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“Norfolk Public Library/Elkhorn Valley Museum Partnership”

If a student stops at the Norfolk Public Library to do some research about Norfolk disasters he or she can borrow a membership pass to the Elkhorn Valley Museum for free admission to do even more research. Not only can a person read about Norfolk’s history, he can also see authentic Norfolk artifacts.



The directors of the Norfolk Public Library and the Elkhorn Valley Museum started a partnership in January allowing patrons with Norfolk library cards to borrow a free membership pass to the museum. The pass allows for up to two adults and their children or grandchildren free entrance to the museum for one day including access to all the exhibits, the Museum Research Center and the Children’s Discovery Zone. It’s proved to be a popular service of the library with at least two patrons a week borrowing the membership pass.

Doug Collier, Norfolk Public Library Circulation Supervisor, explains to Colby, Jeff and Abby Mrsny how to use the library’s Elkhorn Valley Museum card.

“It’s a way to encourage knowledge of local history not only by reading at the library but by seeing historical items at the museum. It’s a great

partnership and a real benefit for community members,” said Jessica Chamberlain, Director of the Norfolk Public Library.

Ryan Leichenauer, Director of the Elkhorn Valley Museum, said he was eager to have more people discover the resources available at the museum.

“I’d heard about libraries and museums doing this in other parts of the country and discussed it with Jessica. We both thought it would be something that members of the community would enjoy participating in,” Leichenauer said.

Chamberlain added that those who wish to obtain a Norfolk library card can do so by providing a picture ID and proof of current address at the library’s front desk during operating hours.