

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

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PLANETARIUM SPACE ADVENTURE

January 4—book your spot!

Join our friend, Deb, from the Edgerton Explorit Center, on an out-of-this-world adventure. The science experts will be bringing their mobile planetarium for a tour of the night sky and solar system—all from the comfort of our meeting rooms.

Choose from one of four tour sessions. Each tour is the same and is geared toward children and their caregivers. The tours will be 30 minutes long. Please only register for one tour so we can accommodate all of our guests.

Please note that the mobile planetarium requires visitors to sit on the floor inside the dome. Children 7 and under must remain with a caregiver.

Sessions are on January 4 at 10:30am, 11:15am, 12pm, and 12:45pm. Register using our website event calendar.



WHAT'S NEW?

Welcome 2025! We're looking forward to another year of excellent literature, enriching programs, and fun events.

Youth Services is offering kids an exciting space adventure, led by our friends from the Edgerton Explorit Center. Sign up early for one of four available "star tours."

The Winter Reading Challenge is underway. There is still plenty of time to get started. Register online or stop by the service desk for assistance.

We are hard at work on our strategic planning. We need your input.

Please consider completing a community survey and participating in a focus group to help determine how the library can serve you better.

Makerspace workshops, book clubs, crafts, and presentations round out our month.

Read more about these in this newsletter.



COMMUNITY SURVEY

We need your input

Help shape the future of the library!

As part of our strategic planning process, the Norfolk Public Library is conducting a survey to learn more about what you value about the library; what materials, services, spaces, and programs you use; and what you would like to see from the library in the future.

Even if you do not have a library card or have not visited the library in the last year, your responses are important for future planning purposes.

All responses are strictly confidential and will only be shared in summary format.

The survey is available on our website and in paper at the library through January 15. Your feedback is important to help us shape the future of **your** library!

Focus Groups

As another part of our strategic planning process, the library is conducting some Focus Groups to better learn about how we can serve *adults* and *entrepreneurs* in our community.



The *Entrepreneurs Focus Group* will be on Thursday, January 9 at 9 a.m. This is especially for anyone starting up their own business, working as a "solopreneur," or running a small business. The Focus Group will ask participants to contemplate and share how the library could contribute to their success.

The *Adults Focus Group* will be on Thursday, January 9 at 5:30 p.m. This is especially for adults of all ages and will center on the needs of *adults* specifically. This Focus Group will ask participants to share what programs, materials, or services would be meaningful to them.

Each focus group will take approximately one hour. Prior registration is not required. Please reach out to Library Director, Jessica Chamberlain, with any questions at ichamberlain@norfolkne.gov or 402-844-2100.



HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The library will be closed on **January 1** for New Year's Day and on **January 20** for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Our drive up book drop is available 24 hours, and our digital library is always open.

“I’D LIKE TO BUY A BOWEL”

January 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for this presentation by Tina Collison as she shares her personal story of how she lost her colon but found her true identity. Tina says, "Sharing my medical digestive journey will make you laugh, cry, & maybe cringe when you hear about a balloon that was inserted into my butt. Sharing my funny, but super crappy story is part of the process of healing & being authentic. It is about perseverance, prayer, and yes, a lack of poop."

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

Free virtual discussions with acclaimed authors

Register and watch from anywhere! The talks are recorded, so if you miss the live event, you can watch a recording later. To see upcoming talks and to register for the event link, visit our Digital Library on our website and click on “Author Talks.”

TJ Klune, *The Magic of Found Family*

January 15 at 6 p.m.

Come have a magical moment with *New York Times* bestselling author TJ Klune as he chats about his *Cerulean Chronicles*, with special emphasis on his newest in the series, *Somewhere Beyond the Sea*, a story of resistance, lovingly told, about the daunting experience of fighting for the life you want to live and doing the work to keep it.

Amanda Montell, *Notes on Modern Irrationality*

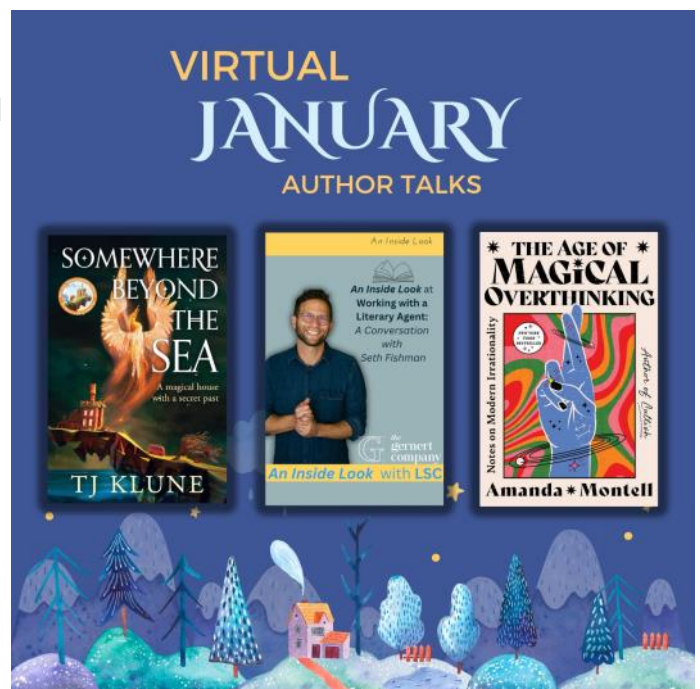
January 23 at 1 p.m.

In a delicious blend of cultural criticism and personal narrative that explores our cognitive biases and the power, disadvantages, and highlights of magical thinking, Amanda Montell now turns her erudite eye to the inner workings of the human mind and its biases in her most personal and electrifying work yet.

Seth Fishman, *An Inside Look at Working with a Literary Agent*

January 28 at 12 p.m.

You're writing a book (or thinking about it), but what happens next? Join us for an inside look into working with an agent and the beginning stages of the publishing process with Seth Fishman, Vice President and Literary Agent at the Gernert Company.



NOTEWORTHY



MAKERSPACE WORKSHOPS

January beginner-friendly class

Get hands-on experience with our free makerspace workshops. No previous experience is necessary, but basic computer skills are required. Workshops are suitable for ages 13 and up. All materials provided. Space is limited, so registration is requested. Sign up using our online event calendar or call the library for assistance. Free!

January's workshops are:



Laser Cutter Workshop: Pet Tag ID

January 7 at 4 p.m.

Make a special ID tag for your favorite pet! Use CorelDraw software and the laser cutter to engrave a small pet ID tag in this hands-on workshop. Limit of 2 tags per participant.



Cricut Workshop: Valentine's Day Cards

January 23 at 5:30 p.m.

Learn to use the MakerSpace's Cricut to design, cut, and write a Valentine's Day card. The only thing you need for this workshop is a Cricut ID, which you can sign up for using the Cricut website.

TWEEN ART

Register for one of two available times

Tween Art is our crafting workshop just for kids ages 8-12. Registration is required. Tween Art is available on two dates: January 11 at 2 p.m. and January 14 at 3:45 p.m. Please register for only one session. This month's project is mosaic tiles.



KIDS KRAFTERNOON

January 21 at 3:45 p.m.

This workshop is just for kids that are in Kindergarten–3rd grade. Come with a caregiver that is at least 16 years of age, and craft together. This month we are making rainbow fish. Free! Limited to the first 20 kids.



BASIC ENGLISH PRACTICE

January 9 and January 23 at 5:30 p.m.

Basic English Practice is held from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of every month. Sessions are open to anyone who is learning English as a second language. Participants will gain an understanding of basic conversational English. Sessions are led by ESL teacher, Emily Duerst. No registration needed.

The program is open to all language skill levels. Ages 16+ are welcome to attend.



JOIN THE WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Sign up by February 3

The annual Winter Reading Challenge for ages 16+ is back! Ignite your curiosity, read different genres, and earn rewards for reading.

How it works:

- Sign up online from December 16, 2024—February 3, 2025. If you need assistance signing up, please ask at the Service Desk.
- Print out your Challenge Log or pick one up in the library.
- Read titles that fit the categories on the Challenge Log. We've curated suggested reading lists and will have suggested reading book displays to make it easy to find titles that fit the categories.
- Bring your Challenge Log to the library starting February 3 until March 14 to claim your prize. Complete any 5 categories to earn a prize pack. Readers who complete all 10 categories will earn a prize pack and a free book.



BOARD GAMES * HOMEWORK HELP * READING * COFFEE

STARBOOKS TEEN LOUNGE

Thursdays at 3:45 p.m.

Starbooks Teen Lounge is a place for high school teens to relax and socialize with friends while playing games, getting homework help, reading, and drinking coffee. We offer free WIFI. Starbooks meets for one hour on Thursday afternoons at 3:45 p.m.

CHECK IT OUT!

Recent Acquisitions

Stop in to see what else is new!

Children's



DVD



TWILIGHT TALES STORYTIME

January 15 at 6:30 p.m./

For kids ages birth to 8 years and their caregivers. Grab your favorite stuffed animal and come to the library for a special evening storytime of ready-for-bed reads.



FREE ADULT PROGRAMS

Newcomers are always welcome!

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

TUESDAY NIGHT READS: January 21 at 6:30 p.m. For adults, contact Emily at 402-844-2100 for more information. This month is *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman.

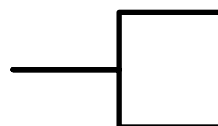
WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB: January 29 at 10:00 a.m. For adults of all ages, contact Whitney at 402-844-2100 for more information. Meets in the Activity Room. This month's book is *The Heart's Invisible Furies* by John Boyne.

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS: Free monthly author talks featuring bestselling, award-winning, and acclaimed authors from around the world. This month features TJ Klune, Amanda Montell, and Seth Fishman. See the online event calendar to register for a session and send questions to the author.

BASIC ENGLISH PRACTICE: Conversational English practice for English language learners of all skill levels. Class is led by ESL teacher, Emily Duerst. January 13 and 27 at 5:30 p.m.

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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BOOK CLUBS

There's a club for everyone

It's a great time to join a book club! We offer two different adult book clubs, one teen club, and one children's book club. Being part of a book club encourages us to read outside our comfort zones, stay curious, and build community with other readers. Our clubs are free with no attendance requirements. Stop by the circulation desk to learn more!



FREE YOUTH PROGRAMS

All programs meet in the Youth Activity Room unless otherwise noted.

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.

TEEN BOOK CLUB: Thursday, January 2, at 5:15 p.m. Teen Book Club is for any teenager who loves to read and talk about books. Join anytime! Contact Jessie in the Youth Services Department at 402-844-2100 or jroberts@norfolkne.gov for more information. This month's book is *Fawkes* by Nadine Brandes.

COLORING FOR KIDS: Wednesdays at 2:15 p.m. For ages 6-15. Come relax and color using the provided materials.

LEGO® TIME: Monday, January 6 at 3:45 p.m. For ages 6-12, this is a fun and creative opportunity to build imaginative, new projects using the library's LEGO® collection. *Meets in Meeting Room A.*

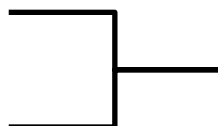
GOLDEN SOWER BOOK CLUB: Monday, January 27, at 4:00 p.m. This is a book club for ages 8-12 whose reading selections come from titles nominated for the Golden Sower Award, Nebraska's Children's Choice Literary Award. Contact Jessie in the Youth Services Department at 402-844-2100 or jroberts@norfolkne.gov for more information. This month's book is *The Witchlings* by Claribel A. Ortega.

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. Children earn a free book and a 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!

KIDS KRAFTERNOON: January 21 at 3:45 p.m. Monthly craft time for kids in K-3rd grade. Caregiver must participate with the child. Limited to the first 20 children.

TWEEN ART: January 14 at 3:45 p.m. and January 11 at 2 p.m. Crafting workshop for ages 8-12. Registration required. Please sign up for only one event each month.

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JANUARY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Library Closed for New Year's Day	2 3:45pm Starbooks Teen Lounge 5:15pm Teen Book Club	3 10am Storytime 11am Stay & Play	4 Planetarium Space Adventure (4 Sessions— Registration Required)
	Scheduled activities could change due to circumstances beyond our control.					
5	6 2pm Creative Coloring for Adults 3:45pm LEGO Time	7 4pm Laser Cutter Workshop: Pet ID Tag	8 2:15pm Coloring for Kids	9 9am Entrepreneurs Focus Group 9:30am Community BINGO 3:45pm Starbooks 5pm Adults Focus Group	10 10am Storytime 11am Stay & Play	11 2pm Tween Art
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