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Humanities Council offers resources for One Book One Nebraska

The Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC) celebrates One Book One Nebraska by offering resources to libraries, schools and other organizations to help readers understand and appreciate the 2007 featured selection, "Crazy Horse: The Strange Man of the Oglalas" by Mari Sandoz.

NHC Speakers Bureau programs can enhance reading with discussion of the author and influences on her work. "Mari Sandoz: A Personal Reminiscence" and "My Two Friends: Mari Sandoz and John Neihardt" are presented by Ron Hull. "Songs, Dances and Games of the Lakota," "Harvesting Foods and Medicines in the Dakota Tradition," and "Children's Stories, Animal Stories and Traditional Lakota Stories" are offered by Jerome Kills Small.

"Our Plains Indian Heritage," by Phyllis Stone, describes the uses and traditions of items from American Indian cultures. Otto Rosfeld's "Sandhills Song" combines songs, stories, chants and poems to describe prairie life. "Introduction to Nebraska Authors," by Laureen Riedesel, features the work of Mari Sandoz, Willa Cather, Wright Morris, John G. Neihardt, Bess Streeter Aldrich, and Loren Eiseley. Speakers Bureau programs are available to any Nebraska nonprofit organization for a modest processing fee.

Video resources can provide valuable background to add depth to the reading experience.

In the NETV-produced "Song of the Plains: The Story of Mari Sandoz," Sandoz discusses how she developed her 21 books, and Dick Cavett talks with the author's family and friends about their memories. A series of videos produced by Southeast Community College include "Along the Old Jules Trail," "Conversation with Flora Sandoz" and "Conversation with Caroline Sandoz Pifer." PBS's "Last Stand at Little Big Horn" reexamines the event with photographs, drawings and interviews. "Sandhills Album," produced by NETV, explores the lives of north-west Nebraska residents from frontier times to the 1980s.

In addition to offering these resources, the NHC recently awarded a grant to the Mari Sandoz Heritage Society to provide "Song of the Plains" on DVD to Nebraska's public and private high schools.

For more information about videos and speakers, go to www.nebraskahumanities.org or call (402) 474-2131. Videos can be borrowed through the Nebraska Library Commission at (402) 471-4019, (800) 307-2665 or ready@nlc.state.ne.us. The only cost is return postage.

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