

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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STATE POET MATT MASON

August 27

Nebraska's State Poet, Matt Mason, is coming to the library! Matt Mason has five books of poetry and sees poetry as entertaining and enlightening. He will be leading a poetry writing workshop for teens and adults, followed by a reading in the evening.

4-5:30 p.m. Poetry Writing Workshop

Matt Mason has taught writing around the state, the country, and the world and even if you're not sure if you can write a poem, he's here to show you that you can. Bring a pen and some paper and get an idea of how you can write poems about the things in your life (and more). For teens and adults. Free, no registration required.

6:30-7:30 p.m. Matt Mason Reading

Come out for an energetic event with an award-winning poet whose books focus on Nebraska, Disneyland, Being a Dad, 80s Rock and more. All are welcome. Free, no registration required.



WHAT'S NEW?

Nebraska Chautauqua is in Norfolk on August 2-3. The library will be playing host to some of the events, including crafting for youth and an author talk. Check the full schedule at the Humanities Nebraska website.

We are hosting another Demo Day on August 30. Drop in to see our new 3D printer in action, get a quick introduction to 3D printing, and take home a sample project. No appointment necessary!

State Poet Matt Mason is paying us a visit, teaching a writing workshop and giving a reading. Be sure to join us for these inspiring events on August 27.

We are excited to be hosting another session of Creative Aging through the Arts! Learn more about this exciting program inside this newsletter.

Other creative ventures offered are Knot Just Knitters and Creative Coloring for Adults. Adventures in Paint Pouring, virtual author talks, and adult craft kits round out the month. All programs are free!



CHATUAUQUA WORKSHOPS

Explore history August 2-3

Nebraska Chautauqua is August 2 & 3 in Norfolk! The festival will include family-friendly events, engaging workshops, and Chautauqua-style presentations that allow audience members to interact with historic figures. Events will be held at various locations in Norfolk. Chautauqua is sponsored by Humanities Nebraska.

Children's Paper Weaving & Collage

August 2 at 10 a.m.

For youth entering 5th & 6th grade

Learn paper weaving and collage from artist Sue Burns. All materials provided. Seats are limited so registration is required. Free. Sign up on our website.

Teen Paper Weaving & Collage

August 2 at 1:30 p.m.

For youth entering 7th & 8th grade

Learn paper weaving and collage from artist Sue Burns. All materials provided. Seats are limited so registration is required. Free. Sign up on our website.

Author Talk: Rediscovering Turtle Island

August 2 at 12 p.m.

Join Omaha Tribal member, Cherokee citizen, and teacher Taylor Keen as he shares about his new book, *Rediscovering Turtle Island: A First Peoples' Account of the Sacred Geography of America*. While Western accounts of North American history traditionally start with European colonization, Indigenous histories of North America—or Turtle Island—stretch back millennia. Drawing on comparative analysis, firsthand Indigenous accounts, extensive historical writings, and his own experience, Taylor Keen presents a comprehensive re-imagining of the ancient and more recent history of this continent's oldest cultures.

Also at the library:

Chautauqua Workshops

August 3, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

See the full schedule of events for Chautauqua at humanitiesnebraska.org.



HUMANITIES NEBRASKA



CREATIVE AGING THROUGH THE ARTS

Making Meaningful Mosaics August 22-23

Work with fused glass and mosaic artist Carrie Strobe in this two-day workshop to make meaningful mosaics. No experience necessary! All materials are provided. Free!

Carrie will lead participants through the process of designing and creating their own mixed-media mosaic. Participants will showcase their work in a reception after the final session of the workshop, and artwork will remain on display at the library for two weeks.

Class size is limited to 14 participants aged 55 or older. Registration required. Attendance at all four workshop sessions is necessary to complete the final art piece.

Workshop schedule:

August 22—Session one: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.; break for lunch; Session two: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

August 23—Session three: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.; break for lunch; Session four: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.;
Reception 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

This program is made possible with the support of the Nebraska Arts Council and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment.

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.”

August’s talks are:

**Dr. Jennifer Levasseur, *Behind the Scenes at the Space Station*
Wednesday, August 7 at 1 p.m.**

Step inside one of the greatest international achievements with a virtual behind-the-scenes guide to space exploration with the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum curator Dr. Jennifer Levasseur

**Irena Smith, *The Golden Ticket*
Thursday, August 15 at 1 p.m.**

Join us for this must-watch talk by Irena Smith, PhD. You will hear about constructive and healthy ways to approach the college application process, preserve your relationship with your teen, and help them define success on their terms instead of chasing the elusive “golden ticket.”

**Shelby Van Pelt, *Remarkably Bright Creatures*
Wednesday, August 21 at 6 p.m.**

Join us as we chat with the amazing *New York Times* bestselling author Shelby Van Pelt about her beloved novel *Remarkably Bright Creatures*. You don’t want to miss this deep dive exploration of friendship, reckoning, hope, and so much more!



NOTEWORTHY

ADVENTURE *BEGINS AT YOUR* LIBRARY™

SUMMER READING RECAP

Summer programming ends August 2

We had a full summer schedule of storytimes, presentations, workshops, crafts, and live entertainment! Attendance at programs was phenomenal—we hope you were able to join us. The focus of our summer is the summer reading challenge for youth and adults. This year, as of July 23, we had a whopping **1,684** people sign up for a reading challenge! Congratulations to all who finished the challenge!

Congratulations to the winners in our Coloring Contest, Art Contest, and Creative Writing Contest:

Coloring Contest

6-7: 1st Grayson Frahm, 2nd Noah Burke, 3rd Riley Miller

8-10: 1st Daphne Sunderman, 2nd Harper Muehlmeier, 3rd Suttan Kelley

11-13: 1st Joey Hobbs, 2nd Emri Wells, 3rd Lucy Conover

14-17: 1st Amelia Ahlers, 2nd Nina Mendez-Templin, 3rd Nora Springer

18+: 1st Cindy Brown, 2nd Marla Muehlmeier, 3rd Paige Spreeman

Creative Writing

Ages 8-12: 1st Aaron Weich, 2nd Zurie Gooch, 3rd Sylvia Kastl

Ages 13-17: 1st Jackson Greene, 2nd Isabella Wostrel, 3rd Jovie Wolff

Ages 18+: 1st Dave Sieler, 2nd Evelyn Compton, 3rd Angie Sovereign

Art Contest

Ages 8-12: 1st Zac Hobbs, 2nd Daphne Sunderman, 3rd Daniel Zimmerman

Ages 13-17: 1st Kennedy Johnson, 2nd Greenleigh Flesner, 3rd Kyra Mook

Ages 18+: 1st Michelle Mook, 2nd Lacy Lawson, 3rd Anonymous

Family: 1st Miller Family, 2nd Endorf Family, 3rd Rardon Family

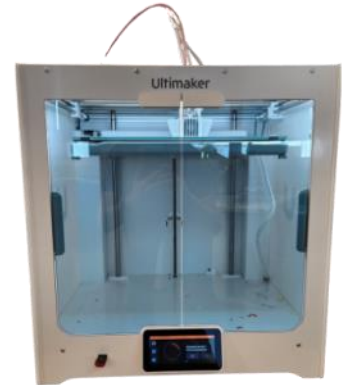




MAKERSPACE DEMO DAY

August 30

Drop in anytime on Friday the 30th for a quick hands-on introduction to our new 3D printer, and leave with a sample project (limit one per family). All materials provided. Free! Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.



ADULT CRAFT KITS TO GO

August 2, while supplies last

This month, it's the adults' turn to get crafty! Adult craft kits will be available all day on Friday, August 2, while supplies last. The kit will include everything you need to create a macramé wall hanging.

ADVENTURES IN PAINT POURING

Acrylic paint techniques

Our next installment of Adventures in Paint Pouring is being hosted by the Norfolk Arts Center. Online registration filled quickly, and the class is full. Please let us know if we should host another session.

In this free class, you will learn a simple technique that uses acrylic paint to create abstract art. We will use non-toxic elements to create a small 5"x7" piece. All necessary materials are provided including one 5"x7" canvas. Participants are welcome to bring a larger canvas to work on if they wish.



YOUTH PROGRAMMING

August break

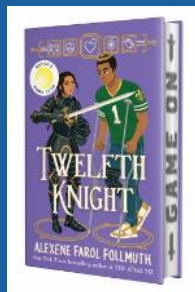
Youth services is taking a brief hiatus from programs in August as we reset and get ready for fall activities. Please note that there will be no storytimes or crafts in August, but we will host our Teen Book Club and Golden Sower Book Club. Starting in September, get ready for LEGO Time, storytime, and more!

CHECK IT OUT!

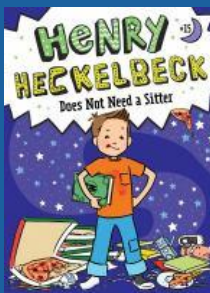
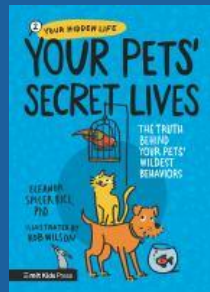
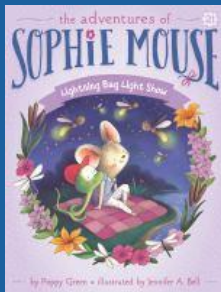
Recent Acquisitions

Stop in to see what else is new!

Young Adult



Juvenile



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Access thousands of tutorials to improve your career skills with LinkedIn Learning. Find it on our website under "Digital Library." Simply log in with your library card number and PIN to create your account. Please stop by the service desk if you don't remember your PIN.



FREE ADULT PROGRAMS

Newcomers are always welcome!

KNOT JUST KNITTERS: Saturdays, July 6 & 20, 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 colored pencils, coloring pages, and books. This program is open to adults of all abilities. Meets in Meeting Room A.

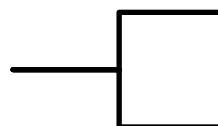
TUESDAY NIGHT READS: August 20 at 6:30 p.m. For adults, contact Anneka at 402-844-2100 for more information. This month's title is *The End of Drum-Time* by Hanna Pylväinen.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB: August 28 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 *Lost Roses* by Martha Hall Kelly.

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS: Free monthly author talks featuring bestselling, award-winning, and acclaimed authors from around the world. This month features Dr. Jennifer Levasseur, Irena Smith, and Shelby Van Pelt. 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.



"A library is not a luxury but one of the

KANOPY

Streaming video

Kanopy users now have access to more current and favorite movies and shows than before. There is no charge to stream using your library card. Make a free Kanopy account, search, and then stream! Visit our Digital Library on the website to find the Kanopy link to get started.



FREE YOUTH PROGRAMS

STORYTIME: There is no Storytime in August. 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.

TEEN BOOK CLUB: Thursday, August 8, 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 for more information. This month's book is *Peak* by Roland Smith. Meets in the Youth Activity Room.

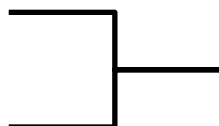
COLORING FOR KIDS: Will return in September! For ages 6-15. Come relax and color using the provided materials! Meets in the Youth Activity Room.

LEGO® TIME: Will return in September! 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, August 26, 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 *Finally Seen* by Kelly Yang. 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 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!

e necessities of life."- Henry Ward Beecher



SAVE THE DATE!

AUGUST 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 1pm Beginners Coding for Kids 8+	2 (All Day) Adult Craft Kits To Go 10am Children's Paper Weaving 12pm Chautauqua Author Talk 1:30pm Teen Paper Weaving	3 Chautauqua Workshops 9am- 4pm 2:30pm Knot Just Knitters READING RECORDS DUE
<i>Scheduled activities could change due to circumstances beyond our control.</i>						
4	5 2pm Creative Coloring for Adults	6	7 1pm Smithsonian Virtual Author Talk 6pm Adventures in Paint Pouring	8 5:15pm Teen Book Club	9	10
11	12 2pm Creative Coloring for Adults	13	14	15 1pm Irena Smith Virtual Author Talk	16	17 2:30pm Knot Just Knitters
18	19 2pm Creative Coloring for Adults	20 6:30pm Tuesday Night Reads	21 6pm Shelby Van Pelt Virtual Author Talk	22 10am Creative Aging through the Arts	23 10am Creative Aging through the Arts	24
25	26 2pm Creative Coloring for Adults 4pm Golden Sower Book Club	27 4pm Poetry Writing Workshop with Matt Mason 6:30pm State Poet Matt Mason	28 10am Wednesday Morning Book Club	29	30 MakerSpace Demo Day	31 2:30pm Knot Just Knitters