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A Few of our Resources

New to our list: Consumer Protection/Identity Theft/Scams

[Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](#)

[Federal Trade Commission Consumer Information: Identity Theft](#)

[Federal Trade Commission Consumer Information: Scam Alerts](#)

Genealogy Research Available in the Library

The library provides access to Ancestry.com's [Ancestry® Library Edition](#) from library computers only. (Sorry, no access from home.)

You can also use [My Heritage](#) in the library or from home using your Nebraska driver's license or a password provided by the library.

Looking for book information?

[Fantastic Fiction](#) provides lists of all of an author's works and groups them by series.

[Juvenile Series and Sequels](#) is maintained by Mid-Continent Public Library in Missouri.

[NoveList Plus](#) is a complete readers' advisory resource for fiction and non-fiction titles.

Reading ebooks?

[OverDrive](#) allows you to download or read online ebooks and audiobooks on a [wide variety of devices](#).



For a full list of our resources and links, go to: <https://www.plattsmouth.org/index.php/resources>

Paws for Reading on Zoom

Once a month January 16th, February 20th, and March 20th
10-11am Register for 15-minute time slots using SignUpGenius

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eabaa2ea3f5cf8-paws>



Golden Sower Book Club

February 6th from 10-10:30am

Come join us through Zoom as we read this Golden Sower-nominated book called Mae Among the Stars, by Roda Ahmed.



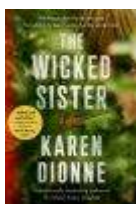
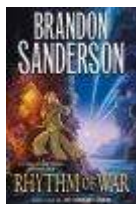
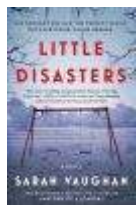
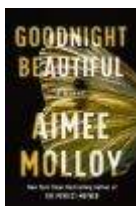
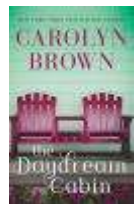
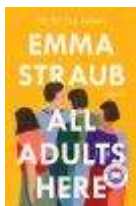
Having Car Troubles?

We have a resources page on our website with all sorts of helpful resources including **Mitchell1's ProDemand** which provides procedures, wiring diagrams, and specifications for repairing cars, trucks, and large equipment. Access this information from any computer with a password provided by library staff.

New Items

Fiction

All adults here by Straub, Emma
 The awakening by Roberts, Nora
 Christmas at the restaurant by Kelley, Pamela
 The cipher by Maldonado, Isabella
 Cold wind by Shelton, Paige
 The cul-de-sac war by Ferguson, Melissa
 The dark sunrise by McCauley, Terrence
 The Daydream cabin by Brown, Carolyn
 A dog's perfect Christmas by Cameron, W. Bruce
 Fool me twice by Lindsay, Jeffrey P.
 Fortune favors the dead by Spotswood, Stephen
 Funeral for a friend by Freeman, Brian
 The girl in the mirror by Carlyle, Rose
 The girl who wasn't there by Zandri, Vincent
 Goodnight beautiful by Molloy, Aimee
 Hieroglyphics by McCorkle, Jill
 Home before dark by Sager, Riley
 How to catch a queen by Cole, Alyssa
 How to fail at flirting by Williams, Denise
 Hush-hush by Woods, Stuart
 I am half-sick of shadows by Bradley, Alan
 Jane in love by Givney, Rachel
 The jetsetters by Ward, Amanda Eyre
 Little disasters by Vaughan, Sarah
 Marauder by Cussler, Clive
 The Noel letters by Evans, Richard Paul
 One day in December by Silver, Josie
 Perestroika in Paris by Smiley, Jane
 Rhythm of war by Sanderson, Brandon
 The secret chapter by Cogman, Genevieve
 Skin deep by Woo, Sung J.
 Spinning silver by Novik, Naomi
 This time next year by Cousens, Sophie
 Three perfect liars by Perks, Heidi
 Three wishes by Moriarty, Liane
 The weed that strings the hangman's bag by Bradley, Alan
 Where the lost wander by Harmon, Amy
 The wicked sister by Dionne, Karen
 Willowleaf Lane by Thyne, RaeAnne
 Winter counts by Weiden, David Heska Wanbli
 With or without you by Leavitt, Caroline

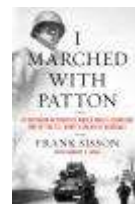
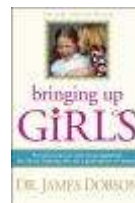
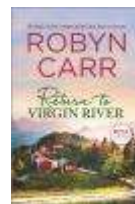
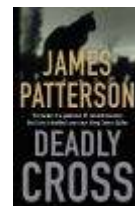
**Large Print**

Deadly cross by Patterson, James
 The girl in the mirror by Carlyle, Rose
 Goodnight beautiful by Molloy, Aimee
 Hieroglyphics by McCorkle, Jill
 A hill of beans by Johnstone, William W.
 The invisible life of Addie LaRue by Schwab, Victoria
 Killer take all by Johnstone, William W.
 Love your life by Kinsella, Sophie
 A Mrs. Miracle Christmas by Macomber, Debbie
 North of Laramie by Johnstone, William W.
 Piece of my heart by Clark, Mary Higgins
 Texas outlaw by Patterson, James
 Tom Clancy shadow of the dragon by Cameron, Marc

Truly, madly, deeply by Kingsbury, Karen
 The wicked sister by Dionne, Karen

Audiobooks

500 miles from you by Colgan, Jenny
 After all I've done by Hardy, Mina
 The Black Swan of Paris by Robards, Karen
 The cipher by Maldonado, Isabella
 Confessions on the 7:45 by Unger, Lisa
 The dirty South by Connolly, John
 Don't look for me by Walker, Wendy
 Every last secret by Torre, A. R.
 The girl in the mirror by Carlyle, Rose
 The honey-don't list by Lauren, Christina
 Hush-hush by Woods, Stuart
 The law of innocence by Connelly, Michael
 Little disasters by Vaughan, Sarah
 The Nemesis manifesto by Lustbader, Eric
 Return to Virgin River by Carr, Robyn
 Survivor song by Tremblay, Paul
 The tenant by Engberg, Katrine
 Texas outlaw by Patterson, James
 Three perfect liars by Perks, Heidi
 When she was good by Robotham, Michael
 A woman alone by Laurin, Nina

**Non-Fiction**

Between the stitching by Higgins, Taylor
 Bringing up girls by Dobson, James C.
 Churchill's hellraisers by Lewis, Damien
 COVID-19 by Mackenzie, Debora
 The DC comics encyclopedia
 Federal benefits for veterans, dependents, and survivors
 Finding freedom by Scobie, Omid
 Fresh from Louisiana by Graham, George
 From warriors to warrior writers
 The great secret by Conant, Jennet
 Greenlights by McConaughey, Matthew
 Hell in the heartland by Miller, Jax
 The husband hunters by De Courcy, Anne
 I marched with Patton by Sisson, Frank
 It was all a lie by Stevens, Stuart
 Murder of innocence by Patterson, James
 Ninety-nine glimpses of Princess Margaret by Brown, Craig
 Obama by Souza, Pete
 Ocean anatomy by Rothman, Julia
 A promised land by Obama, Barack
 Unsinkable by Sullivan, James
 We keep the dead close by Cooper, Becky
 What cats want by Hattori, Yukichi
 The best of me by Sedaris, David
 Didn't see that coming by Hollis, Rachel

Nebraska Collection

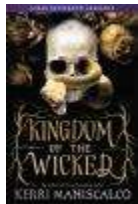
Forever Heroes by Winfield, Joyce H.

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Teen Fiction

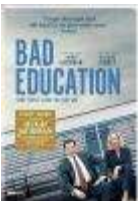
Kingdom of the Wicked by Maniscalco, Kerri Paul, big, and small by Robb, David Glen
A reaper at the gates by Tahir, Sabaa
A sky beyond the storm by Tahir, Sabaa
A torch against the night by Tahir, Sabaa

**Teen Graphic Novel**

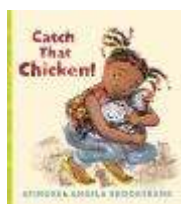
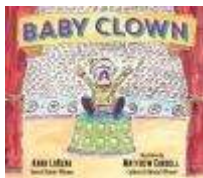
Bleach 3-in-1 edition. Volume 22 by Kubo, Tite
California screaming by O'Malley, Bryan Lee
Dragon ball. 3-in-1. 12 by Toriyama, Akira
Hawking by Ottaviani, Jim
Heartstopper. Volume 2 by Oseman, Alice
The low, low woods by Machado, Carmen Maria
Ms. Marvel. Kamala Khan by Wilson, G. Willow
The phantom twin by Brown, Lisa
Princess jellyfish. 1-9 by Higashimura, Akiko
Shaman king by Takei, Hiroyuki
Teen Titans. Beast Boy by Garcia, Kami

**Video**

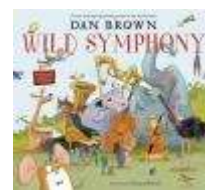
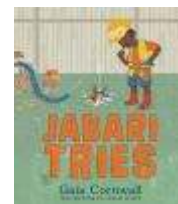
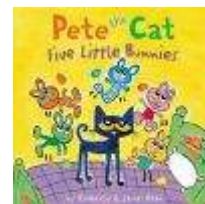
All creatures great & small. The complete series 6 & 7
Bad education
Chicago med. Season five
Darrow & Darrow. Collection one
Death in paradise. Season nine
Father Brown. Season eight
Hope Gap
The Irishman
Irresistible
Mulan
Narcos. Seasons 1&2
The postcard killings
Spontaneous
Words on bathroom walls
Yellowstone. Season three

**Easy**

Addy's cup of sugar by Muth, Jon J.
Baby Clown by LaReau, Kara
The bear and the moon by Burgess, Matthew
Bear needs help by Brannen, Sarah S.
Bedtime for superheroes by Locke, Katherine
Bob Ross and Peapod the Squirrel by Pearlman, Robb
Bowwow powwow = bagosenjige-niimi'idim by Child, Brenda J.
Catch that chicken! by Atinuke
Christmas is joy by Dodd, Emma
Coral by Idle, Molly Schaar
The couch potato by John, Jory
Dragon meets Boy by Slack, Michael H.
Dress like a girl by Toht, Patricia
Escape goat by Patchett, Ann
Everybody says meow by Lombardo, Constance



Five little bunnies by Dean, Kim
Fly Guy & Fly Girl : night fright by Arnold, Tedd
Good night, Little Engine by Lawler, Janet
Good night, wiggly toes by Ahmed, Roda
Help wanted : must love books by Sumner Johnson, Janet
Hey, hey, hay! by Mihaly, Christy
I am every good thing by Barnes, Derrick
I found a kitty! by Cummings, Troy
In a jar by Marcero, Deborah
It's a moose! by Rosoff, Meg
Jabari tries by Cornwall, Gaia
Kitties on dinosaurs by Slack, Michael H.
Lambslide by Patchett, Ann
Letters from space by Anderson, Clayton C.
Library books are not for eating! by Tarpley, Todd
Little green donkey by Allepuz, Anuska
Madeline Finn and the therapy dog by Papp, Lisa
Merry Christmas, Little Pookie by Boynton, Sandra
Mr. Scruff by James, Simon
No room for a pup! by Suneby, Elizabeth
On account of the gum by Rex, Adam
One mean ant by Yorinks, Arthur
One mean ant with fly and flea by Yorinks, Arthur
Pick a pine tree by Toht, Patricia
Porcupine Cupid by June, Jason
Porcupine's pie by Renauld, Laura
Rescue & Jessica by Kensky, Jessica
The second sky by Guest, Patrick
A story for Small Bear by McGinty, Alice B.
Thanksgiving in the Woods by Alsdurf, Phyllis
This is a dog by Collins, Ross
Truck full of ducks by Burach, Ross
Two dogs on a trike by Snyder, Gabrielle
The unbudgeable curmudgeon by Burgess, Matthew
Uncle Bobby's wedding by Brannen, Sarah S.
Unstoppable! by Rex, Adam
What does an anteater eat? by Collins, Ross

**Adopt-a-Book**

Cold Wind by Shelton, Paige
The girl in the mirror by Carlyle, Rose
Home before dark by Sager, Riley
The nothing man by Howard, Catherine Ryan
The red horse by Benn, James R.
Three perfect liars by Perks, Heidi

A complete list of new titles can be found on our website, www.plattsmouthlibrary.org, under New Titles.

The Casualty of Private Lepert Harlan Seyfer, Plattsmouth Main Street Historian



Last month's History Column covered the impact on the home front of George Lepert's death in New Guinea. Lepert was the first Plattsmouth man to be killed in action during the Second World War. This month's column describes the conditions under which he gave his life.

George Lepert enlisted in the Army on Friday 5 June 1942. In August, after the typical eight-week boot camp, he was shipped to Brisbane, Australia, where he reported to Company "L", 126th Infantry, 32nd Division. There he set until 15 September, when orders arrived sending the 126th to Port Moresby. At the last minute before leaving, a Brisbane cleaning establishment dyed the unit's combat fatigues a mottled green to blend in with the jungle.

The 126th Infantry was the first American fighting force to arrive in New Guinea. They went into camp at Bootless Inlet about seven miles east of Port Moresby. It was from Bootless that George wrote the letter described last month. On 9 Nov., George's Battalion was flown to Pongani village on the north coast of New Guinea. From Pongani, the battalion marched fifty miles inland to Soputa village, arriving in time to be placed under the command of the Australian 7th Division on 19 Nov. As they marched, malaria and dengue fever began to take their toll. Meanwhile, the Japanese were waiting somewhere between Soputa, 11 miles inland, and Sananada on the coast.

On Sunday afternoon (22 Nov.), Lepert and Company "L" got their first taste of battle; it was bitter. They were green and their leaders inexperienced. The waiting Japanese, most from Burma, were experienced jungle fighters. Each Japanese position consisted of a single ring of bunkers connected by fire and communication trenches forming a perimeter, well concealed in dense jungle and flanked by swamps.

Add to that, the best map the Australians could provide was at a scale of 1 inch to 1 mile showing no terrain features. All that was shown was the junction between the track to Cape Killerton (a narrow foot path) and the Soputa-Sanananda track (barely traversable by jeep). Army historian Samuel Milner described the area as a confusing mass of jungles and swamps. The jungles "were a tangle of trees, vines, and creepers, and dense, almost impenetrable undergrowth. The swamps, filled with a frenzied growth of mangrove, nipa, and sago trees, were often shoulder-deep, and sometimes over a man's head." Visibility in many cases was a matter of feet.

The exhausted Australians were happy to sit back and watch the Americans, who assured the Aussies they "could go home now", the Yanks "were here to clean things up." The Americans had arrived short on food rations, but had plenty of cigarettes, for which the Aussies readily traded their bully beef (think Spam). The 3rd Battalion of the 126th Regiment under Colonel Tomlinson, consisting of companies I, J, K, and L (Lepert's company), took over the attack. Battalions 1 and 2 had been allocated to another front.

Tomlinson proposed a double enveloping movement that he said would "squeeze the Japs

right out". But, as one historian noted, "He had little concept of the difficulties that would face his men in a flanking move through the swamp and bush. Nor did he realize (as the Australians did from bitter experience) how stubbornly the Japanese could refuse to be 'squeezed'".

Company "L" was ordered to out-flank the enemy on the right. But moving forward, the swampy jungle and Japanese fire disorganized the Americans. They managed to advance 200 yards where they dug in. No sooner had that been accomplished than several hundred Japanese attacked, but with the help of the Aussies to their left, the Yanks repulsed them. Meanwhile, on the left flank swinging wide, Companies I and K were groping through the thick and swampy bush, but advanced only some 400 yards by nightfall.



Yanks Wading Through Muck in New Guinea Jungle-Swamp

Source: Australian War Memorial

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Monday thru Wednesday (23-25 Nov.), Company "L" unremittably skirmished with snipers in trees, the first taste Lepert received of that classic Japanese tactic. On the positive side, Company "L" found itself in a deserted banana plantation and on the edge of a large Japanese rice stockpile. Rice and bananas were a welcomed supplement to their rations.

Before dawn on Thanksgiving Day (26 Nov.), the Japanese gave Pvt. Lepert and his buddies a good going over with mortar fire. It isn't recorded what was on the Thanksgiving menu that day, but it would have been brief. At 1:00, the Allies replied with their own mortar fire and Company "L" was ordered out. They crossed a small, swampy stream and pushed northwestward about 350 yards before running into hidden machine gun fire and were forced to halt, taking heavy casualties. Lepert spent a miserable night in a fox hole filled with water.

Friday, a patrol found the main enemy position standing in their way and wiped it out. A part of the morning was taken up determining exactly where Company "L" was in the swamp and jungle.

On the 28th, Company "L" sent out several patrols to locate hidden Japanese positions. This proved difficult, but Pvt. Lepert's patrol ambushed and routed an enemy patrol, killing about eight of the Emperor's soldiers.

The 29th was a quiet Sunday, allowing Company "L" to be resupplied with rations and ammunition. The latter included a large supply of grenades, indicative of the close-in combat underway.

Monday morning, Pvt. Lepert's Company "L" again moved out, at first meeting no opposition. However, when they had gone less than 150 yards, all hell broke loose. The Japanese commander had anticipated this move by the Americans and laid a trap. Pvt. Lepert's luck held, despite the heavy casualties around him.

Meanwhile, about a mile west, the Americans on the left flank found a weakness between two Japanese positions. Companies "I" and an anti-tank company (minus its heavy equipment) fought through to the trail, where they surprised and wiped out a Japanese bivouac area. The Yanks were on the trail, albeit in a tall-grass clearing surrounded by trees ideal for snipers. But the Americans dug in and stayed. History would know this as the Huggins Roadblock, named for its commanding officer.

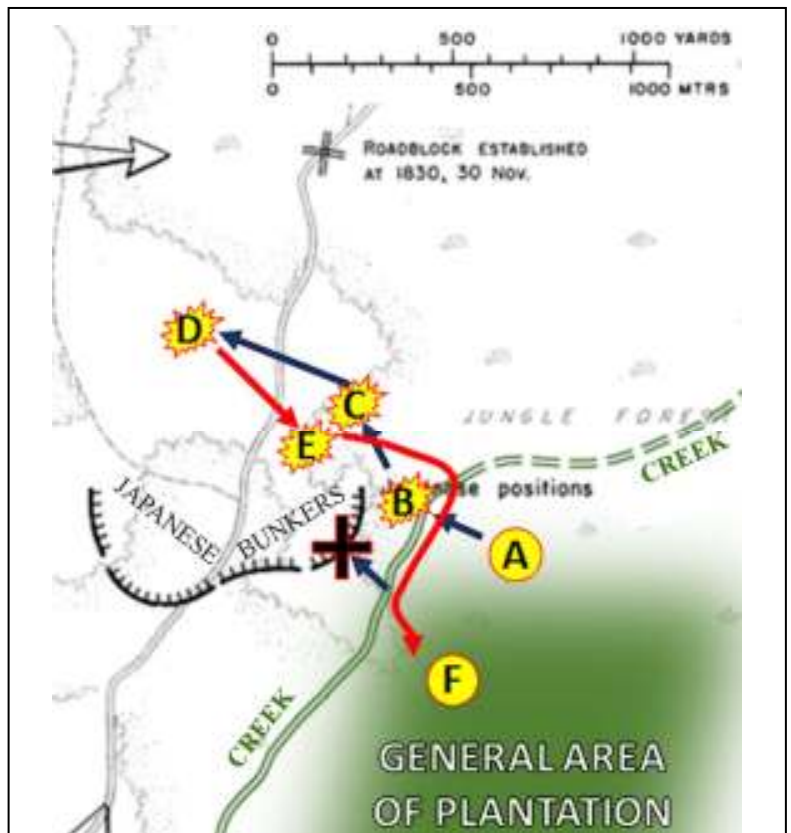
With the Japanese focused on this new threat to their rear, Company "L" was able to make progress. Early Tuesday afternoon, they crossed the trail to a point 250 yards west of it, where they surprised 35 to 40 Japanese, wiping them out.

Company "L" dug in just in time to fight off an attack on their right and front. At about 9:00 pm, the company received word that a strong force of enemy was concentrated a few yards northwest of them. They were ordered to immediately get out of there, take only the sick and wounded and to leave their dead. The Allies began mortaring the area just as Company "L" left and continued until it had re-crossed the trail.

Wednesday, 2 Dec., the men of Company "L" were exhausted and outnumbered. Nonetheless, that night they moved some 900 yards through the jungle-swamp until they came to the little stream they had crossed on Thanksgiving and followed it back to the banana plantation. They failed in their original mission, but in retrospect the 90 men of Company "L" accomplished something amazing; they fought their way into the rear of 2,000 well entrenched Japanese, fought off counterattacks, and returned with their wounded.

On Thursday and Friday (3 & 4 Dec.), Pvt. Lepert and buddies received a well deserved rest and were resupplied. Meanwhile the higher-ups planned the Allies' next move: a full out assault on the enemy isolated by the roadblock.

The 220 men of Companies "C" and "L" were ordered to advance at dawn after a barrage of Allied artillery and mortar fire on Saturday, 5 Dec. At 9:40, a report reached headquarters that both companies had gone to ground and were attempting to reorganize. At 11:30, the troops were still disorganized, scattered in the thick undergrowth, and held up by a light machine gun 50 yards to their front, and one slightly further back with one on their right flank. A bare 100 yards had been gained, with very heavy casualties – Private George Lepert among them. Seriously wounded by machine gun fire, Lepert was taken to an aid station in the banana plantation. Private George Lepert died on the Sabbath, 6 December 1942.



Company "L" Movements 26 Nov. to 5 Dec.

Locations of Co. L are: A = 22 -25 Nov.; B = 26 Nov.; C & D = advance 30 Nov. & 1 Dec.; E & F = pullback on 2 Dec.;

✚ = Pvt. Lepert mortally wounded on 5 Dec.

Positions are approximate

Composite map from McCarthy, p. 396; Milner, p. 157, and text sources.

Kirsten Wood's Recommendation

I love audiobooks, especially when driving in my car and then I don't have to listen to a random radio station. Nebraska Overdrive is the best resource for free audiobooks because it is super simple to use and there are always good book choices available to download for listening. I always have at least one book ready on my phone at any time. If I am going on a trip, I will download two or three books just to make sure I have alternatives because I don't want to be stuck in the middle of a trip with a book that is not working for me.

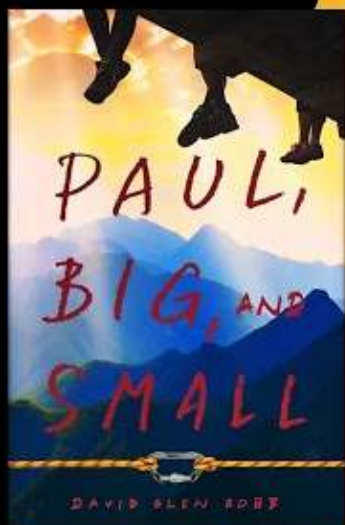
I have the app downloaded onto my smart phone because it is always with me and the book will play through my car's radio speakers using Bluetooth technology. According to my check out history, I have listened to 114 books since 2017 or 38 books a year approximately. That number seems so high to me, but when I think about how much time I spend in my car, maybe it isn't.

I have also found that I really like this service for juvenile books; it is fun for errand days when I do a lot of driving but in short distances. Since they are typically shorter, it is perfect for being able to follow the story and get to the end faster!

Any of the library staff can help you to get started with Nebraska Overdrive so that you can enjoy this free service too.



DINNER WITH AN AUTHOR



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Paul, Big, and Small

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6:00 PM VIA ZOOM

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January 2021

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