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**“Norfolk Public Library Reading Program Starts Soon”**

**ON YOUR MARK,  
GET SET...  
READ!**



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Registration for Norfolk Public Library’s summer reading program begins on May 9. The reading program is available for all ages.

Readers and read-to-me’s keep track of the time they spend reading alone, reading to someone, or listening to someone read to them. When 25 hours of reading are reported to the library, readers become Honor Readers and receive their reading rewards.

Besides the pleasure of reading, people who register for the summer reading program can also enjoy some exceptional free programs, activities and contests.

Young artists can enter the Coloring Contest and all individuals and families can enter the Art Contest and the Edible Book Contest. Children can also participate in the Norfolk Daily News reading contest and the library’s Incentive Game. Teens and adults can exercise their minds with the Bingo game and win a prize.

On Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be a host of activities for people at the library. Free pony rides will be given to children weighing less than 100 pounds; there will also be a photo booth, hula hoop contest, jump rope contest, bean bag toss, and hop scotch for fun.

Among the amazing programs the Norfolk Public Library and Library Foundation are providing during the months of June and July are performances by Poppin’ Penelope; the Amazing Arthur; Jeffrie, a traditional Native American Hoop dancer; Brian Henning, the puppeteer; a visit from the Great Plains Zoomobile and the Fontanelle Forest’s Raptor Recovery program.

Youth Service Librarians, Karen Drevo and Marci Retzlaff, also provide free programs in weekly storytimes, movie matinees and other activities for children. Monthly book discussion groups for children, young adults and adults are also available at the library.

Megan McWilliams, a Master Signing Time Instructor, will be conducting signing lapsit and signing storytimes weekly, as well as a Sign Language Class.

Jamie Bachman from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission will be offering sessions for elementary aged children. Sarah Polacek from the Madison County 4-H Extension office will also be providing programs for children.

Norfolk Public Library’s 22nd annual literature festival will be held on Saturday, July 30th at the Lifelong

**Learning Center and will feature authors Jill Esbaum, Sally M. Walker, Lou Anders, and Alan Gratz.**

**A complete listing of all the contests and programs offered during the summer months will be given to people when they sign up for the summer reading program.**

**All programs, with the exception of the literature festival, are free of charge.**

**Questions about the summer reading program or any of the events scheduled may be directed to Karen or Marci at Norfolk Public Library at 844-2100.**