

## BROWSE AT YOUR OWN RISK!

It's time for the annual Lincoln City Libraries' Book Sale. We hope to see you, your family, relatives, and neighbors for another terrific Book Sale. The volunteers have been sorting for the last year to ensure that thousands of quality books are available for new homes. We hope that you can't resist the temptation to buy that book you never realized you needed (or even existed). There is something for everyone and all ages! Please join us at the Lancaster Event Center 4100 N. 84th Street at the following times:

**Thursday October 27, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

**Friday October 28, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

**Saturday October 29, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 30, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**



UNL's student Rotary Group, Rotaract, spent their afternoon helping at the 2015 Book Sale.

## PREVIEW SALE:

If you want to get an early start, please join us at the

*Preview Sale:*

**Wednesday October 26, 4:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**

This is a fundraiser to benefit Lincoln City Libraries. Tickets are \$40, and for Friends of Lincoln City Libraries' members \$35. On October 1, tickets are \$50. Your ticket will also provide you with a sandwich, chips, and a beverage to enjoy as you are search through over 100,000 books!



Volunteers from B & R Stores joined the fun at the 2015 Book Sale,

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

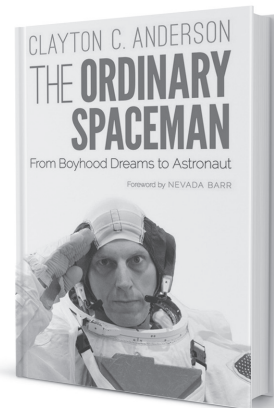
Volunteers are needed throughout the book sale! If you have an hour or two, the entire week, or belong to a group looking for a project, we invite you to join the fun! Lincoln's own Jimmy Buffet fan club, the Corn Republic Parrot Head Club, is adding to the fun as their members are once again volunteering! They truly live up to their motto, "Party with a purpose in an effort to make our community just a little better than we found it." To volunteer or if you have questions, call Gail McNair at 402-441-0164; E-mail – [foundationforlcl@gmail.com](mailto:foundationforlcl@gmail.com); or visit the website, [www.foundationforlcl.org](http://www.foundationforlcl.org).

# FRIENDS

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## CLAYTON ANDERSON AT WALT LIBRARY

Nebraska's own Astronaut, Ashland native Clayton Anderson, continues to be a favorite at Lincoln City Libraries. Mr. Anderson spoke at Gere Branch Library and at Eiseley Branch Library this past spring. Our audiences included fans of all ages, including a young 5-year-old at Eiseley whose dream is to become an Astronaut. Mr. Anderson told us about things that frequently adults want to know, but are often uncomfortable asking.... "How do you go to the bathroom in space?" and related that you have to strap yourself into your sleeping quarters. These and more entertaining stories are included in his new book *The Ordinary Spaceman: From Boyhood Dreams to Astronaut*. Nebraska's own Astronaut is an inspiration to us all as to never giving up: He was accepted into the Nasa Astronaut program after 14 tries! Thanks to Clayton Anderson for sharing his time and his story with Lincoln City Libraries!



## LCL & LPS ARE CONNECTED!

The 2016-17 school year is bringing exciting news for Lincoln Public School students at McPhee Elementary, Norwood Park Elementary, and Lefler Middle Schools. These youngsters are the beneficiaries of a new joint program - ConnectED - between Lincoln City Libraries and Lincoln Public Schools. ConnectEd will enable them to use their student IDs to access the online services of our Libraries from school or via WIFI in their homes.

Lincoln's ConnectEd is based on a nationwide program created so every child enrolled in school will have access to the nation's public library resources. Dr. Steve Joel, LPS Superintendent of Schools, said that the student's connection with Lincoln City Libraries' resources will be "seamless" and will allow the students to "access Library resources through their Chromebooks." 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. This fall, all students at Southeast High and Northeast High, as well as all third, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders through the system will receive 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 will expand as does the Chromebooks program.

ConnectED will allow 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, LCL director, said that "ConnectED highlights the partnership of schools and public libraries in educating young people and encourages all students to make the most of public library resources." McPhee student, Visolela Adera, was excited about the possibilities that are now open to her and her fellow students. She said, "Read as much as you can. It will help you!" ConnectEd will ultimately create life-long learners with the world at their fingertips!



Mayor Chris Beutler and Library Director Pat Leach listen as Visolela Adera talks of her love of libraries

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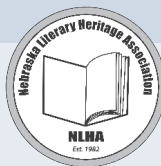
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## GREETINGS FROM NEW NLHA PRESIDENT NICK HERNANDEZ



Nick Hernandez

As President of NLHA, I look forward to further serving our mission, “to encourage the collection, preservation, and promotion of work by and about Nebraska authors” by focusing on what literature does and has the potential to do. What is the potential of literature to create positive change in the lives of readers

and authors? On another level, how can the ecosystems supporting literature, of which we are a part, help increase the wellbeing of people in Nebraska and beyond? I look forward to asking questions like these and exploring the possibilities together.

I work to be a positive changemaker in other ways as well. I host a weekly program on KZUM 89.3FM called Community Matters Radio where I regularly have the pleasure of interviewing Nebraska authors. I look forward to harnessing the good that comes from this and other community activities I am involved with to elevate the already high positive impact that NLHA has in expanding joy in this wild and beautiful world.

## THE 2016 AMES READING BRINGS TOGETHER RANDOLPH, AGEE, MONARDO, SCHAFFERT, AND SPENCER

**Sunday, October 23, 2016**

2pm, in the Jane Pope Geske Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors, Bennett Martin Public Library  
Ladette Randolph, editor of *A Different Plain*, will be featured for the Fall John H. Ames Reading Series with contemporary Nebraska Fiction Writers whose stories are included in the book. This program will include Jonis Agee, Anna Monardo, Timothy Schaffert and Brent Spencer who will share what it means to be writers from Nebraska and to give a short reading of their work.

For more information visit: <http://lincolnlibraries.org/heritage-room-of-nebraska-authors/john-h-ames-reading-series-readings-by-nebraska-authors/>

## CURATOR'S CORNER

By Erin Willis

The Heritage Room is frequently described as a “hidden gem”. The allure of a hidden room, tucked away as we are on the 3rd floor of Bennett Martin Public Library, contributes to the patron experience of being in a sacred, special place. First time visitors to the Heritage Room enter the collection with a sense of awe and surprise, often remarking “I had no idea that this room was here!” A patron who visited the collection this summer wrote of her experience: *The Heritage Room is bright and warm and inviting. Though it is open to the public, the word must not fully be out about it, or (I would think) the library geeks would have overrun it by now. But it's mostly quiet... It's special.*

Bright, warm, inviting and special are apt descriptions of the Heritage Room. It is not, however, as quiet as it is first perceived by visitors. The room is a vibrant space that welcomes library patrons, book clubs, tour groups, scholars, authors and visitors. We hosted an average of 114 visitors each month so far in 2016. This number, which surpasses the original goal of 5 tours each week, is the result of deliberate efforts by the NLHA and Lincoln Libraries to call attention to Nebraska's literary tradition and the Heritage Room Collection.

The most recent public awareness initiative is the Nebraska 150 Books program, a statewide reading event held in conjunction with the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Celebration. Nebraska 150 Books was developed by a special NLHA committee, in partnership with the Nebraska State Historical Society and the Nebraska Library Commission, to give Nebraskans a list of titles that represent the state's literary breadth and culture. Our goal in promoting these books is to ignite a desire to learn more about the history and culture of Nebraska by reading books in community. We hope that these books will contribute to a greater understanding of our shared history.

To learn more about Nebraska 150 Books and to join the NE 150 Reading Challenge, visit the program website: [www.nebraska150books.org](http://www.nebraska150books.org)

## ZIMMER SPEAKS ON LINCOLN IN BLACK AND WHITE: 1910-1925 AT NLHA ANNUAL MEETING

The NLHA Annual Meeting was held on May 1 at Bennett Martin Public Library. After serving a second term as NLHA president, Gloria Strobe passed the baton to Nick Hernandez. In honor of her service, Gloria was presented with the book *After Reading Everything* by Daniel Simon, which will be placed in the Heritage Room collection in her honor. Historian Ed Zimmer spoke about his book *Lincoln in Black and White: 1910-1925* (co-authored with Douglas Keister), which gathers the photos of John Johnson, an African-American Lincolnite who took hundreds of photos of Lincoln's black community in the early twentieth century. You can checkout *Lincoln in Black and White* at your favorite Lincoln branch library.

## 2016 SPELLING BEE ANOTHER BIG SUCCESS!

The Annual NLHA Adult Spelling Bee held at Single Barrel on March 29 was a smashing success once again, in large part due to the efforts of committee chair Jenni Jex and all the other members of the planning committee. Before spelling began, the 29th annual Literary Heritage Award was presented to Rod Wagner for his service as Director of the Nebraska Library Commission. John Baylor emceed the event once again. Thanks, John. This year's winner was Tom McGowan (husband of former Heritage Room curator Meredith McGowan), spelling the winning word cachou. Second place speller was Jim Johnson. 23 spellers participated in this year's event.



2nd place winner Jim Johnson and winner Tom McGowan

## LAURA CHAPMAN, 2016-17 NLHA AUTHOR MEMBER



Laura Chapman

Laura Chapman, 2016-17 NLHA Author Member Women's fiction author Laura Chapman will serve as the 2016-2017 author representative to the Nebraska Literary Heritage Association Board. Chapman is the author of four published novels: *Going for Two*, *First & Goal*, *The Marrying Type*, and *Hard Hats and Doormats*. Her short fiction

appears in the collections *All I Want for Christmas*, *A Kind of Mad Courage*, and *Merry & Bright*.

Laura holds a journalism degree with minors in English and history from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She began her writing career reporting for local and regional newspapers and traveling the country as a corporate journalist. Though she always wanted to write books, this experience taught her that every person has a story worth telling.

In addition to writing, Laura is the communications coordinator at the International Quilt Study Center & Museum. She is a municipal liaison for National Novel Writing Month and previously served on the Laura Ingalls Wilder Legacy and Research Association Board.

Laura was an author mentor at this year's Writers Write Workshop. She also participated in the workshop as an eighth grader many, many years ago.

When she isn't writing, Laura enjoys watching football, traveling, crocheting, binge-watching Netflix, and hanging out with her cats, Jane and Bingley. You can follow her writing adventures—and see pictures of her food and cats—by following her on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

## LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY EVENTS

All presentations are at 12:10pm, 4th floor, Bennett Martin Public Library

October 5, 2016: John Fulwider

November 2, 2016: Joe Starita

December 7, 2016: Vicki Wood

February 1, 2017: Tim Anderson

March 1, 2017: Christine Starr Davis

April 5, 2017: Pat Leach

For more information, visit <http://lincolnl libraries.org/heritage-room-of-nebraska-authors/nlhas-lunch-at-the-library/>

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### SAVE THE DATE!

2017  
Wine & E

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017**

Details will follow at a later date.  
Mark your calendars! Join the fun!

## BENNETT MARTIN TEEN SPACE

Bennett Martin Public Library (BMPL) is changing to better serve our neighborhood and the city. A new teen space was created on the first floor of BMPL thanks to support from the Dillon Foundation and the Woods Bros Realty Foundation. This vibrant Teen area provides new technology services and equipment that may not be available in many of our area teens' homes.

This space offers a distinct area for teens, dedicating one room on the main floor specifically for this age group. This space replaces the small space on the second floor. The first floor location is more accessible and inviting to the teens, has up-to-date technology equipment, and services and programs to encourage them to utilize the space. BMPL has a Teen Advisory Board which is working with staff to ensure that area teens know it's there and to create new programs to engage our teens.



*Teens at BMPL enjoying their new computers in their new space!*

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The Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries' annual fundraiser the *Wine & E ... supporting technology in Lincoln City Libraries* was held on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at the Country Club of Lincoln. Foundation Board President Ryan Sothan presented a check for over \$157,000 to Pat Leach, Director of Lincoln City Libraries. 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. The goal is to ensure that our citizens are able to continue to use our Libraries free-of-charge. All you need is a library card – and those are free, too.

Over 200 guests enjoyed *App-E Hour*, where they were learned how to download books and materials onto their personal electronic devices. The event included Artisan Pizza and, thanks to the generosity of many individuals and businesses throughout the area, a silent auction featuring many distinct and unique items. Proceeds will be used to purchase new electronic books, equipment, and materials.

Libraries ARE more than books!! Electronic gadgets and technology are the norm in today's world, but that's not all that's changing in Lincoln City Libraries. Our Libraries are part of our educational system and of growing importance in social circles of all ages. Today's libraries are the "living rooms" of our cities. People gather to discuss books, study genealogy, learn how to read, for teens clubs, and so much more. Thanks to strong community support and involvement in activities like the Wine & E, Lincoln City Libraries are able to meet the growing needs of our citizens and the community. You're invited to join us next year on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at the Country Club of Lincoln for another fun evening!



*Librarian Jodene Glaseman helps volunteer Nancy Larimer learn about new Library Apps!*