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“Summer Speaker Series Returns to Norfolk Library”

The Norfolk Public Library Speaker Series, held for the first time last summer, is returning this year beginning Tuesday, June 4.

Jessica Chamberlain, Library Director, said there are eight speakers lined up for the 2013 series.

“It was a popular program last year and we are pleased to again have quality presenters this summer,” Chamberlain said.



The series is funded by the Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC) and includes speakers from 165 presenters that make up the Nebraska Humanities Council Speakers Bureau. All of the presentations begin at 6:30 pm and will be held twice a month on Tuesday nights at the library. They are free to the public.

The June 4th presenter is Don Hickey speaking on “The Star-Spangled Banner: The Flag and the Song” which tells how the national anthem came to be.

On June 11th it will be “Beatlemania: The Impact of the Beatles” presented by Randall Snyder who will discuss how the Beatles influenced today’s music.

The July 9th presentation will be “Africa on Six Wheels: A Semester on Safari” by Betty Levitov, a Professor at Doane College. She and some of her Doane College students will tell about their experiences traveling through seven countries.

Sara Brandes Crook will talk about “Nebraska’s Winding Road to Statehood” on July 23 with a first person portrayal of Barbara Kagi Mayhew Bradway- an early settler in Nebraska who had knowledge of the Underground Railroad in Nebraska.

On August 6 Richard Kimbrough will talk about “Why We Laugh” and include a number of humorous stories from various cultures in his presentation to illustrate different types of humor.

Jeff Barnes will present “Forts of Nebraska” on August 20 including the story of the 12 military forts in Nebraska.

Anna Hoyt will present “Antonia’s Czech Tulip Quilt” on September 10. She is the great great granddaughter of Annie Pavelka who was featured in Willa Cather’s book “My Antonia” and will tell about the quilts her ancestors made and what their lives were like in the early 20th century.

On September 17, Darrel Draper will give a living history presentation on “Theodore Roosevelt: Rough Rider President”.

The NHC receives support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Nebraska State Legislature, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, and private donations.

For more information on the 2013 Speaker Series or any other library program, contact the library at 402-844-2100 or go to the website at www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/library.