

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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CHILDRENS AUTHOR VISIT

**Meet Zach Jorgensen
September 23 at 2 p.m.**

Author and motivational speaker Zach Jorgensen's motto is "Living with a disability and trying to make a difference." A native of Wayne, Nebraska, Zach has written several picture books based on his superhero character, Super Wheels. Join him for a meet and greet, inspirational discussion, storytime and book signing. Free! Every child will receive a book while supplies last.

Bring the family and join us on Saturday, September 23 at 2 p.m. No registration is necessary. Open to the public.



WHAT'S NEW?

September offerings include three adult programming speakers, a new teen program and the return of youth services activities.

Two area authors will be at the library this month. On September 23, children's author Zach Jorgensen will host a special Storytime. Nonfiction author Barry Seegebarth will present on the topic of his new book, *The Nebraska Winter of 1948-49*, which was one of the worst winters in Nebraska history.

Dr. Katie East will give an entertaining talk about pop culture's depiction of forensic anthropology in TV and movies. Representatives from the Nebraska Department of Insurance will teach the basics of what you need to know about insurance.

An exciting new offering this month for teens is Starbooks. This "library lounge" gives teens a place to decompress after school. Starting September 7, Starbooks will be held on Thursdays at 3:45. Learn more about it and the other programs in this newsletter.



WELCOME BACK

Youth Activities Resume

After a brief hiatus following our busy summer schedule, Youth Services is bringing back a full slate of events and activities for children and teens.

Storytime for ages 0 to 8 will be offered twice weekly on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. A mix of stories, songs and movement, Storytime is a good introduction to the library and promotes early literacy. A special Saturday storytime featuring local author Zach Jorgensen will be held on September 23 at 2 p.m.

Coloring for Kids, a weekly drop-in creative coloring activity will be held on Wednesdays at 2:15 p.m. This hour-long session is geared towards helping kids relax and reenergize after school. For ages 6-15.

The popular *LEGO Time* returns on September 11 at 3:45 p.m. LEGO Time is a free play creative session using the library's LEGO collection. It is for kids ages 6 to 12.

Monthly craft and STEM kits are provided at no cost. Pick up this month's kits on September 8. Craft kits are suitable for ages 4 and up. STEM kits are for ages 6 and up and may require adult assistance.

Two monthly book clubs are offered for youth. The *Golden Sower Book Club* is geared toward students ages 8-12. *Teen Book Club* is for any teen who wants to participate.

Debuting September 7 is *Starbooks: Teen Library Lounge*. Starbooks is a space for teens to decompress after school on Thursdays. Read, play board games, get homework help or just hang out. Starbooks will meet every Thursday from 3:45-4:45 p.m. And yes, there will be coffee!

Keep an eye on our calendar for new events! We are refining and expanding our offerings to better serve our community.



LABOR DAY OBSERVED

September 3 & 4

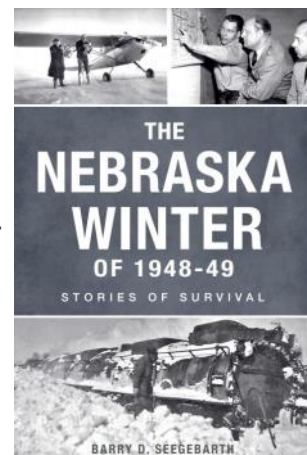
The library will be closed on Sunday and Monday, September 3 and 4, in observance of Labor Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday. Our digital library is always open for your ebook, e-audiobook and research needs!

THE STORY OF THE WORST WINTER IN NEBRASKA HISTORY

September 21 at 6:30 p.m.

The winter of 1948-49 was the most brutal in the entire history of the Cornhusker state. Learn about the stories of survival, heroic deeds of rescue and the brave actions of individuals as well as the steps the local, state and federal governments took to survive this most severe of winter seasons. Free, no registration required. All ages welcome.

Presented by Barry Seegebarth, author of *The Nebraska Winter of 1948-49: Stories of Survival*.



CHATS: CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH PRACTICE

Monday, September 18, at 5:30 p.m.



Learning English? Practice your conversation skills at the library. Conversational English skills, or "Chats," are held once a month. Each "Chat" is an hour of listening and speaking practice. We will begin with a 15-minute large group conversation. The rest of the hour will have small group conversations using games and other activities.

The program is free and open to anyone wishing to practice their skills. Basic knowledge of English is recommended. This program is planned in partnership with Northeast Community College.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY MOVIE SHOWING

Friday, September 1 at 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy watching a movie in a sensory-friendly environment that features 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 beverages.

Attendees will be given a choice of two movies and vote on that day's selection. Movie choices will be based on an adult and older teen audience. This month's choices are *The Miracle Season* or *Super Mario Brothers*.



CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS

SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET

Thursday, September 28 at 7 p.m.

Forensic anthropology is more popular than ever, thanks, in part, to television and movies. But what does pop culture get wrong (and right) about forensic anthropology? Join Dr. Katie East for an entertaining look into forensic anthropology on the screen to learn: when is a head not a skull; do anthropologists carry guns; and what do forensic anthropologists actually do? It maybe entertaining when pop culture gets forensic anthropology wrong, but the consequences are more real than you think. Free and open to the public. Recommended audience is teens and adults.

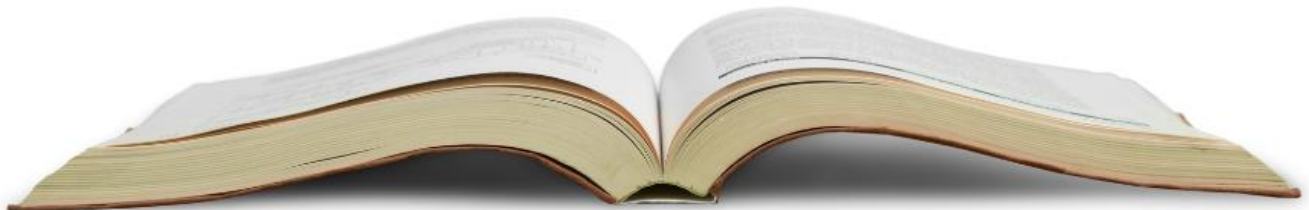


PASSAGES

***Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott**

“There are many Beths in the world, shy and quiet, sitting in corners till needed, and living for others so cheerfully that no one sees the sacrifices till the little cricket on the hearth stops chirping, and the sweet, sunshiny presence vanishes, leaving silence and shadow behind. “

Did you enjoy this passage from the classic story by Alcott? Find *Little Women* in our digital library in both e-book and e-audiobook formats.

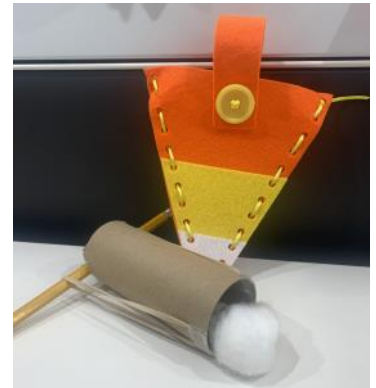




CHILDREN'S CRAFT/STEM KITS TO GO

September 8

Pick up your to-go, take and make craft or STEM kit for kids on Friday, September 8, while supplies last. Kits are available at the service desk and drive-up window. Craft kits are recommended for ages 4 and up. STEM kits are best suited for ages 6 and up. This month's projects are a felt candy corn pouch and a cotton ball launcher.



INSURANCE 101

Tuesday, September 26 at 6 p.m.

Learn about the basics of insurance with a focus on the ACA and Medicare during a presentation and Q&A from Nebraska Department of Insurance speakers, including Nebraska Department of Insurance's Director Eric Dunning, Deputy Director/ General Counsel Martin Swanson, SHIP/SMP Administrator Jonathan Burlison and Life & Health Administrator Maggie Reinert.

BOOK 'EM!

Read. Discuss. Repeat.

Being part of a book club encourages us to read outside our comfort zones, stay curious, and build community with other readers. Try one of our monthly book clubs for adults and youth. Newcomers are always welcome. There are no attendance requirements and no cost to participate.

Golden Sower Book Club: This club is for youth ages 8 to 12. Reading selections come from titles nominated for the Golden Sower Award, Nebraska's Children's Choice Literary Award. Contact Youth Services to join.

Teen Book Club: This book club is for any teenager who enjoys reading and chatting about books. Contact Youth Services to join.

20/30 Book Club: Designed for adults in their 20s and 30s. A great way to read and meet new people. Contact Anneka to join.

Tuesday Night Book Club: This adult book club meets on the last Tuesday of the month. Contact Jessica to join.

Wednesday Morning Book Club: For adults. Meets the last Wednesday of the month. Contact Whitney to join.

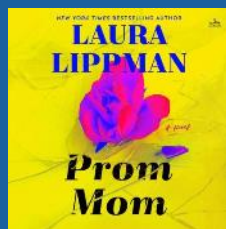
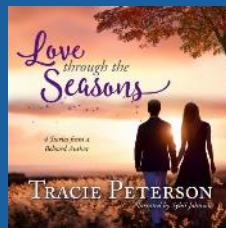
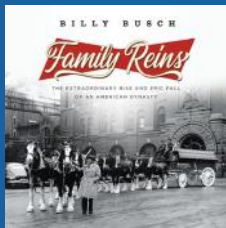


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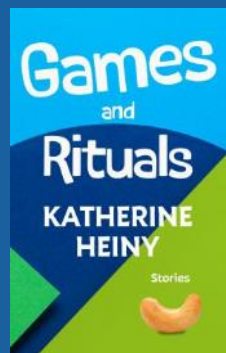
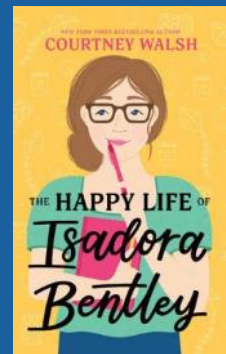
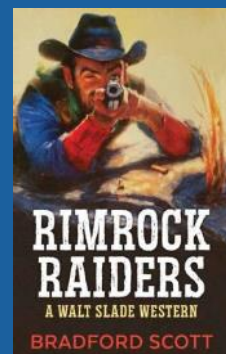
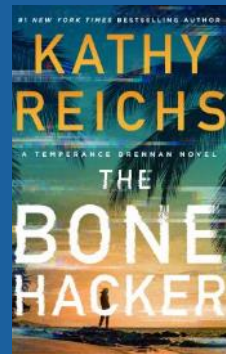
Recent Acquisitions

Stop in to see what else is new!

Audio Books



Large Print



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ebooks, e-audiobooks & magazines

Access our collection of ebooks, e-audiobooks and magazines with the free Libby app. Download the app to your smart device then find our library (Nebraska OverDrive Libraries). Log in with your library card number to start borrowing!



FREE MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Newcomers are always welcome!

KNOT JUST KNITTERS: Saturdays, September 2, 16 & 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.

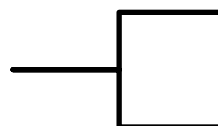
WRITING LAB: Saturday, September 16, at 2 p.m. Explore the craft of writing! For adults and teens, please contact Anneka at 402-844-2100 for more information.

TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB: September 26 at 6:30 p.m. For adults, contact Jessica at 402-844-2100 for more information. Septembers book is *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB: September 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 Guest List* by Lucy Foley.

20S & 30S BOOK CLUB: September 19 at 6:30 p.m. This book club is designed for those in their 20s and 30s. Please contact Anneka at 402-844-2100 for more information. This month's book is *Immune* by Philip Dettmer.

SENSORY MOVIE: September 1 at 10:30 a.m. For adults. Watch a movie in a sensory-friendly environment featuring low lighting and volume, a five minute intermission; sensory fidgets; and a lot of space to move around.



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STARBOOKS: TEEN LIBRARY LOUNGE

Thursdays starting September 7

Starbooks gives teens a space to decompress after school. Read, get homework help, play board games or just hang out. (Did we mention there will be coffee?) Starbooks is free and no registration is needed. Starbooks will occur every Thursday from 3:45-4:45 p.m.



FREE YOUTH PROGRAMS

STORYTIME: Infants through age 8 are invited to enjoy a fun combination of books, songs, Spanish language experiences, storytelling, finger plays, poems, 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, September 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 for more information. This month's book is *The Summer I Saved the World...in 65 Days* by Michele Weber Hurwitz. Meets in the Youth Activity Room.

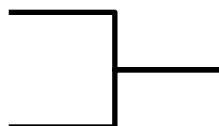
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COLORING FOR KIDS: Wednesdays at 2:15 p.m. For ages 6-15. Come, relax and color using the provided materials! Meets in the Youth Activity Room.

LEGO® TIME: Monday, September 11, 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, September 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 for more information. This month's book is *One Small Hop* by Madelyn Rosenberg. 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!



SAVE THE DATE!

Program Notes: Youth programming is back! Plus, three presentation topics for adults this month.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><i>Scheduled activities could change due to circumstances beyond our control.</i></p>					1 10:30am Sensory Friendly Movie	2 2:30pm Knot Just Knitters
3 Library Closed for Labor Day	4 Library Closed for Labor Day	5	6 2:15pm Coloring for Kids	7 1:30pm Storytime 3:45pm Starbooks 5:15pm Teen Book Club	8 All Day: Kids Craft/STEM Kits To Go 10am Storytime	9
10	11 2pm Creative Coloring for Adults 3:45pm LEGO Time	12	13 2:15pm Coloring for Kids	14 1:30pm Storytime 3:45pm Starbooks	15 10am Storytime	16 2pm Writing Lab 2:30pm Knot Just Knitters
17	18 2pm Creative Coloring for Adults 5:30pm Chats: Conversational English Practice	19 6:30pm 20/30 Book Club	20 2:15pm Coloring for Kids	21 1:30pm Storytime 3:45pm Starbooks 6:30pm The Worst Winter	22 10am Storytime	23 2pm Zach Jorgensen Meet & Greet & Storytime
24	25 2pm Creative Coloring for Adults 4pm Golden Sower Book Club	26 6pm Insurance 101 6:30pm Tuesday Night Book Club	27 10am Wednesday Morning Book Club 2:15pm Coloring for Kids	28 1:30pm Storytime 3:45pm Starbooks 7pm Skeletons in the Closet	29 10am Storytime	30 2:30pm Knot Just Knitters