

Liz Wallace  
Communications Manager

[lwallace@ci.norfolk.ne.us](mailto:lwallace@ci.norfolk.ne.us)

For Release: April 18, 2018

## NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY HELPS BRING BOOKS TO LIFE FOR JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

The Norfolk Public Library was one of 19 libraries to receive a Youth Grants for Excellence from the Nebraska Library Commission. Through this grant, the library formed a partnership with Aftershock, an after school program, to bring a new book club to Norfolk Jr. High School.

In the Book-to-Movies club, a group of 12 - 18 students gather together each week to compare books to their film counterparts. Students spend two sessions discussing the book and completing related activities, and two sessions watching and discussing the movie.

One of the books that this club evaluated was Coraline written by Neil Gaiman. Students discussed how the cover of a book can influence the decision of whether or not to read it. They reviewed different versions of the book cover and then created their own.

Another discussion topic revolved around the quote, “I don’t want whatever I want. Nobody does. Not really. What kind of fun would it be if I just got everything I ever wanted? Just like that, and it didn’t mean anything. What then?” Many of the students agreed with the quote, stating that life wouldn’t be as enjoyable if you always received everything you had ever wanted.

One of the perks of being in this book club is being able to keep a copy of each book that is discussed. In total, the students will have collected five books during this book club. This allows students to build their own libraries or share their new favorite books with their friends.

This particular book club will finish at the end of the semester, but the library offers two other book clubs for young people. The Golden Sower Book Club for 8-12 year olds meets the last Monday of each month. Participants read and discuss the current Golden Sower chapter book nominees. During the summer months, the library offers the Young Adult Book Club for teens. This year teens will read novels written by the authors appearing at the Norfolk Public Library Literature Festival in July. For more information about youth book clubs, contact Amber in Youth Services.

To learn about other programs available through the library, you can visit their website at [www.norfolkne.gov/library](http://www.norfolkne.gov/library), or you can call them at 402-844-2100.