



## 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



Downtown Parking is FREE:

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



### YOUTH Continued

#### Ballet Storytime

Join us for a morning of books and ballet. Library staff will lead a movement-filled storytime. After, watch as the American Midwest Ballet performers demonstrate a dance from The Curiouser and Curiouser Adventures of Alice in Wonderland. Audience participation is encouraged. Feel free to come dressed in your best ballet gear! Part of our Children's Book Week Celebration!

05/06 TUE 10:15-10:45 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.

05/20 TUE 4:00-6:00 BMPL

#### Build a Nest, Meet a Chick!

Join us for Build a Nest, Meet a Chick! A hands-on STEAM adventure where kids will learn how birds build nests, observe real baby chicks, and create their own cozy nests. Perfect for preschool and early elementary learners!

05/28 WED 6:00-7:00 BMPL

### TEENS

#### 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.

05/12 MON 4:30-5:50 BMPL

05/19 MON 4:30-5:50 BMPL

### ADULTS

#### Ames Reading Series—A Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors Program

Lincoln City Libraries and the Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors invites you to a very special John H. Ames Reading series event. Local YA authors, Allison Bitz and Alena Bruzas, will join us to read from their recent books!

05/04 SUN 2:00-3:00 BMPL

### YOUTH

#### 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.

05/04 SUN 1:00-3:00 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. Drop-in attendance is encouraged.

05/14 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. Drop-in attendance is encouraged.

05/21 WED 6:00-7:45 ANDR

### ALL AGES

#### The Evan LeBouef Quartet: The History of Fakebooks!

The Evan LeBouef Quartet will bring the sounds of both familiar and unfamiliar jazz tunes to the Polley Music Library, as we look at the history of how "fakebooks" regularly used by jazz and pop musicians came to exist. We'll look at some Tune-Dex cards that eventually led to the fakebook format we all know and love today, as well as a homemade fakebook once used by Lincoln's own Ruth Seacrest, while listening to some selections from these rare materials!

05/10 SAT 2:00-3:00 BMPL

### YOUTH

#### Dia Bilingual Storytime with ASL

Join us for a special bilingual storytime celebrating El dia de los ninos/El dia de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day)! Enjoy stories, songs, and activities in English and American Sign Language (ASL) as we celebrate the joy of books, language, and culture. Perfect for children ages 2 - 7 and their families.

05/02 FRI 10:15-11:00 BMPL

#### Kids Collage Workshop

We're kicking off our celebration of Children's Book Week with a collage workshop for kids inspired by classic collage illustrations in picture books. Our librarian will read a collage-illustrated picture book to spark inspiration. Then the team from Stuff Creative Reuse will lead an open-ended collage workshop. Come prepared to create!

05/04 SUN 3:30-4:30 BMPL

## Bookmobile Schedule



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.

05/10 SAT 4:00–5:00 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: Selections from One Book One Lincoln nominees!

05/15 THU 6:30–7:30 BMPL

**Researching Lincoln House History**

Join the Lincoln-Lancaster County Genealogical Society to learn how to research your home! Learn how to find information about when it was built as well as discovering the story of people who have lived there before. The presenter, Becky Martin, will share how she did this with the history of her own 109-year-old house. Learn how to research where you've lived, worked, gone to school, or any other important place in your life. A handout of research sites will be provided.

05/17 SAT 11:00–12:00 BMPL

**Crafternoon - Decorative Storage Tin with Old Maps**

We will be upcycling empty cookie tins into decorative storage using old maps and other embellishments. Join us to create this attractive and useful craft. All supplies are provided, but space is limited. Registration is required.

05/18 SUN 2:00–4:00 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 with a one-word title.

05/21 WED 6:30–7:30 BMPL

ADULTS Continued

**Just Desserts Mystery Fiction Discussion Group**

The Just Desserts Mystery Group will host its annual "Series Share" session. Read the first or second book in any NEW mystery/suspense/thriller series launched in 2023–2025, then share your thoughts. Afterward, enjoy a round-robin discussion of other mystery reads from the past month.

05/29 THU 6:30–7:45 BMPL

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

ALL AGES

**Bethany in Bloom**

The Bethany Neighborhood Association is celebrating spring up and down the street. Stop into the library for fun activities; then check out all the excitement right outside our doors!

05/03 SAT 10:00–4:00 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.

Scott C. is back for an encore performance featuring his recent reads.

05/02 FRI 10:30–11:30 BETH

Everyone's favorite dog trainer, Marcy, will be talking about fiction and non-fiction books she's read in the last year.

05/09 FRI 10:30–11:30 BETH

Nobody is more enthusiastic about books than Susan. Come hear all about what she's been reading.

05/16 FRI 10:30–11:30 BETH

Be the first to hear the top ten One Book One Lincoln choices as Jen shares the inside scoop.

05/23 FRI 10:30–11:30 BETH

Bookchat day. Bring the best book you heard booktalked this spring!

05/30 FRI 10:30–11:30 BETH

Eiseley Branch Library  
1530 Superior St. | 402-441-4250

ALL AGES

**Spring Scavenger Hunt**

Pick up the outside Spring scavenger hunt at Eiseley during the month of May.

MAY EISE

YOUTH

**Mayday! Storytime**

Join us for an emergency storytime! We'll be reading stories about first responders and talking safety!

05/06 TUE 6:30–7:30 EISE

**Life Cycle of the Butterfly**

May is a month of change. Visit Eiseley to observe the four stages of the butterfly life cycle.

MAY 7–MAY 29 EISE

**Play Time for Youth**

We invite children and parents/caregivers to play with our developmental toy collection. 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.

05/04 SUN 1:00–2:00 EISE

05/11 SUN 1:00–2:00 EISE

05/18 SUN 1:00–2:00 EISE

ADULTS

**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, build skills and confidence using technology. Registration is required.

**Cybersecurity Basics:** Learn how to be safer online with accounts/passwords and how to be aware of online frauds and scams.

05/13 TUE 6:00–7:30 EISE

**Videoconferencing Basics:** 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.

05/20 TUE 6:00–7:30 EISE

**Mobile Device Basics:** 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.

05/27 TUE 6:00–7:30 EISE

**Once Upon A Crime - Art Heists**

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.

05/13 TUE 6:30–7:45 EISE





ADULTS

**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!

05/05 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.

05/05 MON 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!

05/07 WED 1:00-2:30 GERE

05/14 WED 1:00-2:30 GERE

05/21 WED 1:00-2:30 GERE

05/28 WED 1:00-2:30 GERE

**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.

05/07 WED 5:30-6:30 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.

05/10 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.

05/14 WED 6:30-7:30 GERE

ADULTS Continued

**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 Last Man on Earth (1964). Based on the novel "I Am Legend" by Richard Matheson. Not rated. Runtime 86 minutes. Refreshments will be provided.

05/19 MON 5:00-7:30 GERE

**Trivia Night: Lincoln/Nebraska**

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.

05/27 TUE 6:30-7:30 GERE

ALL AGES

**Family Fun Night: Children's Book Week**

Join us in a celebration of our favorite children's book characters with crafts, games, and activities inspired by the books we love.

05/06 TUE 5:30-7:00 GERE

**Stuffed Animal Prints**

We bet you've never tried this craft before! Bring an old, discardable teddy bear or stuffed animal from home, or use one from our (limited) collection, and we'll dip them in paint and "stamp" their prints on paper and poster board. The result: a unique poster, gift or memory. Join in on a one-of-a-kind experiment in creativity! Registration is required.

05/24 SAT 4:00-5:00 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!

05/28 WED 6:30-7:00 GERE

TEENS

**Random Fandom: D & D Dungeon Crawl**

If you're an adventurer searching for glory, look no further. Join us for a one-hour D & D session where you will try to defeat your foes and save the villagers! Pre-generated characters will be provided. No experience is necessary. Registration is encouraged. This event is part of our Teen Programming and is intended for ages 11-17.

05/12 MON 6:00-7:00 GERE

South Branch Library  
2675 South St. | 402-441-8570



YOUTH

**Construction Crew**

Hang out and explore the library's collection of LEGO bricks, KEVA planks, and other building and STEAM toys during this unstructured playtime.

05/20 TUE 5:30-7:00 SOUTH

ADULTS

**Crafternoon - Making and Decorating Small Notebooks**

Join us and learn how to make small notebooks. We will create and decorate three simple designs. All supplies will be provided. Registration online is required.

05/18 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.

05/01 THU 5:30-7:00 WALT

**3D Printer/Fusion 360 Training**

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

05/20 TUE 4:30-5:30 WALT

**Pixel Party**

School is out for summer vacation so celebrate with a family fun movie at the library! Dog Man - Rated: PG. Runtime: 1 hour 34 minutes.

05/23 FRI 10:30-12:30 WALT

YOUTH

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05/07 WED 11:00-11:30 WALT

**LEGO Brick Sunday**

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

05/18 SUN 2:00-4:00 WALT

**Girls Who Code Club - Grades 3 - 5**

Build the foundational skills and understanding of computer science concepts and fellowship through reading discussions and coding activities. Open to kids in grades 3 - 5. Walt Branch's Girls Who Code Club (NE58652)

05/31 SAT 3:30-4:30 WALT

TEENS

**Dice Guild**

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

05/01 THU 3:30-5:30 WALT

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**Crafternoon - Crafty Closet Cleanout**

It's a crafty-closet-cleanout! You bring the inspiration and we will bring the supplies. Design something for yourself, make a Mother's Day gift, or bring your mom and craft something together. Creativity is calling! Register online or by calling 402-441-4460.

05/11 SUN 2:00-4:00 WALT

**Silent Library**

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

05/21 WED 6:00-7:30 WALT

Williams Branch Library  
4900 Mike Scholl St. | 402-441-8580

YOUTH

**Life Cycle of the Butterfly**

May is a month of change. Visit Williams to observe the four stages of the butterfly life cycle.

MAY 8-MAY 29 WILL

TEENS

**After-School Special**

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

05/06 TUE 4:30-5:30 WILL

05/13 TUE 4:30-5:30 WILL

5/20 TUE 4:30-5:30 WILL

ADULTS

**Senior Coffee**

From May 30 through August 8, join Air Park Community Center's Senior Coffee group each Friday for coffee and conversation in the Williams Branch Library meeting room from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Library staff will join the group on the second Friday of each month to share information about library resources.




05/09 FRI 10:00-11:00 WILL

**AROUND TOWN STORYWALKS  
MAY 5-MAY 11**

StoryWalks are a fun and physically active way to engage in reading OUTSIDE during Children's Book Week (May 5 - 11).

Take a self-guided stroll at any of the three park sites across the City and enjoy successive pages from a children's story along your path.

StoryWalk sites:

-  **Krueger Park**  
W. Peach Street and SW 31st Street
-  **Schroder Park**  
W. Folsom Ave. & W. B Street
-  **Woods Park**  
33rd and O Street

The StoryWalk Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle and Pedestrian Coalition (VBPC) and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.



**Storytime Schedule**



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

**HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY  
Sunday, May 25-Monday, May 26, 2025