

# 2023 Fall RAN Workshop

**FRIDAY  
NOV. 3**

Seward Memorial Library  
233 South 5th Street, Seward, Nebraska



## The String Beans - LIVE!

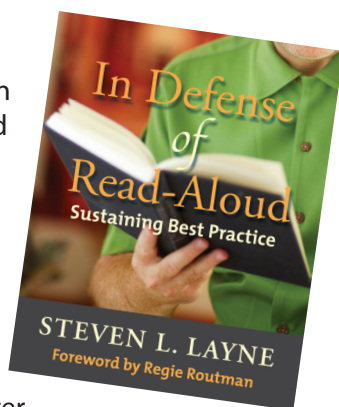
The String Beans, Nebraska's most popular children's music band, have entertained families since 2004 with catchy tunes, clever lyrics and onstage antics. Curt Bright, Randy Bright, and Daniel Christian will share their experiences writing songs and performing for the child in each of us. After all, singing is really just reading aloud stories that rhyme and are set to music. The band will perform a few songs live, answer your questions, test your knowledge of Nebraska trivia, and maybe even give out stickers!



## Stephen Layne - via Zoom

*In Defense of Read-Aloud*

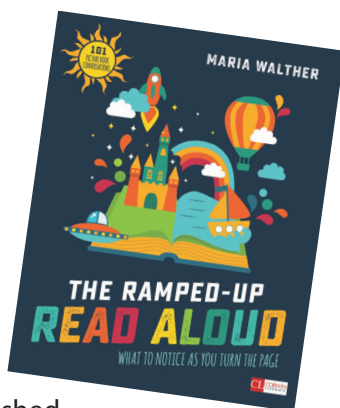
Author and University Scholar Dr. Steven Layne is passionate about reading aloud to kids of all ages. In this energizing keynote address, he provides teachers and librarians with strong research-based rationale for reading aloud throughout the grades as well as providing information on maximizing instruction. Guaranteed: loads of practical information and a lot of laughter.



## Maria Walther - via Zoom

*Ramp Up Your Read Alouds:  
Connect, Converse, and Extend*

Join Maria for an inspiring virtual learning session designed for librarians, teachers, and caregivers. Peek into the inner workings of an interactive read aloud. Discover a consistent read-aloud structure that will increase engagement, joy, and language comprehension. Leave with kid-friendly ideas and a list of recently-published picture books that your readers will love!



## AGENDA

**8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.**

Registration, Refreshments, Welcome

**8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

Special Announcement

**9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**

Breakout Session 1

**10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

The String Beans

**11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

Steven Layne Keynote

**11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

Lunch & Book Sales



Advance & Online registrations include lunch sponsored by Runza Restaurants!

**1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.**

Maria Walther Keynote

**2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

Breakout Session 2

**2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Closing, Evaluations, Book Sales

## Advance and Online registration - \$35

Must be postmarked or submitted by October 29. Please fill out the registration form and mail with your check or visit [www.readaloudnebraska.org](http://www.readaloudnebraska.org) to register and pay online.

## Onsite registration - \$40

Registrations received after October 29 will not include lunch.

## Breakout Session 1 9:00–9:45

### a **Making Literature Come Alive**

*Cody Talarico, Fine Arts Education Specialist at the Nebraska Department of Education*

Looking to spice up your classroom read a-louds? Do you want your kids to be more involved in your classroom literature? Come and explore a few strategies you can use to make your stories come alive through rhythmic speech, movements, special sound effects and more! Let's see how we can get our kids involved and make literature come alive.

### b **Picture Book Read Alouds**

*Carla Ketner, PhD., Chapters Books & Gifts*

Reading aloud is the single most important activity leading to language development, and that's only one of the reasons to share great books with children. Carla will share high-quality, engaging new picture books to read aloud.

### c **Read Aloud in Your Community**

*Ali Bousquet, Lincoln City Libraries Librarian*

Reading aloud is the single most important activity parents can do to prepare their children for reading and learning. Learn how your library can promote reading aloud in your community. Get ideas for how to get started, make connections, and spread the word.

## Breakout Session 2 2:00–2:45

### a **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**

*Jessica Chamberlain, Norfolk Public Library Director*

*Mark Claussen, School Psychologist and President of Read Aloud Norfolk*

Learn about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and how the program can increase reading aloud in your community. Hear how Norfolk got the program started in their community and how you can too!

### b **Early Chapter Book Read Alouds**

*Sally Snyder, Nebraska Library Commission*

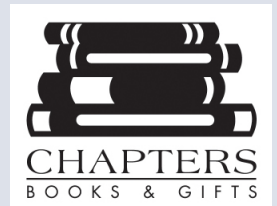
Sally will present good read aloud choices of early chapter books for beginning readers and chapter books for older elementary school age children. These fiction titles will keep kids reading and listening.

### c **Updates from NLA**

Representatives from the Nebraska Library Association Intellectual Freedom Round Table and the Golden Sower Award Committee will share news and information.

Questions? [info@readaloudnebraska.org](mailto:info@readaloudnebraska.org)

*Books by the keynote speakers as well as many of the titles that will be reviewed during the sessions will be for sale by Chapters Books & Gifts!*



Register online at [www.readaloudnebraska.org](http://www.readaloudnebraska.org) or mail this registration with your check (*sorry, no purchase orders are accepted*) to:  
Read Aloud Nebraska, 233 South 5th Street, Seward, NE 68434

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Check this box if your school or library would like to receive a box of free books to give to children in need!

Circle which breakout sessions you want to attend:

Breakout 1:    a    b    c                      Breakout 2:    a    b    c