

# 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

## Contact Us

402-844-2100

[www.norfolkne.gov/library](http://www.norfolkne.gov/library)

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## WINTER READING CHALLENGE

### Sign up starts December 19

Warm up this winter with a good book. Join our Winter Reading Challenge, complete the reading log and win!

How it works:

- Sign up online or at the library December 19 - February 6.
- Read titles that fit the categories on the challenge log.
- Bring your challenge log to the library from February 6 - March 13 to claim your prize.
- Complete any 5 to earn a prize pack.
- Complete all 10 to earn a free book plus be entered into a drawing for a library t-shirt.

The Winter Reading Challenge is designed with adults in mind, but older youth are welcome to participate. You must register by February 6. The first day to turn in Challenge Logs is February 6. The last day to turn in Challenge Logs is March 13.



## WHAT'S NEW?

This December, craft, read and watch - at the library!

Teens and adults are invited to watch a movie in a sensory-friendly environment on December 2.

Feeling crafty? December's MakerSpace workshop is a laser cutter ornament class. This popular class has limited seating, so sign up soon! For those who prefer to craft at home, we will be giving adult make and take craft kits to go as well as children's crafts and STEM kits. All kits are free and available for pickup on December 2.

In the spirit of giving, we are paying it forward by using the proceeds from Divots Brewery's fundraiser to help patrons pay off late fees. The Norfolk Public Library Foundation is helping us update our Children's area to better serve you. Some changes, like the new toddler car, are already in place. Watch for even more enhancements in the new year, including a family computer station.

We will be closed on December 24-26. We wish you a safe and happy holiday season.



## PAYING IT FORWARD

### **Brewery benefit helping patrons**

Divots Brewery has handcrafted a special edition beer to benefit the library. "Late Fee Lager" is available now for a limited time. For each beer sold, \$1 is donated to the library.

We are paying it forward by using the donation to help patrons pay down fees. You can claim a one-time donation of up to \$5 worth of fines owed on your account. One donation per person, even if the fine is less than \$5. Must be claimed in person. Please notify the service desk if you want to use the donation for your account.

This benefit is available for a limited time while donations last. Thank you to Divot's Brewery for their generosity!

## PIONEER CHRISTMAS

### **December 10 at 10 a.m.—registration required**

#### **Registration deadline: December 8**

Children ages 6 to 12 can experience a Pioneer Christmas in the library. Make butter, enjoy Johnnycakes, gingerbread and cider. Play traditional games such as Cat's Cradle. Create button whirligigs, Christmas ornaments and crafts like the pioneers.

Limited to 50 participants. Register online on our event calendar by December 8. Pioneer attire is encouraged but not required. A few adult volunteers are needed. To volunteer to help, please contact Youth Services librarian Karen at 402-844-2100.



## MAKERSPACE ORNAMENT WORKSHOP

### Learn to use the laser cutter

Our popular laser cutter Christmas ornament workshop is back! Learn to use CorelDraw to design your project, then engrave and cut with the laser cutter. No previous experience is needed. You do not need to be certified to use the laser cutter—this is an introduction to using the tools. The class is free and all materials are provided. Class size is limited and registration is required. Sign up online using our event calendar or call the library for assistance. If the class is full, sign up for the waiting list. **December 5 at 5:30 p.m.**



## NEW STORYTIME PARTNER

### Putting childhood literacy in the spotlight

Local radio host DJ LA is joining Storytime once a month as a guest reader. DJ LA is a supporter of early childhood literacy. She is teaming up with the library, Read Aloud Norfolk and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to promote early literacy in our community. Come join DJ LA and our youth librarians at her next Storytime reading on December 15 at 1:30 p.m.



## MEET LIBBY, THE FREE READING APP

### OverDrive app discontinued

If you are currently using the OverDrive app for your ebooks and audiobooks, be aware that you must switch to the Libby app soon. OverDrive is being discontinued. Libby is OverDrive's new and improved replacement.

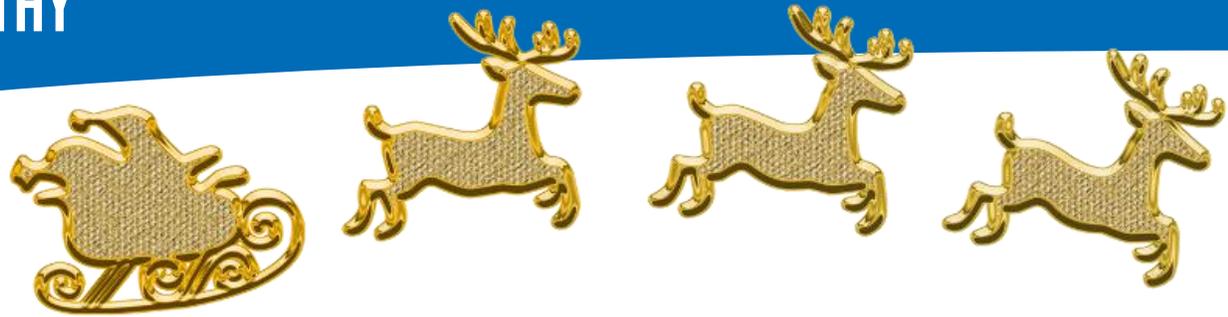
### How to get started with Libby:

1. Download the free Libby app from your device's app store. Libby works on Android, iOS and Fire devices.
2. Select "Nebraska OverDrive Libraries" as your library. You can do a search by zip code to find it more easily.
3. Enter your library card number. Your loans and holds from the OverDrive app will be waiting for you in Libby!

Borrowed titles appear on your "Shelf" and automatically download when you're on wifi, so you can read or listen to them when offline. Have questions? Ask a librarian for assistance in setting up and using Libby.



# NOTEWORTHY



## CLASSIC POETRY

### A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS

**By Clement Clarke Moore**

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through  
the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;  
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;  
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,  
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,  
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.  
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow  
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,  
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,  
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,  
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by  
name;

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and  
Vixen!

On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donder and Blitzen!  
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!  
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,  
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;

So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,  
With the sleigh full of Toys, and St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof  
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

As I drew in my head, and was turning around,  
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.  
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,  
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and  
soot;

A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back,  
And he looked like a pedler just opening his pack.  
His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!

His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!  
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow  
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,  
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;  
He had a broad face and a little round belly,

That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly.  
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,  
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;

A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,  
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,  
And laying his finger aside of his nose,

And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;  
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,  
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle,

But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,  
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."



## MONTHLY CHILDREN'S CRAFT & STEM KITS TO-GO

**December 2 during regular library hours**

Our take and make craft kits are suitable for kids ages 4 and up. STEM to-go kits are recommended for ages 6 and up. First come, first served, while supplies last. Please limit to your family's needs. This month's craft kit is a reindeer headband. The STEM project is a binary code bracelet. Kits are available at the front service desk or the drive-up window.



## WINTER CRAFT KITS FOR ADULTS

**December 2 while supplies last**

Learn to macramé with our macramé feather kit. The kit includes macramé string, tape measure, feather template and fine-tooth comb. You will need scissors (fabric scissors are recommended) and tape. Kits are available at the service desk or the drive-up window.



## SENSORY-FRIENDLY MOVIE SHOWING

**December 2 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 December movie choices are *Elf* or *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*.

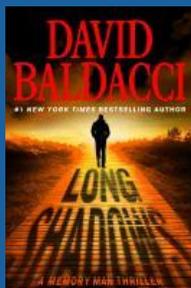
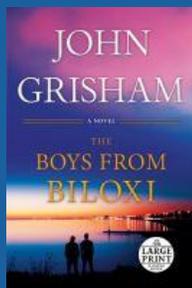
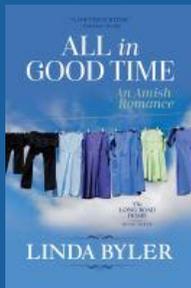


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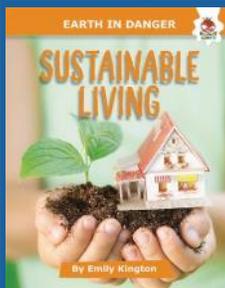
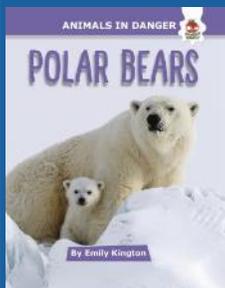
## Recent Acquisitions

Stop in to see what else is new!

### Large Print



### Children's



## MAKERSPACE

### Creative tools

Learn to use high-tech creative equipment to boost your technology skills and creativity. Our MakerSpace offers a 3D printer, laser cutter, embroidery machine, CNC router, Cricut fabric and vinyl cutter as well as a design computer, button maker and AccuCut machine. Visit our website for details on training and usage.

## FREE MONTHLY PROGRAMS

**KNOT JUST KNITTERS:** Saturdays, December 3 and 17, 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](mailto:kdrevo@norfolkne.gov) for more information. Meets in Meeting Room A.

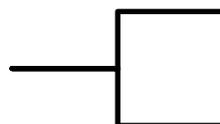
**CREATIVE COLORING FOR ADULTS:** Enjoy an hour of relaxing coloring every Monday at 2:00 p.m. The library provides coloring pencils, coloring pages and books. This program is open to adults of all abilities. Newcomers are always welcome. Meets in Meeting Room A.

**WRITING LAB:** Resumes in January. For adults and teens, please contact Anneka at 402-844-2100 or [aramirez@norfolkne.gov](mailto: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:** No meeting in December. For adults, contact Jessica at 402-844-2100 or [jchamberlain@norfolkne.gov](mailto:jchamberlain@norfolkne.gov) for more information. Newcomers are always welcome. January's book is *Stoner* by John Williams.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB:** December 28 at 10:00 a.m. For adults, contact Karen at 402-844-2100 or [kdrevo@norfolkne.gov](mailto:kdrevo@norfolkne.gov) for more information. Newcomers are always welcome. Meets in Meeting Room A. This month's book is *How Lucky* by Will Leitch.

**20S & 30S BOOK CLUB:** December 20 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](mailto:aramirez@norfolkne.gov) for more information. Newcomers are always welcome. This month's book is *Piranesi* by Susanna Clarke.



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# IMAGINATION FOREST UPDATES

## New features for children

We are in the process of updating the children's area with new interactive features, including this toddler-friendly car. Plans include the creation of a family computer lab, so adults may work and print while their children enjoy reading and exploring the Imagination Forest. Improvements will continue into the new year. Stop in to see the updates!



## 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 on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10:00 a.m. Storytime is a great introduction to library visits and literary experiences. Meets in the Youth Activity Room. *Note: No Storytime on December 29-30.*

**TEEN BOOK CLUB:** Saturday, December 10, at 2:30 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](mailto:jroberts@norfolkne.gov) for more information. This month's book is *Fable* by Adrienne Young. Meets in the Youth Activity Room.

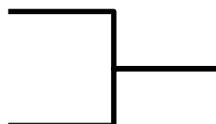
**LEGO® TIME:** Monday, December 5, at 3:45 p.m. For those in kindergarten through 6th grade, this is a fun and creative opportunity to build imaginative, new projects using the library's LEGO® collection. Come see our new bricks, figures and accessories recently added to the collection. Meets in Meeting Room A.

**AFTERSCHOOL COLORING:** Every Wednesday at 2:15 p.m. For kids ages 6-15. All materials provided. Meets in the Youth Activity Room. *Note: No Afterschool Coloring on December 28.*

**GOLDEN SOWER BOOK CLUB:** Monday, December 19, 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](mailto:jroberts@norfolkne.gov) for more information. This month's book is *The Lion of Mars* by Jennifer L. Holm. Meets in the Youth Activity Room.

**1000 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!

now, is the location of the library." - Albert Einstein



# SAVE THE DATE!

**Program Notes:** Crafts for children and adults are available this month. We will be closed from December 24-26. Happy Holidays!

## DECEMBER 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				<b>1</b> <b>1:30pm</b> Storytime	<b>2</b> ALL DAY Craft Kits to Go <b>10am</b> Storytime <b>10:30am</b> Movie Showing	<b>3</b> <b>2:30pm</b> Knot Just Knitters
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>2pm</b> Creative Coloring for Adults <b>3:45pm</b> LEGO Time <b>5:30pm</b> Laser Cutter Workshop	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>2:15pm</b> Afterschool Coloring	<b>8</b> <b>1:30pm</b> Storytime	<b>9</b> <b>10am</b> Storytime	<b>10</b> <b>10am</b> Pioneer Christmas <b>2:30pm</b> Teen Book Club
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>2pm</b> Creative Coloring for Adults	<b>13</b> <b>6pm</b> Americana Reading Series	<b>14</b> <b>2:15pm</b> Afterschool Coloring	<b>15</b> <b>1:30pm</b> Storytime	<b>16</b> <b>10am</b> Storytime	<b>17</b> <b>2:30pm</b> Knot Just Knitters
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Winter Reading                      Challenge Signup</b> <b>2pm</b> Creative Coloring for Adults <b>4pm</b> Golden Sower Book Club	<b>20</b> <b>6:30pm</b> 20/30 Book Club	<b>21</b> <b>2:15pm</b> Afterschool Coloring	<b>22</b> <b>1:30pm</b> Storytime	<b>23</b> <b>10am</b> Storytime	<b>24</b> <b>CLOSED for                      Christmas</b>
<b>25</b> <b>CLOSED for                      Christmas</b>	<b>26</b> <b>CLOSED for                      Christmas</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>10am</b> Wednesday Book Club	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>