



# BETWEEN THE PAGES

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## Clued in Murder Mystery Scavenger Hunt

Last weekend, February 28th & 29th, we had a great turnout for the event with 30 people on Friday and 31 people on Saturday!

The whole library was decorated into Clue-style rooms with clues inside envelopes hidden everywhere. The players were able to do new actions such as bribery, forming alliances, blackmail, gambling, stealing, and more between rooms.



Players split into groups to find the envelopes and put the clues together to be the first to solve the murder mystery. Special thanks to the Plattsmouth High School teens that helped us test the game beforehand.



## “Game On @ the Library”

Are you bored with all of your video games at home? Have you been looking at “Witcher 3”, “The Legend of Zelda-Breath of the Wild”, “Dragon Quest-Builders”, or hoping to play them?

Use your Plattsmouth Public Library card to check out a new game for either the PlayStation 4 or the Nintendo Switch gaming consoles.

We recently bought a total of 15 games to add to the library collection, and they will be available for checkout shortly. Here is the list of the games:

### Playstation 4:

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| Ratchet and Clank | Rayman Legends        |
| Dragon Quest XI   | Dragon Quest Builders |
| Mortal Kombat 11  | Grand Theft Auto –V   |
| Witcher 3         | Lego City Undercover  |
| Horizon Zero Dawn | Spiderman             |

### Nintendo Switch:

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| The Legend of Zelda-Breath of the Wild |                       |
| Bayonetta 2                            | Dark Souls-Remastered |
| Super Mario Odyssey                    | Pokemon Sword         |
| Pokemon Shield                         |                       |

The games will be available for a seven-day checkout with two games per library card at a time. These are the first titles to be added. We will be adding more games on a regular basis. Please let library staff know if there are other games you would like to see bought.



## Seyfer Received State Honor

Harlan Seyfer, who does our monthly historical articles, is the first recipient of a major state honor. Seyfer received the History Nebraska Heritage Hero Award at the Plattsmouth Main Street Association's annual meeting this year on February 24th.

Seyfer has published more than 100 articles about numerous historical events, places and people in his career. He has explored topics ranging from the European discovery of the Platte River to pioneers who traveled on the Oxbow Trail. He has also presented many papers at conferences and seminars.

Seyfer, a retired aerospace engineer, has provided historical knowledge to the Plattsmouth Historic Preservation Board, Plattsmouth Main Street Association, Plattsmouth Main Street National Historic District and Oregon-California Trails

Association. He has also taught history classes at the Southeast Community College Learning Center in Plattsmouth.



From left, Plattsmouth resident Harlan Seyfer receives the History Nebraska Heritage Hero Award from History Nebraska representative Bryan Zimmer on Monday night. Seyfer is one of just 45 people in Nebraska to receive the inaugural award. The state historical society honored him for researching and chronicling dozens of Nebraska stories over the years.

Brent Hardin / The Journal

## New Face at the Library

You may notice a new face working here at the library. My name is Kenneth Turner and I'm working full time for the Plattsmouth Public Library. I've previously worked at the La Vista Public Library and the Ralston Public Library. I look forward to meeting lots of new people at the library and helping people find new books and helping with technology.



## Coding Club Continues

The library's Code Club for children ages 8-14 runs every Saturday, 1-2 pm or 2-3 pm. Children will begin with the basics of coding, or writing instructions for a computer to perform actions. Every Saturday, they will build their skills. In February, they were able to code a video game. Additional projects will be completed in March.

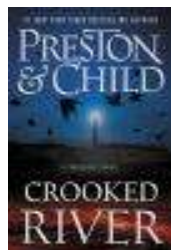


The club is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Snacks will be provided.

## New Items

**Fiction**

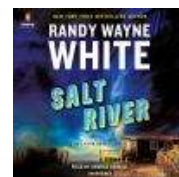
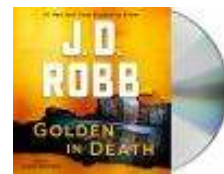
All the best lies by Schaffhausen, Joanna  
 Alone in the wild by Armstrong, Kelley  
 Been there, married that by Grazer, Gigi Levangie  
 Blindside by Patterson, James  
 Bones don't lie by Leigh, Melinda  
 Bonjour tristesse by Sagan, Françoise  
 Cleaning the gold by Slaughter, Karin  
 Crooked river by Preston, Douglas J.  
 The dark corners of the night by Gardiner, Meg  
 Dead to her by Pinborough, Sarah  
 Dear Edward by Napolitano, Ann  
 A divided loyalty by Todd, Charles  
 Golden in death by Robb, J. D.  
 Her last goodbye by Leigh, Melinda  
 The hollows by Montgomery, Jess  
 Hunger by Hamsun, Knut  
 The killer collective by Eisler, Barry  
 The kitchen house by Grissom, Kathleen  
 Kwaidan by Hearn, Lafcadio  
 Last day by Rice, Luanne  
 Long bright river by Moore, Liz  
 The look-alike by Spindler, Erica  
 Lost hills by Goldberg, Lee  
 The lucky one by Rader-Day, Lori  
 Mermaid Inn by Holiday, Jenny  
 The metamorphosis by Kafka, Franz  
 Murder at the Capitol by Gleason, Colleen  
 Murder on the serpentine by Perry, Anne  
 The museum of desire by Kellerman, Jonathan  
 The night before Christmas by Gogol, Nikolai Vasilevich  
 No Bad Deed by Chavez, Heather  
 One minute out by Greaney, Mark  
 The other Mrs. by Kubica, Mary  
 Promised land by Whitlow, Robert  
 Rekindled magic by Cromer, T. M.  
 Salt River by White, Randy Wayne  
 Say you're sorry by Leigh, Melinda  
 Sisters by choice by Mallery, Susan  
 Someone we know by Lapena, Shari  
 Spring magic by Cromer, T. M.  
 Such a fun age by Reid, Kiley  
 Then she was gone by Jewell, Lisa  
 The turn of the screw by James, Henry  
 War of the spark : Forsaken by Weisman, Greg  
 When you see me by Gardner, Lisa

**Large Print**

Almost just friends by Shalvis, Jill  
 Country strong by Miller, Linda Lael  
 Crooked river by Preston, Douglas J.  
 A divided loyalty by Todd, Charles  
 Lady Clementine by Benedict, Marie  
 Lake season by Hunter, Denise  
 The museum of desire by Kellerman, Jonathan  
 Treason by Woods, Stuart

**Audiobooks**

Alone in the wild by Armstrong, Kelley  
 The Black Ascot by Todd, Charles  
 Blindside by Patterson, James  
 The country guesthouse by Carr, Robyn  
 Crooked river by Preston, Douglas J.  
 Dead to her by Pinborough, Sarah  
 A divided loyalty by Todd, Charles  
 Golden in death by Robb, J. D.  
 Last day by Rice, Luanne  
 Long bright river by Moore, Liz  
 Lost Hills by Goldberg, Lee  
 Miracle Creek by Kim, Angie  
 The museum of desire by Kellerman, Jonathan  
 Salt River by White, Randy Wayne  
 The vanishing by Krentz, Jayne Ann

**Non-Fiction**

The American spirit by McCullough, David G.  
 The body by Bryson, Bill  
 Dimestore by Smith, Lee  
 Everything chocolate by America's Test Kitchen  
 The face of war by Gellhorn, Martha  
 Franklin & Washington by Larson, Edward J.  
 La vita nuova = the new life by Dante Alighieri  
 One-day DIY : modern farmhouse furniture by Strate, J. P.  
 Restoring your historic house by Hanson, Scott T.  
 A short history of the world by Lascelles, Christopher  
 Tightrope by Kristof, Nicholas D.  
 A warning by  
 Wayfarer by Rockefeller, James S. Jr.

**Non-Fiction Audiobook**

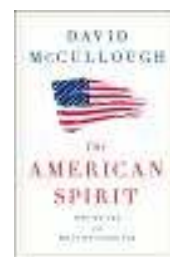
The third rainbow girl by Eisenberg, Emma Copley  
 The volunteer by Fairweather, Jack

**Teen Fiction**

Children of virtue and vengeance by Adeyemi, Tomi  
 One of us is next by McManus, Karen M.  
 Two can keep a secret by McManus, Karen M.

**Teen Graphic Novel**

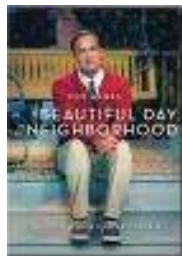
Man-eaters. Vol. 1 by Cain, Chelsea  
 Man-eaters. Vol. 2 by Cain, Chelsea  
 Tomb Raider omnibus. Volume 1



## New Items...Continued from page 3

**Video**

4 film favorites : White House collection  
 47 meters down : uncaged  
 The Addams family  
 A beautiful day in the neighborhood  
 Beetle Juice  
 Crossword mysteries. A puzzle to die for  
 Daredevil. The complete first season  
 Doc Martin. Series 9  
 Doctor Sleep  
 Ford v Ferrari  
 The girl with all the gifts  
 The good liar  
 Harriet  
 Keeping Faith. Series 2  
 Last Christmas  
 Line of duty. Series 1-5  
 Maleficent. Mistress of evil  
 Midway  
 Minions  
 Monk. Seasons 5-8  
 Motherless Brooklyn  
 Ray Donovan. Season six  
 Savages  
 The shining  
 Terminator. Dark fate  
 Transformers. The last knight  
 Tron  
 Zombieland. Double tap

**Easy**

Baby dragon, baby dragon! by Marr, Melissa  
 Be a good dragon by Cyrus, Kurt  
 Do you believe in unicorns? by Murguia, Bethanie Deeney  
 Fairy's first day of school by Heos, Bridget  
 Finding kindness by Underwood, Deborah  
 Five minutes (that's a lot of time) (no, it's not) (yes, it is) by Scanlon, Elizabeth Garton  
 Goodnight hockey by Dahl, Michael  
 Hair love by Cherry, Matthew A.  
 If the S in moose comes loose by Hermann, Peter  
 A is for Audra by Allman, John Robert  
 Monkey time by Hall, Michael  
 Not quite Snow White by Franklin, Ashley  
 The panda problem by Underwood, Deborah  
 Zoogie boogie fever! by Rim, Sujean

**Juvenile Graphic Novel**

The changeling king by Aldridge, Ethan M.  
 Disco fever by Savage, Doug  
 Laser Moose and Rabbit Boy by Savage, Doug  
 Surfside girls. The mystery at the old rancho by Dwinell, Kim  
 Surfside girls. The secret of Danger Point by Dwinell, Kim

**Juvenile Fiction**

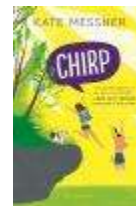
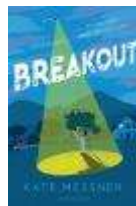
24 hours in nowhere by Bowling, Dusti  
 The benefits of being an octopus by Braden, Ann  
 Breakout by Messner, Kate  
 Chirp by Messner, Kate  
 The curse of the Werpenguin by Woodrow, Allan  
 Dragon curse by McMann, Lisa  
 Ghost boys by Rhodes, Jewell Parker  
 The hand on the wall by Johnson, Maureen  
 Insignificant events in the life of a cactus by Bowling, Dusti  
 The lost princess by Glynn, Connie  
 The magnificent monsters of Cedar Street by Oliver, Lauren  
 Time bomb by Charbonneau, Joelle

**Juvenile Non-Fiction**

All in a drop by Alexander, Lori  
 The bat by Gravel, Elise  
 Born to fly : the first women's air race across America by Sheinkin, Steve  
 The cockroach by Gravel, Elise  
 Consent (for kids) by Brian, Rachel  
 My first book of hockey by Bechtel, Mark  
 Ugly by Hoge, Robert  
 What is the story of the Wizard of Oz? by Anderson, Kirsten  
 Who are the Rolling Stones? by Rau, Dana Meachen  
 Who is Michael Jordan? by Anderson, Kirsten  
 Who is the Dalai Lama? by Rau, Dana Meachen  
 Who was Amelia Earhart? by Jerome, Kate Boehm  
 Who was Cesar Chavez? by Rau, Dana Meachen  
 Who was Chuck Jones? by Gigliotti, Jim  
 Who was Leif Erikson? by Medina, Nico  
 Who was Napoleon? by Gigliotti, Jim  
 Who was Nikola Tesla? by Gigliotti, Jim  
 Who were the Tuskegee Airmen? by Smith, Sherri L.

**Juvenile Video**

LEGO Ninjago, masters of spinjitzu. Season 8, Sons of Garmadon

**Adopt-a-Book**

All the best lies by Schaffhausen, Joanna  
 Alone in the wild by Armstrong, Kelley  
 Dead to her by Pinborough, Sarah  
 A divided loyalty by Todd, Charles  
 The hollows by Montgomery, Jess  
 The museum of desire by Kellerman, Jonathan

*A complete list of new titles can be found on our website, [www.plattsmouthlibrary.org](http://www.plattsmouthlibrary.org), under New Titles.*

# The Silver Medal

Harlan Seyfer



Reverend Michael Shine was pastor of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Plattsmouth from 1908 until his death in 1927. During that time, he became a noted historian of the Upper Midwest, especially Nebraska. He published several articles on a variety of historical topics and became a leading member of the Nebraska State Historical Society.

After becoming a member of the board of the state historical society in 1918, Rev. Shine made frequent trips to Lincoln, where he invariably found time to stop by the society's museum to view acquisitions. On one of those stops, Elmer Blackman, the museum curator, pointed out a medal unearthed in 1883 near the Loup River when a Native American grave was opened in Nance County by curiosity seekers. The county sits in the heart of traditional Pawnee territory and had its genesis in the Pawnee Indian Reservation, which the tribe relinquished in 1879. Also found in the grave were "glass beads and other trinkets which showed contact with whites." The silver medal was stamped "To the Bravest of the Brave" and showed two figures, one female and one male running towards two horses in a grove of trees. The male is obviously an Indian. Whoever engraved the medal clearly had skill in that art.

We need to digress a little bit here. George Bird Grinnell, conservationist and Native American ethnologist, wrote in 1889, "The Pawnees are essentially a religious people. They worship *Ti-ra'-wa*, who is in and of everything. ... He is intangible, quite as much so as the God of the Christians." There the similarity falters, as Eagle Chief of the Pawnee related to Grinnell and as Shine transmitted in his *Nebraska History* article.



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The Skidi alone of the Pawnees sacrificed human beings to *Ti-ra'-wa*. When they had returned home from war successful, bringing captives with them, they selected one of these for the sacrifice. ... Just before daylight [of the selected day, the entire tribe] went out to the west end of the village, and stood there looking for the prisoner to be brought. Here two stout posts had been set up, one of ash and the other of hackberry, and between these had been tied four cross-poles, the three lower ones to aid in climbing up to the highest of the four.

As day broke, the people, looking back toward the village, could see the captive being led toward them, bound hand and foot. Behind him, as he was led along, followed a warrior carrying the heart and tongue of a buffalo; after him came another, carrying a blazing stick, then one with a bow and arrow... . After the victim was secured to the top post, firewood was piled around the base, and the old man with his burning stick stepped forward. He paused, while the warrior who had taken the captive approached and with his sacred arrow shot the victim through the heart. The old man then lit the fire.

After returning to Plattsburgh and consulting his library, Shine wrote back to Blackman that he thought the male figure was *Pi-ta-le-sha-ru* (Man Among Men), a Pawnee warrior, who accompanied his father, the head chief of the Skidi Pawnee to Washington, D. C., in 1821. Four years earlier (1817), then 20-year old *Pi-ta-le-sha-ru* disregarded one of his tribe's sacred traditions when he rescued a captured Comanche maiden from being sacrificed to the Morning Star. The fame of his brave act preceded him to Washington, where the young ladies of Miss White's Seminary presented him with the silver medal in honor of his heroic (and *very romantic*) act. The reverse side of the medal shows the scaffolding to which the maiden was tied and the fire which immolated her.

Rev. Shine concluded his letter:

While I have no direct and incontestable proofs for its identification, yet I am fairly convinced that this silver medal is the identical medal presented by these young ladies, and that the grave in which it was found was that of *Pitalesharu*, the Skidi Warrior, THE MAN AMONG MEN, or as the medal itself translates his name, THE BRAVEST OF THE BRAVE.

Since Grinnell and Shine, the "Morning Star Ceremony" has been documented extensively by George Hyde in *The Pawnee Indians* and by Bryan Cannon in *Encyclopedia of the Great Plains Indians*.



A Somewhat Idealized 1833 Portrait  
of *Pi-ta-le-sha-ru*  
Drake, *Indians of North America*, p. 116.



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**April 17**

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## Family Golden Sower Picture Book Brunch

Plattsmouth Public Library  
 Saturday, March 28  
 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**stories, activities, crafts, and brunch**  
 Activities and crafts are geared for children 3-8 years old.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month through April 2020, we will:



- Read Golden Sower Nominee picture books.
- Give away 10 copies of the monthly selection on a first-come, first-served basis.
- March's title is *Hattie and Hudson* by Chris Van Dusen

The last Saturday in the series is April 25.

There is no cost to participate in this program.

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# March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Cass County Carvers 12 pm	3	4 Storytime 10 am	5 Storytime 10 am	6 Friday Friends 10-11:30 am	7 Coding Club 1-2pm or 2-3pm Book Club 10 am
8 Daylight Savings 	9 Cass County Carvers 12 pm	10 Bridge Commission 4 pm	11 Storytime 10 am Reduce Waste, 6:30 pm	12 Storytime 10 am	13	14 Coding Club 1-2pm or 2-3pm
15	16 Cass County Carvers 12 pm	17 Saint Patrick's Day 	18 Storytime 10 am Steampunk, 6-7	19 Storytime 10 am	20 Bingo 1:30 pm Friday Friends 10-11:30 am	21 Coding Club 1-2pm or 2-3pm
22	23 Cass County Carvers 12 pm	24	25 Storytime 10 am Library Board 5:30 pm	26 Storytime 10 am	27	28 Coding Club 1-2pm or 2-3pm Golden Sower Brunch 10-11am
29	30 Cass County Carvers 12 pm	31				

# April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Storytime 10 am	2 Storytime 10 am	3 Friday Friends 10-11:30 am	4 Coding Club 1-2pm or 2-3pm
5	6 Cass County Carvers 12 pm	7	8 Storytime 10 am	9 Storytime 10 am	10 Library Closed	11 Coding Club 1-2pm or 2-3pm
12 Easter - Library Closed	13 Cass County Carvers 12 pm	14 Bridge Commission 4 pm	15 Storytime 10 am Steampunk, 6-7	16 Storytime 10 am	17 Bingo 1:30 pm Friday Friends 10-11:30 am	18 Coding Club 1-2pm or 2-3pm
19	20 Cass County Carvers 12 pm	21	22 Storytime 10 am	23 Storytime 10 am	24 Arbor Day 	25 Coding Club 1-2pm or 2-3pm Golden Sower Brunch 10-11am
26	27 Cass County Carvers 12 pm Friends of the Library 5pm	28	29 Storytime 10 am Library Board 5:30 pm	30 Storytime 10 am Trash to Treasure Family Craft Night 6:30 pm		