



2022 Annual Report

PLTS Spring Meeting

This year's spring meeting was a single, virtual-only session via Zoom, held Tuesday, April 26, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The topic was "Unique collections: How four Nebraska libraries are providing more than books to their communities." It featured Stephanie O'Connor and Pam Becker from the Alliance Public Library discussing their kitchen tools collection, Susan Rolfsmeier from the Chadron Public Library discussing their NASA @ My Library collection, Krissy Reed from the Gretna Public Library discussing their ukulele library, and Jacob Lee from the Omaha Public Library discussing their Common Soil Seed Library. See flyer attached.

There were 38 people registered for the webinar, and 27 people attending the session live. Of the 38 registered, 8 were non-NLA members.

Awards Committee

The PLTS Awards Committee started accepting nominations for the Excalibur Award in mid-August, with an invitation to submit nominations appearing alongside the July/August 2022 NLA newsletter released August 17, 2022. See attached. While the July/August 2022 newsletter was posted on NLA social media mentioning the Excalibur Award, the newsletter itself did not include the information. The PLTS Officers and the Awards Committee will work toward submitting information earlier in July to the NLA Communication Committee to ensure it has time to be included in future news and marketing campaigns.

The Awards Committee received one nomination before the deadline, and looks forward to presenting the Excalibur Award to a very deserving recipient: Pat Leach, recently retired director of Lincoln City Libraries.

The Awards Committee will be accepting nominations for the Advocacy Award in 2023.

Bylaws Committee

No changes to the PLTS bylaws were presented to the membership this year.

Nominating Committee

At the time of this report, there have been difficulties retaining candidates for the 2023 Vice Chair office, but PLTS Officers and Nominating Committee members continue to seek candidates.

Other Business

The PLTS Board arranged for an evening networking opportunity at the NLA conference, made possible with financial support from the Regional Library Systems. On Wednesday, October 5, 2022, registered participants took part in an escape room activity at Sleuth Escape Rooms in Kearney, Nebraska.

The PLTS Annual Business meeting was held Thursday, October 6, 2022, at the NLA conference. The PLTS Board for 2023 will include Debbie Aden, Director of the Fairbury Public Library, serving as Chair; and Tammi Thiem, Director of the Three Rivers Library System, serving as Secretary/Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Johnson
2022 PLTS Chair

