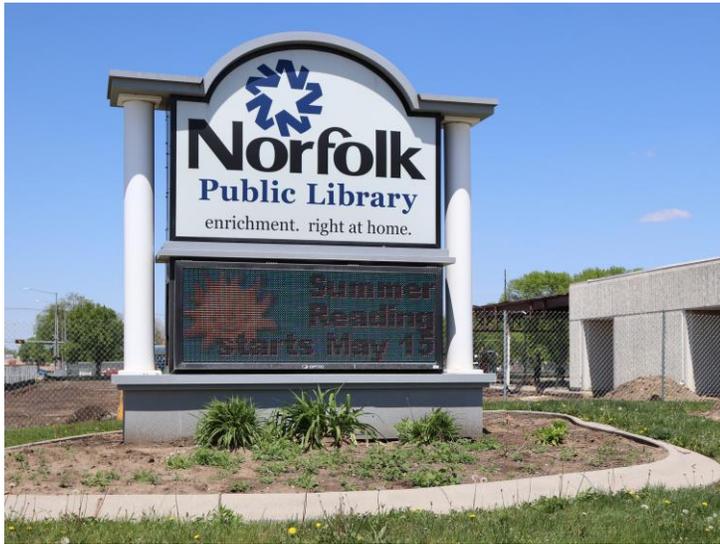


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“Library summer programs still available during construction”



The ground was broken in front of the Norfolk Public Library on April 20, 2017 signaling the start of renovation. With the construction of the Norfolk Public Library renovation and expansion progressing, it is important to understand that the library will be open to the public during the process.

“Our priority is to keep the library resources available to our patrons as best we can in the coming months. There will be an exception of two time periods of transition, but aside from those, the services will still be available throughout the project,” said Norfolk Public Library Director, Jessica Chamberlain.

Summer reading programs and activities are no exception when it comes to keeping library resources available. Activities and reading clubs offered this summer are for patrons of all ages to enjoy. There will be creative coloring; tech tutoring; needles, hooks, and books; afternoon movies; and numerous book clubs and reading programs to join. Other library services will remain available to the public as well.

Recently, the Norfolk Public Library updated their website so that individuals can sign up for the Summer Reading Program and classes directly from the website. This tool is convenient for those who might not have the time to stop in to register, or who are anxious to register for a program instantly when they read about it. You can find the link to the calendar at: <https://norfolk.evanced.info/signup/Calendar>.

The first phase of the project, construction of the new addition, began in mid-April and has progressed well. The north wall has been removed and a temporary wall has been constructed about 50 feet inside of the current building. The alarm systems, fire system, electricity, and HVAC have all been separated so that the systems will operate in the current building, but not where the work is being done. Site work which includes moving dirt, compacting it, and tearing out tree stumps to prepare for the concrete of the new parking lot and foundation for the new portion of the building has also begun.

“The new facility will have lots of new amenities for the public to enjoy and make use of,” said Chamberlain. The project is expected to be completed in summer 2018.

If you have questions regarding the summer programs you can contact the Norfolk Public Library at (402) 844-2100. The library is open from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and from 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. To stay up to date with the library expansion and renovation project please visit: <http://norfolkne.gov/library/>