

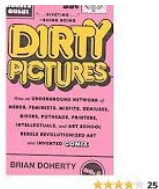
## **NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM ISSUE PAPER:** **NEBRASKA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION WORKS AGAINST TAXPAYERS.**

**BACKGROUND.** The Nebraska Library Association (NLA) is a state chapter of the radical Left American Library Association. Its funding derives from member dues and conference revenue, none, fortunately, from taxpayers. An elected ALA counselor sits as a voting member on the NLA Board of Directors. Chapters operate independently, however, the ALA requests them to participate in specific activities or take specific actions. Although separate organizations, the NLA works in partnership with the NE Library Commission, a state agency which does obtain taxpayer appropriations, and is an institutional member of the ALA.

**LEGISLATION.** The NLA takes positions anathema to NE taxpayer interests. It opposes **LB 71: Sanders**. To require all public school districts to make learning and testing materials accessible to parents/taxpayers and permit them to excuse their children from particular activities or lessons. It also opposes **LB 374: Murman**. That every NE parent must have the primary right to direct the education and mental health of their child, including several enumerated rights. One bill clause prohibits the teaching of Critical Race Theory, that one race is inherently superior or inferior, and that Whites bear collective guilt. Several NE public school districts currently teach CRT. To require public schools to disclose instructional materials and activities to parents and allow them to excuse their child from specific lessons or activities. Schools could not require students to complete intrusive questionnaires without parental consent. Parents could file a complaint with the state dept. of education, if their school refuses to remove inappropriate library content, or sue the school district for violating these regulations. Teachers who refuse to teach CRT or matters that contradict their religious beliefs could not face disciplinary action and could sue if sanctioned. The teacher's union, OP\$, and leftist NE Appleseed oppose the bill. The NLA also campaigned against **LB 441: Albrecht**, which would end protections for educators and librarians from prosecution for criminal offenses relating to obscene reading materials given children. These bills still active.

**DIVERSITY GROUP.** The NLA actively solicits members to join its Diversity Interest Group in order to make an impact on equity and help guide its strategic objectives, including Critical Race Theory. NLA meetings discuss bringing additional diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion into library collections and catalogs.

**DEFENDING FILTH.** The NLA attacks alleged censorship in our public schools, when angry parents and taxpayers demand the banning or sequestering in adult sections of sexually explicit books exposed to kids and teens. Masking their endeavors as protecting intellectual freedom, the NLA Advocacy Comm. sponsors weekly meetings. After the Plattsmouth Community School District school board reviewed 51 suspect books and tossed a dozen from the school libraries, the school board next revised a policy to no longer require that libraries follow the American Library Assoc. Library Bill of Rights, which endorses such volumes. The board then passed a measure to remove obscene, excessively vulgar, or harmful to minors books and established a policy that school libraries can reserve mature content sections that students can access only with written parental permission. The NLA criticized the school board actions. Similarly, the NLA condemned the Papillion School District for removing Something Happened in Our Town, a book authored by leftist activists, the content of which incites anger against and disrespect for law officers. The ALA affiliate American Assoc. of School Librarians awarded the NLA a commendation in 2022. NLA wholeheartedly endorses the ALA book bans stance and cooperates with the ACLU to discuss this issue. NLA conferences honor Banned Books Week, where attendees can discuss social justice and multicultural libraries. In May, 2023, it produced a You Tube video titled Read the Rainbow: Serving the LGBTQIA+ Community in Your Library. The average NLA employee salary in July, 2023, was \$83,667.



**TAKE ACTION NOW.** Because the NLA subsists financially on membership dues and contributions, taxpayers cannot lobby elected officials to cut its funding. However, taxpayers can write editorials shaming this organization, ask state senators to pass a resolution criticizing the NLA, lobby NLA directors, and request that it disaffiliate from the ALA and join the World Library Association as an alternative at <https://worldlibraryassociation.org>.

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## 2022 NLA Conference

**October 5-6, 2022**

Younes Conference Center South, Kearney, NE

### 2022 Conference Schedule (Tentative)

#### Wednesday, October 5

- 12:30 - 4:00 PM Pre-conference session @ Kearney Public Library  
4:30 - 6:00 PM Reception on the Exhibitor Floor @ Younes Conference Center South

#### Thursday, October 6

- 7:30 - 8:30 AM Breakfast on the Exhibitor Floor  
8:45 - 9:30 AM *Intellectual Freedom & Social Justice: Reconciling Our Values in Crisis Times*,  
[Alison Macrina, Founder & Executive Director of Library Freedom Project](#)  
9:30 AM Break on Exhibitor Floor  
10:00 - 12:00 PM Concurrent Breakout Sessions  
12:00 - 1:00 PM Networking Lunch (see registration form for details)  
1:00 - 1:30 PM Break on Exhibitor Floor  
1:30 - 2:00 PM NLA Annual Meeting  
2:15 - 3:00 PM Concurrent Breakout Sessions  
3:00 - 4:00 PM *Building a Multicultural Library*, [Dr. Ferial Pearson, Founder of the Secret Kindness Agents Project and Assistant Professor of Teacher Education at the University of Nebraska - Omaha](#)

*A focus group session on the topic of the Golden Sower Award will be held in conjunction with the 2022 Conference. Details for the time for this session are still being finalized and will be published as soon as they are available. Attendance for this session is included in the registration pricing.*

*The 2022 conference schedule is still being finalized. Continue to check back for further details.*

### Room Reservations

Cut-off is Monday, September 5, 2022

Room blocks are held at the Comfort Inn & Fairfield Inn.

Room reservations should be made directly with the hotel, reference the Nebraska Library Association.

Comfort Inn: 308-236-3400

Fairfield Inn: 308-236-4200

## Joint Spring Meeting: College & University Section and Technical Services Roundtable

Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, Inclusion  
in Library Collections and Catalogs

**When:** Friday, June 10

**Where:** Virtual



The meeting is FREE, but you must register to receive the links to the sessions; they will not be openly shared on the NLA website or any other site.

Please register by June 3.