

Library News

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Library Hours

9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday & Saturday

1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sunday

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WELCOME TO THE HUMAN LIBRARY®

April 9

12-3 p.m. at Northeast Community College Union 73 and 5-8 p.m. at NPL

Experience a library, where real people take the place of traditional books. Norfolk Public Library and Northeast Community College Library will host the Human Library® locally on April 9, 2024.

At the Human Library, individuals volunteer to serve as open Books and share their experiences while engaging in conversation with Readers. These experiences can be personal, touching, enlightening, or even challenging. But common for all is that they offer an opportunity to get to know the stories in your community. Readers are encouraged to borrow a variety of open Books and engage in 30-minute personal conversations with each.

Event organizers, Anneka Ramirez and Jen Ippensen, say that by making the Human Library available locally, they aim to reach a wide audience and help people make connections and learn about one another through curiosity, conversation, and questions.

Suggested questions and other resources will be available for Readers, including American Sign Language and Spanish interpreters.



WHAT'S NEW?

New classes and special events are on offer this month.

We are co-hosting the Human Library with the Northeast Community College Library on April 9. It's an excellent opportunity to engage in conversation and learn about the people in your community.

Beloved performer Pippa White will be at the library on April 29 to present "Memories of the Titanic." Part theatre, part storytelling, and part history, this free presentation tells the remarkable stories of the survivors.

Workshops include an air fryer class, a writing workshop, and a Canva design class. See our calendar for details and to sign up.

We're debuting kits for checkout. Kits range in topic and will be available for one week checkouts. Want to get started with Pickleball or travel to Paris from your couch? Our kits are just what you need.

Come check out what's new at the library!



CREATIVE PROGRAMS

Activities for Adults and Children

April special events include Earth Day activities, creative writing, and performance.

Earth Day Craft Activities

April 22 from 10:15-11 a.m.

Celebrate Earth Day with Youth Services! A variety of craft and STEM activities will be available for kids ages 6-12. Materials will be provided. Located in the Children's Activity Room.

Polaroids, Negatives, and Camera Rolls: Writing Poems from Photographs

April 17 from 6-7:30 p.m.

In this workshop, students will look at examples of poems written about photographs and write poems inspired by their own photographs. We will discuss how poems describe moments in time and use images to springboard into memories, meditations, and more. We will then write our own poems. Nebraska poet, Kelly Weber, will lead this workshop for teens and adults.

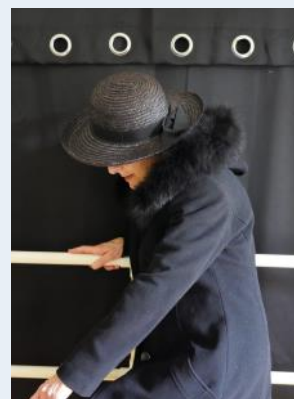
Pippa White presents Memories of the Titanic

April 29 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

The most famous ship, and the most famous sinking of a ship; but despite the tragedy, there were survivors, and those survivors have remarkable stories of that night to share.

Join us for this performance by beloved solo performer, Pippa White, who calls her One's Company Productions "part theatre, part storytelling, part history." Audiences call them unique, captivating, and touching. To date she has crisscrossed the country many times as a professional storyteller, touring to over 30 states, performing at universities and colleges, conferences, performing arts centers, museums, libraries, and festivals.

This show is free and open to the public. No registration is required.





AIR FRYER CLASS

Saturday, April 13 at 10 a.m.

Air frying has become very popular, but most people don't use it beyond a few simple items. This class will look at new recipes, understanding what an air fryer can and can't do and tips and tricks of using an air fryer. Class will be taught by UNL Extension Educator Ann Fenton. Registration is required. Sign up using our event calendar on the website.

CANVA FOR BUSINESS

Thursday, April 11 at 6 p.m.

Learn to use Canva to create business marketing pieces such as flyers, menus, and social media designs. Discover the best formats for print and online. Computer experience recommended but prior Canva experience is not necessary. Free! Registration required. Sign up via the online event calendar on our website.



VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

Free virtual discussions with acclaimed authors

Register and watch from anywhere! The talks are recorded, so if you miss the live event, you can watch a recording later. To see upcoming talks and to register for the event link, visit our Digital Library on our website and click on "Author Talks."

April's talks are:

Paula J. Johnson, *The Foods, People, and Innovations That Feed Us*

Tuesday, April 2 at 1 p.m.

Virtually step into the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History with Curator Paula Johnson as she discusses the book *Smithsonian American Table: The Foods, People, and Innovations That Feed Us*.

Colum McCann & Diane Foley, *American Mother*

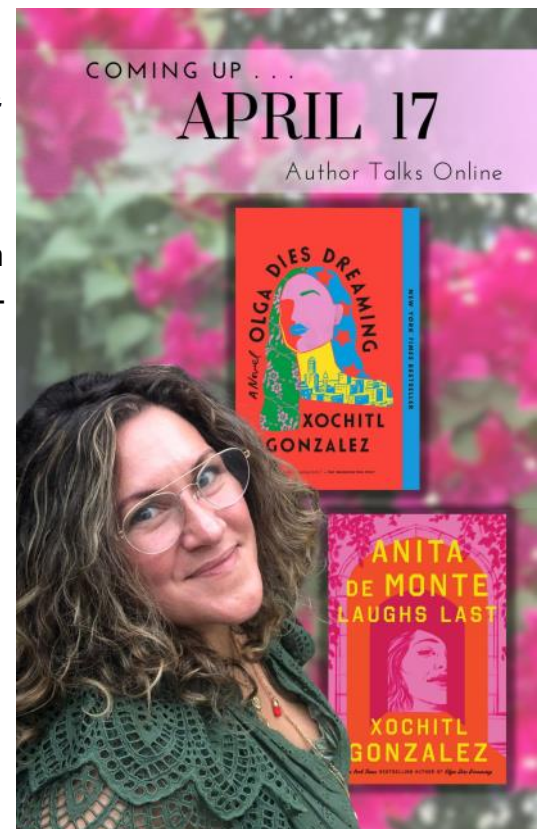
Tuesday, April at 1 p.m.

Join us for a one-of-a-kind conversation with National Book Award-winner Colum McCann as he is joined by Diane Foley, the inspiration behind the heartrending book *American Mother*.

Xochitl Gonzalez, *Anita de Monte Laughs Last*

Wednesday, April 17 at 7 p.m.

We cannot wait for you to join us as we chat with award-winning and bestselling author Xochitl Gonzalez about her newest novel *Anita de Monte Laughs Last*.



Thank
you

NORFOLK LIBRARY FOUNDATION SERVES AS IT GROWS

Guest Column by Foundation President, Susan Warneke

Lotus Gfeller, a long-time resident of the Meadow Grove area, loved books and the librarians that took care of the books that she loved. That's why, upon her death, she left a significant gift to the Norfolk Library Foundation to help provide for its future. The foundation is delighted to examine ways to use her generous gift. Details will be forthcoming as decisions are made. What an exciting time for the Norfolk Public Library and our community.

The Norfolk Library Foundation has a long history of activity and support of the Norfolk Public Library. Established in 1972, it took part in the effort to build a new library that was then completed in 1977. The foundation again worked on a library building project, spearheading the 2014 ballot campaign to renovate and expand the library into the marvelous facility we have today.

Contributions from many library supporters are invested by the foundation with the goal of supporting library programs and projects. Besides the broad collections of books, magazines, music and videos, patrons enjoy the wonderful facility itself as well as Maker Space machines, the Heritage Room for genealogical research, special art projects commissioned by the foundation and many learning activities in the children's area to engage children from a wide range of ages with varied interests and abilities.

A key goal of the foundation is to support the library staff in the promotion of literacy for people of all ages and walks of life. Financial contributions to the foundation are directly related to the implementation of many projects. Please know that from memorials to estates, gifts small and large are greatly appreciated.



GOLDEN READERS

April 23 at 2 p.m.

Adults, 60+ and better, are invited to the Norfolk Public Library to celebrate World Book Day from 2-3 p.m. on April 23. Enjoy a short story reading and make a bookmark in a fun social setting. Craft material and light refreshments will be provided.

SAVE THE DATE

Golden Sower Kid Fest is May 31!

Kickstart summer reading at the Golden Sower Kid Fest on May 31! Meet nominated authors and attend fun sessions and workshops. For ages 8 and up. Free!



APRIL CRAFTS: ADULT SPRING KITS AND KIDS' CRAFT & STEM KITS TO GO

Available Friday, April 5

This month, we have craft kits for everyone! Kits are available at the service desk and our drive-up window while supplies last. The adult kit is painting spring flowers using a straw stamp technique.

Kids' craft kits are for ages 4 and up. This month's kit is a spring bouquet.

STEM kits are recommended for ages 6 and up. This month's STEM challenge is a seed starting kit courtesy of Keep Norfolk Beautiful.



MOBILE PRINTING UPDATE

Now easier and faster

Mobile printing just got easier! We have updated our mobile printing software. Print wirelessly from all devices and submit jobs from anywhere. Now you can control the number of copies, page range, and color by using the web portal. If you usually send print jobs by email, make sure to update to our new printing email addresses. Stop in to the library to learn more or check our website for instructions.

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KITS AVAILABLE FOR CHECKOUT

Kids and adult kits

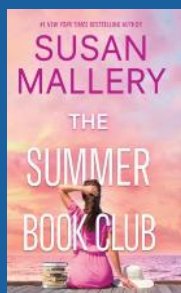
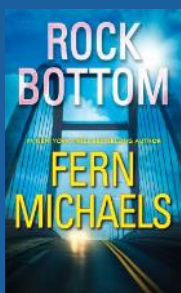
New to the library—kits! Thanks to a donation in the memory of Carla Kuenzi, who wished to spark a sense of adventure and joy in others, we are offering a variety of kits for children and adults that can be checked out for a week. Adult kits include a Pickleball Kit and a Visit Paris kit. Kids can choose from kits such as the Ranger Kit and Backyard Circus Kit.

CHECK IT OUT!

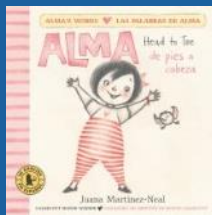
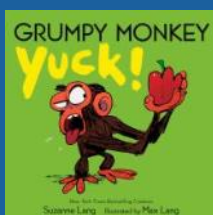
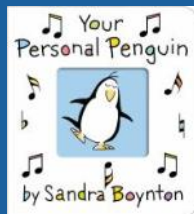
Recent Acquisitions

Stop in to see what else is new!

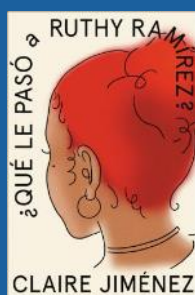
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Board Books



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FREE ADULT PROGRAMS

Newcomers are always welcome!

KNOT JUST KNITTERS: Saturdays, April 13 & 27, at 2:30 p.m. This is a fun and friendly group for knitters, crocheters, weavers and handwork enthusiasts. Bring a project to work on and enjoy learning from each other and making new friends. Meets in the Activity Room.

CREATIVE COLORING FOR ADULTS: Enjoy an hour of relaxing coloring every Monday at 2:00 p.m. The library provides color pencils, coloring pages and books. This program is open to adults of all abilities. Meets in Meeting Room A.

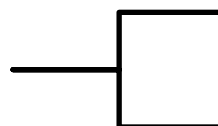
TUESDAY NIGHT READS: April 16 at 6:30 p.m. For adults, contact Anneka at 402-844-2100 for more information. This month's title is *River of the Gods* by Candice Millard.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB: April 24 at 10:00 a.m. For adults, contact Whitney at 402-844-2100 for more information. Meets in the Activity Room. This month's book is *Oh, William!* by Elizabeth Strout.

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS: Free monthly author talks featuring bestselling, award-winning, and acclaimed authors from around the world. This month features Paula J. Johnson, Colum McCann & Diane Foley, and Xochitl Gonzalez. See the online event calendar to register for a session and send questions to the author.

TECH TUTORING: Get personalized, individual help to learn how computers and technology work. Schedule a session by contacting Mike at 402-844-2100.

CHATS: April 8 & 22 at 5:30 p.m. Chats is an hour of conversational English practice for English language learners. Participants should have a basic knowledge of the English language. Chats are held on the second and fourth Monday.



"Woke up this morning with a terrific urge"

STAY & PLAY

Fridays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Families with young children are welcome to enjoy fun family time at the library on Fridays. Get together and use the library's collection of games and toys in the Children's Activity Room. Free! Drop in anytime during the program.



FREE YOUTH PROGRAMS

STORYTIME: Fridays at 10 a.m. *except April 12*. Infants through age 8 are invited to enjoy a fun combination of books, songs, Spanish language experiences, storytelling, puppets, and creative early language and literacy activities. Storytime is a great introduction to library visits and literary experiences. Meets in the Youth Activity Room.

TEEN BOOK CLUB: Thursday, April 4, at 5:15 p.m. Teen Book Club is for any teenager who loves to read and talk about books. Group members select what books they want to read. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Jessie in the Youth Services Department at 402-844-2100 or jroberts@norfolkne.gov for more information. This month's book is *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman. Meets in the Youth Activity Room.

DUPLO DAY: Mondays at 9 a.m. For ages 18 months and up. Build with the library's collection of Duplos and blocks during this open house program. Meets in the Youth Activity Room.

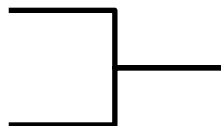
COLORING FOR KIDS: Wednesdays at 2:15 p.m. For ages 6-15. Come relax and color using the provided materials! Meets in the Youth Activity Room.

LEGO® TIME: Monday, April 1, at 3:45 p.m. For those in kindergarten through 6th grade, this is a fun and creative opportunity to build imaginative, new projects using the library's LEGO® collection. Come see our new bricks, figures and accessories recently added to the collection. *Meets in Meeting Room A.*

GOLDEN SOWER BOOK CLUB: Monday, April 29, at 4:00 p.m. This is a book club for ages 8-12 whose reading selections come from titles nominated for the Golden Sower Award, Nebraska's Children's Choice Literary Award. All books are provided by the library, and newcomers are always welcome. Contact Jessie in the Youth Services Department at 402-844-2100 or jroberts@norfolkne.gov for more information. Golden Sower Book Club meets in the Youth Activity Room.

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN: Instill an early love of reading! Any child from birth until kindergarten can participate. Completion may take from a few months to a few years, depending on how often you read. The most important predictor of school success is being read to at home during early childhood. Children earn a free book and prize for every 100 books read. Just one book a day equals more than 1,000 in three years. The concept is simple, but the rewards are priceless!

to lie in bed all day and read."- Raymond Carver



SAVE THE DATE!

APRIL 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 9am Duplo Day 2pm Creative Coloring for Adults 4pm LEGO Time	2 9am Tot Tech Time 1pm Virtual Author Talk 1pm Tot Tech Time	3 2:15pm Coloring for Kids	4 5:15pm Teen Book Club	5 (All Day) Kids & Adults Craft & STEM Kits To Go 10am Storytime 11am Stay and Play	6
7	8 9am Duplo Day 2pm Creative Coloring for Adults 5:30pm Chats	9 1pm Virtual Author Talk 5pm Human Library	10 2:15pm Coloring for Kids	11 6pm Canva for Business	12 11am Stay and Play	13 10am Air Fryer Class 2:30pm Knot Just Knitters
14	15 9am Duplo Day 2pm Creative Coloring for Adults	16 9am Tot Tech Time 1pm Tot Tech Time 6:30pm Tuesday Night Reads	17 2:15pm Coloring for Kids 6pm Writing Poems from Photographs 7pm Virtual Author	18	19 10am Storytime 11am Stay and Play	20
21	22 10:15am Earth Day Activities 2pm Creative Coloring for Adults 5:30pm Chats	23 9am Tot Tech Time 1pm Tot Tech Time	24 10am Wednesday Morning Book Club 2:15pm Coloring for Kids	25	26 10am Storytime 11am Stay and Play	27 2:30pm Knot Just Knitters
28	29 9am Duplo Day 2pm Creative Coloring for Adults 4pm Golden Sower Book Club 6:30pm Pippa White	30 9am Tot Tech Time 1pm Tot Tech Time	<i>Scheduled activities could change due to circumstances beyond our control.</i>			