

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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SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Starts May 16

Are you ready for a summer of possibilities? Our 2022 Summer Reading Program kicks off on May 16. This year's theme is "Oceans of Possibilities." We will be offering a full slate of activities including free family entertainment, movies, contests, crafts and more!

Read more about our Summer Reading Program inside this newsletter, and mark your calendars for the first day to sign up for the program—May 16!



WHAT'S NEW?

MAY SPECIALS

We are "springing" into action this month with the kickoff of our Summer Reading Program, a special presentation and new workshops.

Join us on May 3 for "The Making of an Author: Ian Fleming." This presentation by Dr. Wes Wingett will delve into how Fleming's early life influenced his future and positioned him to author his infamous James Bond novels.

We continue to offer new computer and makerspace workshops for teens and adults. This month, we will host a laser cutter workshop on the 5th and a basic computer class on the 10th. These are in addition to our regularly scheduled adult programs, such as Knot Just Knitters, book clubs and Writing Lab.

This month's highlight is the kickoff of our annual Summer Reading Program. Starting May 16, sign up online or in the library to participate and receive reading incentives. A full slate of weekly activities for all ages is scheduled, including entertainers, crafts and movies.



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Open to All Ages

Are you ready for summer fun? Our Summer Reading Program begins May 16. Sign up on the library website and print your program materials, or stop into the library to register and pick up a packet. The packet includes everything you need to participate this summer – reading records, the incentive game, writing and coloring contest forms and our schedule of events.

Who can participate?

Anyone! All patrons are encouraged to sign up, whether you are a reader or a "read-to-me."

Is it just for kids?

No! This is made for all ages. We have incentives and activities for adults, babies and everyone in-between!

What happens during Summer Reading Program?

Every week of the program features something special – like weekly matinee movies, craft kits, family entertainment (from wildlife encounters to magicians and musicians), storytimes, STEAM events and special workshops. Our program booklet has a full schedule of events. You can even enter our coloring contest or writing contest.

What about the usual occurring events?

We will continue to offer our regularly scheduled events like Writing Lab, book clubs and Knot Just Knitters. We're adding a few more as well – our Summer Speaker Series will run from July into September. We will also offer makerspace workshops and computer learning opportunities.

The last day to turn in your completed reading records is August 5. Get ready to make a splash this summer with "Oceans of Possibilities!"



U.S. CITIZENSHIP KITS

Now available for check out

Studying for U.S. Citizenship? We now offer a study bag kit that can be checked out. The bags include study guides, flash cards and other useful resources. The checkout period is for two weeks with up to two renewals. Three study kits are available. Find them in our study guide collection.



HOLIDAYS

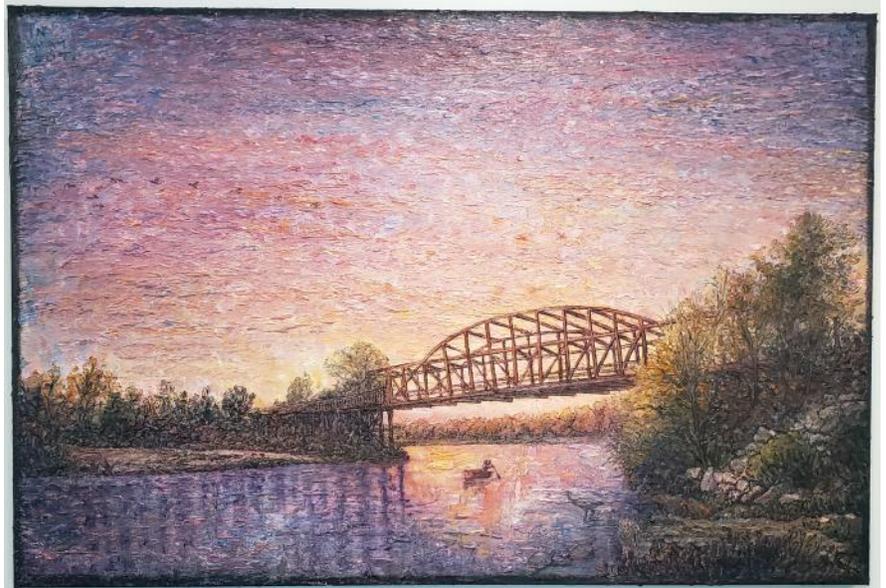
May Closures

May is a month of holidays. Please note that the library will be closed on May 8 for Mother's Day and again on Sunday and Monday, May 29 and 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

NEW ARTWORK DEDICATED

Spirit of Elkhorn Valley Celebrated

Have you seen our newest artwork, which was dedicated on April 24th? The Norfolk Library Foundation sponsored a Call for Artists in 2021 and ultimately chose artist Michael Lynch's concept as the winning proposal. Lynch's painting fulfills the wish of the Foundation, which is to celebrate the spirit of the Elkhorn Valley and beautify the library's spaces. Lynch completed the piece this spring. The artwork hangs in our vestibule between meeting rooms and is an impressive 6-feet by 4-feet in size. Come by to experience it!



SENSORY-FRIENDLY MOVIE SHOWING

May 6 at 10:30 a.m.

Come enjoy watching a movie in a sensory-friendly environment. The movie presentations will feature low lighting and volume, a five-minute intermission, sensory fidgets and space to move around. Please feel free to bring your own sensory aids as well as snacks and non-alcoholic drinks.

Attendees will be given a choice of two movies to vote on for the selection. Movie choices will be based on an adult and older teen audience. The May movie choices are *Clifford the Big Red Dog* or *Jungle Cruise*.



NOTEWORTHY



SAVE THE DATE

27th Annual Literature Festival

Our Literature Festival is now in its 27th year! Join us on **Saturday, July 30th** for a day of presentations, workshops and literary fun with award-winning authors. Tickets are on sale now on our website.

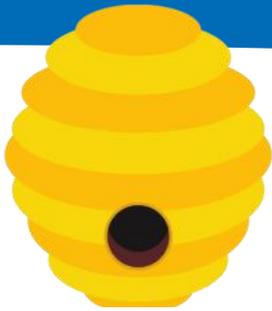
CLASSIC POETRY

MAY AND THE POETS

By James Henry Leigh Hunt

There is May in books forever;
May will part from Spenser never;
May's in Milton, May's in Prior,
May's in Chaucer, Thomson, Dyer;
May's in all the Italian books:—
She has old and modern nooks,
Where she sleeps with nymphs
and elves,
In happy places they call shelves,
And will rise and dress your rooms
With a drapery thick with blooms.

Come, ye rains, then if ye will,
May's at home, and with me still;
But come rather, thou, good
weather,
And find us in the fields together.



CHILDREN'S CRAFT KITS TO-GO

Buzzworthy Fun

PICK UP DATE: MAY 13, 2022 (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)

This month's craft kit is the bee's knees! Each kit has everything you need to make this cute bee craft. Glue is needed but not included. Kits are available inside the library or at our drive-up service window. First come, first served. Bee kind—please limit quantities to the needs of your family.



LASER CUTTER WORKSHOP

May 5 at 6 p.m.

Join us for an introductory laser cutter workshop. Learn to use Corel Draw to personalize a wooden watering can decoration that can be used on a garden stake or in a floral arrangement. Laser cutter certification is not necessary, but registration is required due to limited seating. This is a free workshop. Materials are provided.

COMPUTER BASICS

May 10 at 6 p.m.

New to computers or uncertain about your skills? Basic Computer class introduces you to computer lingo and basic functioning. Learn skills such as creating, saving, opening and naming files as well as understanding the file and folder system. This class is free. Just bring yourself!

CREATIVE AGING THROUGH THE ARTS PROGRAM

Coming this summer!

This summer we are participating in the Creative Aging through the Arts Program, a grant-sponsored initiative from the Nebraska Arts Council. The program provides art lessons for adults of any skill level who are ages 55+. An artist in residence will share their expertise and help participants hone skills in a variety of disciplines. Details and registration are forthcoming.

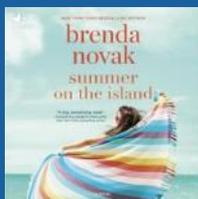
CHECK IT OUT!

Just a few additions to our collections. Come in to see what else we've added!

Movies



Audio Books



Spanish



THE MAKING OF AN AUTHOR: IAN FLEMING

May 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Join Dr. Wes Wingett for a presentation on author Ian Fleming. Learn how Fleming's early life not only influenced his future, but helped position him to be the author of the James Bond novels.



FREE MONTHLY PROGRAMS

KNOT JUST KNITTERS: Saturdays, May 7 and 21, 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 for more information. Meets in Meeting Room A.

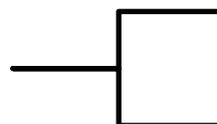
CREATIVE COLORING FOR ADULTS: Enjoy an hour of relaxing coloring every Monday at 2:00 p.m. The library provides coloring pencils, coloring pages and books. This program is open to adults of all abilities. Newcomers are always welcome. Meets in Meeting Room A.

WRITING LAB: May 14 at 1:30 p.m. For adults and teens, please contact Anneka at 402-844-2100 or aramirez@norfolkne.gov for more information. Newcomers are always welcome. This is a fun and safe space for writers to explore their craft. Meets in Meeting Room C.

TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB: May 31 at 6:30 p.m. For adults, contact Jessica at 402-844-2100 or jchamberlain@norfolkne.gov for more information. Newcomers are always welcome. This month's book is *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB: May 25 at 10:00 a.m. For adults, contact Karen at 402-844-2100 or kdrevo@norfolkne.gov for more information. Newcomers are always welcome. Meets in Meeting Room A. This month's book is *The Engineer's Wife* by Tracey Enerson Wood.

20S & 30S BOOK CLUB: May 17 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 for more information. Newcomers are always welcome. This month's book is *Haben: The Deafblind Woman Who Conquered Harvard Law* by Haben Girma.



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READING RECOMMENDATIONS

Custom made for you

Novelist, available in our digital library, creates recommended reading lists based on a variety of factors, such as your age and interests. Search books by genre, "For Fans Of," or characters, or use their appeal mixer to create your own search parameters using categories like writing style, pace and tone. Try it out!



FREE YOUTH PROGRAMS

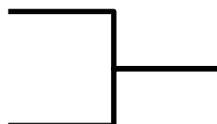
STORYTIME: Please note that there will be no Storytime in May. Starting in June, as part of our Summer Reading Program, Storytime will be on Mondays and Thursdays. A special STEAM storytime for older youth ages 8 to 12 will be offered weekly on Mondays. Check your Summer Reading Program packet for storytime schedules and other enriching events.

YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB: Young Adult 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 for more information. YA Book Club does not meet in May but will start again in June.

LEGO® TIME: Monday, May 2, from 3:45-4:45 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 the Children's Activity Room.

GOLDEN SOWER BOOK CLUB: Monday, May 23, 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 for more information. This month's book is *Letters From Cuba* by Ruth Behar. Meets in the Children's Activity Room.

1,000 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: Summer Reading Program starts May 16. Stop in and sign up for a summer of reading possibilities! Computer and makerspace classes continue this month with Basic Computer Class on May 10 and a Laser Cutter Workshop on May 5.

MAY 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 2pm Creative Coloring 3:45pm LEGO Time	3 6:30pm The Making of an Author: Ian Fleming	4	5 6pm Laser Cutter Workshop	6 10:30am Movie	7 2:30pm Knot Just Knitters
8 Closed for Mother's Day	9 2pm Creative Coloring	10 6pm Basic Computer Class	11	12	13 Craft Kits To-Go	14 1:30pm Writing Lab
15	16 Summer Reading Begins 2pm Creative Coloring	17 6:30pm 20/30 Book Club	18	19	20	21 2:30pm Knot Just Knitters
22	23 2pm Creative Coloring 4pm Golden Sower Book Club	24	25 10am Wednesday Morning Book Club	26	27	28
29 Library Closed for Memorial Day	30 Library Closed for Memorial Day	31 6:30pm Tuesday Night Book Club	<i>Scheduled programs could change due to circumstances beyond our control.</i>			