA President and have set many goals that will further promote the organization's mission and purpose for the new programming year. In keeping with the momentum started by "Nebraska 150 Books" and "Nebraska 150 Reading Challenge," I hope to continue to bring statewide awareness to NLHA and the Heritage Room by adding to our programming, promoting our services, and strengthening our partnerships.

Of special interest to me is NLHA's annual spelling bee fundraiser. This will be my fourth year chairing the event, and with it comes another chance to research and implement new ways of broadening its fanbase and increasing its revenue. During the last few years, I've watched the spelling bee grow from a quiet, underground gathering to a full-scale event. I'm proud to say that last year's was the biggest and best ever; it far surpassed expectation by bringing a standing room only crowd and raising over \$6500 for the Heritage Room and its endowment fund. I would personally like to thank everyone who had a role in that. Stay tuned for more information on this year's!

As a stay-at-home mom, I spend most of my time with my kids, Bailey (21), Brady (16), Barrett (11), and Brody (9). I enjoy having the opportunity to volunteer for groups like NLHA because it provides me with an outlet to share my skills, challenge my mind, and better my community. (And, let's face it, I get to leave the house in legitimate clothes once in awhile and interact with adults.)

My kids and I are just getting off a summer filled with baseball games, baseball games, and more baseball games. (Fortunately they were accompanied by intermittent spurts of camps and vacations to keep us sane.) With school starting, I expect to have a little free time to study for my medical school entrance exam. Someday I hope to be a neurologist or neurosurgeon and subspecialize in mental health disorders, such as addiction and depression. In the meantime, though, you can usually find me hunkered down at my laptop, working on my latest volunteer project. (And in the case of one dealing with the spelling bee, probably wearing bee antennae for inspiration.)

2017 SPELLING BEE

On the evening of Wednesday, April 26, 2017, friends of the Nebraska Literary Heritage Association gathered at the Single Barrel for its annual literary award presentation and spelling bee fundraiser. John Baylor emceed once again, and his entertaining, witty personality was enjoyed by all who attended.



Brady the Bee

The 30th Annual Literary Heritage Award was given to Roger Welsh, a lifelong Nebraskan who wears many hats. (Or overalls in his case.) Welsh has made a name for himself as an author, folklorist, and speaker. His 40+ books, many of which, like "It's Not the End of the Earth, but You Can See It from Here," humorously portray the lives and times of characters from the Great Plains. In addition to his literary career, he's well-known for his work on television and with Native American communities.

The 33rd Annual Adult Spelling Bee, "Bee There or Bee Square," was, once again, a huge success. Robert Goldberg, a radio announcer for Nebraska Public Radio, beat out 21 other spellers by correctly spelling "herbaceous." Robert now has bragging rights that he can, literally, broadcast far and wide. Nathaniel Cunningham, an astrophysicist who teaches at Nebraska Wesleyan, was the runner-up. Both Robert and Nathaniel were newcomers to the spelling bee and, although quite humble in their ways and winnings, epitomize the caliber of talent found in Nebraska. Judging the spelling bee were Steve Cloyd of the Lincoln City Libraries, Barbara Jacobson of the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries, and Marcia Dority Baker of the Nebraska Literary Heritage Association.



2017 Bee Winner Robert Goldberg with host John Baylor

The event raised over \$6500 for the Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors at Bennett Martin Public Library and its endowment fund.

CURATOR'S CORNER

By Erin Willis

Visitors to the Heritage Room are often surprised to find that the collection also includes a gallery of artwork by Nebraska author-artists. One of Nebraska's most talented and innovative authors, Wright Morris, is also one of our most celebrated artists. Morris himself was an early visitor to the Heritage Room and left his mark on the collection through his photographs, books and special collections.

The collection of Wright Morris photographs in the Heritage Room was curated by Morris himself, who recommended images that were best suited to the spirit of the Nebraska Author collection. The three photos that Morris recommended are featured prominently in the Heritage Room gallery and they regularly inspire visitors to look through the books where the photographs were originally published.

Morris's 1946 book, *The Inhabitants*, pioneered the "photo-text" literary genre. In a photo-text, words and photographs are combined to create the narrative of the book. *The Home Place*, Morris's 1948 book of the same style, was published to popular and critical acclaim, and is celebrated again this year as part of the Nebraska 150 Books reading list. These books inspired our collaborative effort with the Sheldon Art Museum to celebrate Wright Morris for the Nebraska Sesquicentennial, which culminated in a Nebraska Birthday Party at the 2017 Sheldon Family Day.



Sheldon Family Day, July 16

The Heritage Room and the Sheldon jointly celebrated the photo-text invention by providing an opportunity for children to create their own photo-text books. Children used typewriters, instant cameras, and photo manipulation activities to create words and art for their books. This activity was held in the Sheldon gallery with a special exhibit "Wright Morris: Nebraska Pictures", a display of Morris photography that exemplified his dramatic style and "sensitivity in capturing details of rural Nebraska."

Wright Morris is one of many Nebraska author-artists. The Heritage Room provides the unique opportunity for understanding

Nebraska authors outside of what traditional libraries and museums can offer. A visit to the Heritage Room is an opportunity to experience how, in the words of Wright Morris, "picture and word cohabitate in a manner of mutual and complex exchange."

MEET OUR AUTHOR MEMBER DEBORAH MCGINN

Deborah T. McGinn is an International Baccalaureate trained English and writing teacher at Lincoln High School. She loves to work with struggling writers also and helps with *Writers Write* for 8th graders, an NLHA program. Deborah writes essays and poetry, and has published in *The Iowa Review*, *Women Write Resistance*, *Untidy Season*, *South Dakota Review*, *English Journal*, *Plains Song Review*, *Plainsong*, *Times of Sorrow/Times of Grace*, *Wild Goose Poetry Review*, *Platte Valley Review*, and *ARS Medica*. Deborah started the Slam Poetry team at Lincoln High School in 2012. They earned third place in the state their first year and in 2013 and 2014, this talented group of LHS writers of original slam poetry took the State Championships. LHS also had individual State Champions in 2014 and 15. Lincoln High School Slam Poetry is the first school in the nation to earn an academic letter for participation. She loves her family, friends and dog Spinelli.



Deborah McGinn

Upcoming Lunch at the Library Schedule

John Mabry	10/4/2017
Belinda Acosta	11/1/2017
Vicki Wood	12/6/2017
Lonnie Dumbier	2/7/2018
Leo Biga	3/7/2018
Pat Leach	4/4/2018

AMES READING TO BE THE FINAL EVENT OF NE 150

Nebraska Nonfiction Writers from the Nebraska 150 Books list are featured for this year's Ames Reading Series, the final event of the Nebraska 150 Books program. Readers are: Mary Pipher, Alan Boye, Paul Johnsgard, John Janovy Jr., Pam Barger and Barbara Schmitz.

The event is **Sunday, October 8, 2pm** in the Heritage Room.

2017 WINE & E

The Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries' annual *Wine & E fundraiser...in support of technology in Lincoln City Libraries* was held on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at the Country Club of Lincoln. Foundation Board President, Ryan Sothan, presented a check for over \$241,000 to Lincoln City Libraries' Director, Pat Leach. These funds were possible because of volunteer fundraising efforts through the book sale, the Wine & E, Coffee at The Mill, as well as through endowment giving. The Foundation's mission is to enhance the Libraries; programs and services that are provided free-of-charge to every citizen with a library card — and those are free, too.

Close to 200 guests enjoyed *App-E Hour*, where library staff demonstrated new equipment — “toys” - available in Lincoln City Libraries' new Maker Spaces, proving that Libraries ARE more than books! Guests enjoyed “playing” with robots, electronic toys, and more as they watched over their bids on their favorite silent auction items. Many unique items were included in the auction: handmade, antique, and one-of-a-kind experiences — all possible thanks to the generosity of many individuals and businesses throughout the area. Proceeds will enable our Libraries to purchase new electronic books, equipment, and materials.



Library staff Kathryn Kelley and Katie Murtha waiting to help guests build their own robots.

Electronic gadgets are becoming the norm in our world. These electronic options are creating much excitement in the library world, and are also “crunching” tight budgets as libraries struggle to meet the growing demands of library users. This new technology is enabling our libraries to connect with our citizens locally, as well as internationally. Thanks to strong community support, Lincoln City Libraries are meeting the growing needs of our citizens and the community. Thank you, Lincoln!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

2018 Wine & E
April 19, 2018 at Country Club of Lincoln



FLCL Board President Ryan Sothan presents Pat Leach the annual support check.



Build Your Own Robot toys available in LCL Makers Spaces



Librarian Jodene Glaesman demonstrates the new 3D printer.

BEGIN WITH BOOKS

If you're looking for a way to support literacy, Lincoln City Libraries, is the place to do it. *Begin with Books*, a collaborative program with Lincoln's health community, puts new, high-quality children's books into the hands of low-income children and their families. Look for the *Begin with Books* button on the donate page of the Foundation's website-foundationforcl.org. Each \$25 donation buys seven books for children ages birth to five.

LCL's partners are the Lincoln-Lancaster Health Department, People's Health Center, Lincoln Medical Education Partnership, Health 360, and the Nebraska Urban Indian Medical Center. When children under the age of five, visit one of these health centers, for immunizations, or well-child checks, they receive an age-appropriate book, and suggestions for the parent about promoting early literacy. Staff at the partner organizations has been trained to talk to parents and guardians about the importance of reading aloud to their child, using the library and other literacy promoting activities.

Since 2014, over 6,000 books have been given away through this program and our partners. With your help, low income families can build a small personal library, making book ownership a reality for Lincoln's children. Thanks in advance for your consideration!

"A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert."

Andrew Carnegie, entrepreneur

LEARNING COMMONS

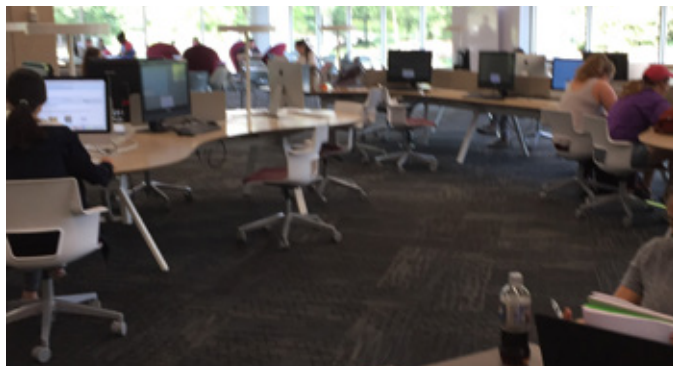


The Friends of Lincoln City Libraries board met at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's new Adele Coryell Hall Learning Commons. Everyone had nothing but ooohs and ahhs to say about this fabulous new facility. The new Learning Commons is in the renovated Love Library and is representative of a 21st Century Library — a library for the students - the academic hub of city campus.

If you attended UNL in the dark ages, as some of us did, you will remember the stacks that remain in some areas, but you will wish that you could return to college and enjoy this new space that encourages collaborative learning, provides new technology for equal access for all students, includes a testing center making it easier for students to take tests according to their schedules, and so much more. You really have to see it to believe it!



UNL Testing Center



Student Study Area

I encourage you to go to Love Library and see what the excitement is all about. The Learning Commons is a dream turned into reality. This new library offers some of the same things we dream about in a new central library for Lincoln:

- *technology center* that bridge the digital divide and provide access to information
- *economic engine* to help people find jobs and gain the skills they need to get ahead in their careers
- *Network center* where citizens connect, communicate, and collaborate

The Adele Coryell Hall Learning Commons is proof that dreams do come true! Please visit! See the possibilities that are in Lincoln's future, too! In the end, libraries are a statement of our value system and who we are as a community. Lincoln is a great city! Lincoln is a GREAT place to live. GREAT cities have GREAT libraries!

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CONNECTED, A NEW PROGRAM FOR LPS STUDENTS

Last year, Lincoln City Libraries expanded their partnership with Lincoln Public Schools when they created ConnectED, a program which enables each student to use their student ID to access the online services of our Libraries from school, our Libraries, or via WIFI in their homes. The program began in three schools, McPhee Elementary, Norwood Park Elementary, and Lefler Middle School, and is being expanded to all LPS schools this school year. Each student enrolled will be issued a library account to enable each to access library resources free-of-charge. These special accounts allow for check-out of up to five items, with no overdue fees (there will be fees for items damaged or never returned), and for use of electronic resources through the library's website. These student IDs are now becoming their library cards.

Lincoln's ConnectED is part of a White House initiative which highlights how public libraries can partner with our schools, so every child enrolled in school will have access to the nation's public library resources. New Programs, such as ConnectED, are opening new opportunities for students, making them aware of the resources available to them free-of-charge at our libraries. In 2015, LPS distributed Chrome Books to all 6th grade students and 800 high school students, expanding the pilot program that began at Culler Middle School. In the fall of 2016, all students at Southeast High and Northeast High, as well as all third, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders through the system received these computers. In 2017, the district's four other high schools and the eighth-grade students will receive their Chromebooks, which completes the \$9 million LPS project that provides computers for all third to eighth grade students. ConnectED provides equal access to all students, which is part of the mission of Lincoln City Libraries.



"Baldo" by Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

ConnectED allows each child access to digital education, employment opportunities, and all online resources. This access will create a greater awareness of library programs and services, such as HomeWork Help, and additional academic resources, such as practice SAT and ACT tests. Pat Leach, director of Lincoln City Libraries, said, "Public schools and public libraries partner throughout the school year to promote student success. Public libraries build a bridge to learning outside of school, creating a whole community of lifelong learners. ConnectED is an exciting new piece in that partnership." ConnectED will ultimately create life-long learners with the world at their fingertips!