

# 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)

## Find us on

FB: @NorfolkPublicLibraryNE

Instagram: @NPLreads

## TOT TECH TIME

### Screen-free learning

Looking for something interactive and fun to do with your preschooler? Try out one of our mTiny Robot kits made just for kids. On Tuesdays, we will be hosting drop-in tech times. Come to the Children's Desk, check out the easy-to-use mTiny kit, and play in our Activity Room. These robots provide an introduction to coding for kids without using a computer or screen. Adult supervision is required.

Open house times are every Tuesday from 9 a.m.—11 a.m. and 1 p.m.—3 p.m. Stay for as little or as long as you'd like!

EVERY TUESDAY ~ PRESCHOOL AGE



TOT TECH  
TUESDAYS

OPEN HOUSE  
9-11AM  
1-3PM



## WHAT'S NEW?

We are excited to announce that the fine folks at Divots Brewery are once again brewing a specialty beer in honor of the library. Late Fee Lager will be released on February 8. Divots will donate \$1 from the sale of each pint to the library!

The deadline to sign up for the Winter Reading Challenge is coming up fast. You have until February 5 to sign up to earn prizes. Go to our website for instructions or ask a librarian for help getting registered.

Youth Services is offering three new programs geared to younger children. Read more about these fun additions in the next column.

Learn to use the laser cutter while making a Valentine's gift in our makerspace workshop this month. Seating is limited, so don't delay signing up.

Dreaming of green gardens? Learn how to get started now at Winter Seed Sowing, a free presentation by a local master gardener.

Book clubs, virtual author talks, and activities for all ages round out the month. Check the calendar for details!



## NEW YOUTH PROGRAMS

### Expanded opportunities

Three new weekly programs for younger children are starting this month.

#### **Mondays: Duplo Day from 9-11 a.m.**

Duplo Day is our preschool version of the popular LEGO Time. Duplo Day is a weekly open house for children ages 18 months through preschool. Families and caregivers are invited to drop in and build with the library's Duplo blocks anytime on Mondays from 9-11 a.m. Adult caregivers must remain with the children.

#### **Tuesdays: Tot Tech Time 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.**

Tuesdays are all about screen-free learning. Check out one of our mTiny Robot Kits to use in our Activity Room. These robots are fun and provide kids with a visual introduction to coding. This is an open house-style program. Drop in anytime during the sessions. Adult supervision required.

#### **Fridays: Stay and Play from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

This is a fun family time to gather and play games using the library's collection of toys and games in the Activity Room. This open house program is for families with young children.

All programs are free and open to the public. No registration is needed to attend any of these sessions.

The new programs complement our other ongoing activities for children, such as Storytime, Coloring for Kids, and LEGO Time.

For more information about any of these programs, contact Whitney or Jessie in our Youth Services department.



## LASERCUTTER VALENTINE KEYCHAIN WORKSHOP

**Tuesday, February 6 at 6 p.m.**

Make a customized keychain for a friend or loved one at this fun, hands-on class. You'll learn how to do some basic design, and then engrave and cut out your own custom keychain on the laser cutter. No prior experience is necessary. For ages 12+. The class is free and all supplies are provided. Space is limited so registration is required. Reserve your spot by signing up on our website event calendar.



## LATE FEE LAGER

**Brewery benefit for the library**



Divots Brewery is crafting a specialty beer to benefit the library. For each pint of Late Fee Lager sold, \$1 will be donated to the library. We will use this donation to help patrons needing assistance in paying their fines. More details on the program will be forthcoming. Late Fee Lager will be released on February 8 at Divots Brewery, 4300 W. Norfolk Avenue. Join us there from 5-8 for a release party. Food and beverages

will be available for purchase.

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

**Observed holiday closings**

The library will be closed on **Monday, February 19** for Presidents Day. We will resume regular operating hours on February 20.

## 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."

February's talks are:

**Spice, Spirit, and Swoon—A Guaranteed Happily Ever After with Rom-Com Author Tessa Bailey**

Thursday, February 8th at 7:00 PM

#1 New York Times bestselling author of *It Happened One Summer* and *Hook, Line, and Sinker*

**Exploring Identity, Love, and Being Black in America in Fiction Writing: A Conversation with Award-Winning Author Jason Mott**

Tuesday, February 20th at 3:00 PM

*New York Times* Bestselling Author and National Book Award Winner

**Be a Great Boss Without Losing Your Humanity: An Author Talk with Kim Scott**

Wednesday, February 28th at 1:00 PM *New York Times* Bestselling Author of *Radical Candor* and *Radical Respect: How to Work Together Better*





# NOTEWORTHY



## HUMAN LIBRARY® BOOKS NEEDED

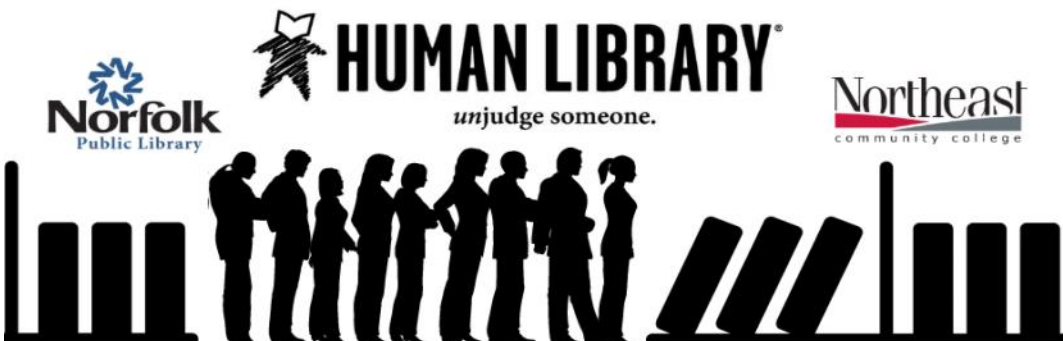
### UNjudge someone at the Human Library event April 9, 2024

Experience a library, where real people take the place of traditional books. Norfolk Public Library and Northeast Community College Library will host the Human Library® locally on April 9, 2024. Individuals in the Norfolk area are invited to *unjudge* someone at Northeast Community College on the upper level of Union 73 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. and at Norfolk Public Library from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

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. This 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 Aneka at 402-844-2100.

## TELL YOUR STORY



Join our collection! Become a human book and tell your story. Help create dialogue and understanding.

Contact Aneka Ramirez at **Norfolk Public Library** or Jen Ippensen at **Northeast Community College Library** to apply.

### INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO BE A HUMAN BOOK?

#### Contact:

Aneka  
Norfolk Public Library  
402-844-2100

Jen  
Northeast Community  
College Library  
402-844-7130





## KIDS' CRAFT & STEM KITS TO GO

**Available Friday, February 2**

Pick up your take-and-make kits for kids on Friday, February 2, 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 an undersea display. STEM kits are recommended for ages 6 and up. This month's STEM challenge is a dinosaur egg that you make and hatch.



## FOOD DRIVE

**Help fill the pantry**

We are hosting a food drive for Good Neighbors. All donations are welcome. Current needs include boxed items like meal helpers or mac 'n cheese. Items can be dropped off at the library throughout the month of February. A donation box will be set up in our lobby.

## WINTER READING CHALLENGE

**Sign up by February 5. Complete by March 16.**

Have you started the challenge yet? The deadline to sign up is February 5. 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.



## WINTER SEED SOWING

**February 13 at 6:30 p.m.**

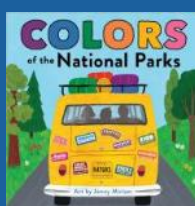
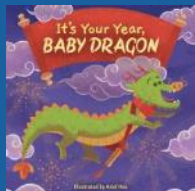
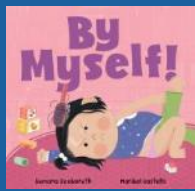
Learn how and why to start sowing your garden in the winter in this presentation by Master Gardener Viola McShannon. A hands-on activity will follow the presentation.

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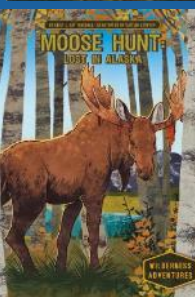
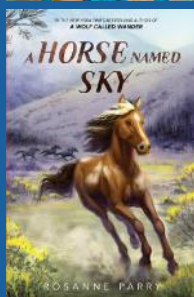
## Recent Acquisitions

Stop in to see what else is new!

### Board Books



### Juvenile Fiction



### Young Adult Titles



## FREE TAX HELP

### Sign up for AARP Tax-Aide



AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides tax assistance to anyone, free of charge, with a special focus on taxpayers who are over 50 or have low to moderate income. Starting February 7, they will be offering free tax return preparation at the library **by appointment only**. Sign up by calling the United Way Information Line at 211 or at <http://aarp.org/taxaide>.

## FREE PROGRAMS

**Newcomers are always welcome!**

**KNOT JUST KNITTERS:** Saturdays, February 3 & 17, 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.

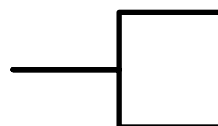
**TUESDAY NIGHT READS:** February 20 at 6:30 p.m. For adults, contact Anneka at 402-844-2100 for more information. This month's title is *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB:** February 28 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 *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett.

**VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS:** Free monthly author talks featuring bestselling, award-winning, and acclaimed authors from around the world. This month features Tessa Bailey, Jason Mott, and Kim Scott. 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.



“Some books leave us free and some b



## DUPLO DAY

**Mondays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

Drop in to play with the library's LEGO Duplos on Monday mornings from 9 until 11 a.m. Duplos are suitable for children ages 18 months and older. Adult supervision required. Free! Duplo Day meets in the Children's Activity Room.



## 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, February 1, 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 *Inside Out & Back Again* Thanhha Lai. Meets in the Youth Activity Room.

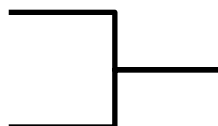
**STARBOOKS: TEEN LIBRARY LOUNGE:** Thursdays in February at 3:45 p.m. Starbooks gives teens a space to decompress after school. Read, get homework help, play board games, or just hang out. Meets in the Youth Activity Room.

**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, February 5, 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, February 26, 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 *What Comes Next* by Rob Buyea. 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:** Try out one of our new programs for youth or watch a virtual author talk!

## FEBRUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 3:45pm Starbooks 5:15pm Teen Book Club	2 (All Day) Kids Craft & STEM Kits To Go 10am Storytime	3 2:30pm Knot Just Knitters
<i>Scheduled activities could change due to circumstances beyond our control.</i>						
4	5 9am Duplo Day 2pm Creative Coloring for Adults 3:45pm LEGO Time	6 9am Tot Tech Time 1pm Tot Tech Time 6pm Laser Cutter Keychain Class	7 2:15pm Coloring for Kids	8 3:45pm Starbooks 5pm Late Fee Lager Release Party 7pm Virtual Author Talk	9 10am Storytime 11am Stay and Play	10
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