

BookGuide Bulletin



A monthly "readers' services" newsletter from the Lincoln City Libraries

Newsletter

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[Looking for a good book? Each month the BookGuide site has new fiction and non-fiction reviews.](#)

This Month!

Book Talks/Discussion Groups for February
New, Updated and Featured Booklists
Staff Reviewer Profile: Scott S.
Web feature for Readers: **THEME**
This month's spotlight is THEME

Book Talks & Book Discussion Groups

Bethany Books Talk [Fridays 10:30 a.m.] [441-8550]

February 2 – TBA
February 9 – "Royal Reading"
February 16 – "On Demand Publishing"
February 23 – "Let Them Eat Cake" [fiction and non-fiction about Marie Antoinette]

Gere Books Talk [Mondays 2:30 p.m.] [441-8560]

February 5 – TBA
February 12 – TBA
February 19 – TBA
February 26 – TBA

Just Desserts Mystery Fiction Discussion Group – Downtown [last Thursday each month. 7 p.m.] [441-8530]

February 22 – "Heartland" by Nebraska Author **David Wiltse**

Great Books Discussion Group [Gere Branch, Thursdays 6:45-8:45 p.m.] [co-sponsored by the Lincoln City Libraries]

February 8 – "The Social Contract" by Rousseau
February 22 – "Moral Sense of Man and Lower Animals" by Darwin

Visit [Book Talks and Book Discussion Groups](#) for more info

New Booklists

The following are either "new" booklists added to the BookGuide site recently, or older lists we'd like to shine a light on!

[Sweetgrass & Desert Sage](#)

Are you a fan of Tony Hillerman's mysteries featuring Jim Chee and Joe Leaphorn? Do you prefer the Kate Shugak novels of Dana Stabenow? If you're interested in Native American Detectives (both historical and contemporary) check out this booklist!



[If You Like...One Book One Lincoln titles](#)

Still can't get over how much you enjoyed one of the past **One Book One Lincoln** selections, and want to read something similar? Visit our [If You Like...](#) page to link to similar reading lists for past **One Book** titles!

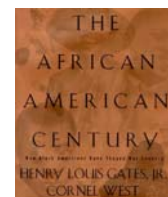
[Award Winners: The Nebraska Book Awards NEW!!](#)

Honoring books by Nebraska authors, books published by Nebraska publishing firms, or books about Nebraska, these awards have been given out annually since 2000.

February is Black History Month

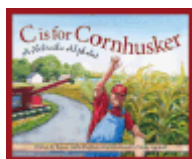
The observation of *Black History Month* during February, as a means of celebrating the past and present culture and achievements of African-Americans, has its origins back in 1926. Originally established to coincide with the birthdays of prominent black leader Frederick Douglass (Feb 14) and President Abraham Lincoln (Feb 12), the week-long celebration became known as *Black History Week* by the early 1970s and was established in its current form as *Black History Month* in 1976. You can stop in at almost every branch throughout the library system to see displays of Black History Month books and other items. The libraries own a wealth of materials related to the history of African-Americans and their contributions to American culture, including the following selected titles:

- *Black Profiles in Courage: A Legacy of African-American Achievement* by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar [305.8 AfrYa]
- *Encyclopedia of African-American Heritage* by Susan Altman [305.8 qAfrYa]
- *Setting the Record Straight: American History in Black and White* by David Barton [DVD 305.8 AfrYb]
- *Legacy: Treasures of Black History* by Thomas C. Battle [305.8 AfrYb]
- *Autobiography of a People* by Herb Boyd [305.8 AfrYb]
- *Visions of Freedom on the Great Plains: An Illustrated History of African-Americans in Nebraska* by Bertha Calloway [305.8 qAfrYc]
- *Chicken Soup for the African-American Soul* by Jack Canfield [305.8 AfrYc]
- *Reflecting the Nation: Early African-American Life in Lincoln* by Kathy Colwell for the Brown Bag Lecture series [Video 305.8 AfrYc]
- *A Wealth of Wisdom: Legendary African-American Elders Speak* by Camille Cosby [305.8 AfrYc]
- *The African-American Century* by Henry Louis Gates [305.8 AfrYg]
- *This Far By Faith: Stories from the African-American Religious Experience* by Juan Williams [323.4 Wil]
- *The African-American Heritage Cookbook* by Carolyn Quick Tillery [641.592 Til]
- *The Art and History of Black Memorabilia* by Larry Buster [745.1 Bus]
- *Landmarks of African-American History* by James Horton [917.3 Hor]
- *The Black Washingtonians* by The Anacostia Museum [975.3 Ana]



John H. Ames Reading Series

Rajeon Luebs Shepherd – Children's Author
Thursday, February 15, 7:30 p.m. – Heritage Room at Bennett Martin Public Library – 14th & "N" Sts.



Originally from Michigan, Rajeon moved to North Platte in 1994. Trained as an educator and now working as a substitute teacher, she enjoys sharing children's books with her students. She is also the author of a book for young and old alike, *C is for Cornhusker - A Nebraska Alphabet*.

Lunch at the Library Series

Shelly Clark Geiser – "Zero Street: Poetry and Other Musings"
Wednesday, February 7, 12:10 p.m. – 4th floor Auditorium – Bennett Martin Public Library – 14th & "N" Sts.



Lincoln's Eiseley and Walt Branch Libraries Celebrate Their 5th Anniversaries!

On February 2, 2002, the community celebrated the opening of two new branch libraries in Lincoln, Nebraska. To mark the fifth anniversary of their openings, the Loren Corey Eiseley and Bess Dodson Walt branch libraries will host special events during the month of February, ranging from musical performances to showings of classic Film Noir movies.

For a complete list of the special February events visit: [This page on our website!](#)

Reviewer Profile



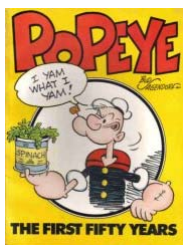
Our featured Reviewer for September 2006 is **Scott S. Scott** has worked for the libraries in a number of different branches and in several different departments, for over 25 years, and frequently pops up with reviews of interesting titles for our Staff Recommendations displays and for the web site. Reading has been an integral part of his life and career, as he indicates in his answers to our questions about books and reading:

Would you care to share any personal info with our readers -- such as where you grew up, what you read as a child, etc.?

I was born in Lincoln. Halfway through the 1st Grade we moved to Hastings, and I lived there until I came to UNL in 1970. I was always a voracious reader and lover of books. My mother says the first time I walked into the Children's Department at the Hastings Public Library, I said, "It's a veritable paradise!" I earned a Cub Scout merit badge volunteering at the library. I loved Dr. Seuss, Thornton W. Burgess (and his illustrator, Harrison Cady), and Freddy the Pig; later I devoured a whole series of American biographies and anything about mythology. By junior high I'd discovered comic books, as well as Robert Heinlein, Arthur C. Clarke, E.E. "Doc" Smith and Isaac Asimov. Then Robert E. Howard and H.P. Lovecraft.

How long have you been an active reader, and were there any particular books or authors or other people that "made you a reader"?

I remember being a small child and wanting to read desperately. The Popeye cartoons on television always began with a ship's doors opening and closing -- there was writing inside there, and I wanted so badly to know what it said.



How important are books and reading to you?

I read the ingredients on cereal boxes at breakfast. I read the little stand-up displays on restaurant tables over lunch. I've read the labels on bottles of Asian hot sauce written in a half-dozen languages, comparing the words for the different ingredients. I've worked in a public library for more than a quarter of a century. I'd consider books and reading "slightly important."

How do you select what books to read next?

In the movie "The Wild One," Marlon Brando is asked, "What are you rebelling against?" His answer: "Whattaya got?" I'm sort of like that. If it looks interesting, I'll read it. I'm particularly attracted to biographies, and a select cadre of fiction writers. I love comics and graphic novels, of course.

What do you enjoy about writing book recommendations?

Very little. I abhor the school of reviewers/critics who take a holier-than-thou, more-erudite-than-thou approach. I just try to pass along what I like. Your mileage may vary.

and finally...

If there was only one author you could convince people to read, that author would be:

Samuel Langhorne Clemens. But if you're talking contemporary, you may take your pick among Kurt Vonnegut, George MacDonald Fraser, and Walter Mosley.

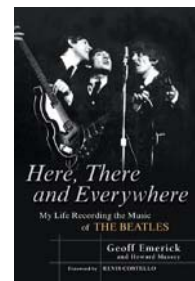
[See this profile, and a list of Scott's reviews on the BookGuide Web site](#)

Staff Reviews

Here, There and Everywhere: My Life Recording the Music of the Beatles

By Geoff Emerick [2006]

Geoff Emerick was there throughout the *Beatles* recording career. *Here, There and Everywhere* is a fascinating look at the inner workings of the band that made some of rock's most enduring music.



Coming Up...

CLOSINGS IN FEBRUARY: Don't forget – the libraries will be closed on February 19th for the Presidents Day holiday – but all of our on-line resources, including **BookGuide**, are always available 24/7/365!

Celebrity Guest Reviews and **The Writing Life** (author interviews) will return in upcoming issues. We have several upcoming Guest Reviewers and author interviews in the works!

We're interested in hearing from you regarding what you'd be interested in seeing here in this our e-newsletter each month. What have you enjoyed in our first year's issues? If you have any suggestions or comments to offer us about **BookGuide** or the **BookGuide Bulletin**, please drop us an e-mail at:

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