

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

Signup starts May 15

Are you ready for a summer of reading and fun? Our 2023 Summer Reading Program kicks off on May 15. This year's theme is "All Together Now." 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 15! Summer Reading Program is for ALL ages—sign up the whole family!



WHAT'S NEW?

May is the start of "summer" at the library! Some of our programs will go on hiatus to make room for an exciting slate of events and activities.

This month marks the last LEGO Time until the next school year.

Sensory-friendly movie showings are also going on hiatus since we will have other entertainment on Fridays.

Storytime is not held in May but comes back bigger than ever in June, when we will start hosting Storytime, STEAM Storytime and Storytime in the Park.

Please note that the library will be closed on May 14 for Mother's Day. We will also be closed May 28 and 29 in observance of Memorial Day. We will open at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 18, due to staff training.

Our new storywalk is underway! We can't wait until this new feature in our greenspace is open for all to enjoy. A storywalk is an outdoor reading experience. Travel along our walking trail and stop at its stations to read a page of a children's book. It's a wonderful way to promote literacy and enjoy the outdoors with your children.



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Open to All Ages

Are you ready for summer fun? Our Summer Reading Program begins May 15. Sign up on the library's website and print your program materials, or stop by the library to register and pick up a packet. The packet includes everything you need to participate this summer – reading records, the kindness challenge, 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?

Absolutely not! 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 – 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.

What about the regular occurring events?

We will continue to offer our regularly scheduled events like Writing Lab, book clubs and Knot Just Knitters. Our Summer Speaker Series will run from June into August, and we have a special concert with Joey Leone lined up. We will also offer makerspace workshops and computer learning opportunities. Don't forget about our Golden Sower Literature Festival – now in its 28th year!

The last day to turn in your completed reading records for prizes is August 4. Get everyone involved in this summer's program "All Together Now."



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IT'S A
FACT.

WE
WANT
YOUR
FICTION!

Sponsored by the Norfolk Library Foundation

FICTION-ONLY COMMUNITY BOOK SALE

Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m.—5 p.m.

It's a fact—the Norfolk Library Foundation wants your fiction! Help the Foundation fund a community project by donating your fiction titles.

Single boxes or bags can be donated anytime. Larger donations are accepted during specific hours (times TBD) on Wednesday, May 17—Friday, May 19.

The Fiction-Only Community Book Sale will be held on Saturday, May 20. Bring a bag and fill it up for only \$5. Proceeds from the sale will help fund a library project for all to enjoy.

CHATS: CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH PRACTICE

May 15 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.



LEGO TIME

May 1 at 3:45 p.m.

Don't miss out on the *LAST* LEGO Time before summer break! For kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. Come build imaginative projects and make friends!

SPECIAL LIBRARY HOURS & CLOSINGS

Holiday and training hours observed

The library will be closed on **Sunday, May 14** for Mother's Day.

Special hours will be observed on **Thursday, May 18**. The library will open that day at **11 a.m.** to allow for staff training in the morning.

The library will be closed for Memorial Day on **Sunday, May 28, and Monday, May 29**.

Our regular hours are Monday—Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.



NOTEWORTHY



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR POETRY CONTEST WINNERS!

Age 13-18: Alexandra Witt

Age 19 & Up: Harper Nicole Saul

CLASSIC POETRY

[SONNETS ARE FULL OF LOVE, AND THIS MY TOME]

By Christina Rossetti

Sonnets are full of love, and this my tome

Has many sonnets: so here now shall be

One sonnet more, a love sonnet, from me

To her whose heart is my heart's quiet home,

To my first Love, my Mother, on whose knee

I learnt love-lore that is not troublesome;

Whose service is my special dignity,

And she my loadstar while I go and come.

And so because you love me, and because

I love you, Mother, I have woven a wreath

Of rhymes wherewith to crown your honoured name:

In you not fourscore years can dim the flame

Of love, whose blessed glow transcends the laws

Of time and change and mortal life and death.

Happy May Day!



MONTHLY CHILDREN'S CRAFT & STEM KITS TO-GO

May 5 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 STEM project is a party popper. The craft kit is a friendship flower. Kits are available at the front service desk or the drive-up window.



SENSORY-FRIENDLY MOVIE SHOWING

May 5 at 10:30 a.m.

Watch 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 vote on the movie selection. May's choices are *Puss in Boots: The Last Wish* or *Nothing is Impossible*.



STORYWALK CONSTRUCTION

Coming soon—a new way to read and play

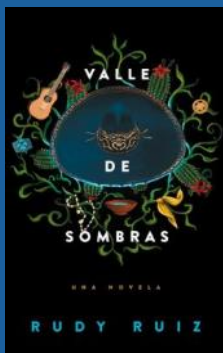
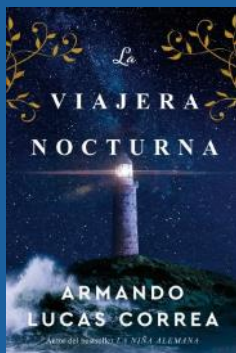
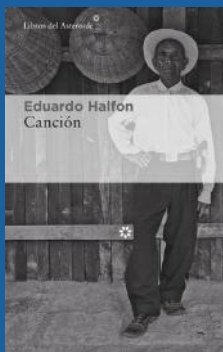


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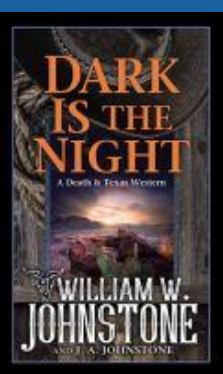
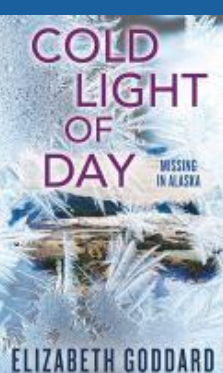
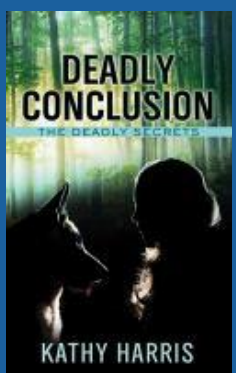
Recent Acquisitions

Stop in to see what else is new!

Spanish



Large Print



SEE THE STARS

Zhumell Z114 Telescope

Cardholders ages 18+ can check out our new telescope for one week (no renewals). View the rings of Saturn, craters on the moon and cloud bands of Jupiter. The kit includes a manual, guides and materials to help you explore the night sky.



FREE MONTHLY PROGRAMS

KNOT JUST KNITTERS: Saturdays, May 6 and 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. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Karen at 402-844-2100 or kdrevo@norfolkne.gov for more information. Meets in the Activity Room.

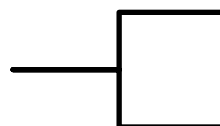
CREATIVE COLORING FOR ADULTS: Enjoy an hour of relaxing coloring every Monday at 2:00 p.m. The library provides color pencils, coloring pages and books. This program is open to adults of all abilities. Newcomers are always welcome. Meets in Meeting Room A.

WRITING LAB: Saturday, May 13, at 2 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.

TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB: May 30 at 6:30 p.m. For adults, contact Jessica at 402-844-2100 or jchamberlain@norfolkne.gov for more information. Newcomers are always welcome. May's book is *The Color of Water* by James McBride.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB: May 31 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 the Activity Room. This month's book is *Sold on a Monday* by Kristina McMorris.

20S & 30S BOOK CLUB: May 16 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 *Writers and Lovers* by Lily King.



“When I got [my] library card, that was

OUTDOOR COURTYARD

Temporarily unavailable

Our outdoor courtyard is temporarily closed during construction on the Storywalk. We will open the courtyard to patrons when it is safe to do so. Until then, you can enjoy the views of our magnolia trees from the comfort of the tables and windows surrounding the courtyard.



FREE YOUTH PROGRAMS

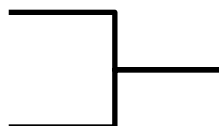
STORYTIME: *Please Note: There is no Storytime in May.* Infants through age 8 are invited to enjoy a fun combination of books, songs, Spanish language experiences, storytelling, finger plays, poems, puppets, and creative early language and literacy activities. Storytime is a great introduction to library visits and literary experiences. Meets in the Youth Activity Room. A new Storytime schedule will start in June.

TEEN BOOK CLUB: Thursday, May 4, 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 *Across the Desert* by Dusti Bowling. Dusti will be at our Golden Sower Literature Festival in July. Teen Book Club meets in the Youth Activity Room.

LEGO® TIME: Monday, May 1, 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, May 22, 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 *Year of the Reaper* by Makiia Lucier. Makiia will be at our Golden Sower Literature Festival in July. Golden Sower Book Club 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!



SAVE THE DATE!

Program Notes: Summer Reading Program Sign Up Begins May 15! The Fiction-Only Book Sale is May 20.

MAY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 2pm Creative Coloring for Adults 3:45pm LEGO Time	2	3	4 5:15pm Teen Book Club	5 All Day Craft Kits To Go 10:30am Sensory Friendly Movie	6 2:30pm Knot Just Knitters
7	8 2pm Creative Coloring for Adults	9	10	11	12	13 2pm Writing Lab
14 CLOSED FOR MOTHER'S DAY	15 2pm Creative Coloring for Adults 5:30pm Chats Sign up for Summer Reading Program!	16 6:30pm 20/30 Book Club	17	18 LIBRARY OPENS AT 11 AM	19	20 9am Fiction-Only Book Sale 2:30pm Knot Just Knitters
21	22 2pm Creative Coloring for Adults 4pm Golden Sower Book Club	23	24	25	26	27
28 CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY	29 CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY	30 6:30pm Tuesday Night Book Club	31 10am Wednesday Morning Book Club			
				Scheduled activities could change due to circumstances beyond our control.		