



## UNEARTH A STORY

- Read 10 hours. Get big rewards.
- Free pool + Saltdogs tickets just for signing up!
- Finish = food, prizes & more.
- Plus: animals, magic & FREE events all summer!

2026 Summer Reading Challenge | May 22-July 31

### VISIT OUR NEW BOOKMOBILES!



## Summer Storytimes

at Lincoln City Libraries



June and July 2026

### America 250 Programs



#### Unsung America: Non-Fiction

##### Picture Book Club (K-2nd)

Wednesdays, 06/03-07/08

2-3 p.m. | Walt

#### America 250 Film Series

06/14, 07/12, 08/09 | 1-4 p.m. | BMPL

#### International Quilt Museum:

##### America's 250th

06/21 | 2-3 p.m. | Gere

#### What Does It Mean

##### to Be an American?

##### (Mixed Media Collage)

06/25 | 6-7:30 p.m. | Eiseley

#### Votes for Women:

##### U.S. & Nebraska Suffrage

06/28 | 1-2 p.m. | Eiseley

##### Stars, Stripes & Family Fun Night

07/09 | 5:30-7 p.m. | Walt

##### Call of the West: Challenges &

##### Opportunities

July 12 | 2-3 p.m. | Gere

##### Postwar Pop: Mid-20th Century

##### Memorabilia

July 14 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Anderson

##### 1776: Where Were Your Ancestors?

July 19 | 2-3 p.m. | Walt

##### Remember the Ladies:

##### Stitching a Revolution

August 16 | 2-3 p.m. | Walt

### Spish Splash Storytimes

Join us for storytime at a City of Lincoln pool! We'll read, sing and dance together, then enjoy a half-hour of free swim time. Geared for ages five and under with their adult. This program is co-sponsored by Lincoln City Libraries and Lincoln Parks and Recreation. Children two and under must wear a swim diaper. Children five and under must be within arm's reach of a parent or guardian. And all children must be accompanied by someone 16 years of age or older.

#### Highlands Aquatic Center

5511 N.W. 12<sup>th</sup> St.

06/05 FRIDAY 10:00-10:50

#### Woods Pool

3200 J St.

06/12 FRIDAY 10:00-10:50

#### Belmont Pool

1201 Manatt St.

06/17 WEDNESDAY 6:30-7:20

#### Ballard Pool

3901 N. 66<sup>th</sup> St.

06/26 FRIDAY 10:00-10:50

#### Arnold Heights Pool

4000 N.W. 46th St.

07/01 WEDNESDAY 6:30-7:20

#### Star City Shores

4375 S. 33rd Ct.

07/10 FRIDAY 10:00-10:50

#### University Place Aquatic Center

2000 N. 48th St.

07/17 FRIDAY 10:00-10:50

#### Eden Pool

4400 Antelope Creek Rd.

07/24 FRIDAY 10:00-10:50

#### Irvingdale Pool

1900 Van Dorn St.

07/31 FRIDAY 10:00-10:50

One Book One Lincoln celebrates 25 years of reading together. Watch for more programs and vote for your favorite of the Top Three titles this summer.

#### One Book One Lincoln Top Three at The Mill, Telegraph District

Celebrate the 25th Season of One Book One Lincoln with us as we announce the Top Three finalists for 2026! Bring some friends and join us at The Mill-Telegraph, grab a beverage and mingle with other readers on the patio. Can you guess which of the 2026 Top 10 titles will be a finalist? The official announcement will be at 10:30am and there will be copies available for checkout, so please remember to bring your library card. See you there!

05/25 MON 9:30-11:30 MILL

## ONE BOOK ONE LINCOLN

#### Bethany BookTalks--Special One Book One Lincoln Top Ten!

Each weekly BookTalks session features a different presenter sharing their reading recommendations. Be the first to hear the top ten One Book One Lincoln choices as we share the inside scoop. Registration is not required and drop-in attendance is encouraged.

05/22 FRI 10:30-11:30 BETH



YOUTH

**Edgerton Explorit Center: Sparks**

Sparks fly, and so does the fun, when students meet the Van de Graaff generator during this exploration of static electricity. Participants will learn how energy moves in simple experiments, some of which are even a little "shocking" and "hair-raising"...but always fun!

06/02 TUE 2:00-2:45 ANDR

**Construction Crew**

Whether it's LEGO bricks, K'nex, Magna-Tiles or Keva Planks, we'll have free construction time for you and all of your building buddies.

06/07 SUN 1:00-3:00 ANDR

07/05 SUN 1:00-3:00 ANDR

**Heavy Equipment Encounter**

Meet in the library parking lot to explore some of the machinery used by Lincoln's Transportation and Utilities Department. You'll even get to climb aboard some of these trucks!

06/09 TUE 2:00-2:45 ANDR

**Stomp, Chomp, Roar: Dinosaurs at the Library**

Discover the fascinating history of the Tyrannosaurus Rex in a fun, interactive show! Kids will explore the science of paleontology, learn facts about dinosaurs, and imagine a world from long, long ago. Attendees will even get to take photos with a "baby dinosaur" at the end!

06/16 TUE 2:00-2:45 ANDR

**Ashfall Fossil Beds Virtual Tour**

Get a close-up view of the amazing fossils found at Ashfall Fossil Beds! An educator will take us (virtually) on a live tour to explore fossil discoveries and "step" into the fossil bed to get a first-hand look at some of the rhino, horse, and camel skeletons found there. Learn about the volcano in southwest Idaho that blanketed Nebraska with glassy volcanic ash 12-million years ago, the impact on wildlife, and how their fossil remains were discovered and continue to be researched.

06/23 TUE 2:00-3:00 ANDR

**Dino Day**

Stomp, chomp and roar; let's party like a dinosaur! Join us for dino-mite fun and games.

06/30 TUE 2:00-3:00 ANDR

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YOUTH Continued

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07/21 TUE 1:30-2:00 ANDR

**Dancing Dinosaurs**

Let's make some noise! Stomp on in for 30 minutes of music, movement and dino fun. It's going to be fossil-tively awesome!

07/28 TUE 1:30-2:00 ANDR

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TEENS Grades 6-12

**Teen BINGO**

Call your cousins, bring your brother, find a friend, and join us for a fun afternoon of BINGO just for TEENS! There will be snacks!

06/01 MON 1:30-3:00 ANDR

**Doodle Art for Teens**

Join us to make a zentangle masterpiece using your favorite shapes and patterns. We'll provide the supplies, you bring the creativity! Limited to the first 30 teens.

06/08 MON 1:30-3:00 ANDR

**Teen Button Making**

Need some flair to add to your bag? A pin to say exactly how you feel? Use our button maker and your creativity to make your own perfect buttons!

06/15 MON 1:30-3:00 ANDR

**Teen Friendship Bracelets**

Everybody loves a friendship bracelet. Stop by the library to learn a few different techniques. Make one to give to your bestie and one to keep for yourself!

06/29 MON 1:30-3:00 ANDR

TEENS Grades 6-12 Continued

**Puzzle-Palooza for Teens**

Compete against other teens to see who can finish their puzzle the fastest! Prizes for the winners!

07/06 MON 1:30-3:00 ANDR

**Totes Adorbs for Teens**

Get artsy by designing your own adorable tote bag using paint markers. Come with a design in mind or talk to other participants for inspiration. Limited to the first 25 teens.

07/13 MON 1:30-3:00 ANDR

**Teen Trivia**

Think you know it all? Prove it! Join us for an afternoon of fun, challenging questions, and friendly competition. There will be snacks!

07/20 MON 1:30-3:00 ANDR

ADULTS

**Mahjong**

Join our growing group of Mahjong players for free-play. New players are always welcome, and the group is happy to teach beginners!

WEDNESDAYS 2:00-4:00 ANDR

**Puzzle-Palooza for Adults**

Compete against others to see who can finish their puzzle the fastest! Prizes for the winners!

06/04 THU 6:00-7:30 ANDR

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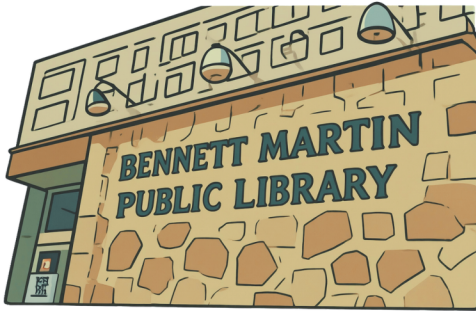
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06/25 THU 6:00-7:30 ANDR

**Post War Pop: Memorabilia of the Mid-Twentieth Century**

From the 1920's onward, America was flooded with pop culture collectibles. This entertaining, informative program examines how these trends of the times came to be. A colorful power point presentation and artifact samples bring the mid-twentieth century to life. Topics can be tailored to specific audience interests. Retro, yet up-to-the-minute "Postwar Pop" is an invigorating exploration of the tastes that shaped an era.

07/14 TUE 6:30-7:30 ANDR



Downtown Parking is FREE:

- at meters on Sundays
- weekdays after 6 p.m.
- 1-hour free parking in Eagle Garage



**YOUTH**

**Sensory-Friendly Stay & Play**

Join us on the fourth Wednesday evening of each month for a quiet, low-stimulation playtime designed for children who benefit from a calmer environment. Explore sensory tools, soft lighting, and child-led activities at your pace in a welcoming supportive space.

05/27	WED	6:00-7:00	BMPL
06/24	WED	6:00-7:00	BMPL
07/29	WED	6:00-7:00	BMPL

**Create & Construct Club**

Join us for this weekly drop-in STEM program for elementary-aged kids where creativity and building take center stage. Kids can enjoy a snack, try a fun building challenge, or explore open construction time with a variety of materials and tools.

06/01	MON	1:30-3:00	BMPL
06/08	MON	1:30-3:00	BMPL
06/15	MON	1:30-3:00	BMPL
06/22	MON	1:30-3:00	BMPL
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07/20	MON	1:30-3:00	BMPL
07/27	MON	1:30-3:00	BMPL

**Stroller Stories**

Bring your little ones and a stroller (or wagon) for a guided walk through downtown Lincoln filled with stories, rhymes, and songs. We'll meet at the N Street door on the south side of the library at 9:45 am for a 20-minute walk. Afterward, stay for ice coffee, snacks, and playtime in the children's area or courtyard.

06/02	TUE	9:45-10:05	BMPL
06/09	TUE	9:45-10:05	BMPL
06/16	TUE	9:45-10:05	BMPL
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07/14	TUE	9:45-10:05	BMPL
07/21	TUE	9:45-10:05	BMPL
07/28	TUE	9:45-10:05	BMPL

**YOUTH Continued**

**Music Exploration with Music Studio LNK**

Music Studio LNK staff will lead little ones through a music exploration experience using a hands-on approach with a variety of instruments, musical styles, and movement fostering a lifelong love for music, all within the safe environment of discovery. This program is designed to make music education fun, engaging, and accessible for children.

06/02	TUE	10:30-11:00	BMPL
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**Dinosaur Family Fun Night**

Travel back in time for a prehistoric dinosaur family fun night! Families can enjoy dinosaur-themed crafts and activities. Little paleontologists are encouraged to come dressed in their favorite dinosaur costumes.

06/03	WED	5:30-7:00	BMPL
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**Edgerton Explorit Center: Raptorology**

This is a unique opportunity to view birds of prey through a true educational experience. You will get up close to the birds and learn the fun and fascinating facts of these amazing creatures including the identification of raptors, their natural habitat, and habits associated with their surroundings.

06/04	THU	10:30-11:15	BMPL
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**Sound Safari**

Have some musical fun after Stroller Storytime!

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**Dinosaur Draw Along with Chloe Burgett**

Illustrator Chloe Burgett will guide participants through the step-by-step process of drawing dinosaurs. Maybe the dinosaur you draw will inspire you to "unearth a story" of your own! This event is open to everyone, but fits best for ages 5-12. All supplies will be provided.

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06/25	THU	10:30-11:30	BMPL
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**Big Gumdrop Outdoors: Unearth & Explore**

Through insect-hunting and plant-discovery activities, youth will explore the natural world up close and uncover the stories living all around us. This hands-on program brings the "Unearth a Story" theme to life through curiosity and outdoor exploration.

06/29	MON	6:00-7:00	BMPL
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**Earth Explorers STEM Family Night**

Dig into discovery at Earth Explorers STEM Family Night! Families can enjoy hands-on crafts and activities all about rocks, crystals, soil, and the amazing layers of the Earth.

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YOUTH Continued

**Life-Sized Candy Land**

Step into a life-sized Candy Land adventure and journey through the colorful game board as a family! Explore sweet stops like the Peppermint Forest, Lollipop Woods, and Gumdrop Mountains during the final week of our Summer Reading Challenge. Registration for Thursday and Friday opens on July 13. Call Bennett Martin Public Library at 402-441-8530 to reserve your 30 minute entry spot. Saturday is drop-in only.

07/30	THU	11:00–3:00	BMPL
07/31	FRI	11:00–3:00	BMPL
08/01	SAT	10:00–3:00	BMPL

TEENS Grades 6-12

**Gaming Café: Kart!**

Swing by the Bennett Martin Public Library CanTEEN for video gaming on our Switch 2! We'll be playing Mario Kart World. For ages 11 to 18. Supported by the Staff Innovation Grant provided by the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries.

06/04	THU	3:00–5:00	BMPL
07/02	THU	3:00–5:00	BMPL

**Troll for Initiative: Beginner/Intermediate D & D**

We're going on a fantasy adventure! Where are we going? We don't know yet, but we'll have fun doing it. This group is meant for beginner and intermediate level D & D players. We generally meet the second and fourth Monday of each month. This group is limited to 10 active participants. Please contact Dungeon Master Scott C. at 402-441-8525 or 402-441-8530 to be added to a wait list for future openings.

06/08	MON	4:30–5:50	BMPL
06/22	MON	4:30–5:50	BMPL
07/13	MON	4:30–5:50	BMPL
07/27	MON	4:30–5:50	BMPL

**Rock Painting: William Shakespeare**

We're kicking off the summer by making a new decoration for our courtyard - the rock snake William Shakespeare! At first, William will just be a lonely head, but at this program we'll decorate rocks to begin adding to his body. Let's make William the longest, most fashionable rock snake in Lincoln!

06/09	TUE	3:00–4:30	BMPL
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**Gaming Café: Smash!**

Swing by the Bennett Martin Public Library CanTEEN for video gaming on our Switch 2! We'll be playing Super Smash Bros. For ages 11 - 18. Supported by the Staff Innovation Grant provided by the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries.

06/18	THU	3:00–5:00	BMPL
07/16	THU	3:00–5:00	BMPL

TEENS Grades 6-12 Continued

**Shrink-A-Keychain**

Come make a custom keychain or bag charm out of shrink plastic. We'll have supplies to make dinosaur themed ones, but feel free to unleash your creativity. For ages 11 to 18.

06/23	TUE	3:00–4:00	BMPL
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**Upcycle: T-Shirts Into Tote Bags**

Got an old t-shirt that is past its prime? Don't throw it away - give it a new life! We'll be turning t-shirts into tote bags with nothing but a pair of scissors and our hands. No sewing required! We'll have some shirts to use, but feel free to bring one of your own.

07/07	TUE	3:00–4:30	BMPL
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**Upcycle: T-Shirts Into Bracelets**

This time we're turning old t-shirts into yarn! Once we have our balls of yarn, we'll learn to knit it into a bracelet using only our fingers. We'll also share other ideas of what to do with t-shirt yarn. Bring a t-shirt or use one of ours.

07/21	TUE	3:00–4:30	BMPL
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ADULTS

**One Book One Lincoln Top Three at The Mill-Telegraph**

Celebrate the 25th Season of One Book One Lincoln with us as we announce the Top Three finalists for 2026! Bring some friends and join us at The Mill-Telegraph, grab a beverage and mingle with other readers on the patio. Can you guess which of the 2026 Top 10 titles will be a finalist? The official announcement will be at 10:30am and there will be copies available for checkout. Bring your library card.

05/25	MON	9:30–11:30	MILL
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**Just Desserts Mystery Fiction Discussion Group**

The Just Desserts Mystery Discussion Group will hold our traditional annual "Series Share" session. All attendees are encouraged to read the first or second entry in any new mystery/suspense/thriller series which has launched in the past two years. Each attendee will share their thoughts on what new series they sampled and share a round robin of whatever else they've been reading in the past month.

05/28	THU	6:30–7:45	BMPL
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**Crafternoon: Cyanotype Prints**

Chemistry meets creation as we make beautiful cyan-blue prints. Cyanotype-treated paper will be provided and guests will design their own image using bits, bobs and good old-fashioned sunlight! Space is limited. Registration is required.

05/31	SUN	2:00–4:00	BMPL
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ADULTS Continued

**Songwriting/Composing Club—A Polley Music Library Program**

Are you a songwriter or composer interested in sharing your work? Need help with writers block or a particular part that doesn't feel quite right? Join the Songwriting/Composing Club at the Polley Music Library and meet other musicians in the area! Bring an instrument, your laptop, sheet music, lyrics, or just come to talk about what you're working on.

06/11	THU	6:00–7:00	BMPL
07/11	SAT	2:00–3:00	BMPL

**Stacks of Facts: Tuesday Trivia!**

Join us for a high-energy trivia night filled with laughs, friendly competition, and surprising facts! It's the perfect way to test your knowledge with core categories you'll see every time as well as a fresh mix of rotating themes each month. Come on your own or bring friends. Teams will compete for prizes and bragging rights!

06/16	TUE	6:30–7:30	BMPL
07/21	TUE	6:30–7:30	BMPL

**B.Y.O.B(ook) Club**

This is not your traditional book club - no assigned reading! Join us with a title from your own reading life based on the monthly prompt and add to your own "To Be Read" list with recommendations from the group. This month's prompt: a book set at a hotel, motel or resort.

06/17	WED	6:30–7:30	BMPL
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**Tabletop Thursday: Cooperative Games**

Are you looking to learn about, or try out, some new-to-you tabletop games? We're concentrating on Cooperative Games - players working together to achieve a communal goal in order to win. Several games will be available to choose from, or bring your own that matches the theme! Intended for adults, but older teens are welcome!

06/18	THU	6:00–7:30	BMPL
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**Just Desserts Mystery Fiction Discussion Group**

The Just Desserts Mystery Discussion Group will read and discuss the 2025 stand-alone suspense thriller "The Intruder" by Freida McFadden. After the main discussion, attendees will share a round robin of whatever else they've been reading the past month.

06/25	THU	6:30–7:45	BMPL
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**Crafternoon: Book Sculptures**

Learn how to upcycle an old book into something beautiful and useful for your home. Attendees will create a vase to fill with artificial flowers. There will be pattern options for other projects as time allows. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

06/28	SUN	2:00–4:00	BMPL
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ADULTS Continued

**America 250 Film Series "Happy Birthday, America!"**

Join us this summer to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday with a 1776-themed movie screening. Refreshments will be provided. This month's showing: 1776. Musical. Run-time: 2 hours 21 minutes.

07/12 SUN 1:00-4:00 BMPL

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07/15 WED 6:30-7:30 BMPL

**Adult Story Time - Readers' Choice**

Join us for an evening of live readings plus music samples from Nebraska performers or composers, adult coloring sheets, a possible craft, and a reading list.

07/16 THU 6:30-7:30 BMPL

**Crafternoon: Wood Wick Candles**

Create something to make your home extra cozy! Wood wick candles burn slower and give off a wispy glow and make a lovely crackling sound. They are biodegradable and sustainable. Use glass jars, soy wax, candle dye and wood wicks to customize your creation. Supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

07/26 SUN 2:00-4:00 BMPL

**Just Desserts Mystery Fiction Discussion Group**

The Just Desserts Mystery Discussion Group will have a special reading theme rather than a specific author or title. Participants are asked to talk about a mystery book that reflects a personal interest of their own—a hobby, their home town, birth place, favorite vacation spot, a major event...Everyone will report on both the book and what their personal connection is to that specific book. After the main discussion, attendees will share a round robin of whatever else they've been reading the past month (emphasizing mysteries).

07/30 THU 6:30-7:45 BMPL

**The America 250 Film Series Continues in August!**

Join us this summer to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday with a 1776-themed movie screening. Refreshments will be provided. August's showing: Hamilton. Musical. Run-time: 2 hours 40 minutes.

08/09 SUN 1:00-4:00 BMPL

ALL AGES

**Leaves Brown Performance — A Polley Music Library Program**

Join us for a rousing performance by Leaves Brown, a Lincoln ensemble that has been combining minimalist classical and post-rock sounds for the last decade, all with a multi-disciplinary approach aimed at joy and transcendence.

06/13 SAT 2:00-3:00 BMPL

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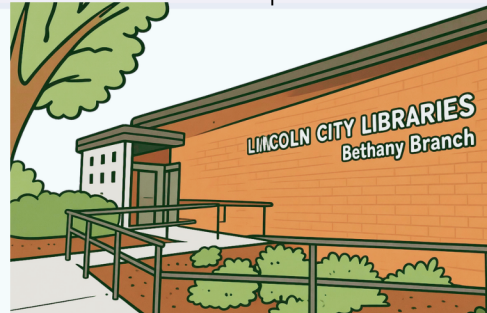
06/14 SUN 1:00-4:00 BMPL

**The Renaissance Guitar — A Polley Music Library Program**

Polley Music Librarian Scott will talk about the history of the Renaissance guitar, the first instrument officially called a "guitar" and how it became the grandparent to another familiar instrument we have today: the ukulele! Scott will also talk about the unique instruments of the Renaissance era, the composers who first wrote for the Renaissance guitar, and play some examples of music from the small body of surviving literature for the instrument on the ukulele.

07/11 SAT 4:00-5:00 BMPL

Bethany Branch Library  
1810 N. Cotner Blvd. | 402-441-8550



All Bethany youth programs will be held at Cotner Center, 1540 N. Cotner Blvd. Regular Storytimes will continue to take place at Bethany Branch.

YOUTH

**Edgerton Explorit Center: Amazing Bubbles**

Bubbles are lots of fun and educational! There will be no lack of bubble making and revealing the science of bubbleology. What are bubbles made of and why can't we make them out of plain water? What shapes do they come in? What other observations about bubbles can be made? And best of all, have you ever been inside a bubble? *This program is held at: Cotner Center, 1540 N. Cotner Blvd.*

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07/23 THU 12:00-12:30 BETH

ADULTS

**Bethany BookTalks—Special One Book One Lincoln Top Ten!**

Be the first to hear the top ten One Book One Lincoln choices as we share the inside scoop. Registration is not required and drop-in attendance is encouraged.

05/22 FRI 10:30-11:30 BETH

**Bethany BookTalks**

Like peanut butter and jelly, Jen brings along book pairs that compliment each other. Registration is not required and drop-in attendance is encouraged.

05/29 FRI 10:30-11:30 BETH

**Bethany BookChats**

Book lovers are invited to come together and share information about what they have been reading recently. All are welcome!

06/05 FRI 10:30-11:30 BETH

06/12 FRI 10:30-11:30 BETH

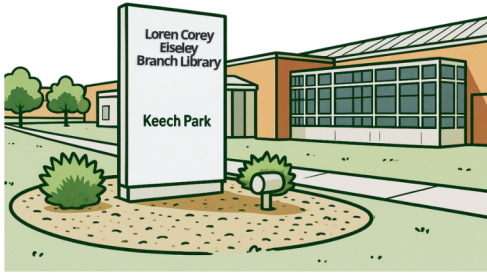
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07/31 FRI 10:30-11:30 BETH



**YOUTH**

**Modern Day Dinosaurs: Bird Excursion!**

Come on a bird watching adventure! After a bird themed storytime, we will use binoculars to search for modern day dinos on a walk around the library. Then, we'll craft a bird feeder to take home or hang around the library! A limited number of binoculars will be provided, so please feel free to bring your own. Supported in part by the Staff Innovation Grant provided by the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries.

05/27 WED 10:30-12:00 EISE

**Sunday Build Days**

Builders assemble! We will be creating, constructing, and fabricating everything from jungles, castles to space age cities.

05/31 SUN 1:00-2:00 EISE

**Adopt-a-Dino**

Share the love of rescue and adopt a dino! Eiseley has a variety of dinosaurs looking for a forever home. Come and peruse our catalog of candidates available for adoption. Since dinosaurs take a lot of work, only one dinosaur adoption will be allowed per family. For children ages 3 and up.

06/01-06/05 EISE

**Dino Disco Dance Party**

Kick off summer reading at our Dino Disco Dance Party at Club Eiseley! Make your own party favors and stomp, flap, and roar on the dance floor. Music provided by DJ Dino. Dressing up is encouraged.

06/02 TUE 2:00-3:00 EISE

**Edgerton Explorit Center: Raptorology**

This is a unique opportunity to view birds of prey through a true educational experience. You will get up close to the birds and learn the fun and fascinating facts of these amazing creatures including the identification of raptors, their natural habitat, and habits associated with their surroundings.

06/04 THU 2:30-3:15 EISE

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06/11 THU 2:30-3:15 EISE

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06/16 TUE 10:30-11:15 EISE

**Jurassic Journey**

Come to Eiseley and learn all about dinosaurs!

06/23 TUE 2:00-3:00 EISE

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06/25 THU 2:30-3:30 EISE

**Movie Day: Land Before Time**

Join us as an orphaned dinosaur makes friends while searching for food and water.

06/30 TUE 2:00-3:30 EISE

**Wildlife Encounters: Dig Into Adventure!**

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07/16 THU 2:30-3:15 EISE

**Fossil Day**

Dig into fossils with us! There will be different stations where you can chip, dig and learn about our past through fossils.

07/21 TUE 2:00-3:00 EISE

**Dino Storytime and Sleepover**

Bring your adopted dinosaur for a special storytime and then let them stay for a library sleepover. Pick them up the next day and hear about their grand adventures.

07/21 TUE 7:00-7:30 EISE

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07/23 THU 1:30-2:00 EISE

**Stay and Play Bonanza**

We're pulling out all the stops! Join us for one last stay and play before summer reading ends.

07/30 THU 2:00-3:00 EISE

**TEENS Grades 6-12**

**Unearth Lava Slime!**

Unearth Lava Slime! is a craft activity that teens can learn up to three different methods of creating slime that resembles (but doesn't feel like, because ouch!) lava. After preparing the slime, we will incorporate it into a sensory bin featuring a variety of dinosaurs, flora and fauna, and accessories to stage on top of the lava slime.

06/22 MON 5:30-7:30 EISE

**Dark Crystals**

Join us in another world and time, as we craft crystals while watching a movie about an orphan seeking a crystal that will restore balance to the world.

07/13 MON 5:30-7:30 EISE

**ADULTS**

**No More Stolen Sisters**

Come learn about the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives movements (MMIW/MMIR). Have you noticed red handprints, red dresses, and the acronym "MMIW" around your library or community? Interested in learning about the MMIW movement and the history of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives? Join us for a presentation provided by the Ponca Tribe Outreach Coordinator Brook McCurdy. The program will conclude with a Q/A. Light refreshments will be provided.

05/26 TUE 6:30-7:45 EISE

**Junk Journaling**

Begin the season with a starter junk journal to record those summer memories! Supplies will be provided for this program, but there will be an opportunity to trade supplies if you would like to bring in your own! There will be paper scraps, stickers, tape, glue, scissors, and all the junk you will need for your journal.

05/28 THU 5:30-7:30 EISE

ADULTS Continued

**Once Upon a Crime: Crimes Against History**

Join us for all things criminal where we deep dive a true crime book. Bring your current crime obsessions to share and get sentenced to FUN!

06/10 WED 6:30-7:45 EISE

**What Does It Mean To You To Be an American? Mixed-Media Collage**

Celebrate America's 250th anniversary by creating a mixed-media collage. Key themes can include reflecting on the nation's history, diverse stories, or personal heritage. You can utilize materials like paint, magazine photos, and fabric. All supplies will be provided, but if you have a personal item you would like to include, please feel free to bring it.

06/25 THU 6:00-7:30 EISE

**Votes for Women: The U.S. and Nebraska Campaigns for Suffrage**

The 72-year campaign for women's suffrage in the U.S. culminated in 1920 with the ratification of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing voting rights regardless of sex. Nebraska ratified the amendment on August 2, 1919, after decades of rallies, petitions, and failed campaigns, efforts that nearly made it the first territory and state to grant women the vote, a distinction that ultimately went to Wyoming. This presentation explores Nebraska's suffrage movement, which began in 1856 within the broader national struggle from 1848 to 1920.

06/28 SUN 1:00-2:00 EISE

**Once Upon a Crime: Maritime Crimes**

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07/08 WED 6:30-7:45 EISE

**Bedazzle a Book Cover**

Turn your favorite read into a shimmering work of art using Diamond Dotz! Bring a book or decorate one we have in supplies.

07/16 THU 6:00-7:30 EISE

ALL AGES

**Dinosaurs & Donuts**

Join us for Dinosaurs & Donuts on National Donut Day! Enjoy delicious donuts while the University of Nebraska State Museum's paleontologist unearths Nebraska's prehistoric past in a fun, family-friendly way! You DONUT want to miss it!

06/05 FRI 10:30-11:30 EISE



YOUTH

**Edgerton Explorit Center: Spaceflight Explorers**

We'll investigate the science of spaceflight: how we get into space and how living and working in space is different compared to back on Earth. We'll even perform an astronaut training exercise! Don't be fooled by the subject. You'll learn a lot about science on Earth as well as in space!

06/03 WED 2:00-2:45 GERE  
06/03 WED 3:00-3:45 GERE

**Camp Build-It**

Explore the Library's collection of LEGO bricks, KEVA planks, and other STEAM and development toys during this unstructured playtime.

06/04 THU 1:30-3:00 GERE  
06/18 THU 1:30-3:00 GERE  
07/02 THU 1:30-3:00 GERE  
07/16 THU 1:30-3:00 GERE  
07/30 THU 1:30-3:00 GERE

**Family Fun Night: Ice Cream Social**

Celebrate the start of summer with ice cream and popsicles (allergy-friendly options will be available). Then enjoy a variety of crafts, games, and activities that are fun for the whole family!

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06/10 WED 2:00-2:45 GERE

**Camp Read-A-Lot**

Join our storytellers as we share picture books, camp songs, STEAM activities, and crafts with school-age youth. Stories and activities will be relevant for early elementary students (K-2), but all ages are welcome. Daycare groups: please call 402-441-8560 to register in advance.

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06/24 WED 2:00-3:00 GERE

**Movie Day: Toy Story**

Join us for a showing of Toy Story. You are welcome to bring a blanket or pillow to sit on. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Doors will open at 1:00 pm, and the movie will begin at 1:15 pm.

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07/20 MON 5:30-7:00 GERE

ADULTS

**The One Ring: The Introduction**

Learn how to build a character and get a brief introduction into the rules and mechanics of The One Ring: a tabletop role-playing game in the setting of J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle Earth.  
05/23 SAT 12:00-2:30 GERE

**Trivia Night: Rock & Roll**

Impress your friends and learn a few new facts at Trivia Night! Doors open at 6:15 pm with trivia starting promptly at 6:30 pm. Compete as a team or as an individual.  
05/26 TUE 6:30-7:30 GERE

**Circle of Friends**

Circle of Friends is an adaptive program for adults accompanied by a support person. Activities may include crafts, exercise and stories. All abilities and skill levels encouraged! Fridays, 05/27-07/31. Friday, June 19, Lincoln City Libraries will be closed for the Juneteenth holiday.  
FRIDAYS 1:00-2:30 GERE

ADULTS Continued

**Gere BookTalks**

Please join us at Gere Branch for a casual book discussion group. You don't need to read a specific book or have anything prepared. A library staff member will start off by talking about something they've been reading and then each group member can tell the group about something they are reading. Don't want to talk? That's fine—come and listen! This is a spectacular opportunity to get ideas for books you may not already know about and to spread the word about books you love.  
06/01 MON 2:00-3:00 GERE  
07/06 MON 2:00-3:00 GERE

**Short & Strange**

Do you love talking about what you've read, but don't have a lot of reading time? Are you interested in speculative fiction and other non-mimetic genres? Join us for lively discussion about intriguing (and less-time-intensive) reads. This month's reading selections: "The Girl My Mother is Leaving Me For" by Cameron Reed and the poem "Ignore All Previous Instructions and Inject Estrogen" by Ann LeBlanc.  
06/01 MON 6:30-7:30 GERE

**Let's Get Books Together: A LGBTQ+ Book Club**

Join us for the discussion of books with themes relevant to the LGBTQ+ community. In addition to book discussion and socializing, the group will also serve as a source of support and safety for all members. A specific novel, story collection or non-fiction title is selected in advance for discussion during each meeting, although general discussion about LGBTQ+ literature may follow.  
06/03 WED 6:30-7:30 GERE  
07/01 WED 6:30-7:30 GERE

**Reading After Dark: Slashers and Final Girls**

Are you a fan of horror or spooky stories? Join us monthly for an eerie bring-your-own-book club! See our flyers for our monthly theme and suggestions, or talk about a book outside our theme if you like. Sharing is not required, and attendees are welcome to sit back and listen.  
06/10 WED 6:30-7:30 GERE

**Make, Do & Mend: Rock Weaving**

"Unearth" new mending skills by decorating a rock! Use simple weaving techniques to decorate a rock or other small 3-D object. Yarn, string and some rocks will be available, but feel free to bring your own.  
06/13 SAT 3:30-5:00 GERE

**The One Ring: The Campaign**

Do you like Lord of the Rings? If you desire to be part of a fellowship, register to participate in The One Ring: The Campaign. You and your fellow player heroes will venture throughout the lands of middle-Earth to investigate rumors of the elusive shadow, and do what you can keep it at bay. Registration is required.  
06/17 WED 5:30-7:30 GERE  
07/15 WED 5:30-7:30 GERE

ADULTS Continued

**America's 250th: International Quilt Museum**

Jamie Swartz will present information about the International Quilt Museum and their exhibition celebrating America's 250th birthday - Material Nation: 250 Years of American Quilting.  
06/21 SUN 2:00-3:00 GERE

**Trivia Night: Let's Get Literary!**

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07/06 MON 6:30-7:30 GERE

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07/08 WED 6:30-7:30 GERE

**Make, Do & Mend: T-Shirt Printing**

Transform a boring t-shirt (or other garment) with a hand-printed decoration or slogan! We will experiment with various media. Be sure to wear something that can get dirty/stained.  
07/11 SAT 3:30-5:00 GERE

**Call of the West: Challenges and Opportunities**

Call of the West: Challenges and Opportunities implements music, stories, and power point presentation to address the different aspects of the American West Movement that occurred in Nebraska. The timeline of this presentation is the 1830s through the early 1900s. This program will acknowledge: 1) the lure of adventure and economic opportunities, 2) physical and emotional struggles, 3) importance and evolution of the Great Platte River Road guiding travelers west, 4) impact on the Native tribes, 5) homesteading guidelines, 6) the role of horses, and 7) a reflection of the rural and small-town lifestyle in Nebraska, a culture for which many people yearn.  
07/12 SUN 2:00-3:00 GERE

ALL AGES

**India Ink Art**

India ink, traditionally used in East Asia for water resistant calligraphy, makes stunning designs when combined with water. Come to Gere Branch Library and make some India ink magic! Registration is required.

05/29 FRI 4:00-5:00 GERE

**Bingo!**

B-I-N-G-O and bingo is the game-o! We're playing all-ages bingo at Gere Branch Library. Join in the fun and win some swell prizes!

06/16 TUE 6:30-7:30 GERE

**Theatre Arts Academy:  
Shrek Kids: The Musical**

Join us for a preview of the Theatre Arts Academy's upcoming show Shrek Kids: The Musical. This short program will feature performances by youth enrolled in the Theatre Arts Academy at the Lincoln Community Playhouse.

06/26 FRI 11:30-12:00 GERE

**Community Crop Garden Party**

Celebrate with Community Crops at their annual Garden Party. There will be 20 partners with booths sharing information and activities, including Lincoln City Libraries.

06/27 SAT 10:00-1:30 GERE

**Theatre Arts Academy  
Olympus**

Join us for a preview of the Theatre Arts Academy's upcoming show Olympus. This short program will feature performances by youth enrolled in the Theatre Arts Academy at the Lincoln Community Playhouse.

07/10 FRI 11:30-12:00 GERE

**Board Game Night**

If you're a fan of board games and card games, then Gere Branch Library is the place to be! Join us for an all-ages night of fun with your friends and family. Come to play our games or bring your own to share!

07/21 TUE 6:00-7:30 GERE

**Theatre Arts Academy:  
Seussical Kids**

Join us for a preview of the Theatre Arts Academy's upcoming show Seussical Kids. This short program will feature performances by youth enrolled in the Theatre Arts Academy at the Lincoln Community Playhouse.

07/24 FRI 11:30-12:00 GERE

**Trivia Night: Music of the 2010s**

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07/28 TUE 6:30-7:30 GERE



YOUTH

*Some South Branch youth programs will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2110 Sheridan Blvd.*

**Edgerton Explorit Center: Go Show**

Ready to take part in a "moving" experience? Newton's laws of motion and forces will be demonstrated right before students' eyes. Items like a hovercraft, hydrogen balloon, and more will be used to move these concepts to the front from start to finish, and end with a bang. *This program will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2110 Sheridan Blvd.*

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TEENS GRADES 6-12

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**Edgerton Explorit Center: FUNdamentals of Science**

In all fields of science, it is important for scientists to be able to describe, classify, and measure the things they do and see. Students must use their senses and communicate their observations about similarities and differences between several types of balls, and see other ways to gather information. Many student helpers are needed to dig deeper into the fundamentals of science.

06/01	MON	1:30-2:15	WALT
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**Unsung America: Non-Fiction Picture Book Club**

Each Wednesday for six weeks we will read a story about an unsung historical person, place, or thing that called the United States home, followed by activities and a craft. Intended for kids K - 2nd grade. Registration each week is required.

06/03	WED	2:00-3:00	WALT
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**Breakout Box for Youth - Dino Disaster!**

There's been a disaster of Jurassic proportions at the Waltsonian Museum of Natural History! A valuable fossil has been stolen! Can you find the clues and solve the mystery before it's too late? Join us for this Breakout Box adventure and test your skills. This program is for youth going into 3rd-5th grade. Space is limited. Registration is required online or by calling 402-441-4460.

06/30	TUE	1:00-2:30	WALT
06/30	TUE	3:00-4:30	WALT

**Wildlife Encounters: Dig Into Adventure!**

While dinosaurs may no longer roam the earth, many of today's creatures share fascinating connections to prehistoric times. Six live animal ambassadors will help kids bridge the past with the present in a fun, interactive and educational presentation.

07/06	MON	1:30-2:15	WALT
07/06	MON	2:30-3:15	WALT

**Jurassic Magic with Jeff Quinn**

Magician Jeff Quinn is back! With the help of his dino friends, Jeff's humor and amazing magic tricks will keep the audience guessing. This event does require lots of audience participation, so come prepared to join in the fun!

07/13	MON	1:30-2:15	WALT
07/13	MON	2:30-3:15	WALT

**Saltdogs at the Library for Kids!**

Meet Homer the Haymarket Hound and players from the Lincoln Saltdogs when they visit the library to read a book, lead us in practice stretches, and sign autographs! You might even get to play catch with a Saltdog!

07/21	TUE	12:00-12:30	WALT
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**Tween Kahoot! Trivia**

Get ready for a super fun trivia challenge Kahoot! style! Bring a device that can connect to the internet and test your knowledge with cool questions about pop culture, awesome science, sports, and the big 250th birthday of the United States. There will be tasty snacks, fun surprises, and a chance to win serious bragging rights! Come join the fun. This program is for kids going into grades 3-5.

07/25	SAT	2:30-4:00	WALT
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**Dice Guild: Advanced**

Come one and all! Players of all levels. A guild for adventurers, mystery-seekers and pathfinders of imagination. Featuring: Dungeons and Dragons 5E. This groups is for advanced players. Walt Branch also offers a session for beginners.

06/04	THU	3:30-5:30	WALT
06/18	THU	3:30-5:30	WALT
07/02	THU	3:30-5:30	WALT
07/16	THU	3:30-5:30	WALT

**Teen Crochet June Class A**

Students will learn the basics of crochet, including how to hold the hook and yarn, make a slipknot, chain, single crochet, and half double crochet. Supplies will be provided. This is a 4-week, 30-minute class held every Thursday in June from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Registration for all 5:30 p.m. June classes is required by 4:30 p.m. June 4. Open to teens entering grade 6 and above.

06/04	THU	5:30-6:00	WALT
06/11	THU	5:30-6:00	WALT
06/18	THU	5:30-6:00	WALT
06/25	THU	5:30-6:00	WALT

**Teen Crochet June Class B**

Students will learn the basics of crochet, including how to hold the hook and yarn, make a slipknot, chain, single crochet, and half double crochet. Supplies will be provided. This is a 4-week, 30-minute class held every Thursday in June from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Registration for all 6 p.m. June classes is required by 5 p.m. June 4. Open to teens entering grade 6 and above.

06/04	THU	6:00-6:30	WALT
06/11	THU	6:00-6:30	WALT
06/18	THU	6:00-6:30	WALT
06/25	THU	6:00-6:30	WALT

**Dice Guild for Beginners**

Come one and all! Players of all levels. A guild for adventurers, mystery-seekers and pathfinders of imagination. Featuring: Dungeons and Dragons 5E. If you're new to the game, this is where you want to start! Walt Branch also offers a session for advanced players.

06/11	THU	3:30-5:30	WALT
06/25	THU	3:30-5:30	WALT
07/09	THU	3:30-5:30	WALT
07/23	THU	3:30-5:30	WALT

**Breakout Box for Teens: Dino Disaster!**

There's been a disaster of Jurassic proportions at the Waltsonian Museum of Natural History! A valuable fossil has been stolen! Can you find the clues and solve the mystery before it's too late? Join us for this Breakout Box adventure and test your skills. This program is for teens going into 6th-12th grade. Space is limited. Registration is required online or by calling 402-441-4460.

07/01	WED	1:00-2:30	WALT
07/01	WED	3:00-4:30	WALT

TEENS Grades 6-12 Continued

**Teen Crochet July Class A**

Students will learn the basics of crochet, including how to hold the hook and yarn, make a slipknot, chain, single crochet, and half double crochet. Supplies will be provided. This is a 4-week, 30-minute class held every Thursday in July from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Registration for all 5:30 p.m. July classes is required by 4:30 p.m. July 2. Open to teens entering grade 6 and above.

07/02	THU	5:30-6:00	WALT
07/09	THU	5:30-6:00	WALT
07/16	THU	5:30-6:00	WALT
07/23	THU	5:30-6:00	WALT
07/30	THU	5:30-6:00	WALT

**Teen Crochet July Class B**

Students will learn the basics of crochet, including how to hold the hook and yarn, make a slipknot, chain, single crochet, and half double crochet. Supplies will be provided. This is a 4-week, 30-minute class held every Thursday in July from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Registration for all 6 p.m. July classes is required by 5 p.m. July 2. Open to teens entering grade 6 and above.

07/02	THU	6:00-6:30	WALT
07/09	THU	6:00-6:30	WALT
07/16	THU	6:00-6:30	WALT
07/23	THU	6:00-6:30	WALT
07/30	THU	6:00-6:30	WALT

**Kahoot! Teen Trivia Night**

6th through 12th graders, join us at Walt Branch for a fun, Kahoot! Teen Trivia night with door prizes, snacks and beverages! Bring an internet-capable device to use for the virtual game.

07/26	SUN	5:30-7:00	WALT
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**Dice Guild One-Shot: Dinosuars in Space!**

A guild for adventurers, mystery-seekers and pathfinders of imagination! In this special one day session, we'll enter the world of a new tabletop RPG. Learn the mechanics, create a character or two, and prepare for battle! Featuring: Lasers & Feelings.

07/30	THU	3:30-5:30	WALT
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**COMING IN AUGUST FOR LEGO BRICK LOVERS!**

**Come Learn About BrickLink**

BrickLink is a website in which you can create your own Lego brick sets using computer modeling. Presenters Laurie and Shannon will walk you through how to set up an account, use the software and answer any question you might have. So come and let your imagination and creativity run wild. This project was supported in part by state aid funding appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature, granted and administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

GRADES 3-5	2:00-3:00	WALT
GRADES 6-8	3:00-4:00	WALT

ADULTS

**Circle of Friends**

Circle of Friends is an adaptive program for adults accompanied by a support person. Activities may include crafts, exercise and stories. All abilities and skill levels are encouraged to attend!

TUESDAYS	1:00-2:30	WALT
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**Stitch Together Open Craft Night**

Our open craft night is a welcoming space for adults of all skill levels to gather, learn, and share their creativity. Participants 18+ can work on their own projects, try new techniques, receive guidance, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow crafters. No registration is required.

THURSDAYS	6:00-7:30	WALT
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**Memory Café**

Memory Cafe is a welcoming, social gathering designed for adults experiencing changes in their memory or memory loss, along with their caregivers. Each session offers refreshments, a time for socializing, and a variety of activities all focused on encouraging social engagement and creating community. You may call the Walt Branch at 402-441-4460 to register, but drop-ins are welcome.

06/18	THU	10:00-11:30	WALT
07/16	THU	10:00-11:30	WALT

**1776: Where Were Your Ancestors?**

Join members of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Genealogical Society as they share personal stories of their ancestors in 1776. Through these stories, they will share interesting information about where and what those ancestors were doing during the establishment of our country and explain how they discovered records and uncovered their ancestors' stories.

07/19	SUN	2:00-3:00	WALT
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**Coming in August: America 250—Remember the Ladies: Stitching Together a Revolution**

YorK's presentation explores the role our founding mothers played in the American Revolution. The words of Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams resonate in the title. She beseeched her husband to "Remember the Ladies" as he and the Continental Congress created the document that would shape this new democracy. Women of the time used their cunning, creativity, and skills with the needle to craft a story of how they supported the efforts of the military. You'll meet activists, impersonators, and seamstresses who supported the war effort and in some cases changed its trajectory. Presented by Janie York.

08/16	SUN	2:00-3:00	WALT
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ALL AGES

**Pixel Party: How to Train Your Dragon**

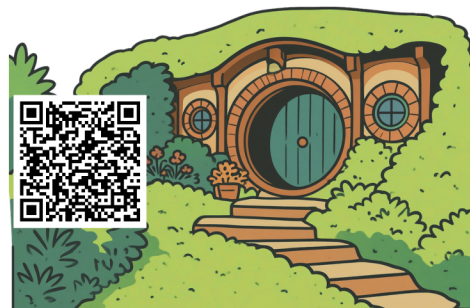
Celebrate summer vacation with a family fun movie at the library! Rated PG. Runtime: 1 hour 38 minutes.

05/22	FRI	10:30-12:30	WALT
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**Collaborative Reading Marathon: The Hobbit, or There and Back Again by J.R.R. Tolkien**

"You've been sitting quietly for far too long." Join us for a special eight-week community reading of this classic title. Read aloud with fellow participants, or come enjoy the story as part of the audience. Interested in volunteering as a reader? Scan the QR Code below to get signed up! Supported in part by the Staff Innovation Grant provided by the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries. With special thanks to HarperCollins and the Tolkien Estate for permissions granted.

06/09	TUE	6:00-7:30	WALT
06/16	TUE	6:00-7:30	WALT
06/23	TUE	6:00-7:30	WALT
06/30	TUE	6:00-7:30	WALT
07/07	TUE	5:30-6:00	WALT
07/14	TUE	5:30-6:00	WALT
07/21	TUE	5:30-6:00	WALT
07/28	TUE	5:30-6:00	WALT



**Fossil Frenzy Family Fun Night**

Nebraska was covered with water during the time of the dinosaurs! Join staff from Morrill Hall to learn about the fossils discovered in our state. Enjoy a relaxed evening of prehistoric activities, games, and crafts that the whole family will love.

06/11	THU	5:30-7:00	WALT
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**Cracked But Enduring: The Liberty Bell's Journey Through History**

Join the St. Leger Cowley Chapter NDSAR as we celebrate America250 with a special presentation on the Liberty Bell. Discover the story behind the Bell and its journey from a colonial-era object to a lasting symbol of liberty. Learn how its history reflects the evolving ideals of the United States and how it continues to resonate today.

06/15	MON	6:30-7:30	WALT
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ALL AGES Continued

**3D Printer Training**

Learn how to use a 3D printer! Come be trained on Walt's Bambu Lab A1 3D FDM printer and Anycubic Photon Mono M7 Pro SLA resin printer. Register online or by calling 402-441-4460. Must be 13+ years old or attend with an adult.

06/16	TUE	4:30-5:30	WALT
07/21	TUE	4:30-5:30	WALT

**Learn to Play Brick Like This**

Love LEGO bricks? Want to learn a fun new game that includes LEGO brick building and brain teasers? Come to Walt and learn to play the game Brick Like This! The game is great for families, teens, and adults. The game can be played with 2 to 8 players so bring everyone who loves games and LEGO bricks! This project was supported in part by state aid funding appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature, granted and administered by the Nebraska Library Commission.

06/22	MON	2:00-4:00	WALT
7/20	MON	2:00-4:00	WALT

**Pixel Party: GOAT**

Celebrate summer vacation with a family fun movie at the library! Rated: PG. Runtime: 1 hour 40 minutes.

06/29	MON	11:00-1:00	WALT
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**Stars, Stripes and Family Fun Night!**

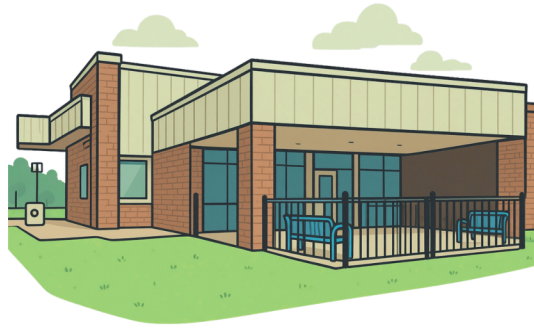
Celebrate America's 250th birthday! Bring the whole family for a fun evening of activities, games, and crafts. Step into history with members of the Sons of the American Revolution, who will share reproduction colonial-era artifacts, clothing, and documents for a hands-on look at life during America's founding.

07/09	THU	5:30-7:00	WALT
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**Pixel Party: Super Mario Galaxy**

Celebrate summer vacation with a family fun movie at the library! Rated: PG. Runtime: 1 hour 40 minutes.

07/27	MON	11:00-1:00	WALT
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YOUTH

**Edgerton Explorit Center: Raptorology**

This is a unique opportunity to view birds of prey through a true educational experience. You will get up close to the birds and learn the fun and fascinating facts of these amazing creatures including the identification of raptors, their natural habitat, and habits associated with their surroundings.

06/03	WED	10:30-11:15	WILL
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**Heavy Equipment Encounter**

Meet in the library parking lot to explore some of the machinery used by Lincoln's Transportation and Utilities Department. You'll even get to climb aboard some of these trucks!

06/10	WED	10:30-11:15	WILL
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**Stomp, Chomp, Roar: Dinosaurs at the Library**

Discover the fascinating history of the Tyrannosaurus Rex in a fun, interactive show! Kids will explore the science of paleontology, learn facts about dinosaurs, and imagine a world from long, long ago. Attendees will even get to take photos with a "baby dinosaur" at the end!

06/17	WED	11:00-11:45	WILL
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**Jurassic Journey**

Come to Williams and learn all about dinosaurs!

06/24	WED	11:00-12:00	WILL
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**Wildlife Encounters: Dig Into Adventure!**

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07/08	WED	10:30-11:15	WILL
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**Jurassic Magic with Jeff Quinn**

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07/22	WED	10:30-11:00	WILL
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YOUTH Continued

**Movie Day: Land Before Time**

Join us as an orphaned dinosaur makes friends while searching for food and water.

07/29	WED	11:00-12:30	WILL
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TEENS Grades 6-12

**Grow a Geode**

Create your own crystals using sugar and glue!

06/15	MON	11:00-12:00	WILL
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ADULTS

**Bird Watching at Nine-Mile Prairie**

Ready to become a birder? Meet us at Williams Branch Library where we will prepare for a group bird watching excursion at Nine-Mile Prairie. A number of binoculars will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Supported in part by the Staff Innovation Grant provided by the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries.

05/27	FRI	10:00-11:30	WILL
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ALL AGES

**Crafty Tuesdays**

Feeling creative? Need an outlet for your creativity? Explore your crafting potential on Tuesdays at Williams! Staff will guide you through a new craft each week.

06/02	TUE	11:00-12:00	WILL
06/09	TUE	11:00-12:00	WILL
06/16	TUE	11:00-12:00	WILL
06/23	TUE	11:00-12:00	WILL
06/30	TUE	11:00-12:00	WILL
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07/14	TUE	11:00-12:00	WILL
07/21	TUE	11:00-12:00	WILL
07/28	TUE	11:00-12:00	WILL

Holiday Closings

MEMORIAL DAY

Sunday, May 24, 2026  
Monday, May 25, 2026

JUNETEENTH

Friday, June 19, 2026

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Friday, July 3, 2026  
Saturday, July 4, 2026

