

# 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  
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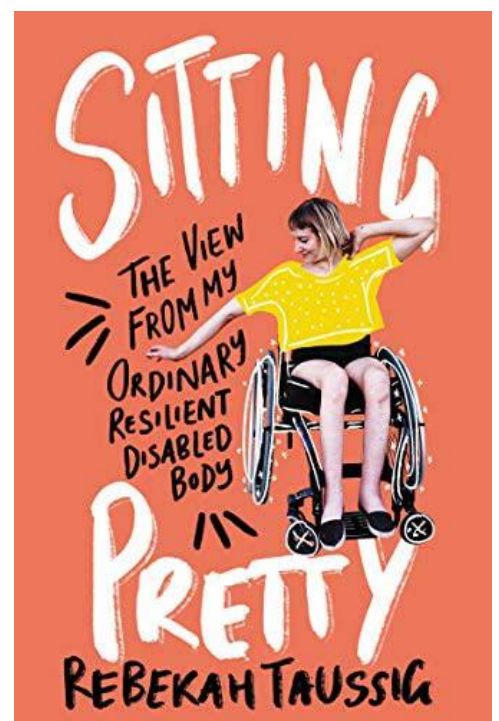
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## NEA BIG READ LISTENING SESSIONS

**Mondays in March and April at 10 a.m.**

Eight listening sessions for *Sitting Pretty: The View from My Ordinary, Resilient, Disabled Body* by Rebekah Taussig will be held at the library every Monday, March 6 through April 24, from 10-11 a.m. Each session focuses on listening to the audiobook version of one chapter. Print copies and magnifiers will also be available. The end of each session will have time for a reflection period for attendees.

NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest. It aims to inspire meaningful conversations, artistic responses, and new discoveries and connections in the community. As part of the NEA Big Read in Northeast Nebraska, many events will be held and will focus on disability, disability services, accessibility, and inclusion and will promote open dialogue leading to a deeper understanding of how best to respect and serve one another.



## WHAT'S NEW?

Two authors will be stopping by the library this month to talk about their work. Tammy Marshall will discuss her syndicated newspaper column and give insight into classic and award-winning novels that readers may want to try. Author and historian Keith Walton will share his new book that features nine Norfolk servicemen who died in the Vietnam War.

Also new this month is our NEA Big Read Listening Sessions. Join us weekly on Mondays through April to listen to a chapter of the NEA Big Read title *Sitting Pretty: The View from My Ordinary, Resilient, Disabled Body* by Rebekah Taussig.

Try one of our ongoing creative programs such as Writing Lab, Creative Coloring for Adults, Coloring for Kids, or Knot Just Knitters. Check our activity calendar for even more opportunities.

Remember to submit your Winter Reading Challenge log by March 13, and your submission to our Annual Poetry Contest by March 31 for a chance to earn prizes.



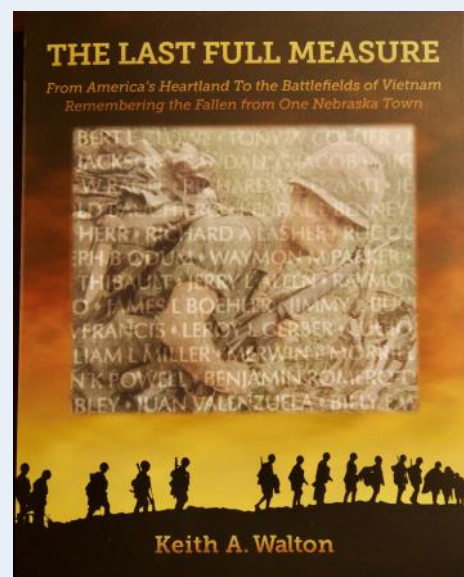
## NORFOLK'S FALLEN ON THE VIETNAM BATTLEFIELDS

**March 23 at 6:30 p.m.**

Author and historian Keith Walton will share his new book, *The Last Full Measure: From America's Heartland to the Battlefields of Vietnam - Remembering the Fallen from One Nebraska Town*. The book tells the stories of the nine servicemen from Norfolk who died in the Vietnam War. Walton interviewed many family members, friends, and Vietnam-era veterans over the course of the last five years in order to understand and honor the lives of these men who gave the last full measure. Book sales will follow the event.

*The Last Full Measure* is the author's first published book. His goal was to tell the stories of the nine servicemen from Norfolk who died in the Vietnam War. History is about real life, and as we all know, real life depends on purposeful choices, but also chance encounters, random luck, and people being caught up in forces beyond their control. So it was for each of the nine men who are the subjects of *The Last Full Measure*: Dennis Anderson, Jerry Allen, Thomas Scheurich, Jerold Meisinger, Jerrome Chandler, Claude Van Andel, Roger Hundt, Steven Strube, and Michael Wemhoff.

Keith Walton graduated from Norfolk Senior High School in 1970, attended Northeast Technical Community College, and majored in History and Social Science at Kearney State College, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees. His career as a Social Studies educator teaching high school students in Nebraska and Wyoming spanned 36 years.



## SHORT STORY HOUR

### Live dramatic readings with Norfolk Community Theatre

Join us for Short Story Hour featuring live dramatic readings of short stories from a variety of genres in collaboration with Norfolk Community Theatre. Stories are chosen with an adult audience in mind. Short Story Hour meets on the fourth Sunday of each month January through April for an hour of storytelling and light refreshments. The next Short Story Hour is March 26 at 3 p.m.



## READING THE CLASSICS WITH TAMMY MARSHALL

### March 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a unique presentation by Tammy Marshall, author of the syndicated newspaper column "Novel Thoughts." Learn about what goes into creating the column and her ongoing quest to read all of the Pulitzer Prize winners. She will also highlight some of the titles her column has covered, including some of her favorites, to give readers an idea of some classic and award-winning titles they may want to pick up.



## MUSEUM PASS PROGRAM

### Visit the Elkhorn Valley Museum

Check out a pass to the Elkhorn Valley Museum! The pass gives free entry for one day to the Museum, Research Center, and Children's Discovery Zone for 2 adults and their children or grandchildren. One pass may be requested at a time. Passes must be requested and picked up at the Service Desk.



## SENSORY-FRIENDLY MOVIE SHOWING

### March 3 at 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy watching a movie in a sensory-friendly environment that features low lighting and volume, a five minute intermission, sensory fidgets, and a lot of space to move around. Please feel free to bring your own sensory aids as well as snacks and non-alcoholic beverages.

Attendees will be given a choice of two movies and vote on that day's selection. Movie choices will be based on an adult and older teen audience. March's choices are *Uncharted* or *Rumble*.





# NOTEWORTHY

## ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST

**Deadline to enter is March 31**

April is National Poetry Month! The Norfolk Public Library is hosting a poetry contest for all ages. Poetry is a fun way to engage with language and ideas, and we encourage people of all ages and abilities to enter the contest.

**The rules:** Write one or two poems of no more than 16 lines per poem on any subject, in any form. Each poem should have a title, and each poem should be on a separate page. Poet's name must **not** appear on the page(s) with the poems. All entries must include the completed entry form, which can be picked up at the library or found on our website.

Top winners in each age division will receive a \$25 gift certificate. Submissions are open to any current Norfolk Public Library cardholder through Friday, March 31, and must be the **original, unpublished work** of the entrant. If the submission is from a minor who does not have a library card, a parent or guardian must have a current Norfolk Public Library card.

Poems are judged based on originality, creativity, and artistic quality. Because poems will be displayed in the library for all ages to read, we request no profanity or other adult-only material.

Poems entered will be displayed in the library during National Library Week, April 23-29.

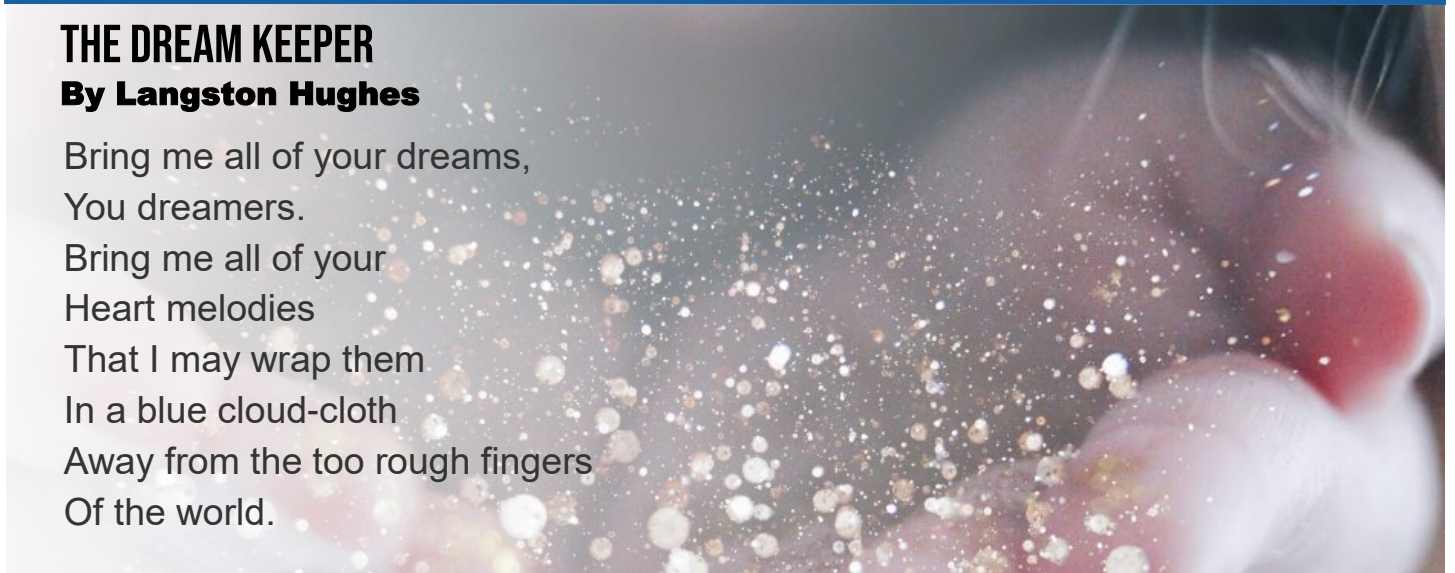


## CLASSIC POETRY

### THE DREAM KEEPER

**By Langston Hughes**

Bring me all of your dreams,  
You dreamers.  
Bring me all of your  
Heart melodies  
That I may wrap them  
In a blue cloud-cloth  
Away from the too rough fingers  
Of the world.

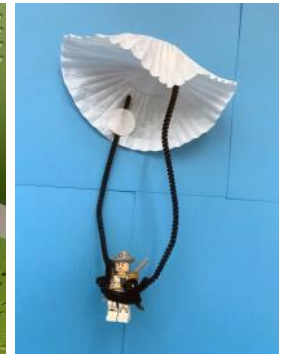




## MONTHLY CHILDREN'S CRAFT & STEM KITS TO-GO

**March 3 during regular library hours**

Our take and make craft kits are suitable for kids ages 4 and up. STEM to-go kits are recommended for ages 6 and up. First come, first served, while supplies last. Please limit to your family's needs. This month's craft kit is a Paper Plate Bunny. The STEM project is a Jack and the Beanstalk Parachute. Kits are available at the front service desk or the drive-up window.



## ADULT CRAFT KITS TO-GO

**March 3, while supplies last**

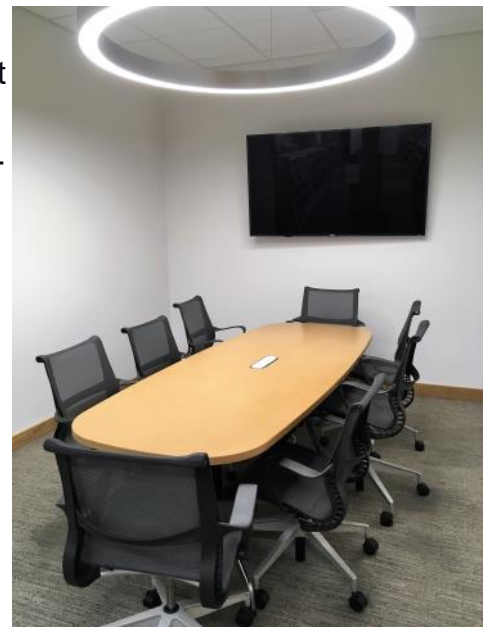
This month, the craft kits aren't just for kids! Teens and adults can pick up a suncatcher craft kit to-go on March 3rd, while supplies last. Kit includes coloring page, mason jar lid, cotton balls and twine. Supplies needed are olive or vegetable oil, scissors, glue and paper towels.



## STUDY ROOMS

**Quiet space to work or study**

Need a quiet spot for your study group or a place to work without interruption? Try one of our study rooms! We offer four study rooms for individuals and small groups or non-profit, governmental, and community groups. Our study rooms vary in size, with the largest fitting eight people. Three of the rooms include a tv for sharing a presentation. All study rooms have WiFi access. We recommend that you reserve your study room in advance. Anyone may walk in to use an empty study room, but reservations take priority over anyone using the room without a reservation. Reserve a study room on our website, at the service desk, or by calling the library. Reservations can be made for up to 4 hours. You may have three active reservations at any time, but your maximum time limit each day is 8 hours.



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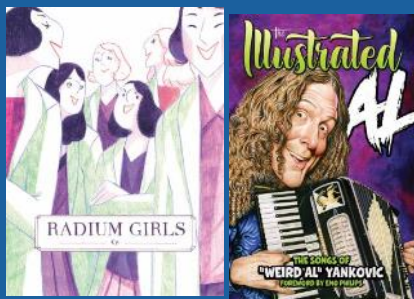
## Recent Acquisitions

Stop in to see what else is new!

## Coming Soon (Place holds now)



## Graphic Novel



## Children's



## CREATIVE COLORING FOR ADULTS

**Mondays at 2 p.m.**

Coloring is a healthy and fun way to relieve stress and relax your mind and body. Join us on Mondays for an hour of creativity. All supplies are provided. Free!



## FREE MONTHLY PROGRAMS

**KNOT JUST KNITTERS:** Saturdays, March 11 and 25, 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. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Karen at 402-844-2100 or [kdrevo@norfolkne.gov](mailto:kdrevo@norfolkne.gov) for more information. Meets in the Activity Room.

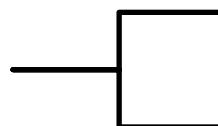
**CREATIVE COLORING FOR ADULTS:** Enjoy an hour of relaxing coloring every Monday at 2:00 p.m. The library provides color pencils, coloring pages, and books. This program is open to adults of all abilities. Newcomers are always welcome. Meets in Meeting Room A.

**WRITING LAB:** Saturday, March 18, at 2 p.m. For adults and teens, please contact Anneka at 402-844-2100 or [aramirez@norfolkne.gov](mailto:aramirez@norfolkne.gov) for more information. Newcomers are always welcome. This is a fun and safe space for writers to explore their craft.

**TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB:** March 28 at 6:30 p.m. For adults, contact Jessica at 402-844-2100 or [jchamberlain@norfolkne.gov](mailto:jchamberlain@norfolkne.gov) for more information. Newcomers are always welcome. March's book is *The Mystery of Hunting's End* by Mignon Eberhart.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB:** March 29 at 10:00 a.m. For adults, contact Karen at 402-844-2100 or [kdrevo@norfolkne.gov](mailto:kdrevo@norfolkne.gov) for more information. Newcomers are always welcome. Meets in the Activity Room. This month's book is *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn.

**20S & 30S BOOK CLUB:** March 21 at 6:30 p.m. This book club is designed for those in their 20s and 30s. Please contact Anneka at 402-844-2100 or [aramirez@norfolkne.gov](mailto:aramirez@norfolkne.gov) for more information. Newcomers are always welcome. This month's book is *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote.



"Reading is a discount ticket"



## MARCH MAKERSPACE KIT

### Make a button March 20-25

Our March MakerSpace class is drop-in button making. From March 20-25, stop by the service desk to make a button or magnet. You will learn the basics of using our hand press button maker. All materials supplied. Free! While supplies last.



## FREE YOUTH PROGRAMS

**STORYTIME:** Infants through age 8 are invited to enjoy a fun combination of books, songs, Spanish language experiences, storytelling, finger plays, poems, puppets, and creative early language and literacy activities on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. Storytime is a great introduction to library visits and literary experiences. Meets in the Youth Activity Room.

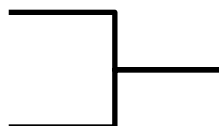
**TEEN BOOK CLUB:** Thursday, March 2, at 5:15 p.m. Teen Book Club is for any teenager who loves to read and talk about books. Group members select what books they want to read. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Jessie in the Youth Services Department at 402-844-2100 or [jroberts@norfolkne.gov](mailto:jroberts@norfolkne.gov) for more information. This month's book is *The Light in Hidden Places* by Sharon Cameron. Meets in the Youth Activity Room.

**LEGO® TIME:** Monday, March 6, 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.

**COLORING FOR KIDS:** Every Wednesday from 2:15—3:15 p.m. For kids ages 6-15. All materials provided. Meets in the Youth Activity Room.

**GOLDEN SOWER BOOK CLUB:** Monday, March 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. 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 *Brave Like That* by Lindsey Stoddard. Meets in the Youth Activity Room.

**1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN:** Reading 1,000 books to your child before kindergarten is a fun and rewarding way to 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:** NEA Big Read Listening Sessions are every Monday.

## MARCH 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b> <b>2:15pm</b> Coloring for Kids	<b>2</b> <b>1:30pm</b> Storytime <b>5:15pm</b> Teen Book Club	<b>3</b> <b>All Day</b> Craft Kits To Go <b>10am</b> Storytime <b>10:30am</b> Sensory Friendly Movie	<b>4</b>
<i>Scheduled activities could change due to circumstances beyond our control.</i>						
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>10am</b> Big Read Sessions <b>2pm</b> Creative Coloring for Adults <b>3:45pm</b> LEGO Time	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>2:15pm</b> Coloring for Kids	<b>9</b> <b>1:30pm</b> Storytime	<b>10</b> <b>10am</b> Storytime	<b>11</b> <b>2:30pm</b> Knot Just Knitters
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>10am</b> Big Read Sessions <b>2pm</b> Creative Coloring for Adults	<b>14</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Reading the Classics with Tammy Marshall	<b>15</b> <b>2:15pm</b> Coloring for Kids	<b>16</b> <b>1:30pm</b> Storytime	<b>17</b> <b>10am</b> Storytime	<b>18</b> <b>2pm</b> Writing Lab
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>10am</b> Big Read Sessions <b>2pm</b> Creative Coloring for Adults	<b>21</b> <b>6:30pm</b> 20/30 Book Club	<b>22</b> <b>2:15pm</b> Coloring for Kids	<b>23</b> <b>1:30pm</b> Storytime <b>6:30pm</b> Keith Walton, author	<b>24</b> <b>10am</b> Storytime	<b>25</b> <b>2:30pm</b> Knot Just Knitters
<i>Drop-in MakerSpace Button Maker Kits</i>						
<b>26</b> <b>3pm</b> Short Story Hour	<b>27</b> <b>10am</b> Big Read Sessions <b>2pm</b> Creative Coloring for Adults <b>4pm</b> Golden Sower Book Club	<b>28</b> <b>6:30pm</b> Tuesday Night Book Club	<b>29</b> <b>10am</b> Wednesday Morning Book Club <b>2:15pm</b> Coloring for Kids	<b>30</b> <b>1:30pm</b> Storytime	<b>31</b> <b>10am</b> Storytime	