

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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GOLDEN SOWER AUTHOR OFFERS YOUNG WRITER'S STUDIO

March 31 at 6 p.m.

Award-winning author Christina Diaz Gonzalez is visiting the library to lead a student workshop. Young writers who enjoy graphic novels or stories about fitting in and standing out will want to be here to learn from Gonzalez. Her graphic novel, *Invisible*, is a nominee for the Nebraska Golden Sower Award for the 2024/25 school year. Gonzalez is a master of own-voice, bilingual storytelling. Learn the art of storytelling from her and find your voice while you are at it!

The Young Writer's Studio is for ages 8 through 19. This event is *free* and participants *do not* need a library card. Registration opens on March 3. There are 30 spots available. Please note that chaperones do not need to register themselves. Only the participants need to register. Sign up on our website event calendar.



WHAT'S NEW?

Spring is nearly here! We are getting ready for it with programs that cover gardening and outdoor safety.

Interested in gardening? Join the Master Gardeners of Northeast Nebraska for a special program on how to plan a vegetable garden.

Is your child or grandchild a train enthusiast? Kids are encouraged to enter the Train Track Safe Kids poster contest sponsored by Nebraska Operation Lifesaver. Read more about the contest in the next column.

We have two unique hands-on workshops this month. "Setting Boundaries for Inner Peace and Growth" will help you reflect and learn to set boundaries without guilt. This program is for ages 18+. Youth ages 8 - 19 can participate in a writer's studio, learning storytelling from a Golden Sower author.

Details about these events and our ongoing programming are available online and in this newsletter.

All programs are free!



TRAIN TRACK SAFETY

Choo-Choo-Choose safety! Trains are amazing machines and children and adults alike are fascinated by them. This partnership between Nebraska Operation Lifesaver and the library will help children and caregivers stay train track safe.

Train Safety Storytime

March 14 at 10 a.m.

Nebraska Operation Lifesaver Storytime is March 14 at 10 a.m. Have a kiddo that loves trains? Do you cross train tracks on the way to school? This theme storytime is brought to you in partnership with Nebraska Operation Lifesaver, whose mission is to end train collisions and injuries. Materials will be provided by Nebraska Operation Lifesaver.

Train Track Safety Poster Contest

March 14-28

Nebraska Operation Lifesaver is sponsoring a Train Track Safety Poster Contest. Kids of all ages can design a poster and submit it to the library's Youth Services team from March 14-28. Three winners will be chosen by NPL staff and displayed in the Nebraska Capitol Rotunda from April 29 to May 9. Other entries will be displayed at the Norfolk Public Library. Entry forms will be available in the library. Only posters designed on the entry form will be accepted.

About Nebraska Operation Lifesaver

Operation Lifesaver is a non-profit public education program operating across the country. Nebraska's Operation Lifesaver program started in 1973, and its efforts led to a 26% reduction in collision rates that year.



WINTER READING CHALLENGE ENDING SOON

Due by March 14

The last day to turn in your Winter Reading Challenge is March 14. Bring your challenge log to the library from February 3-March 14 to claim your prizes! Complete any 5 categories to earn a prize pack. Complete all 10 categories to earn the prize pack plus a free book.



DID YOU KNOW?

Library fast fact: afterhours pickups



Did you know that you can pick up items when the library is closed? We offer Pick up Lockers upon request. The lockers are available 24/7 and are located on the east side of the building, next to our drive up window. To use this service, call the library at 402-844-2100 and request that items be held for you in a locker. There is a maximum of five items requested at a time. Please request the items at least an hour in advance of the expected pick up time.

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."

***Power of Reset and How to Change What's Not Working* with Author Dan Heath**

March 12 at 1 p.m.

Are you ready for a revolutionary guide to fixing what's not working—in systems and processes, organizations and companies, and even in our daily lives? Join us for an enlightening conversation with bestselling author Dan Heath as he talks with us about his newest book, *Reset: How to Change What's Not Working*.

How Women's Liberation Transformed America: In Conversation with Clara Bingham

March 20 at 1 p.m.

Join us for a transformative conversation with award-winning journalist and author, Clara Bingham, as she chats with us about her new book, *The Movement: How Women's Liberation Transformed America, 1963-1973*.

Dreams we Chase: An Author Talk with Novelist with Jennifer Weiner

March 26 at 6 p.m.

You're invited to a glimmering conversation with *New York Times* bestselling author Jennifer Weiner as we chat about the signature emotional depth of her books that have been inspiring readers toward self-discovery for decades.



NOTEWORTHY



MAKERSPACE WORKSHOPS

March beginner-friendly classes

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!

March workshops are:



Laser Cutter Workshop: Pet Tag ID

March 6 at 2 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: Card Making

March 20 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Foundation Corner

Expressing Gratitude

The Norfolk Library Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides supplemental funding to the Norfolk Public Library. We appreciate the generosity of those who support the Foundation's mission. To learn more about the Foundation and donations, please visit our Foundation wall in the library.

2025 Donations

American Family Mutual Insurance Co.
Jane Uzzell
Richard & Sherry Johnson

John & Sue Burns
Suzann Bugenhagen, Tom Stover,
Ryan Stover, and families



BINGO

BOOK BINGO

March 14 at 2:30 p.m.

If you love to play BINGO and love to read, then this is the program for you! The Youth Services team invites you to play BINGO with us in Meeting Room A. Every BINGO earns a free book. Fun for families of all ages!

POKÉMON CLUB

March 6 & 20 at 3:45 p.m.

Pokémon Club is for kids ages 8-18 who want to play the Pokémon Trading Card Game and enjoy spending time with other Pokémon Trainers. Use the Library's Pokémon decks or your own to play against a friend. Come and show off your favorite cards. Love Pokémon but don't want to play? We have other Pokémon games, crafts and activities!

Note: Trading of your own or Library cards is not permitted at Pokémon Club.



SETTING BOUNDARIES FOR INNER PEACE AND GROWTH

March 11 at 6 p.m.



Do you ever feel stretched too thin, saying yes when you really want to say no? You're not alone. Many of us struggle with setting boundaries, fearing guilt, conflict, or rejection. But what if boundaries were the key to your emotional well-being and freedom?

Join us for an interactive 90-minute workshop to help you reflect, reclaim your time, and learn to set boundaries without guilt. Bring

a notebook or journal and a pen. For ages 18+. Free! Registration is encouraged but walk-ins are welcome if the class is not full.

PLANNING A VEGETABLE GARDEN

March 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for this informational session on how to plan a vegetable garden with the Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners. Graph paper and pencils will be provided on site. No registration is necessary. Free!

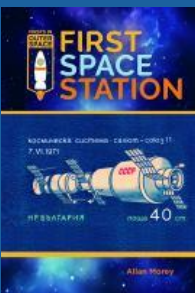
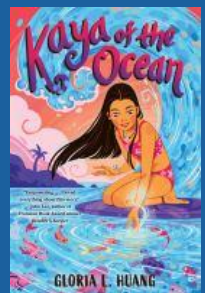
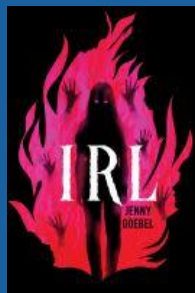


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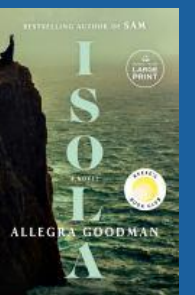
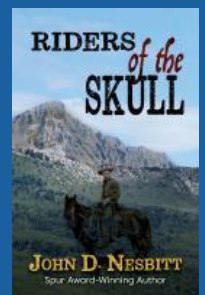
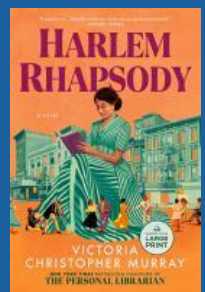
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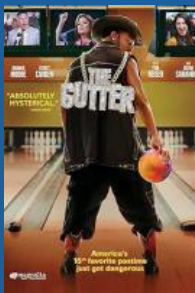
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TWILIGHT TALES STORYTIME

March 5 & 19 at 6:30 p.m.

For infants through age 8 and their caregivers. Join us for some ready-for-bed stories in this calming evening version of our classic Storytime.



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: March 18 at 6:30 p.m. For adults, contact Emily at 402-844-2100 for more information. This month is *The Museum of Ordinary People* by Mike Gayle.

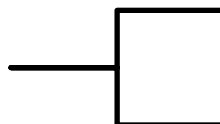
WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB: March 26 at 10:00 a.m. For adults of all ages, contact Whitney at 402-844-2100 for more information. Meets in the Activity Room. This month's book is *The Six* by Loren Grush.

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS: Free monthly author talks featuring bestselling, award-winning, and acclaimed authors from around the world. This month features Dan Heath, Clara Bingham, and Jennifer Weiner. 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. This program is taking a brief hiatus but will return in April.

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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CREATIVE COLORING FOR ADULTS

Mondays at 2 p.m.

Adults of all skill level and abilities are invited to join us for a relaxing hour of coloring. No registration is needed. Stay for a little while or the whole hour. The library provides all coloring materials, but you are welcome to bring your own.



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.

TWILIGHT TALES STORYTIME: March 5 & 19 at 6:30 p.m. An evening version of our children's Storytime for families with young children.

TEEN BOOK CLUB: Thursday, March 6, 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 *Renegades* by Marissa Meyer.

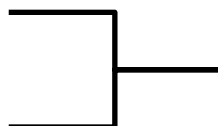
COLORING FOR KIDS: Wednesdays at 2:15 p.m. For ages 6-15. Come relax and color using the provided materials.

LEGO® TIME: Monday, March 3 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, March 24, 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 *Nic Blake and the Remarkables: The Manifestor Prophecy* by Angie Thomas.

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!

STAY AND PLAY: Fridays at 11 a.m. A fun family time to get together and play games. Families with young children are invited to use the library's collection of infant/toddler games and toys in our Youth Activity Room. Drop in anytime between 11-1.



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<i>Scheduled activities could change due to circumstances beyond our control.</i>						
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9	10 2pm Creative Coloring for Adults	11 6pm Setting Boundaries for Inner Peace and Growth	12 1pm Virtual Author Talk: Dan Heath 2:15pm Coloring for Kids	13 3:45pm Starbooks Teen Lounge	14 10am Nebraska Operation Lifesaver Storytime 11am Stay & Play 2:30pm Book Bingo	15
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