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Build a Better World by reading this summer



The 2017 Norfolk Public Library summer reading program, Build a Better World, commenced on Monday, May 15. The reading program is offered to readers and Read-to-Me's of all ages.

“This is a great time to use the theme, Build a Better World,” said Youth Service Librarian, Karen Drevo. “This theme was selected five or six years ago before we knew we would be in the midst of a building project. It worked out perfectly that we are using it this year. This summer we are building a better world, a better library, and better summer readers.”

Readers and Read-to-Me's have the opportunity to receive incentives by maintaining a record of how much time they spend reading alone, reading to others, being read to, or listening to an audio book. After the readers reach 25 hours of reading, they may trade their reading record for prizes.

In addition to the pleasure gained from reading, those who register for the summer reading program are also offered opportunities to attend free programs, activities, and contests.

“One thing that I am proud of about this program is that we are able to offer fun, free programs and activities for all ages during the summer,” said Drevo.

This year there are incentive games to Build a Better World (ages 6-12) and to Build a Better Mind (ages 13-adult); a coloring contest for artists ages 5-10; a scavenger hunt with the Norfolk Daily News; and an opportunity to “paws” and read with a dog or cat at the animal shelter.

Don't forget the Friday Morning Fun! The librarians know that a little construction won't stop eager participants ready to Build a Better World, so these free, and exciting programs will be held at the Norfolk Arts Center at 10:30 a.m. every Friday starting on June 16. Programs include: Build You Up!, a combination of illusion and ventriloquism; Mr. Stinky Feet, a high-energy interactive show; magician Jeff Quinn; Dinosaur O'Dell (a.k.a. Dino) interactive songs and tall tales to stir the imagination; Zoolympics, brought to you by Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo; and Amazing Bubbles, learning the science behind bubbles.

The 23rd Annual Literature Festival will take place on Saturday, July 29, at the Lifelong Learning Center and features authors Miranda Paul, Jennifer Jacobson, and Gary D. Schmidt and illustrator Ard Hoyt. Advance tickets are available now. They may be purchased at the library or can be sent if you provide a stamped/self-addressed envelope. Walk-ins are also welcome the day of the festival.

Even with all of these fun and exciting activities, there will still be time to read and learn at signing time lapsit, signing time story time, Building Better Readers story time, and at book clubs for all ages. Participants also have the ability to learn how to code with Mike.

There will also be daily activities that participants may attend which include Monday Movers and Makers, Tuesday Crafternoons, and Wednesday Movie Matinees. Madison County Extension will also be providing a special program called “Building Life Skills,” which will allow kids to pledge their head to clearer thinking, their heart to greater loyalty, their hands to larger service, and their health to better living. Jamie Bachman from Nebraska Game and Parks will be providing exciting “Discover Your World” activities for elementary and middle school age children and a “Young Adult Discovery Camp” for teens at the library.

There are many other great opportunities to Build a Better World during the summer reading program. A complete listing of the contests and programs are provided at the library, or when you register for the summer reading program online at the Library website. All programs and activities, aside from the literature festival, are free to participants.

Registration for the summer reading program may be completed at this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeE4AIkqS035orA11qhNgAgQ09c1q8NMQ_uauWyJq5Kb6jITA/viewform. For more information, call Youth Service Librarians, Karen or Marci, at (402) 844-2100.