

# 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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## TWEEN/TEEN POETRY STUDIO

**April 24 at 4 p.m.**

It's National Poetry Month, and the creatives from Do Art Productions are bringing high-energy poetry to the library! This poetry workshop for older youth will "emphasize the power of words to evoke expression and fun." Learn the tools of poetry, like imagery and metaphor, as well as the structure of haiku. Participants can bring their favorite writing medium, whether paper or digital. We will also provide paper and pencils.

Registration is required. Sign up starts on April 1 and can be done on the library's event calendar.

Do Art Productions aims to inspire creativity within everybody, whether an experienced artist or those who think they are not artists.



## WHAT'S NEW?

April is National Poetry Month! It is a time when we recognize the creativity and importance of poets and poetry. We are getting into the spirit by hosting a free teen/tween poetry writing workshop with the creatives from Do Art Productions. If you prefer reading to writing, you can find books of classic and modern poetry, including those by Nebraska authors, in our nonfiction collection.

Sign up for any or all of our *three* different makerspace workshops this month. These workshops are free of charge and all materials are provided. No prior makerspace experience is needed, but you should have basic computer skills.

Our virtual author talks include a session with best-selling author Jodi Picoult. The virtual talks are recorded so you can watch them at the most convenient time for you. There is a back catalog of previous speakers - be sure to explore and find topics of interest to you.



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Have you noticed that community partners are hosting events at the library for all to enjoy? This month, Mosaic and Hands of Heartland are offering free activities that are open to all ages and abilities. Drop in and enjoy one of their events in April:

### **April Fool's Day Trivia**

April 1 from 9:30am-12pm

Join in the fun with some April Fool's Day trivia hosted by Hands of Heartland.

### **DIY Tote Bags**

April 10 from 10am-12pm

Drop in to make your own tote bag with Mosaic.

### **Disney Trivia**

April 16 from 9:30am-12pm

Test your Disney knowledge with Hands of Heartland.

## GET READY FOR SUMMER!

You may notice that our youth schedule isn't as jam-packed this month. We are busy visiting schools to talk about the new Golden Sower nominees and are prepping for a full schedule of fun during our Summer Reading Program, which kicks off on May 12!

Also coming this summer—the inaugural Norfolk Library Comicon! This will be a week filled with activities, artists, authors, and a bit of the unexpected.



## EASTER CLOSURE

**Sunday, April 20**

The library will be closed on Sunday, April 20, in observance of Easter. We will reopen on Monday at 9 a.m. Our drive-up drop box is always open to return items, and our Digital Library is available 24/7 for ebooks, e-audiobooks, podcasts, language learning, and more.



## COMPOSTING MADE EASY

**April 8 at 6:30 p.m.**

Join us for an informative class on how to start composting at home with the Northeast Nebraska Master Gardeners. No registration is necessary. Free!

## VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

**Free virtual discussions with acclaimed authors**

Register and watch from anywhere! The author 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, or to view past talks, visit our Digital Library on our website and click on “Author Talks.”

***Wordsmith and Wonder: An Author Talk with Jodi Picoult***

**April 2 at 6 p.m.**

Step into Spring with us as we chat with the highly acclaimed *New York Times* bestselling author Jodi Picoult about her newest novel, *By Any Other Name*.

***The Stories, Science, and History of Trees with Smithsonian Gardens Greenhouse Horticulturalist Matthew Fleming***

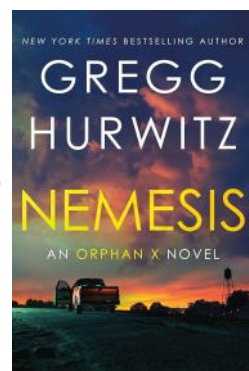
**April 8 at 1 p.m.**

Join us as Smithsonian Horticulturalist Matthew Fleming guides us through the secret world of trees as is revealed in the beautiful and absorbing guide to the giants of the plant world—*The Tree Book: The Stories, Science, and History of Trees*.

***The Thrill of Writing Action, Adventure, and Suspense: A conversation with bestselling author Gregg Hurwitz***

**April 24 at 6 p.m.**

Do you love action-packed adventure? Are you ready for the thrill? You're invited to a riveting conversation with *New York Times* bestselling author Gregg Hurwitz as he chats with us about his *Orphan X series* and his life as a writer of suspenseful storytelling.



# NOTEWORTHY



## MAKERSPACE WORKSHOPS

### April 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!

April workshops are:



#### Laser Cutter Workshop: Mini Wooden Sign

**April 11 at 3:30 p.m.**

Engrave a mini wooden sign (approximately 3"x6") using the Laser Cutter! Participants will be using CorelDraw software and the Laser Cutter to engrave a small wooden sign with a personalized message in this hands-on workshop. Spots are limited, so registration is required. Walk-ins welcome if spaces are available.

Class will be repeated in May and June. Please register for only one of the classes so more people can participate. Thank you!

#### Laser Cutter Workshop: Cupcake Toppers

**April 14 at 5:30 p.m.**

Use the Laser Cutter to create a decorative cupcake topper! Participants will be using CorelDraw software and the Laser Cutter to design and cut a "2025" graduation topper in this hands-on workshop.



#### Cricut Workshop: Paper Flowers

**April 17 at 5:30 p.m.**

Learn to use the Cricut Design Space software and the library's Cricut to cut and build dimensional paper flowers that can be used in a variety of crafts. Participants should have basic computer skills. A Cricut ID is required to use the software. Cricut IDs are free and can be created on the Cricut website at [www.cricut.com](http://www.cricut.com). Please call the library if you have any questions. Class will be repeated in May and June. Please register for only one of the classes so more people can participate. Thank you!



## **GOLDEN SOWER BOOK CLUB CELEBRATION**

**April 21 at 4 p.m.**

Have you attended at least 3 of the last 11 months of Golden Sower Book Club discussions? If so, join us in celebrating this year's books and get ready for next year's Golden Sower nominees.



## **ENGLISH CHATS**

**April 5 & 19 at 10:30 a.m.**

Join our English Conversation Program! Designed for adults, this is a relaxed and welcoming space to practice speaking English with others. Improve your skills while having fun in a supportive environment. Whether you're a beginner or looking to build confidence, this program is the perfect opportunity to connect, learn, and grow. Don't miss out—come speak, laugh, and learn with us!

## **COMICON VENDORS WANTED**

**Hobbyists and businesses welcome!**

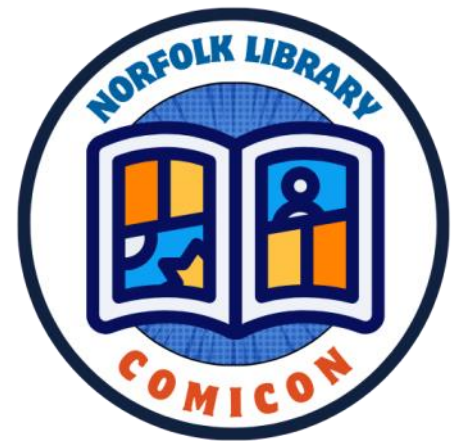
We are seeking vendor applications for the inaugural Norfolk Library Comicon's celebration in the park to be hosted at Johnson Park in Norfolk on Saturday, June 21, 2025 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. This event caps off a week of Comicon program and activities.

Vendors should be the creators and/or sellers of goods that are family-friendly and relevant to comic books, media, literature and fandom interests. Now is a great time to sell your comic books and action figures, or offer your comic/manga arts and crafts! Please note that edible items are not permitted for sale or distribution.

Apply by visiting our website. Questions can be directed to Whitney, our Youth Services Supervisor via email at [whitney@norfolkne.gov](mailto:whitney@norfolkne.gov) or by phone at 402-844-2100.

### **About the Norfolk Library Comicon**

This is the inaugural year of our "deconstructed" comicon. This is a family-friendly week of events designed to celebrate the creativity of comics, graphic novels, and fandoms. Throughout the week of June 16-21, we will host comic authors and artists, workshops, and games, culminating on Saturday with a large celebration in the park, including a costume parade, activities, and appearances by the Star Wars 501st Legion. Check our online calendar for more details.

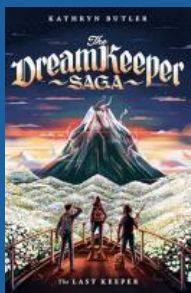
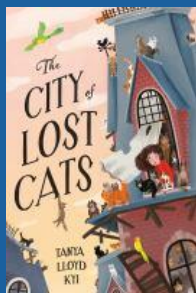
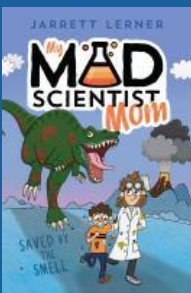


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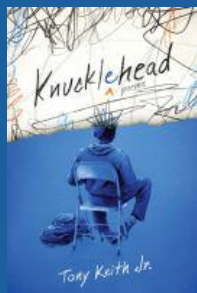
## Recent Acquisitions

Stop in to see what else is new!

### Juvenile



### Young Adult



## 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

### Reading incentive program

Reading to your young child helps with early literacy skills and future academic success. Children from birth until kindergarten can participate in this free program. Sign up at the library to earn a free book and a prize for every 100 books read.



## 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:** April 15 at 6:30 p.m. For adults, contact Emily at 402-844-2100 for more information. This month is *Nothing Daunted* by Dorothy Wickenden.

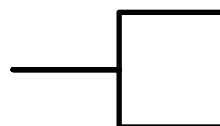
**WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB:** April 30 at 10:00 a.m. For adults of all ages, contact Whitney at 402-844-2100 for more information. Meets in the Activity Room. This month's book is *White Teeth* by Zadie Smith.

**VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS:** Free monthly author talks featuring bestselling, award-winning, and acclaimed authors from around the world. This month features Jodi Picoult, Matthew Fleming, and Gregg Hurwitz. See the online event calendar to register for a session and send questions to the author.

**ENGLISH CHATS:** April 5 & 19 at 10:30 a.m. Conversational English practice for English language learners of all skill levels.

**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.



“Not all readers are leaders, but

# SAVE THE DATE

## Summer Reading Program Starts May 12

Sign up for our Summer Reading Program starts on May 12! Reading challenges are for all ages - sign up to earn prizes and incentives. Programs and events kick off on June 2. Please note that some events may require registration due to limited seating, but you do not have to sign up for reading incentives to attend our programs and events. All are free!



## FREE YOUTH PROGRAMS

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

**STORYTIME:** 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. Storytime is not regularly scheduled for April but watch for announcements about April dates.

**TEEN BOOK CLUB:** Thursday, April 3, 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](mailto:jroberts@norfolkne.gov) for more information. This month's book is *Shadow and Bone* by Leigh Bardugo.

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

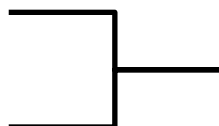
**LEGO® TIME:** Monday, April 7 at 3:45 p.m. For ages 6-12, this is a fun and creative opportunity to build imaginative, new projects using the library's LEGO® collection. This is the last meeting date until next school year, though there will be fun LEGO events this summer. *Meets in Meeting Room A.*

**GOLDEN SOWER BOOK CLUB:** Monday, April 21, 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](mailto:jroberts@norfolkne.gov) for more information. This month is a celebration for youth who have attended at least three of the last eleven book clubs. Join us in celebrating literature!

**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! To sign up, stop by the library's main service desk or our Youth Services desk.

**IMAGINATION LIBRARY:** Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free books to children from birth to age five. Norfolk residents may register their child at the library. The program is facilitated by Read Aloud Norfolk.

all leaders are readers."- Harry Truman



# APRIL 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>Scheduled activities could change due to circumstances beyond our control.</i>						
		<b>1</b> <b>9:30am</b> Communi-ty Event: April Fool's Day Trivia	<b>2</b> <b>2:15pm</b> Coloring for Kids <b>6pm</b> Jodi Picoult Virtual Author Talk	<b>3</b> <b>5:15pm</b> Teen Book Club	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>10:30am</b> English Chats
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>2pm</b> Creative Coloring for Adults <b>3:45pm</b> LEGO Time	<b>8</b> <b>1pm</b> Virtual Author Talk: Matthew Fleming <b>6:30pm</b> Compost-ing Made Easy	<b>9</b> <b>2:15pm</b> Coloring for Kids	<b>10</b> <b>10am</b> Community Event: DIY Tote Bags	<b>11</b> <b>3:30pm</b> Laser Cutter Workshop: Mini Wooden Sign	<b>12</b>
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<b>20</b> <b>CLOSED</b> <b>FOR</b> <b>EASTER</b>	<b>21</b> <b>2pm</b> Creative Coloring for Adults <b>4pm</b> Golden Sower Book Club Celebration	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>2:15pm</b> Coloring for Kids	<b>24</b> <b>4pm</b> Teen/Tween Poetry Studio <b>6pm</b> Virtual Author Talk: Gregg Hurwitz	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>2pm</b> Creative Coloring for Adults	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>10am</b> Wednesday Morning Book Club <b>2:15pm</b> Coloring for Kids			