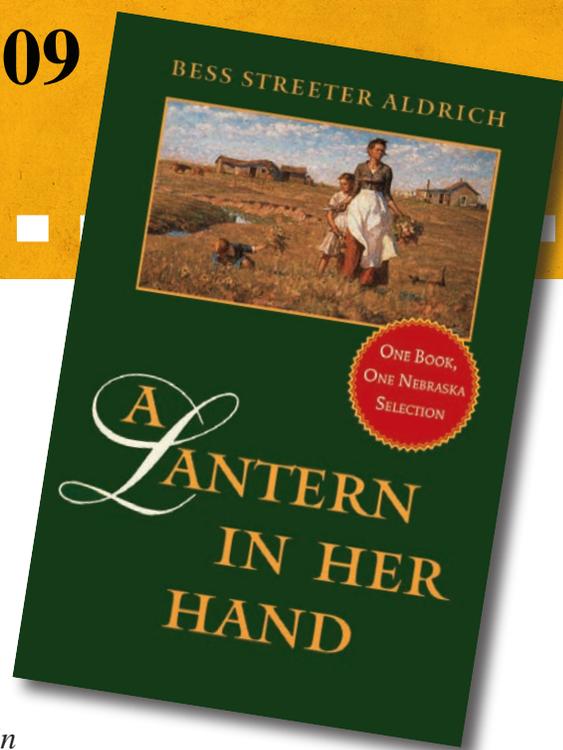


One Book One Nebraska 2009 Book Club Kit

Welcome Libraries and Book Discussion Groups across Nebraska!

One Book One Nebraska 2009 is a great opportunity for Nebraska libraries to invite their communities to participate in a community-wide experience of reading together and sharing ideas. We invite libraries to advertise and promote this reading activity and to create events to bring this opportunity to the community. Library staff, volunteers, and supporters are key to helping people across the state celebrate and explore the work of Bess Streeter Aldrich by reading her book, *A Lantern in Her Hand*, and by participating in discussions and local community events throughout Nebraska. We hope that residents of Nebraska communities will come to know each other better by reading together and discussing this classic story of a pioneer woman, with relevance to diverse people of many backgrounds.



Local Activities

- Schedule a presentation exploring the writer's life and career by Carol Miles Petersen, Bess Streeter Aldrich's biographer. Learn about the Nebraska Humanities Council program, [Bess Streeter Aldrich: Biography](#).
- [Apply for a grant](#) from the Nebraska Humanities Council to finance your event. Public programs sponsored by not-for-profit organizations may be eligible for this funding assistance from the Nebraska Humanities Council.
- Watch the news and events section of this Website for One Book One Nebraska 2009 news and activities.
- Nebraska book discussion groups are invited to borrow a [Book Club Kit](#) containing multiple copies of the book (through your local library). Contact the Reference/Information Desk at the Library Commission, 800-307-2665, 402-471-4016, e-mail: ready@nlc.state.ne.us or [Nebraska's Regional Library Systems](#) to borrow a Book Club Kit.
- Borrow Bess Streeter Aldrich's video biography, A Video History of Bess Streeter Aldrich, to show as part of local library programming. Contact the Reference/Information Desk at the Library Commission, 800-307-2665, 402-471-4016, e-mail: ready@nlc.state.ne.us.
- Check out the digital resources on [Nebraska Memories](#) related to Bess Streeter Aldrich and A Lantern in Her Hand.
- Download posters and distribute them throughout the community.
- Download the press kit to help publicize your events.
- Fill out the [evaluation](#) and tell us how to make the One Book One Nebraska experience more effective in your community.
- Share your ideas, reactions, etc. on the Library Commission [blog](#), Books and Reading section.

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