

## **ST-5 Nebraska State Report**

MPLA Board Report

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### **MPLA Activities**

- Shared MPLA news and announcements with the NLA Executive Board
- Requested MPLA newsletter content

### **NLA Activities**

- Attended NLA Board Meetings
- Attended NLA Third Thursday Chats
- Serve on NLA Advocacy Committee as MPLA Rep
- NLA Strategic Planning Group
- Planning Group for Spring C&U/Tech Services Meeting

### **NLA News**

- NLA Advocacy Day is March 3, 2023 - 82 Current Registrations (including Lt. Governor)  
Schedule
  - 8:30 Registration Opens
  - 9:00 Overview of NLA Advocacy Website and tools - Matt Kovar and Shelby Brodersen
  - 9:15 Update from the NLC - Rod Wagner
  - 9:30 NLA Lobbyist: Overview of legislation being monitored for the NLA, tips for visiting with your State Senator
  - 10:00 Capitol Visits (until approximately 11:45)
  - 12:00 Lunch at the Cornhusker Marriott
    - Speaker Mitchell Roush
    - Presentation of 2023 Outstanding Library Volunteer Awards
  - 2:00 Return to the Capitol Building for a tour of the NEWLY renovated State Library!
  - 4:00 NLA Social Hour
- [https://nebraskalibraries.org/Advocacy\\_Engage\\_Page](https://nebraskalibraries.org/Advocacy_Engage_Page)

### **Legislation of Interest to NLA – Spring 2023**

<a href="#">LB71</a>	<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-530, 79-531, 79-532, and 79-533, Reissued Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the involvement of parents and guardians in the education of their children; to require each public school district to develop and adopt a policy relating to the rights of each parent and guardian to access testing information and curriculum and excuse their child from certain instruction or activities; to provide powers and duties to the Commissioner of Education; and to repeal the original sections.</p> <p><b>Notes: NLA supports the Nebraska School Librarians Association concerning the availability of curriculum and content to all students.</b></p>
<a href="#">LB374</a>	<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to adopt the Parents' Bill of Rights and Academic Transparency Act; to eliminate provisions relating to parental involvement in public schools; to provide operative dates; and to outright repeal sections 79-530, 79-531, 79-532, and 79-533, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.</p> <p><b>Notes: Censors books and information, burdening school staff with the expectation of reviewing every material in the school library.</b></p>
<a href="#">LB441</a>	<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-815, Reissued Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to defenses for offenses involving obscene materials; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.</p> <p><b>Notes: Censors legally protected information and burdens tax payers and the courts for the unwarranted prosecution of library professionals, contributing to the shortage of qualified librarians and educators who will no longer feel safe working in Nebraska.</b></p>
<a href="#">LB635</a>	<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to define terms; to provide powers and duties to school districts, schools, and the Nebraska Library Commission relating to an educational resource database provided to students in kindergarten through grade twelve; to require the Nebraska Library Commission and the State Department of Education to submit a report; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.</p> <p><b>Notes: Encourages the censorship of important academic content while wasting taxpayer and state funds by increasing technology costs to schools and the Nebraska Library Commission.</b></p>