

# 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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## YOUTH WRITING STUDIO WITH LISA FIPPS

**March 21 at 6 p.m.**

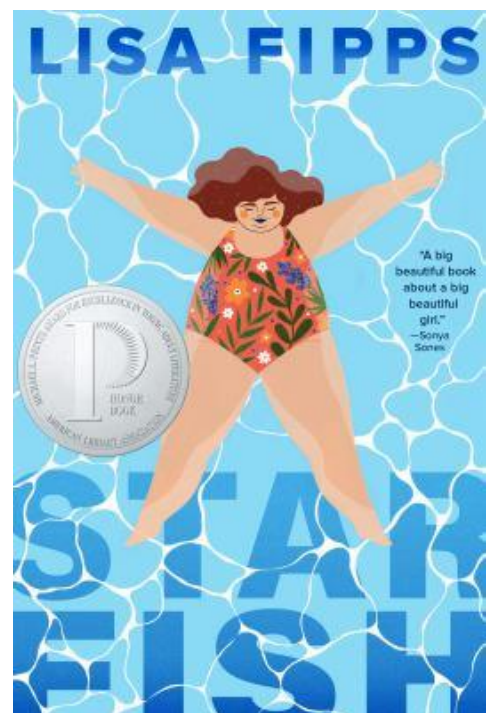
Golden Sower nominated author Lisa Fipps will present a Youth Writing Studio based on her nominated novel-in-verse *Starfish*.

This free event is directed toward youth ages 10 and up, but adults are welcome to attend.

Preregistration is recommended as the maximum capacity is 30 students. Registration is available on our event calendar.

With her debut middle-grade novel, *Starfish*, Lisa Fipps won 13 awards, including the 2022 Michael L. Printz Honor Book Award, and the novel in verse was selected for 45 state award/book lists.

She's done virtual and in-person author visits with thousands of children in America, Canada, and China, in addition to being a guest speaker and panelist at festivals and conferences.



## WHAT'S NEW?

We will have several authors visiting in person this month plus three more offering virtual interviews.

Golden Sower-nominated author and speaker Lisa Fipps will lead a youth writing workshop. Earlier in the day, she will be at the Norfolk Junior High, leading an assembly on bullying and small group writing workshops. We are pleased to have partnered with Norfolk Public Schools to offer this opportunity to the community.

Other local authors leading presentations this month are Kent and Kevin Warneke and Tammy Day. Read more about their appearances on this page.

Our virtual author talks include Christopher Paolini, author of the *Eragon* series. Check our website for details and registration information.

We're getting ready for spring with three different garden and plant-related programs. Our seed library is up and running. Find it near our book sale shelves inside the library.



## LOCAL AUTHOR VISITS

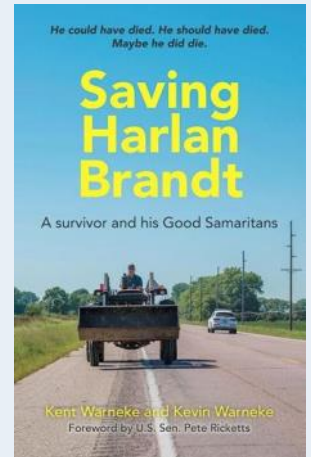
### Meet the authors

We will host two author talks this month with area authors who have recently released books.

#### **Saving Harlan Brandt: An Author Talk with Kent and Kevin Warneke**

**March 12 at 6:30 p.m.**

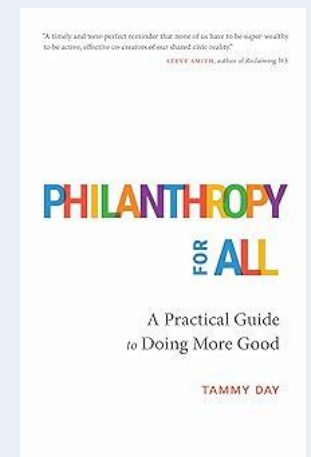
Harlan Brandt, an Antelope County cattleman, was critically injured when the tractor he was driving along Highway 275 was clipped by a passing vehicle. The collision threw Brandt from his tractor as it crumpled beneath him. This compelling tale is the focus of a new book written by brothers Kent and Kevin Warneke, who chose to transform his story into something much more than a near-death experience. The Warnekes knew that Harlan Brandt's type of faith-based story often had been told before, so they instead chose to chronicle Brandt's experience through the lens of those who came to his rescue that day and in the days that followed. The public is invited to come learn more about this story and how the book came together in this free program. Book sales and signing will follow.



#### **Philanthropy for All: Author Talk with Tammy Day**

**March 26 at 6:30 p.m.**

Join us as author Tammy Day talks about her new book *Philanthropy For All: A Practical Guide to Doing More Good*. Day's new book demonstrates how every single person can make their community a better place – large novelty checks and tuxedos not required! The presentation will include a question and answer session. Books will be available for purchase following the program.





## CRICUT CARD WORKSHOP

**Thursday, March 7 at 6 p.m.**

Learn to use the Cricut to draw, score and cut a simple greeting card. The Cricut workshop will be offered to patrons ages 12+. No certification required. This is a good opportunity to become familiar with the Cricut and Cricut software. We will be working in Cricut Design Space, so please bring your Cricut username and password. Reserve your spot by signing up on our website event calendar.



## LATE OPENING ON MARCH 4

**Closed for training until 12 p.m.**

The library will open late on Monday, March 4 due to staff training. We will open at 12 p.m.



## EASTER CLOSURE

**March 31**

The library will be closed on **Sunday, March 31** for Easter. We will resume regular operating hours on April 1.

## 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."

March's talks are:

**Nina Totenberg, *Dinners with Ruth*  
Wednesday, March 6th at 3 p.m.**

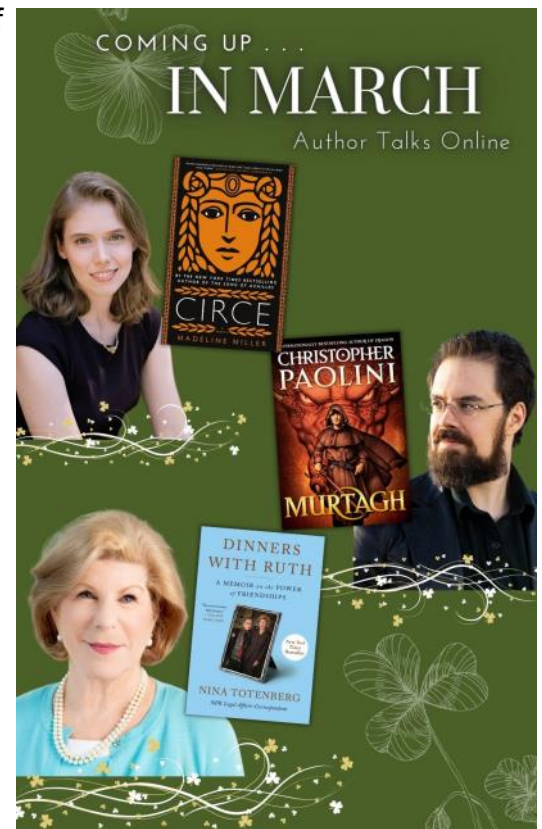
You are invited to an intimate conversation with Nina Totenberg as she talks about her nearly fifty-year friendship with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and her book, *Dinners With Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships*.

**Christopher Paolini, *Murtagh*  
Thursday, March 14th at 3 p.m.**

Join us as we chat with master storyteller and internationally bestselling author Christopher Paolini about his return to the *World of Eragon* with *Murtagh*, a stunning continuation of the epic fantasy.

**Madeline Miller, *The Song of Achilles & Circe*  
Thursday, March 21st at 6 p.m.**

You're invited to a fascinating exploratory conversation with Madeline Miller, bestselling author of *The Song of Achilles* and *Circe*, as she chats with us about her body of work and her process of retelling Greek classics into fresh, modern epics in fiction.



# NOTEWORTHY



## GET READY FOR SPRING

### Upcoming seed and plant programs for all ages

You don't need a green thumb to enjoy our planting programs! This month we are offering presentations and workshops for all ages. All programs are free!

#### Starting Seeds Indoors

**Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m**

Learn how to start your garden seeds indoors and successfully transplant them to your garden in this presentation by Master Gardener Viola McShannon. Do you have children ages 6 to 12 that will accompany you? They can take part in our kids' program (see below) while you attend this session.

#### Time to Plant Seeds (for kids ages 6-12)

**Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m**

Time to play in the dirt! Materials will be provided for kids to start seeds in pods to plant outdoors. We will have a variety of seeds to choose from. Hosted by Jessie in Youth Services. This occurs at the same time as the adults' Starting Seeds Indoors.

#### Plant Propagation and Pot Painting Studio (for teens)

**Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 3:45 p.m.**

Your Instagram DM'd and it wants more #plantsofinstagram. Come show off your pot-painting creativity and learn how to propagate houseplants with Whitney from Youth Services. All supplies will be provided.





## KIDS' CRAFT & STEM KITS TO GO

**Available Friday, March 1**

Pick up your take-and-make kits for kids on Friday, March 1, 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 egg character costume. STEM kits are recommended for ages 6 and up. This month's STEM challenge is St. Patrick's Day slime.



## STAY & PLAY

**Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Families with young children are welcome to enjoy fun family time at the library on Fridays. Get together and use the library's collection of games and toys in the Children's Activity Room. This is a free, open house-style event.

Come for Storytime at 10 a.m., explore the Imagination Forest afterward, then Stay & Play in the activity room at 11 a.m.

## WINTER READING CHALLENGE

**Turn in by March 16**

If you signed up for the Winter Reading Challenge, remember to turn in your reading record by March 16. Finish five categories and receive a prize pack. Finish all 10 to receive the prize pack, a book, and a custom keychain.



## DUPLO DAY

**Mondays at 9 a.m.**

Mondays are for building! 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 month and older. Adult supervision is required. Free!

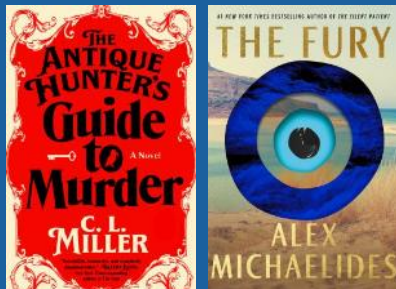


# CHECK IT OUT!

## Recent Acquisitions

Stop in to see what else is new!

### Large Print



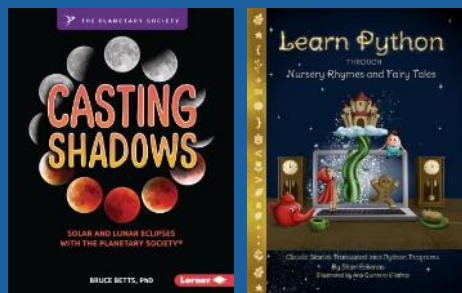
### Audio Books



### Juvenile Fiction



### Juvenile Nonfiction



## STARBOOKS

**Final date is March 14**

Starbooks Teen Lounge is a place for high school teens to relax and socialize with friends while playing games, getting homework help, and reading. Our last meeting for this school year is March 14.



## FREE PROGRAMS

**Newcomers are always welcome!**

**KNOT JUST KNITTERS:** Saturdays, March 2, 13 & 30, 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:** March 19 at 6:30 p.m. For adults, contact Anneka at 402-844-2100 for more information. This month's title is *Blackwater Falls* by Ausma Zehanat Khan.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB:** March 27 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 Book of Two Ways* by Jodi Picoult.

**VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS:** Free monthly author talks featuring bestselling, award-winning, and acclaimed authors from around the world. This month features Nina Totenberg, Christopher Paolini, and Madeline Miller. 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.

— [ "Let us read, and let us dance; these two amuse

## TOT TECH

**Tuesdays from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.**

Tuesdays are for screen-free learning. Check out one of our mTiny Robot Kits to use in our Activity Room. These fun robots provide a visual introduction to coding. Adult supervision required. Drop in anytime during the sessions.



## 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, March 7, 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 *Starfish* by Lisa Fipps. Meets in the Youth Activity Room.

**STARBOOKS: TEEN LIBRARY LOUNGE:** Thursdays March 7 & 14 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, March 4, 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, March 25, 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 *Willodeen* by Katherine Applegate. 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!

ements will never do any harm to the world."- Voltaire

# SAVE THE DATE!

**Program Notes:** We have three authors visiting the library this month!

## MARCH 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Scheduled activities could change due to circumstances beyond our control.					<b>1</b> <b>(All Day) Kids Craft &amp; STEM Kits To Go</b> <b>10am</b> Storytime <b>11am</b> Stay and Play	<b>2</b> <b>2:30pm</b> Knot Just Knitters
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <i>9-12 Library Closed</i> <b>2pm</b> Creative Coloring for Adults <b>3:45pm</b> LEGO Time	<b>5</b> <b>9am</b> Tot Tech Time <b>1pm</b> Tot Tech Time	<b>6</b> <b>2:15pm</b> Coloring for Kids <b>3pm</b> Virtual Author Talk	<b>7</b> <b>3:45pm</b> Starbooks <b>5:15pm</b> Teen Book Club <b>6pm</b> Cricut Class	<b>8</b> <b>10am</b> Storytime <b>11am</b> Stay and Play	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>9am</b> Duplo Day <b>2pm</b> Creative Coloring for Adults <b>5:30pm</b> Chats	<b>12</b> <b>9am</b> Tot Tech Time <b>1pm</b> Tot Tech <b>6:30pm</b> Warneke Author Talk	<b>13</b> <b>2:15pm</b> Coloring for Kids	<b>14</b> <b>3pm</b> Virtual Author Talk <b>3:45pm</b> Starbooks <b>6:30pm</b> Time to Plant Seeds / Starting Seeds Indoors	<b>15</b> <b>10am</b> Storytime <b>11am</b> Stay and Play	<b>16</b> <b>2:30pm</b> Knot Just Knitters Winter Reading Challenge Records Due
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>9am</b> Duplo Day <b>2pm</b> Creative Coloring for Adults	<b>19</b> <b>9am</b> Tot Tech Time <b>1pm</b> Tot Tech <b>6:30pm</b> Tuesday Night Reads	<b>20</b> <b>2:15pm</b> Coloring for Kids	<b>21</b> <b>6pm</b> Youth Writing Studio <b>6pm</b> Virtual Author Talk	<b>22</b> <b>11am</b> Stay and Play	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Closed for Easter <b>31</b>	<b>25</b> <b>9am</b> Duplo Day <b>2pm</b> Creative Coloring for Adults <b>4pm</b> Golden Sower Book Club <b>5:30 pm</b> Chats	<b>26</b> <b>9am</b> Tot Tech Time <b>1pm</b> Tot Tech <b>6:30pm</b> Tammy Day Author Talk	<b>27</b> <b>10am</b> Wednesday Morning Book Club <b>2:15pm</b> Coloring for Kids	<b>28</b> <b>3:45pm</b> Plant Propagation Studio	<b>29</b> <b>10am</b> Storytime <b>11am</b> Stay and Play	<b>30</b> <b>2:30pm</b> Knot Just Knitters