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2018 WINE & E...SUPPORTING ELECTRONICS IN LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES

You're invited!! Bring your friends, family, and neighbors for an evening of fun and opportunity!! This annual fundraiser supporting Lincoln City Libraries will be held at the Country Club of Lincoln (3200 South 24th) on **Thursday, April 19 from 6-9 p.m.** The evening includes a delicious dinner of homemade artisan pizza and the trimmings. All guests will have the opportunity to bid on silent auction items including unique and one-of-a-kind items. Please bring your phones, iPads, and other electronic devices and take advantage of App-E Hour, the opportunity to work with our Librarians to learn how to download books, access other media, learn about new online apps, and more. The silent auction closes at 8:15 p.m. This event is open to the public. Dress is casual. Tickets are \$60 and Friends of LCL tickets are \$50.

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CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

You're invited to help celebrate National Library week, **April 8 – 14**. The 2018 theme — Libraries Lead — marks the 60th anniversary of honoring Libraries, Librarians, and the important role they both continue to play in our ever-changing world. American Ballet Theatre's star Misty Copeland, who recently danced at Lincoln's Lied Center, not only shares her talents on the stage, but also loves libraries. She is the 2018 honorary chair of this American tradition, leading with her motto for the week: *Discover your passion and achieve your goals at the Library.*

The first National Library Week was observed in 1958 with the theme *Wake up and Read!* Concerned that Americans were reading less, the American Library Association and the American Book Publishers formed a nonprofit organization — National Book Committee — which created the event based on the idea that once people were motivated to read, they would support and use libraries.

Join the fun! Visit your library! Learn how to use a new App. Borrow a ukulele and learn to play. Take a class. Bring a child or a grandchild to a special event. Learn how to build a robot or operate a 3-D printer. It's there for all to use, free-of-charge. What a concept. Don't forget that you can actually borrow a book — a hard copy or an E-book. Let's get back to our roots and *Wake Up and Read!*

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PLEASE JOIN US IN THANKING A FEW OF OUR 2018 SPONSORS! OUR SPONSORS ARE COMMITTED TO OUR COMMUNITY AND TO LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES AND ARE GREAT PLACES TO WORK!



Last November, the Lincoln office of Merrill Lynch celebrated its 40th anniversary and included the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries in the festivities. Thanks to Senior Consultant, Lynn Roper — who's been with the company since its Lincoln beginnings, the Roper Bennett Team, and Merrill Lynch itself, the Foundation received a very generous contribution to help support the programs and services of Lincoln City Libraries.

Merrill Lynch has been Bullish on Lincoln since 1977, financially supporting this city, as well as sharing their people throughout the community, as they served as volunteers and board members to many other businesses, organizations, and causes. Lynn served on the Foundation Board of Trustees for nine years and continues to financially support the work of the libraries. She is also willing to offer advice and guidance for future growth and sustainability for this organization.

Over the 40 years, Lincoln has changed and the work of the Libraries has changed as well. In



1977, Helen Boosalis was Lincoln's first female mayor; there were four downtown department stores; we dined at K's Restaurant or Tony & Luigi's; we bought groceries at Safeway or Hinky Dinky; and a gallon of gas cost 65 cents. Libraries were also different 40 years ago; there were books everywhere — lots of them; the audio lab was in the basement of Bennett Martin, where you could listen to Shakespeare Plays on LPs (records for those too young to know what an LP is) that helped me get through my UNL Shakespeare class; Books could be found using the card catalog and the Dewey Decimal system; technology included the telephone, record players, and 8-track players, as there definitely were no computers or computer labs, electronic books, or the internet. The evolution of our libraries and our city can be credited to many, including dedicated volunteers such as Lynn, her company, and to people like you.

Please join me in thanking Lynn Roper, her team, and Merrill Lynch for their unwavering support of this community and our Libraries! Their commitment to Lincoln is 40-years strong and counting! The Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries also remains committed to providing ongoing support to our Libraries and thanks to this tremendous support and to many more dedicated people, Lincoln City Libraries continues to grow and enhance life in Lincoln for all our citizens.



The Nebraska National Guard Foundation provides support services for Nebraska military members. Our goal is to deliver aid to the brave men and women of the Nebraska National Guard through emergency financial aid as well as a number of family programs. Our mission is simple: We stand behind the men and women of the military who so willingly stand in front of us to ensure our freedom.

We have supported over 80 Nebraska Soldiers and Airmen since our beginning in 2016. We have found their stories are always different, but the need for support is always the same. We accomplish all of these things with a core group of volunteers to ensure 100% of the money goes directly to the Soldiers and Airmen. We do this because we recognize the needs of them and their families. They would never leave a brother or sister behind and we promise to do the same for them. Whether that is providing support for a family tragedy or ensuring a young family can have school supplies while their Soldier is deployed, we are there.

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THE HERITAGE ROOM TEAMS UP WITH UNL ENGLISH DEPARTMENT FOR STUDENT INTERN PROGRAM

Heritage Room Curator Erin Willis began a collaboration with UNL English Department's undergraduate adviser Kelly Payne that provides opportunities for UNL students to intern in the Heritage Room, where they gain hands-on experience working with archival materials, creating literary databases and displays, and assisting with other Heritage Room activities. Student interns earn college credit for their work at the Heritage Room. Learning outcomes include learning about Nebraska authors and the Nebraska literary tradition, recognizing the literary themes and identifying features of Great Plains literature, synthesizing biographical materials gleaned from a variety of sources, and understanding the identifying features of rare and valuable literary items, among others. The students have helped with many tasks in the Heritage Room, including collection inventories and preservation of author files, updating biographical and bibliographical information in the Nebraska Authors database, and creating narrative displays with Heritage Room books and artifacts. Junior Hailey Fisher interned during the fall of 2017, working on the Alan Boye collection. Hailey organized the field notes for his book *Holding Stone Hands: On the Trail of the Cheyenne Exodus* for archival storage. Spring 2018 brings two new student interns. Maggie Moore is a UNL senior who is working on the NebraskaAuthors.org website. Kelsey Conrad, a UNL

sophomore, assisted with the 26th annual Writers Write program and wrote the article on that event in this newsletter.

The Heritage Room also welcomes two additional volunteers. Denise Chin began volunteering in the Heritage Room in June 2017. She has created a display featuring the work of contributors to the 2018 One Book, One Nebraska selection, *Nebraska Presence: An Anthology of Poetry*, edited by Greg Kosmicki, among other volunteer service. Sonia Colberg volunteers monthly as the room's newspaper clipper.

EIGHTH GRADERS ATTEND WRITER'S WRITE AT THE HERITAGE ROOM

By Kelsey Conrad, UNL Heritage Room Intern

On Thursday, February 15, the Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors hosted 58 eighth graders from around Lincoln for a program called Writers Write. This year was the 26th anniversary of the event, where Nebraska authors host workshops for the young writers to learn more about their craft. This year, the panel included Laura Chapman, Twyla Hansen, Sandra Matthews-Benham, Deborah McGinn, Charlene Neely, and Rex Walton.

Library staff members and members of the Nebraska Literary Heritage Association helped students check in and made sure that the day ran smoothly. Check-in began at 7:45 a.m. when students started arriving. Introductions began at 8:00 as each author was introduced, and Erin Willis, curator of the Heritage Room, spoke about the history of Writers Write and what it has meant to many young writers — including Laura Chapman, who attended the program herself when she was in eighth grade.

At 9:30 the students were broken up into groups with each of the authors in different areas of the library. There, they had workshops with the authors for almost two hours. The students had the opportunity to discuss writing with these veterans of the industry, and were given several different prompts to work with on their own writing. When the workshop ended, each student had written several pieces, which they shared at a reading with other participants, before pizza was provided for lunch at noon.

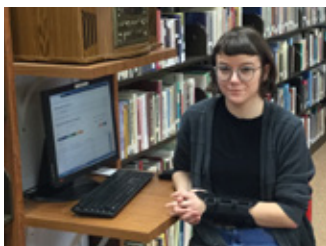
One of the most interesting parts of this program is that when the students leave, they leave their writing at the library. It is collected and placed with the vertical files in the Heritage Room, where all the other published works of Nebraska authors reside. There it is preserved, and if someday the students are to become published authors, the work will be added to their files as an example of some of their earliest writing.



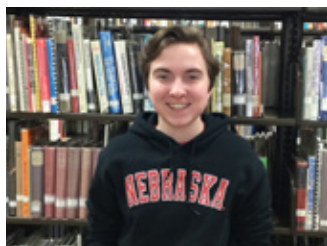
Denise Chin, Heritage Room Intern



Hailey Fisher, Fall 2017 UNL Heritage Room Intern



Maggie Moore, Spring 2018 UNL Heritage Room Intern



Kelsey Conrad, Spring 2018 UNL Heritage Room Intern

CURATOR'S CORNER

By Erin Willis

In September of this year, the Heritage Room will celebrate its 50th Anniversary as a publicly accessible collection. The collection began as a deliberate effort to gather in one place a representative example of work by all Nebraska authors, past and present — and we remain dedicated to that mission. To date, the collection has grown to include nearly 15,000 volumes by more than 4,000 authors.

The Heritage Room was designed to showcase the rugged pioneer spirit of early Nebraska authors juxtaposed with the cultured European elegance they brought to Nebraska. This can be seen in the vintage tomes that are displayed alongside the Boule inspired European furniture (donated by former Governor Sam McKelvie and his wife, Martha McKelvie). The space has retained the ambiance of an elegant home library that was cultivated in the original “McKelvie Room”, as it was named in 1968.

But the Heritage Room is not stuck in time.

As our collection efforts evolve, and access to information becomes an increasingly important aspect of the Heritage Room services, we have realized the need to broaden our scope beyond the physical collection. To that end, Lincoln City Libraries has partnered with UNL's Center for Digital Research in the Humanities to develop a website that highlights the wide-ranging talents and influence of Nebraska writers. What was once the NAIL (Nebraska Author Information Link) database is now in the final stages of becoming NebraskaAuthors.org.

The website will launch with special John H. Ames Reading event on **Sunday, April 22, 2018**. The NebraskaAuthors.org launch event will be celebrated with live readings from authors who are represented in the forthcoming Guide to More Nebraska Authors, edited by long time NLHA members, Charlene Neely and Gerry Cox.

The Nebraska Authors website will serve to carry the Heritage Room mission into the future. It will enrich and deepen our appreciation of the authors who have defined Nebraska, and whose work has brought the spirit and essence of Nebraska to the world through their writing.

SPELLING BEE MOVES TO FALL

Mark your calendars. The Nebraska Literary Heritage Association Annual Spelling Bee is moving to the fall for 2018 to align it with the 50th anniversary of the Heritage Room. That's more time for you spellers out there to study your dictionary!

UPCOMING HERITAGE ROOM EVENTS

March 7, Wednesday, 12:10 p.m. at Bennett-Martin:
Lunch at the Library with Leo Biga

April 4, Wednesday, 12:10 p.m. at Bennett-Martin:
Lunch at the Library with Lonnie Dunbier

April 18, Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room:
NLHA Annual Meeting

April 22, Sunday: John Ames Reading Series with Charlene Neely and Gerry Cox, and the launch of NebraskaAuthors.org

September 2018 — 50th Anniversary of the Heritage Room and the Spelling Bee. Watch for a date announcement.



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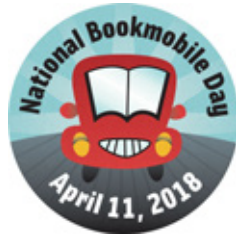
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NATIONAL BOOKMOBILE DAY

Wednesday, April 11 is National Bookmobile Day! You can see Lincoln City Libraries' Lied Bookmobile traveling throughout the county Monday through Friday. Thanks to the Lied Foundation Trust, the taxpayers of Lincoln and Lancaster County, and additional donors, this state-of-the-art vehicle stops in communities and organizations to enable our citizens to enjoy the books, programs, and services provided by Lincoln City Libraries. The Bookmobile provides 20 hours of public service each week. It has over 8,207 visits from Lincoln and Lancaster County residents, with 27,670 checkouts. For many of us who grew up in small town America, bookmobiles are the first, and often the only library experiences of our youth. The Bookmobile remains a service that is valued by our residents, young and old. Thanks to you all for making this possible.



INTERESTING LIBRARY FACTS

The Pew Research Institute research discovered the following facts and trends in American Libraries:

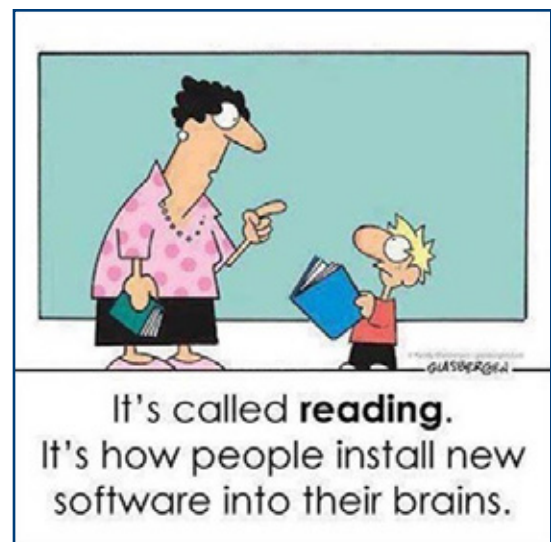
- E-book reading is growing, but printed books still dominate the reading world, which is tied to the steady increase in ownership of tablet computers and e-readers.
- Americans appreciate libraries, for the role they play in communities. 90% of Americans say the closing of their library would impact their community and 67% said it would personally affect them.
- Mothers are more likely than fathers to read to their children every day and more likely to have a library card and visited a library.
- Access to books, media, and quiet, safe reading places top the list of favorite library services.
- The public's highest priorities for libraries center on kids and literacy.
- Library websites are catching on and provide 24-hour access to library services.
- Older teens and young adults are often the driving force in new technology access.
- Awareness is one of the challenges facing our libraries.
- 26% of library patrons reported that their library usage has increased.

COFFEE ON THE DOCK AT THE MILL

The annual Coffee on the Dock at The Mill in the Haymarket will be held on Monday, May 28, 9 to 11:30 a.m. The One Book One Lincoln finalists will be announced at 10:30 a.m. Bring your family and friends and be there to enjoy a beverage and the conversation. Library staff will be available to check you're your choice to begin your fun summer of reading. You will also be able to vote on your choice for the 2018 winning title. Special events surrounding each book will be scheduled throughout the summer. Details will be available at your favorite library and off the library website. Thanks to Dan and Tamara Sloan and their staff for hosting this event and for making it possible that all event proceeds will support the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries.



Pat Leach, Gail McNair, & Dan Sloan invite you to join the fun!



WHY YOU SHOULD LOVE YOUR LIBRARY MORE THAN EVER

By Vicki Wood

When was the last time you showed your library some love? The library is the most democratic of institutions and we tend to take it entirely for granted. If your library doesn't have the information, the book, the obscure article, or the esoteric quote you seek, our librarians will find it for you. I challenge you to name another such brick-and-mortar institution.

Did you know that your reading history is entirely confidential? If the police come-a-knocking, wondering about what you've checked out of the library, we require a court order or subpoena before we hand over the information. Librarians are committed to the exercise of free speech, free thought, and free access to information.

Speaking of free speech, have you read the United States Constitution lately? Rather than reading the daunting four hundred-page Constitution from the adult section, there's a great forty-eight-page book called the Constitution of the United States, by Christine Taylor-Butler, available at all Lincoln City Libraries branches, and its companion book on the Bill of Rights. This holds true for any subject you seek to quickly understand — read a book written for children.

If you're interested in learning a new skill or remodeling your basement — yes, tiling and drywall—learn how to do it using videos in our libraries. If art is your passion, read through the extensive collection on and about artists and art movements at the main library.

Modern Library has a list of one hundred of the best English-language novels. Help yourself top this list: <http://www.modernlibrary.co/top-100/>. Just ignore the fact that Ulysses, by James Joyce, is the first book. Don't start there! Start in the middle or jump around, whatever suits your fancy. If you prefer a walk on the wild side, check out this list of books that have garnered a cultish following in the years since their publication: <http://flavorwire.com/466048/50-essential-cult-novels>. If you want to read some of the best books ever published, peruse the American Library Association's list of the hundred most frequently challenged books: <http://www.ala.org/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks/top100>.

I guarantee that unless you work here, or visit daily, you will be surprised at the plethora of goods and services the library provides. Lincoln City Libraries is an essential part of the fabric of a community that believes in education, openness, information, and access to all. There has never been a better time to show it all your love by using it — regularly, passionately, and with intention!

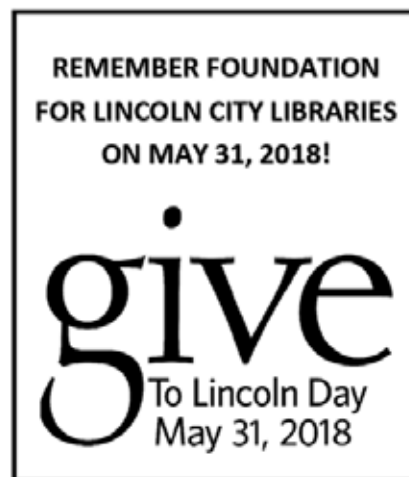
2018 BOOK SALE

Save the date!! The Annual Lincoln City Libraries Book Sale is **October 11 through October 14 at the Lancaster Event Center** and is free and open to the public. The Pre-Sale Fundraiser, a ticketed event, is **Wednesday, October 10**. Tickets will be available at foundationforlcl.org on **July 11 at noon**. Volunteers are needed throughout the week, starting Monday, October 8! We'd love to have your help for an hour or the week, so please mark your calendars and join the fun!! Thousands of books will be available for sale, all reasonably priced and in good shape. No matter what genre you read, it's usually included in the sale. Adults and children can find books to engage their interest and entertain for hours.

To volunteer and for additional information check our website foundationforlcl.org or call 402-441-0164 or 402-429-5849.



Thanks to our many volunteers, including Lincoln's own Cornhusker Parrott Heads, Jimmy Buffett's fan club, whose motto is to "party with a purpose." This group has volunteered at the book sale annually since 2009. They also share their time and talents with other grateful organizations throughout the region.



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To get the free Libby app go to your Apple App Store, Google Play, or Windows Store and search for Libby. The first result should be Libby, by Overdrive. Select it and open the app. Now you will need to select our library system. First tap on the word "Hi!" in the aqua circle. Then tap on the words "Find My Library" in the white rectangle. It will ask for your local library's name. Select the Lincoln City Libraries branch that will show if you've enabled your device to search based on your current location or search for our library by typing Lincoln City Libraries. Once the library system is selected you will need to enter your library card. Afterwards the screen will default to the "Library" page. On the top left you can tap on the magnifying glass to search for a title or author. On the top right there is a menu represented by three lines. Tap on the lines to get to the menu for more options. You can switch library systems*, enter multiple library card numbers, change the default for hold notifications, change your download settings, select your device preferences, and see tips & secrets for using Libby. To see your checkouts and holds tap on the word "Shelf" at bottom right. The top of the "Shelf" page has options for seeing your loans, holds, tags and activities. You can use the tag feature to create lists in Libby. To open a checked out book tap on the book's cover and then tap on the words "Open Book" or "Open Audiobook." **For more information on using Libby see Libby help at <https://help.libbyapp.com> or contact me at 402-441-8592 or k.murtha@lincolnllibraries.org.**

Did you know Lincoln City Libraries has a reciprocal borrower's agreement with Omaha Public Libraries (OPL)? If you borrow a physical item from OPL it must be returned to an OPL branch but you won't need to drive to Omaha to return an eBook or eAudiobook. To get an Omaha card number you will need to bring your Lincoln City Libraries card and photo ID showing your Lincoln/Lancaster County address to an OPL branch. OPL will add a sticker with their card number to the front of your Lincoln City Libraries card. It will take about a week for OPL to process your card and activate it. The card will also need to be annually updated in the Omaha system. Once your card is activated you will have access to both Lincoln's and Omaha's digital library collections.

Katie Murtha
Librarian, Bennett Martin Public Library