

# Library News

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## Library Hours

9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday & Saturday  
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sunday

## Contact Us

402-844-2100  
[www.norfolkne.gov/library](http://www.norfolkne.gov/library)

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## NEW AUTHOR TALK SERIES

### Monthly virtual talks

We are excited to announce a new virtual author talk series featuring bestselling, award-winning, and highly acclaimed authors from around the world. The featured writers and thought leaders will cover a wide range of fiction and nonfiction genres.

This free series will take place at least two times a month and includes the opportunity to ask questions to the author. Since this is a virtual series, you may participate from anywhere, but we will host one session in the library each month.

If planning to attend from home, you must register for the talk prior to the event. Talks are recorded, so you can watch previous speakers at any time.

Our first live watch party in the library will be on January 10 and features best-selling author Rebecca Serle. Learn more about this exciting new program and this month's speakers inside this newsletter.



## WHAT'S NEW?

Winter Reading Challenge is under-way! Sign up by February 5 to take part and earn prizes.

This month features three virtual author talks and one local author talk. Read more about our virtual series and watch parties in the next column. Tammy Marshall will visit in person on January 25. to share her new book, *Her Ride or Die*.

We are offering a book folding workshop on January 30. This is a fun and relaxing craft that involves folding pages within books to create 3D shapes.

Youth Services is offering a treat to teen readers. "Chex Out Books" gives teens the opportunity to expand their home library with nearly new books from our collection.

Storytime is now offered on Friday mornings only. Join us for stories, songs, and literary fun. Watch the calendar for special Storytime events.

Book clubs, crafts, and Starbooks round out our month. We hope you'll join in the fun!



## VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALK SERIES

### Online live interviews and watch parties

Our new author talk series features bestselling, award-winning, and highly acclaimed authors. The author talks are presented virtually, so you may watch from anywhere. We will host a group watch party for one of the author talks every month.

The free, virtual series takes place two to three times a month and includes the opportunity to ask questions to the author. A complete list of events is available on our virtual author talk series website at <https://libraryc.org/norfolknelibrary>. All events are free and open to the public. Author Talks for this month include:



**WATCH PARTY WEDNESDAY,  
January 10th at 7:00 PM**

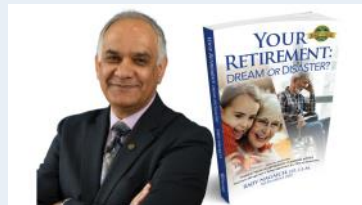
### ***Embrace Love in the New Year – Virtual Author Talk with Rebecca Serle, New***

*York Times* Bestselling Author of *One Italian Summer*, *In Five Years*, and *The Dinner List*.

Join us for a live "watch party" at the library during Serle's event. Watch the interview with other fans of romance novelist Serle.

### Online Viewing

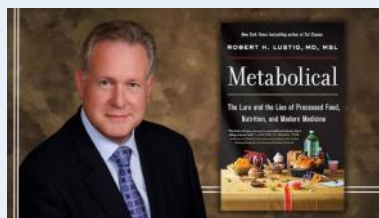
#### Registration Required for Access



**Tuesday, January 23rd at 1:00 PM (Online)**

### ***Your Retirement: Dream or Disaster? – Virtual Author Talk with Rajiv Nagaich,***

Expert in U.S. Elder Law and Host of Two Popular Public Television Shows



**Tuesday, January 30th at 1:00 PM (Online)**

### ***The Lure and the Lies of Processed Food, Nutrition, and Modern Medicine—***

**Virtual Author Talk with Dr. Robert Lustig, Physician and New York Times Bestselling Author of *Fat Chance***



## AUTHOR VISIT WITH TAMMY MARSHALL

**Thursday, January 25 at 6 p.m.**

Join Nebraska author, Tammy Marshall, for a book signing and reading of her latest novel, *Her Ride or Die*, published in October 2023.

Tammy is a longtime columnist and feature writer for the Norfolk Daily News and has published six novels.

## WINTER READING CHALLENGE

**Sign up by February 5**

Our annual Winter Reading Challenge for adults is underway! This free activity aspires to ignite curiosity and encourage reading. Patrons have until March 16 to complete the challenge, which embraces a variety of genres. Sign-up is available online. Challenge yourself to read titles from the categories on the Challenge Log. Finish five categories and receive a prize pack. Finish all 10 to receive the prize pack, a book, and a custom keychain.



## HUMAN LIBRARY® BOOKS NEEDED

**UNjudge someone at the Human Library event April 9, 2024**

At the Human Library, individuals volunteer to serve as open Books and share their experiences while engaging in conversation with Readers. These experiences can be personal, touching, enlightening, or even challenging. But common for all is that they offer an opportunity to challenge preconceived notions.

We are looking for Books to join our bookshelves. Being a *Book of the Human Library* is a unique opportunity to challenge stereotypes, celebrate diversity and promote inclusivity while sharing your life experiences with eager Readers. For anyone who is interested in becoming a published Book of The Human Library, contact Anneka at 402-844-2100.

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

**Observed holiday closings**

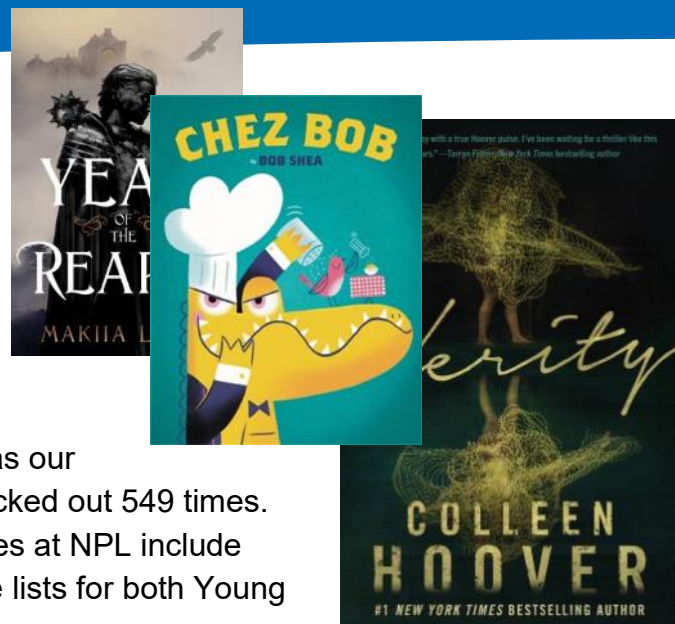


The library will be closed on **January 1** for New Year's Day. We will resume regular operating hours on January 2.

The library will also be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on **January 15, 2024**.

Our digital resources are always available on our website, or you can use the Libby app to checkout ebooks and e-audiobooks. Visit our website for details on the digital library.





## 2023'S MOST POPULAR AUTHORS & TITLES

### NPL patrons' top 10

Colleen Hoover reigned supreme in 2023. Hoover was our most popular adult author, with her novels being checked out 549 times. Unsurprisingly, the top 10 most checked out adult titles at NPL include seven Hoover novels. Golden Sower titles topped the lists for both Young Adult and Juvenile collections.

#### Most Popular Items—Adult

1. *Verity* by Colleen Hoover
2. *It ends with us* by Colleen Hoover
3. *Reminders of him* by Colleen Hoover
4. *It starts with us* by Colleen Hoover
5. *Layla* by Colleen Hoover
6. *Ugly love* by Colleen Hoover
7. *Heart bones* by Colleen Hoover
8. *The boys from Biloxi* by John Grisham
9. *Desert star* by Michael Connelly
10. *Lessons in chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

#### Most Popular Author—Adult

1. Hoover, Colleen
2. Patterson, James
3. Box, C. J.
4. Steel, Danielle
5. Connelly, Michael
6. King, Stephen
7. Woods, Stuart
8. Sandford, John
9. Grisham, John
10. Hannah, Kristin

#### Most Popular Items—Young Adult

1. *Year of the reaper* by Makiia Lucier (Golden Sower)
2. *Fallout : spies, superbombs, and the ultimate Cold War showdown* by Steve Sheinkin (Golden Sower)
3. *Naruto. Vol. 1, The tests of the Ninja* by Masashi Kishimoto
4. *Twilight* by Stephenie Meyer
5. *Cat + gamer* by Wataru Nadatani
6. *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* by J. K. Rowling
7. *A good girl's guide to murder* by Holly Jackson
8. *Demon slayer = Kimetsu no yaiba. 15, Daybreak and first light* by Koyoharu Gotoge
9. *The lightning thief* by Rick Riordan
10. *Demon slayer = Kimetsu no yaiba. Volume 5, To hell* by Koyoharu Gotoge

#### Most Popular Items—Juvenile

1. *Chez Bob* by Bob Shea (Golden Sower)
2. *Norman didn't do it! : (yes, he did.)* by Ryan T. Higgins (Golden Sower)
3. *Bear is a bear* by Jonathan Stutzman (Golden Sower)
4. *Not Yeti* by Kelly DiPuccio (Golden Sower)
5. *Something's wrong! : a bear, a hare, and some underwear* by Jory John (Golden Sower)
6. *Chester van Chime who forgot how to rhyme* by Avery Monsen (Golden Sower)
7. *Bathe the cat* by Alice B. McGinty (Golden Sower)
8. *Dog man : fetch-22* by Dav Pilkey
9. *Dog Man unleashed* by Dav Pilkey
10. *Knight owl* by Christopher Denise (Golden Sower)



## KIDS' CRAFT & STEM KITS TO GO

**Available Friday, January 5**

Pick up your take-and-make kits for kids on Friday, January 5, while supplies last. Kits are available at the service desk and our drive-up window. Please limit to your family's needs.

Kids' craft kits are for ages 4 and up. This month's kit is a rocking penguin. STEM kits are recommended for ages 6 and up. This month's STEM challenge is an ice votive.



## BOOK FOLDING WORKSHOP

**January 30, 2024 at 2 p.m.**

Adults are invited to join us for our Book Folding Workshop, where you will learn the art of folding the pages within books to create 3D shapes. All materials will be provided. Enjoy coffee, hot chocolate and tea while you create your design. Registration is required and will open January 9 and close January 28. Seating is limited so sign up early! Free!

## CHEX OUT FREE TEEN BOOKS

**January 17 from 2-4 p.m.**

Our loss is your gain! Ages 13-18 are invited to an open house book giveaway. QR codes for a preview of the book will be provided. This is a great opportunity for teens to build up their personal library. Chex mix and drinks will be available.



## BOOK CLUBS

**Read. Discuss. Repeat.**



Being part of a book club encourages us to read outside our comfort zones, stay curious, and build community with other readers. We offer four free book clubs: two for adults, one for teens, and another for youth ages 8-12. Join anytime! Stop in to pick up a reading list and get signed up. Books are provided for members so there is no hassle or expense involved. Learn more about our book clubs in the programs section on the next page.

# CHECK IT OUT!

## Recent Acquisitions

Stop in to see what else is new!

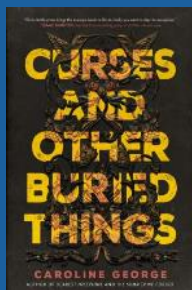
### Juvenile Books



### Movies



### Young Adult Titles



## KNOT JUST KNITTERS

### An informal creative group

Bring a project and work alongside other handwork enthusiasts. Share skills, chat about books, and make friends. Meets every other Saturday. Check the calendar for dates.



## FREE PROGRAMS

### Newcomers are always welcome!

**KNOT JUST KNITTERS:** Saturdays, January 6 & 20, at 2:30 p.m. This is a fun and friendly group for knitters, crocheters, weavers and handwork enthusiasts. Bring a project to work on and enjoy learning from each other and making new friends. Meets in the Activity Room.

**CREATIVE COLORING FOR ADULTS:** Enjoy an hour of relaxing coloring every Monday at 2:00 p.m. The library provides color pencils, coloring pages and books. This program is open to adults of all abilities. Meets in Meeting Room A.

**TUESDAY NIGHT READS:** January 16, 2024. For adults, contact Anneka at 402-844-2100 for more information. This month's title is *The Night Ship* by Jess Kidd.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB:** January 31 at 10:00 a.m. For adults, contact Whitney at 402-844-2100 for more information. Meets in the Activity Room. This month's book is *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain.

**VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS:** Free monthly author talks featuring bestselling, award-winning, and acclaimed authors from around the world. This month features Rebecca Serle, Rajiv Nagainch, and Dr. Robert Lustig. See the online event calendar to register for a session and send questions to the author.

**TECH TUTORING:** Get personalized, individual help to learn how computers and technology work. Schedule a session by contacting Mike at 402-844-2100.

**OUTREACH:** The library will deliver library materials to patrons whose health or disability prevents them from visiting the library. If you are interested in this service for yourself or a loved one, please contact our Outreach Coordinator, Lenaya, at 402-844-2100.

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## STORYTIME

### Fridays at 10 a.m.

Join us for engaging early literacy stories and activities to boost early language and learning skills. This free program meets weekly on Friday mornings in the Youth Activity Room. No registration required. Everyone is welcome at Storytime, but it is recommended for ages 0 to 8.



## FREE YOUTH PROGRAMS

**STORYTIME:** Fridays at 10 a.m. Infants through age 8 are invited to enjoy a fun combination of books, songs, Spanish language experiences, storytelling, puppets, and creative early language and literacy activities. Storytime is a great introduction to library visits and literary experiences. Meets in the Youth Activity Room.

**TEEN BOOK CLUB:** Thursday, January 4, at 5:15 p.m. Teen Book Club is for any teenager who loves to read and talk about books. Group members select what books they want to read. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Jessie in the Youth Services Department at 402-844-2100 or [jroberts@norfolkne.gov](mailto:jroberts@norfolkne.gov) for more information. This month's book is *Found* by Margaret Peterson Haddix. Meets in the Youth Activity Room.

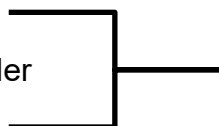
**STARBOOKS: TEEN LIBRARY LOUNGE:** Thursdays, January 11, 18, & 25, at 3:45 p.m. Starbooks gives teens a space to decompress after school. Read, get homework help, play board games, or just hang out. Meets in the Youth Activity Room.

**COLORING FOR KIDS:** Wednesdays at 2:15 p.m. For ages 6-15. Come relax and color using the provided materials! Meets in the Youth Activity Room.

**LEGO® TIME:** Monday, January 8, at 3:45 p.m. For those in kindergarten through 6th grade, this is a fun and creative opportunity to build imaginative, new projects using the library's LEGO® collection. Come see our new bricks, figures and accessories recently added to the collection. *Meets in Meeting Room A.*

**GOLDEN SOWER BOOK CLUB:** Monday, January 29, at 4:00 p.m. This is a book club for ages 8-12 whose reading selections come from titles nominated for the Golden Sower Award, Nebraska's Children's Choice Literary Award. All books are provided by the library, and newcomers are always welcome. Contact Jessie in the Youth Services Department at 402-844-2100 or [jroberts@norfolkne.gov](mailto:jroberts@norfolkne.gov) for more information. This month's book is *Time Villains* by Victor Pineiro. Golden Sower Book Club meets in the Youth Activity Room.

**1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN:** Instill an early love of reading! Any child from birth until kindergarten can participate. Completion may take from a few months to a few years, depending on how often you read. The most important predictor of school success is being read to at home during early childhood. Children earn a free book and prize for every 100 books read. Just one book a day equals more than 1,000 in three years. The concept is simple, but the rewards are priceless!



# SAVE THE DATE!

**Program Notes:** Virtual author series begins this month.

## JANUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> <b>Library Closed for New Year's Day</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>2:15pm</b> Coloring for Kids	<b>4</b> <b>5:15pm</b> Teen Book Club	<b>5</b> <b>(All Day) Kids Craft &amp; STEM Kits To Go</b> <b>10am</b> Storytime	<b>6</b> <b>2:30pm</b> Knot Just Knitters
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>2pm</b> Creative Coloring for Adults <b>3:45pm</b> LEGO Time	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>2:15pm</b> Coloring for Kids <b>7pm</b> Virtual Author Talk Watch Party: Rebecca Serle	<b>11</b> <b>3:45pm</b> Starbooks	<b>12</b> <b>10am</b> Storytime	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Library Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b>	<b>16</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Tuesday Night Reads	<b>17</b> <b>2pm</b> "Chex" Out Teen Books <b>2:15pm</b> Coloring for Kids	<b>18</b> <b>3:45pm</b> Starbooks	<b>19</b> <b>10am</b> Storytime	<b>20</b> <b>2:30pm</b> Knot Just Knitters
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>2pm</b> Creative Coloring for Adults	<b>23</b> <b>1pm</b> Virtual Author Talk: Your Retirement: Dream or Disaster	<b>24</b> <b>2:15pm</b> Coloring for Kids	<b>25</b> <b>3:45pm</b> Starbooks <b>6pm</b> Author Visit w/Tammy Marshall	<b>26</b> <b>10am</b> Storytime	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>2pm</b> Creative Coloring for Adults <b>4pm</b> Golden Sower Book Club	<b>30</b> <b>1pm</b> Virtual Author Talk: The Lure & Lies of Processed Food, Nutrition, & Medicine <b>2pm</b> Book Folding Workshop	<b>31</b> <b>10am</b> Wednesday Morning Book Club <b>2:15pm</b> Coloring for Kids	<i>Scheduled activities could change due to circumstances beyond our control.</i>		