



LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES | PROGRAM GUIDE

Victor E. Anderson Branch
3635 Touzalin Ave. | 402-441-8540

Bennett Martin Public Library
136 S. 14th St. | 402-441-8530

YOUTH

Read to a Dog - Lola

Families, participate in the Read to a Dog program offered by LCL and Healing Heart Therapy Dogs, a local therapy dog organization. The program encourages children ages 5 to 12 to practice their reading by reading to a dog or cat. Therapy teams are partnered with children who read in 20-minute shifts once a week for six weeks. The session at Anderson Branch runs from March 20–April 24. Please email Shannon Kunz at slk0715@hotmail.com to register to read to Lola!

THURSDAYS 6:00–7:00 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.

04/06 SUN 1:00–3:00 ANDR

Check-It-Out Storytime

Join us for a special storytime, craft and treat to celebrate National Library Week!

04/09 WED 10:30–11:30 ANDR

ADULTS

Fiber Arts Workshop

The Fiber Arts Workshop provides a supportive space in which you can work on your unfinished quilting, sewing, knitting, crochet, embroidery, cross-stitch, or other fiber arts projects. Attendees bring their own supplies. All are encouraged to ask questions, offer advice and discuss techniques, as well as share finished projects during "show-and-tell." This workshop meets the second Wednesday of each month. Drop-in attendance is encouraged.

04/09 WED 6:00–7:45 ANDR

Paper Arts Workshop

The Paper Arts Workshop provides a supportive space in which you can work on your unfinished scrapbooking, cardmaking, paper cutting, quilling, origami, drawing, collage, or junk journal projects. Attendees bring their own supplies. All are encouraged to ask questions, offer advice and discuss techniques, as well as share finished projects during "show-and-tell." This workshop meets the third Wednesday of each month. Drop-in attendance is encouraged.

04/16 WED 6:00–7:45 ANDR

Downtown Parking is FREE:

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



YOUTH

Read to a Dog - Ikon

Families, participate in the Read to a Dog program offered by LCL and Healing Heart Therapy Dogs, a local therapy dog organization. The program encourages children ages 5 to 12 to practice their reading by reading to a dog or cat. Therapy teams are partnered with children who read in 20-minute shifts once a week for six weeks. The session at Bennett Martin Public Library runs from March 18–April 22. Please call Judy Vitamvas at 402-423-1498 to register to read to Ikon!

TUESDAYS 6:00–7:00 BMPL

Block Party!

LEGO bricks, Mega Blocks, giant cardboard blocks, wooden blocks, bristle blocks and more! Build whatever you'd like or ask us for a book-ish prompt. Join us for this informal, drop-in event.

04/15 TUE 4:00–6:00 BMPL

TEENS

Blackout Poetry

Think writing poetry is hard? Try blackout poetry where the words are already on the page - just cross out what you don't need to create your own unique poem! We'll provide examples, lots of book pages to blackout, and of course.....snacks. This program is designed for teens 11 - 18.

04/10 THU 4:00–5:00 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 typically 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.

04/14 MON 4:30–5:50 BMPL

04/28 MON 4:30–5:50 BMPL

ADULTS

Lunch at the Library—A Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors Program

Tosca Lee will discuss her book "The Long March Home: A World War II Novel of the Pacific," which is the 2025 One Book One Nebraska selection. Lunch at the Library is a program sponsored by the Nebraska Literary Heritage Association and Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries to benefit the Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors.

04/02 WED 12:10–1:00 BMPL

Discover the Library! A Tour for English Language Learners

At Lincoln City Libraries, we have many resources to help English Language Learners and their tutors. Come tour Bennett Martin Public Library and see what's available. Limited English speakers are welcome! Please register by emailing Caralyn at cknapp@lincoln.ne.gov.

04/06 SUN 2:00–3:00 BMPL

04/15 TUE 11:30–12:30 BMPL

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.

04/10 THU 6:00–7:00 BMPL

B.Y.O.B(ook) Club

This is not your traditional book club! Join us with a title or titles from your own reading life that follow the monthly discussion prompt and add to your own "To Be Read" list with recommendations from the group. We also love to share our current reads when time allows! This month's prompt: a book featuring a person with a disability.

04/16 WED 6:30–7:30 BMPL

Adult Story Time

Everyone likes being read to, so why should kids have all the fun? Join us for an evening of live readings (from short stories, novel fragments, poetry, plays, song lyrics, essays, etc), music samples from Nebraska performers or composers, adult coloring sheets, and a reading list. This month's theme: Readings celebrating National Poetry Month!

04/17 THU 6:30–7:30 BMPL



ADULTS Continued

Just Desserts Mystery Fiction Discussion Group

Read any one or more of the five mystery novels by Janice Hallett: The Appeal, The Twyford Code, The Mysterious Case of the Alperton Angels, The Examiner or the novella The Christmas Appeal. These will be discussed in broad terms, as group members will have read differing titles. Attendees will also share a round robin of what else they've been reading the past month, emphasizing mysteries.

04/24 THU 6:30-7:45 BMPL

Crafternoon - Origami Crane Wall Hanging

Origami cranes can symbolize many things; friendship, strength, loyalty, peace or good fortune. Join us to learn the art of folding these meaningful birds and create a beautiful wall hanging for your home. All supplies are provided, but space limited. Registration is required.

04/27 SUN 2:00-4:00 BMPL



Eiseley Branch Library
1730 Superior St. | 402-441-4250

ALL AGES

Create Your Own Sensory Bottle

This craft will repurpose clear plastic bottles and transform them into sensory bottles using glitter, confetti, food dyes, and other various miniatures. This program is in recognition of April as Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month.

04/11 FRI 10:30-11:30 EISE

YOUTH

Silly Stories with Susan

Join us for fun crafts and silly stories to celebrate April Fools' Day.

04/01 TUE 6:30-7:30 EISE

Read to a Dog - Arlo

Participate in the Read to a Dog program offered by LCL and Healing Heart Therapy Dogs, a local therapy dog organization. The program encourages children ages 5 to 12 to practice their reading by reading to a dog or cat. Therapy teams are partnered with children who read in 20-minute shifts once a week for six weeks. The session at Eiseley Branch runs from March 19-April 23. Please call or text Cindy Wright at 402-432-8289 to register to read to Arlo!

WEDNESDAYS 6:00-7:00 EISE

Play Time for Youth

We invite children and parents/caregivers to play with our developmental toy collection. We have set aside this time because research shows the importance of unstructured play for children. Caregivers and parents - please remember to supervise your children while you visit and look for books.

04/06 SUN 1:00-2:00 EISE

04/13 SUN 1:00-2:00 EISE

04/27 SUN 1:00-2:00 EISE

ADULTS

Once Upon A Crime - Crimes of the 1990s

Do you love True Crime and local mysteries? Join us for all things criminal where we discuss current crime obsessions. Bring your favorite stories to share, and get sentenced to FUN.

04/08 TUE 6:30-7:45 EISE

ADULTS Continued

Technology Basics Workshop

Grow your computer skills with this free technology basics workshop. Use a library laptop or your own device. Attendees will be awarded a certificate of completion. This digital literacy workshop is part of a national collaboration supported by the Public Library Association and AT&T. Using resources from Digitallearn.org and available through AT&T ScreenReady, workshops will help community members build skills and confidence using technology. Registration is required.

Computer Basics (Windows 11): Learn how to navigate the Windows 11 operating system, manage applications using the task manager, find and manage files and folders, save and delete files and more!

04/15 TUE 6:00-7:30 EISE

Internet Basics: Learn basic terminology, functionality, and navigation of internet browsers, search engines and websites.

04/22 TUE 6:00-7:30 EISE

Email Basics: Attendees will create a Gmail account, learn how to perform basic email functions like send, receive and reply, recognize and deal with spam, organize and delete emails and search for messages.

04/29 TUE 6:00-7:30 EISE

Seed and Plant Exchange

Have extra seeds or plants you are willing to share or exchange for something new? Bring them to Eiseley! Meet fellow gardeners in your community and swap seeds, plants, and tricks of the trade. No seeds? No problem. Grab some seeds to start spring off right.

04/26 SAT 11:00-1:00 EISE

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

YOUTH

Check-It-Out Storytime

Join us for a special storytime, craft and treat to celebrate National Library Week!

04/10 THU 10:30-11:30 BETH

ADULTS

Bethany BookTalks

Each weekly BookTalks session features a different presenter sharing their reading recommendations. Registration is not required and drop-in attendance is encouraged.

Jodene will share some of her recent reads as well as what she's been up to since becoming the Assistant Director of Lincoln City Libraries.

04/04 FRI 10:30-11:30 BETH

To celebrate National Library Week, Victoria is bringing a stack of books all about libraries and librarians!

04/11 FRI 10:30-11:30 BETH

Debbie, a former LCL staff member and current Fairbury Library Director, will share what she has been reading.

04/18 FRI 10:30-11:30 BETH

More good reads from the BookTalk duo, Karrie and Steph. You'll want to check these out!

04/25 FRI 10:30-11:30 BETH

Gere Branch Library
2400 S. 56th St. | 402-441-8560

ALL AGES

Family Fun Night with Community Crops

This month's Family Fun Night will feature special guests from the Community Crops Program of Family Service Lincoln. Bring the family to Gere for a variety of gardening related activities for kids and grownups to do together and learn more about starting your own garden this spring.

04/01 TUE 5:30-7:00 GERE

3D Showcase

Come visit our 3D Showcase and see what we've been making with our 3D printers! Projects include fidget toys, articulating creatures, miniatures, dice holders, geometric shapes, LED candle holders, bookmarks, etc. Your imagination is the limit!

04/28 MON 6:30-7:00 GERE

YOUTH

Read to a Dog - Wrench

Participate in the Read to a Dog program offered by LCL and Healing Heart Therapy Dogs, a local therapy dog organization. The program encourages children ages 5 to 12 to practice their reading by reading to a dog or cat. Therapy teams are partnered with children who read in 20-minute shifts once a week for six weeks. The session at Gere Branch runs from March 17–April 21. Please email or call Dr. Mimi Harvey at huskerdvm@gmail.com or 402-217-9019 to register to read to Wrench!

MONDAYS 6:00–7:30 GERE

Read to a Cat - Rainy

Lincoln City Libraries invites families to participate in the Read to a Dog program offered by LCL and Healing Heart Therapy Dogs, a local therapy dog organization. The program encourages children ages 5 to 12 to practice their reading by reading to a dog or cat. Therapy teams are partnered with children who read in 20-minute shifts once a week for six weeks. The session at Gere Branch runs from March 18–April 22. Please email Allison Frederick at allisontalkpets@gmail.com to register to read to Rainy the Cat!

TUESDAYS 6:30–7:30 GERE

Read to a Dog - Sooky

Participate in the Read to a Dog program offered by LCL and Healing Heart Therapy Dogs, a local therapy dog organization. The program encourages children ages 5 to 12 to practice their reading by reading to a dog or cat. Therapy teams are partnered with children who read in 20-minute shifts once a week for six weeks. The session at Gere Branch runs from March 19–April 23. Please email Lynn Kalemkarian at lynnkal@aol.com to register to read to Sooky!

WEDNESDAYS 6:00–7:15 GERE

TEENS

Random Fandom: G.O.A.T Powerpoint Party

Come prepared with a 5-minute slideshow to convince the group why your favorite movie, TV show, book, video game, or other media is the Greatest of All Time or play Powerpoint Karaoke and improv a presentation based on random slides. Email cobrien@lincoln.ne.gov or call 402-441-8560 to claim a time slot if you plan to prepare a slideshow. This event is part of our Teen Programming schedule and intended for ages 11-17

04/14 MON 6:00–7:00 GERE

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 encouraged!

04/02 WED 1:00–2:30 GERE
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Bring-Your-Own-Craft Club

Stuck on a project? Need space to focus and work in peace? Join us at the library to participate in the Bring-Your-Own Craft Club where you can work in a quiet setting to get your craft projects done. Bring your craft supplies and a pair of headphones to listen to music if you'd like!

04/02 WED 5:30–6:30 GERE

Demystifying Mechanics

A presentation of Demystifying Mechanics: a basic intro on how 4-stroke engines work.

04/05 SAT 11:00–12:00 GERE

Technology Basics Workshop

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Videoconferencing Basics: In this workshop, attendees will learn how to create an account on popular video conferencing platform Zoom and build confidence when using features of the platform in an online meeting.

04/04 FRI 10:00–11:30 GERE

Mobile Device Basics: This workshop is for those who have an Android or iOS mobile device and want to learn more about the basic functions. It will support learners to get connected, identify common apps, and build confidence in using their device safely. Grow your phone skills with this free technology basics workshop.

04/11 FRI 10:00–11:30 GERE

ADULTS Continued

Gere BookTalks

Please join us for a casual book discussion where a library staff member will start off by talking about something they've been reading. Each person will have an opportunity to 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 know about or to spread the word about books you love!

04/07 MON 2:00–3:00 GERE

Short & Strange - Short Fiction Reading Group

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. Registration is preferred, but drop-ins are welcome. Registrants will receive a reading list in advance.

04/07 MON 6:30–7:30 GERE

Make, Do and Mend

An informal meetup for people who like to make stuff and repair things - especially garments and other portable textile-based projects. Share skills, socialize, reduce waste and have fun! Some tools and materials will be available, but feel free to bring materials to share or swap.

04/12 SAT 3:30–4:30 GERE

Reading After Dark

Do you miss the chills and thrills of spooky season? Do you long to be haunted year-round? Join us once a month for a ghoulishly-good book club where we will discuss creepy characters and petrifying plot twists!

04/16 WED 6:30–7:30 GERE

Page-to-Screen

Explore movies based on stories in our collection! Attendees are encouraged, but not required, to read the book before we watch the film. This month's feature: The Tomb of Ligeia (1964). Based on the short story "Ligeia" by Edgar Allan Poe. Not rated. Runtime 95 minutes. Refreshments will be provided

04/21 MON 5:00–7:30 GERE

Trivia Night: Pop Culture

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.

04/29 TUE 6:30–7:30 GERE

ALL AGES

South Family Craft - Plant Pots

Stop by the South Branch to decorate plant pots and start seeds for your garden.

04/15 TUE 5:30-7:00 SOUTH

ADULTS

Crafternoon - Zine Making Workshop

What is a Zine? Zines are typically small self-published books that can be distributed using a photocopy. This zine making workshop will give you a brief introduction to the history of zine making and give you all the tools necessary (and un-) to create your own! A zine can be anything you want it to be and more importantly, it can be ABOUT anything - a recipe, a sewing guide or even a music review. The art of zine making is all about you. Bring your ideas and any odds or ends you might want to include in your zine. Registration is required.

04/27 SUN 2:00-3:30 SOUTH

ALL AGES

Family Fun Night

Enjoy an unstructured evening with seasonal activities, games and crafts that are fun for the whole family.

04/03 THU 5:30-7:00 WALT

3D Printer/Fusion 360 Training

Learn how to use Walt's Bambu 3D printer and 3D design software Auto CAD Fusion 360. Register online or by calling 402-441-4460. Must be 13+ years old or attend with an adult.

04/15 TUE 4:30-5:30 WALT

YOUTH

Read to a Dog - Xena

Families, participate in the Read to a Dog program offered by LCL and Healing Heart Therapy Dogs, a local therapy dog organization. The program encourages children ages 5 to 12 to practice their reading by reading to a dog or cat. Therapy teams are partnered with children who read in 20-minute shifts once a week for six weeks. The session at Walt Branch runs from March 17 through April 21. Please email Deb Lambrecht at dlambrecht59@gmail.com to register to read to Xena!

MONDAYS 6:00-7:30 WALT

Event details are subject to change. Please visit LincolnLibraries.org or call 402-441-8500.

YOUTH Continued

LEGO Brick Sunday

Drop in and free-build with our LEGO brick collection.

04/27 SUN 2:00-4:00 WALT

TEENS

Dice Guild

Come one and all! Players of all levels! A guild for adventurers, mystery-seekers and pathfinders of imagination!

Featuring: Dungeons and Dragons 5E.

04/03 THU 3:30-5:30 WALT

04/17 THU 3:30-5:30 WALT

Dice Guild One-Shot: Murder Mystery

A guild for adventurers, mystery-seekers and pathfinders of imagination! In this special one day session, we'll enter a world of intrigue and deception. Learn the mechanics, create a character (or two), and prepare for a battle of whits! Costumes welcomed!

04/26 SAT 2:00-5:00 WALT

ADULTS

Circle of Friends

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04/22 TUE 1:00-2:30 WALT

04/29 TUE 1:00-2:30 WALT

Crafternoon - Seasonal Products from Nature

We will discuss gathering botanicals and demonstrate how to create soothing balms and salves from seasonal ingredients. All supplies will be provided. Safety Note: Heating equipment will be used. Closed-toe shoes and fitted clothing are required. Registration is required online or by calling 402-441-4460.

04/13 SUN 2:00-4:00 WALT

Silent Library

Enjoy refreshments from The Mill, a book swap and peace to read in silence.

04/16 WED 6:00-7:30 WALT

From Cosmos to the Common - Math is the Center of It All

Celebrate National Mathematics and Statistics Month with an entertaining and educational program with Paul Durbin that reveals how math is the center of everything from the common to the cosmos.

04/24 THU 6:30-7:30 WALT

ADULTS Continued

Adult Trivia Night

Impress your friends and learn a few new facts at Walt's Adult trivia night. Sign in starts at 5:30 pm with trivia starting promptly at 6:00 pm. Register a team of up to six people online. Walk-in individuals and teams are welcome, but space is limited.

04/27 SUN 6:00-7:30 WALT

TEENS

After-School Special

Hang out with your friends after school to play games, create crafts and enjoy other fun activities!

04/01 TUE 4:30-5:30 WILL

04/08 TUE 4:30-5:30 WILL

04/15 TUE 4:30-5:30 WILL

04/22 TUE 4:30-5:30 WILL

04/29 TUE 4:30-5:30 WILL

ADULTS

Senior Coffee

Join library staff on the second Friday of the month for Air Park Community Center's Senior Coffee group. Learn about library resources and enjoy some coffee with community members.

04/11 FRI 10:00-11:00 WILL

Storytime Schedule



Lincoln City Libraries
2025 Summer Reading Challenge
May 23 to July 31

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

EASTER
Sunday, April 20, 2025