Summer Reading Program

2017 Summer Events

Our Mission: The Norfolk Public Library provides innovative library services that give community members of all ages the means to fulfill their recreational interests, interact with others in the community, get information on a broad array of topics, access resources to help them learn to read and use information effectively, and continue to learn throughout their lives.

Library Hours
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Norfolk Public Library
308 W. Prospect Ave Norfolk, Nebraska 68701
Phone: 402-844-2100
BUILD A BETTER WORLD Summer Reading Program

Scheduled programs can be subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control.

Readers and Read-To-Me’s of all ages can sign up to receive Reading Rewards for completing a reading record of 25 hours of reading (reading independently, listening to audio books, reading aloud to someone, or being read aloud to count as reading time). Sign up begins May 15th. The first day completed reading records can be turned in is June 12th. The last day completed reading records can be turned in to receive reading rewards is July 28.

A MEMORIAL AQUAVENTURE DAILY PASS WILL BE AWARDED TO READERS WHO COMPLETE THEIR READING RECORDS AND TURN THEM IN BY JULY 28.


SCAVENGER HUNT

The Daily News is offering a summer newspaper-reading program during the month of June for children ages 5-12. Weekly scavenger-hunt cards are provided at the library or on the Library website www.norfolkne.gov/library. Search for the answers in the Daily News and bring your completed card to the library. Prizes are awarded to those who participate each week. Children who participate all four weeks are entered into a drawing for a grand prize – $100 worth of gift certificates to be used for a book bag for school, school supplies & books to read. Free copies of the newspaper will be available each Monday at the library for those who do not subscribe.

BUILD A BETTER WORLD COLORING CONTEST

For children ages 5-10. The official coloring contest form is available on the Library website after completing the summer reading sign up form or at the Library. Entries must be turned in by 8:00 P.M. on Monday, June 12. Contest winners will be announced on Friday, June 16. Prizes provided by Norfolk Public Library.

BUILD A BETTER WORLD INCENTIVE GAME

For kids ages 6-12. Game cards are available on the Library website after completing the summer reading sign up form or at the Library. Complete 8 of 12 possible activities to receive a prize. Game cards must be stamped/validated by NPL staff. The first day completed game cards can be turned in for a prize is Monday, June 12. The last day completed game cards can be turned in for a prize is Friday, July 28.

BUILD A BETTER MIND INCENTIVE GAME

For ages 13-adult. Game cards are available on the Library website after completing the summer reading sign up form or at the Library. Complete 15 of 25 possible activities to receive a prize. The first day completed game cards can be turned in for a prize is Monday, June 12. The last day completed game cards can be turned in for a prize is Friday, July 28.

PAWS TO READ YOU MUST BE SIGNED UP FOR THE LIBRARY’S SUMMER READING PROGRAM TO PARTICIPATE

Sign up to read to a shelter pet at the Animal Shelter of Northeast Nebraska! Readers ages 6-adult can read to a shelter dog or cat for 20 minutes each week. It’s a great way to help animals at the shelter while becoming a better reader. Reading times are Tuesday-Friday, 1:00-3:30 P.M. Register online via the Library calendar at www.norfolkne.gov/library for the day of the week and time that works best for you. Readers will be contacted by the Animal Shelter with their assigned weekly “Paws to Read” time. The program will run June 6-July 28. Readers only need to register once to participate in their weekly “Paws to Read” time. A waiver is required to participate & will be available to Readers at the Animal Shelter on their first day of reading.
1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN
A free program to equip children's first teachers, their parents, with the tools needed to instill a love of reading, the skills to get ready to read, and an appreciation of the library. Sign up at the Youth Services desk and start reading! Children receive rewards and free books for milestones reached.

FRIDAY MORNING FUN
Free, fun & fascinating entertainment! Due to construction at the library, Friday Morning Fun will be at the Norfolk Arts Center, 305 N 5th Street.

Friday, June 16 @ 10:30 A.M.
Build You Up!
A fun combination of illusions, ventriloquism, comedy, and audience participation presented by ventriloquist/illusionist, Kevin Horner.

Friday, June 23 @ 10:30 A.M.
Mr. Stinky Feet
A fun high-energy interactive show, 'Rockin' the Library," presented by Mr. Stinky Feet, a.k.a. Jim Cosgrove. You will be movin' and groovin'!

Friday, June 30 @ 10:30 A.M.
Build a Better World Magic Show
An entertaining show filled with magic, humor and audience participation presented by Jeff Quinn.

Friday, July 7 @ 10:30 A.M.
Dinosaur O'Dell (a.k.a. Dino)
Whether he's counting monsters, fixing spaceships or swimming in peanut butter, Dino's interactive songs and tall tales engage curiosity, inspire laughter, and stir the imagination.

Friday, July 14 @ 10:30 A.M.
Zoolympics
Match your leaping skills against a tiger or your balance against a flamingo. This program, brought to you by Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo, redefines “active learning” as kids test themselves against the abilities of their favorite animals. Be inspired to learn more about animals and conservation!

Friday, July 21 @ 10:30 A.M.
Amazing Bubbles!
Making bubbles is both lots of fun and educational! This entertaining demonstration reveals the science behind bubbles while using the scientific method. What are bubbles made of? What shapes do they come in? And best of all, have you ever been inside a bubble? Would you like to be? Presented by the Edgerton Explorit Center.

SIGNING TIME LAPSID
For children birth-age 2 with their caregiver. A 20 minute program presented by Megan McWilliams (Master Signing Time Instructor). A wonderful way for infants and toddlers and their caregivers to learn American Sign Language through stories, songs, and activities.

- Wednesdays @ 10:00 A.M. in the library meeting room on May 3, 10, 17, 31; June 7, 14, 28; July 5, 12, 19, 26 and August 9, 16, 23, 30.
- Saturdays @ 10:00 A.M. in the library meeting room on May 6, 13, 20; August 5, 12, 19, 26.

SIGNING TIME STORYTIME
For children age 3-grade 2. Presented by Megan McWilliams (Master Signing Time Instructor). A wonderful way for children to learn American Sign Language vocabulary through stories, songs, and activities.

- Wednesdays @ 10:30 A.M. on May 3, 10, 17, 31; June 7, 14, 28; July 5, 12, 19, 26; August 9, 16, 23, 30
- Saturdays @ 10:30 A.M. on May 6, 13, 20; August 5, 12, 19, 26.
BUILDING BETTER READERS STORYTIME
For children age 3–Grade 2. A fun combination of early literacy experiences. Parents are asked to remain in the library while their children attend Storytime and are always welcome to attend Storytime with their children.
- Thursdays, 1:30-2:00 P.M. on June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & July 6, 13, 20.

CODING CONSTRUCTION
Have fun learning coding with Mike. Must sign up online in advance via the Library calendar at www.norfolkne.gov/library. Space limited to 12 per session.
- Session 1—June 5
  - 1:00-2:00, for ages 6-10
  - 2:00-3:00, for ages 11-16
- Session 2—June 26
  - 1:00-2:00, for ages 6-10
  - 2:00-3:00, for ages 11-16

MONDAY MOVERS AND MAKERS!
Activities for ages 8-15 from 1:00-2:00 P.M.:
- June 12: Book Bingo! Get BINGO, win a book!
- June 19: Origami—Must sign up online in advance via the Library calendar at www.norfolkne.gov/library. Space limited to 25.
- July 3: Quiz Bowl
- July 10: Paper Airplane Contest
- July 17: Minute To Win It!

TUESDAY CRAFTERNOONS
For crafters ages 8-15 on the following Tuesdays from 1:00-2:00 P.M. Must sign up online in advance via the Library calendar at www.norfolkne.gov/library. Space limited to 25 per session.
- June 6—Fun with Craft Foam—make a bookmark and a summer wreath
- June 20—Paper Crafts—make a curly bird and a door hanger
- July 18—Tissue Paper Palooza—make a stained glass window, a kite or a wall hanging for your room

WEDNESDAY MOVIE MATINEE
Movies at 1:30 P.M. in the Library meeting room. Children age 7 and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult who is at least 18 years old. Adults are not admitted to the movies unless they are accompanying children.
- June 7 MOANA, Rated PG, 107 minutes.
- June 14 FINDING DORY, Rated PG, 97 minutes.
- June 21 TROLLS, Rated PG, 92 minutes.
- June 28 PETE’S DRAGON, Rated PG, 103 minutes.
- July 5 THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS, Rated PG, 87 minutes.
- July 12 ICE AGE: COLLISION COURSE, Rated PG, 105 minutes.
- July 19 THE BFG, Rated PG, 118 minutes.
- July 26 THE GREAT GILLY HOPKINS, Rated PG, 99 minutes.
GOLDEN SOWER BOOK CLUB
For ages 8-12. Bring your own snack and beverage! Newcomers always welcome! Meets 4:00-5:00 P.M. in the library on the following Mondays.

- May 22—Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt.
- June 26—Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper.
- July 24—Paper Things by Jennifer Richard Jacobson. Jennifer will be appearing in Norfolk on Saturday, July 29, at the 23rd Annual Norfolk Public Library Literature Festival. See Literature Festival details...

BUILDING LIFE SKILLS
Presented by Sarah Polacek and staff, Nebraska Extension Madison County. Must sign up online in advance via the Library calendar at www.norfolkne.gov/library. Space limited to 25 per session.

- June 6: I Pledge My Head to Clearer Thinking...
  Using our heads, we can think like engineers to design and create objects to make our lives easier and solve real world problems! While attending this session, learn about designs, how strong a single piece of paper is, and build an indestructible house for the 3 Little Pigs out of toothpicks!

- June 13: I Pledge My Heart to Greater Loyalty...
  Opening our hearts to others through kindness encourages friendship and teamwork. Learn about kindness and brainstorm ideas of projects that can be done in the community to help others and spread kindness! Create a fun placemat to share ideas, spread kindness and share with someone you care about!

- June 20: I Pledge My Hands to Larger Service...
  In using our hands we can put our plans into action by creating designs that can be tested and improved! Learn about chain reactions and create kinetic art!

- June 27: I Pledge My Health to Better Living...
  Develop skills and methods by looking for answers to questions through active investigation! Explore nature, learn about our ecosystem, and discover the world around us! Learn about our soil, go on a un-nature walk and create a bird feeder!

DISCOVER YOUR WORLD!
Enjoy a variety of fun and educational activities with Jamie Bachmann, Outdoor Education Assistant with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Must sign up online in advance via the Library calendar at www.norfolkne.gov/library. Space limited to 25 per session.

- Session 1 – June 19, 20, 21, 22
  - 10:00 A.M.-10:45 A.M. for kids who have completed grades K-2
  - 11:00 A.M.-11:45 A.M. for kids who have completed grades 3-6

- Session 2 – July 10, 11, 12, 13
  - 10:00 A.M.-10:45 A.M. for kids who have completed grades K-2
  - 11:00 A.M.-11:45 A.M. for kids who have completed grades 3-6

YOUNG ADULT DISCOVERY CAMP
A variety of fun and educational activities with Jamie Bachmann, Outdoor Education Assistant with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. For young adults who have completed grades 7-9. Must sign up in advance via the Library calendar at www.norfolkne.gov/library. Space limited to 25 per session.

- Session 1—June 15, 9:00 A.M. – 12 noon
- Session 2—July 18, 9:00 A.M. – 12 noon
YOUNG ADULT BOOK GROUP

For teens. Bring your own snack and beverage! Newcomers always welcome! Meets at 2:30 P.M. in the library on the following Saturdays:

- May 20—Ranger’s Apprentice: the Ruins of Gorlan by John Flanagan AND Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins
- June 3—I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai
- June 17—Orbiting Jupiter by Gary D. Schmidt. Gary will be appearing in Norfolk on Saturday, July 29, at the 23rd Annual Norfolk Public Library Literature Festival. See Literature Festival details...
- July 1—Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard
- July 15—Michael Vey: the Prisoner of Cell 25 by Richard Paul Evans
- August 12—Cress AND Fairest by Marissa Mayer
- August 26—Hollow City by Ransom Riggs

ANNUAL LITERATURE FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 30, 8:30 A.M.—4:00 P.M. at the Lifelong Learning Center—Tickets available at the library’s Youth Services Desk

Featuring: authors MIRANDA PAUL, JENNIFER RICHARD JACOBSON, GARY D. SCHMIDT, and TBA; Writer’s Workshops; Golden Sower Previews; Door Prizes; Autograph Session; Sales of Golden Sower Items; Book Display & Sales by the Norfolk Library Foundation; Lunch; CE hours from the Nebraska Library Commission for school & public librarians; and Professional Growth Points for teachers/staff employed by Norfolk Public Schools. The Literature Festival is a wonderful way to spend a summer day FOR LITERATURE LOVERS OF ALL AGES! Sponsored by the Norfolk Library Foundation and the City of Norfolk. Summer readers ages 10-18 who complete and turn in their Norfolk Public Library reading records by July 28 receive free admission to the Festival

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Featuring:

Miranda Paul

2018 Golden Sower Award Nominee for One Plastic Bag

Jennifer Jacobson

2018 Golden Sower Award Nominee for Paper Things

Ard Hoyt

Award Winning Illustrator Of More Than 25 Picture Books

Gary D. Schmidt

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ALSO: 2017-2018 Golden Sower Previews by Karen Drevo & Marci Retzlaff; Book Display & Discount Sales by Norfolk Public Library Foundation of titles by Miranda Paul, Ard Hoyt, Jennifer Richard Jacobson, and Gary D. Schmidt; Sales of Golden Sower Items; Autograph Session/Book Signing; Door Prizes; 5 Continuing Education Hours (for all day attendance) from the Nebraska Library Commission for School & Public Librarians; 5 Professional Growth Points (for all day attendance) for Teachers/Staff employed by Norfolk Public Schools.

Advance tickets are available at Norfolk Public Library OR by mail order (see attached registration/order form). For more information, contact Karen Drevo at NPL by phone at 402.844.2108 or email at kdrevo@ci.norfolk.ne.us

A wonderful way to spend a summer day for literature lovers of all ages!
BOOK CLUB FOR 20 & 30 SOMETHINGS
This book club for adults in their twenties and thirties meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 P.M. in the library. Newcomers always welcome!

- May 25 — The Book of Speculation by Erika Swyler
- June 29 — The Rent Collector by Camron Wright
- July 27 — 100 Days of Happiness by Faust Brizzi
- August 31 — The Time Traveler’s Wife by Audrey Niffenegger

TUESDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP
For adults. Newcomers always welcome! Meets at 6:30 P.M. in the library on:

- May 30 — My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She’s Sorry by Fredrik Backman
- June 27 — The Longest Road: Overland in Search of America from Key West to the Arctic Ocean by Philip Caputo
- July 25 — Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult
- August 29 — All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP
For adults. Newcomers always welcome. Meets at 10:00 A.M. in the library on:

- May 31 — All the Stars in Heaven by Adriana Trigiani
- June 28 — Broken for You by Stephanie Kallos
- July 26 — The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend by Katarina Bivald
- August 30 — The Oregon Trail: A New American Journey by Rinker Buck

CREATIVE COLORING
Mondays at 2:00 P.M. A time to color, unwind, and meet new people.

NEEDLES, HOOKS & BOOKS
For new and veteran needle crafters (knitting, crocheting, embroidery, etc.) of all ages. An informal time to work on your project; share info and skills; talk about books; and, meet others interested in the needle arts. Meets in the library from 2:30-4:00 P.M. on: May 13, May 27; June 10, 24; July 8, 22; and, August 5, 19. Newcomers always welcome!
SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

Wednesday, June 14 @ 6:30 P.M.
John & Mona Neihardt

Presented by Brad Kellogg & Raija Weiershauser

Sit down with John & Mona Neihardt, as he writes at his typewriter and she works on a sculpture. Listen in as they reminisce about their lives together, including their long distance courtship as Mona studied under Rodin in Paris and John’s travels to South Dakota to meet Black Elk.

Wednesday, June 28, 6:30pm
Nebraska’s Outlaw Trail, Highway 12

Presented by Marci Broyhill and Teresa Kay Orr

Grab your hat and put on your boots for this entertaining presentation of cowboy poetry and music. Sisters Marci Broyhill, Prairie Poet & Storyteller, and Teresa Kay Orr, Musician, Singer, and Songwriter, grew up along Nebraska’s Outlaw Trail where Doc Middleton, Jesse James, and others used to hide from the law.

Wednesday, July 12, 6:30pm
The Hidden History of African Americans in Nebraska

Presented by Patrick Jones

Discover the rich, and largely hidden, history of African Americans in Omaha and the state of Nebraska. Drawing on an array of digitized artifacts from the Great Plains Black History Museum collection, Jones offers a multi-faceted portrait of black life in Nebraska since the late 19th century.

Wednesday, July 26, 6:30pm
Maria Rodaway: Prairie Pioneer

Presented by Karen Drevo

Maria (portrayed by her great-great granddaughter in period attire) looks back at her life as a prairie pioneer in Otoe County, Neb., where she homesteaded in 1867. Resilient and resourceful, she lived a life of usefulness to her family and large circle of friends with her loving deeds and kind acts.

Check out our online calendar to stay up to date on all of our events. https://norfolk.evanced.info/signup/Calendar
Coming Summer 2018!