The 87th year of the Lincoln City Libraries Summer Reading Challenge is on!
Friday, May 24 to Wednesday, July 31, 2024
Adventure begins at Lincoln City Libraries!

Sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge for the chance to win fantastic prize packages.

Splish Splash Storytime
An interactive storytime at the pool! Geared for ages five and under with their adult. This free 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. All children must be accompanied by someone 16 years of age or older.

Highlands Aquatic Center
06/07 FRI 10:00–11:00
Woods Spray Park
06/14 FRI 10:00–11:00
Ballard Pool
06/21 FRI 10:00–11:00
Arnold Heights Pool
06/28 FRI 10:00–11:00

Star City Shores Aquatic Center
07/05 FRI 10:00–11:00
Belmont Pool
07/12 FRI 10:00–11:00
University Place Aquatic Center
07/19 FRI 10:00–11:00
Eden Pool
07/26 FRI 10:00–11:00
Irvingdale Pool
08/02 FRI 10:00–11:00

Library Appreciation Night at the Saltdogs Stadium!
Celebrate Summer Reading at the Library Appreciation Night at the Saltdogs Stadium!
06/07 FRI 7:00–9:00
08/06 TUE 7:00–9:00

Teen Book Swap
It's back! We're doing the teen book swap again, but this summer we're doing it at Peter Pan Park (32nd and W Streets)! Whether you bike, skate or walk, bring your gently used books to trade; we'll be close to the skate park and the trail. Lincoln City Libraries will be there with fun swag and a chance to sign up for the summer reading challenge.
06/09 SUN 1:00–3:00
ALL AGES

Family Bingo
Grab your grandma, call your cousins, find a friend, and join us for a fun evening of BINGO! Light refreshments will be served. All ages are welcome!
07/23 TUE 6:00–7:30 ANDR

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. Space is limited. Admittance begins one hour prior to event.
06/04 TUE 1:30–2:15 ANDR
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06/18 TUE 1:30–2:15 ANDR

Outside the Box
Whether you see a spaceship, a tugboat or a fire truck, it’s not a box. Join us for a day of building and imagination. Space is limited. Admittance begins one hour prior to event.
06/25 TUE 1:30–2:30 ANDR

YOUTH Continued

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Closing Ceremonies
Just as the Summer Games begin in Paris, we’re wrapping up Summer Reading here at Lincoln City Libraries. Stop in for some gold medal crafts, games and fun. Don’t forget to pick up your Summer Reading prize coupons while you’re here!
07/30 TUE 2:00–3:30 ANDR

TEENS

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! This is a Teen event intended for grades 6-12.
06/03 MON 1:30–3:00 ANDR

Food Frenzy
Jelly beans, donuts, and whip cream pies! Do you have what it takes to Go for the Gold? Space is limited. Registration is required. This is a Teen event intended for grades 6-12.
06/24 MON 1:30–3:00 ANDR

Book Art
Join us for an afternoon of book-folding. Find out how to turn an old book into a new work of art! This is a Teen event intended for grades 6-12.
07/15 MON 1:30–3:00 ANDR

Buttons for Your Backpack
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 button! This is a Teen event intended for grades 6-12.
07/22 MON 1:30–3:00 ANDR

ADULTS

At Home on the Road
You are invited to hear library staff member Christina S. describe traveling the country in an RV, accompanied by her husband and their dogs. Working different jobs along the way, they saw national parks, famous landmarks and natural wonders. Whether you have dreamed of doing this yourself, or just want to hear a great travel story, you will love hearing about life on the road and seeing some great photos. For a real taste of the nomadic life, we will also be sampling some of Christina’s favorite road trip snacks.
06/13 THU 6:30–7:30 ANDR
Learn about Raptors!
The Raptor Conservation Alliance provides care for injured and orphaned raptors (birds) in our Nebraska community. Join RCA volunteers and real raptor ambassadors as we learn about raptors importance and how to keep them safe.
06/13 THU 10:30–11:15 BMPL

Block Party!
This event has everything: LEGO Bricks, Mega Bloks, giant cardboard blocks and more! We will provide a book-inspired prompt, but you’re free to follow that or just use our variety of blocks to build whatever you’d like. We’ll also provide some cool tunes and party lighting. Join us for this informal, drop-in event.
06/18 TUE 4:30–6:30 BMPL
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06/20 THU 10:30–11:15 BMPL

Yoga for Kids
Kids and caregivers are invited to join Yoga instructor Deb Buck in a 45-minute yoga practice geared toward children. Practice poses, breathing, and different techniques to leave the session feeling strong and centered. Please bring a yoga mat or blanket if you can.
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The "Tradition" in Traditional Folk Music
Join David Seay in this interactive folk music presentation. He’ll share stories and demonstrate folk instruments such as the harmonica, penny whistle, ocarina, pan pipes, yak horn, and more!
07/25 THU 10:30–11:15 BMPL

Adult Storytime
Everyone likes being read to, so why should kids have all the fun? Join us for an evening of live readings (from books, poetry, plays, song lyrics, essays, etc.), music samples with a Nebraska connection, and optional carry-away adult coloring sheets, crafts and reading lists.
06/20 THU 6:30–7:30 BMPL
07/18 THU 6:30–7:30 BMPL
08/15 THU 6:30–7:30 BMPL

B.Y.O.(ook) Club
This is not your traditional book club! Join us with a title (or titles) from your reading life that follow the monthly discussion prompt and add to your own To Be Read list with recommendations from the group. This month’s prompt: a book with an unreliable narrator.
06/26 WED 6:30–7:30 BMPL
This month’s prompt: a book with a cold setting for a warm month.
07/17 WED 6:30–7:30 BMPL
This month’s prompt: a book you hid from your parents.
08/21 WED 6:30–7:30 BMPL
Just Desserts Mystery Fiction Discussion Group
Looking for a thrilling read? This is the book discussion group for you. After the assigned reading portion of each meeting, there is a round-robin for attendees to share recommendations, with an emphasis on mysteries/suspense/thrillers.
William Landay’s “All That is Mine I Carry With Me.”
06/27 THU 6:30–7:45 BMPL
Emma Rosenblum’s “Bad Summer People.”
07/25 THU 6:30–7:45 BMPL
2023 mystery novel “Crook Manifesto” by Colson Whitehead, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of “The Underground Railroad” and “The Nickel Boys.”
08/07 THU 6:30–7:45 BMPL

LEGO Brick Building for Grownups
Create your own adventure at the library! We think you are never too grown-up to enjoy building with LEGO bricks and deserve some adult time to explore your imagination. We will provide the blocks for you to free-build or get inspired by a design from one of our books. Space is limited. Registration is required.
07/14 SUN 2:00–3:30 BMPL

Lincoln Cinema History: The Sequel!
In an interactive sequel to last summer’s Lincoln History presentation, join us for a walking tour in the downtown area covering the locations of historic movie houses from Lincoln’s past. Starting at Bennett Martin Public Library, this walking tour will cover approximately 14 blocks of downtown sidewalks. Listen as tour guide and cinema enthusiast Scott Clark shows you where movie theaters used to exist in downtown Lincoln, from the early 1900s through today. Attendees will receive a Downtown Lincoln Cinemas walking tour pamphlet to follow along.
08/04 SUN 2:00–3:30 BMPL

ADULTS Continued

Crafternoon - Mini-Room in a Laundry Bottle
This month we will upcycle something everyone has in their home - a laundry detergent container! Our guest presenter, Carrie K., will guide the class on how to turn this everyday object into a mini-laundry room using templates and other small items. All supplies are provided, but space is limited. Registration is required.
06/23 SUN 2:00–4:00 BMPL

Crafternoon - Origami Butterfly Garland
Create a beautiful and delicate origami butterfly garland to decorate your home. Using old book pages, we will learn to fold butterflies in the origami style and string them together to create a lovely garland. All supplies are provided, but space is limited. Registration is required.
07/28 SUN 2:00–4:00 BMPL

Crafternoon - Soda Can Windchimes
Take advantage of those windy Nebraska days by creating something beautiful for your outdoor space! This month we will be upcycling soda cans to create fun and attractive windchimes. We will provide the supplies and tools, but space is limited. Registration is required.
08/25 SUN 2:00–4:00 BMPL

Music Exploration with Music Studio LNK YOUTH
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08/04 SUN 12:30–1:30 BMPL

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08/05 MON 6:00–7:00 BMPL

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

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ADULTS

Bethany BookTalks Weekly Group
Join other readers for book chats, where book lovers are invited to come together and share information about what they have been reading recently. All are welcome! Registration is not required, and drop-in attendance is encouraged.
FRIDAYS 10:30–11:30 BETH

YOUTH

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Movie Day
Get ready for Father’s Day with a movie that has it all - an evil mastermind surrounded by his evil henchmen who becomes a dad when orphans come calling.
06/09 SUN 2:00–3:30 EISE
Come play with LEGO Bricks at Stay and Play and then stay for the movie about the popular toy!
07/14 SUN 2:00–3:30 EISE

Bingo
B-I-N-G-O and bingo is the game! We're playing bingo again this summer. Join in the fun and win some swell prizes.
06/23 SUN 6:30–7:30 EISE
07/28 SUN 6:30–7:30 EISE

International Friendship Day
Whether your friends live near or far, drop by Eiseley to make a friendship bracelet. Supplies will be available in Youth Services.
07/30 TUE 2:00–4:00 EISE

Edgerton Explorit Center: Spaceflight Explorers
In this show, we investigate the science of spaceflight: how we get into space (and where it begins) and how living and working in space is different compared to Earth. We'll even perform feats of speed, agility and skill for all.
06/03 MON 10:30–11:15 EISE

Ahoy, Mateys!
Adventure awaits at Eiseley! Susan is looking for a crew to help sail into summer! Join her for stories and adventures on the high sea. Dress for adventure!
06/04 TUE 6:30–7:30 EISE

Camping Day
Pack your bug spray and experience the great outdoors from the comfort of your library! We'll have a variety of camping-related activities for everyone.
06/12 WED 2:00–3:30 EISE

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Pop into Storytime
Celebrate summer with stories that pop! We'll have some fun summer games and stories.
07/02 TUE 6:30–7:30 EISE

Play Day
Start your holiday weekend off with a bang! All of our developmental toys will be out for free play.
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Illustrator Visit with Chloe Burgett
Join artist Chloe Burgett at the library to hear more about how she draws pictures for children's books! All artists are welcome to draw a fun character with Chloe for your own story.
07/09 TUE 7:00–7:45 EISE

Hobbit Field Day
Celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Lord of the Rings, we're hosting a hobbit field day. Make sure to fuel up with your second breakfast to compete; there will be feats of speed, agility and skill for all.
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Adventures in Art
Come paint, sculpt, and scribble your way to a masterpiece!
07/24 WED 2:00–3:30 EISE

Sprinkler Day
Finish summer with a splash and join us for sprinkler day. Bring the sunscreen; we'll bring the fun!
07/31 WED 2:00–3:30 EISE
Eiseley Branch Library
1530 Superior St. | 402-441-4250

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Summer Reading Kick-Off Party
This summer, Adventure Begins at Your Library. Drop by to sign up for the summer reading challenge and explore activities and crafts for the whole family.
06/01 SAT 1:00–3:00 GERE

Family Fun Night: Camp Crafts
Enjoy making crafts like those you brought home from summer camp and playing classic camp games. Gere Family Fun Nights feature crafts, games and activities for families to enjoy together.
06/04 TUE 5:30–7:00 GERE

Ukulele Club
This 4-part program will be an introduction to the Ukulele that can help get beginners up and running.
06/05 WED 6:30–7:30 GERE
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Theater Arts Academy Preview
Join us for a preview of the Theater Arts Academy’s upcoming musical. This short program will feature performances by youth enrolled in the Theater Arts Academy at the Lincoln Community Playhouse.
Willy Wonka Kids.
06/28 FRI 11:30–12:00 GERE
The Jungle Book Kids
07/12 FRI 11:30–12:00 GERE
Finding Nemo Kids
07/26 FRI 11:30–12:00 GERE
Imagine a Dragon
08/09 FRI 11:30–12:00 GERE

Family Fun Night: Blanket Forts
Come build a blanket fort with your family using blankets or sheets from home or with supplied materials and then cozy up with a snack and a book. Gere Family Fun Nights feature crafts, games and activities for families to enjoy together.
07/02 TUE 5:30–7:00 GERE

Family Fun Night: Family Challenge
Compete with your family in a variety of silly challenges to see who will come out on top. Gere Family Fun Nights feature crafts, games and activities for families to enjoy together.
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Camp Build-it
Drop in and see what you can create with the library’s collection of LEGO bricks, DUPLO bricks, KEVA planks, magnetic blocks and more.
06/06 THU 1:30–3:00 GERE
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Summer Fun Day
Come participate in a variety of fun physical games and activities inside and outside the library.
06/12 WED 1:30–3:00 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).
Daycare groups - please call 402-441-8560 to register in advance.
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Movie Day: Trolls Band Together
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Perler Patterns
Whether you’re decorating your backpack or making a key chain, we’ll have perler beads in every color for your craft.
06/20 THU 6:30–7:30 EISE

Once Upon a Crime - YA Edition
Can’t get enough true crime podcasts and documentaries? Join us to deep dive True Crime in books! We’ll explore topics such as crimes of the past, restorative justice, and more. Bring your favorite stories to share and get ready to discuss all things criminal.
06/27 THU 6:00–7:00 EISE
Restorative Justice—The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives by Dashka Slater.
07/25 THU 6:00–7:00 EISE

Painted CDs
Update your décor with painted CDs. We’ll provide the supplies; you provide the talent.
07/18 THU 6:00–7:30 EISE

ADULTS

After-Hour Mocktails at the Eiseley Speakeasy
Come after-hours and learn how to mix some flavorful zero proof libations. Our password is Adventure. Find out what’s happening at your library this summer. There will be samples for this adults-only program.
06/07 FRI 6:15–7:30 EISE

Once Upon a Crime
Do you love True Crime and local mysteries? Join us for all things criminal the second Tuesday of every month where we discuss current crime obsessions. Bring your favorite stories to share, and get sentenced to FUN!
Crimes of the Rich and Famous
06/11 TUE 6:30–7:45 EISE
Unsolved Mysteries
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Sports Crimes
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07/24 WED 1:15–3:00 GERE

### TEENS

#### Babysitting Basics for Teens
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07/19 FRI 1:00–3:00 GERE

#### Gere Teen Advisory Board Mixer and Open House
Gere’s Teen Advisory Board will host this summer celebration! Join in the festivities while learning all about the library’s teen leadership opportunities. Drop in or stay the whole time!

08/05 MON 5:30–7:00 GERE

### ADULTS

#### Gere BookTalks
A staff member will do a presentation of several books from Lincoln City Libraries. Those attending will then have the opportunity to talk about a book they recently read.

06/04 TUE 2:00–3:00 GERE
07/02 TUE 2:00–3:00 GERE
08/06 TUE 2:00–3:00 GERE

#### Chair Yoga
We will do some gentle stretches while sitting in a chair. No need to get on the floor! Ideal for adults with limited mobility. Wear loose clothing. June 10 to August 26.

MONDAYS 2:00–2:45 GERE

#### Trivia Night - Music from the 2000s
Impress your friends and learn a few new facts about music from the 2000s at library trivia night! Doors open at 6:00 pm with trivia starting promptly at 6:30 pm. Compete as a team or as an individual.

06/25 TUE 6:30–7:45 GERE

#### Adventures in Sewing: Make Do and Mend
Are there holes in your favorite sweater or rips in your comfiest pants? Join us for a hands-on exploration of creative ways to save money (and the environment) by extending the life of your clothing. This class will use hand-sewing and felting methods. Bring your own items that need mending. A variety of fabric scraps, darning tools, needles and thread will be available to practice with. This session is geared toward adults (ages 19+).

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

**Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors**
136 S. 14th St. | 402-441-8560

Regular hours:
Monday–Thursday: 12–3 p.m.
Sunday: 2–5 p.m.

The Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors offers a multifaceted reflection of the rich literary culture of our state.

Our mission is to preserve and promote works by and about Nebraska authors, past and present.

The collection strives to gather in one location a representative sample of written works by all Nebraska authors.

Today, the Heritage Room contains more than books alone. You can also find archives of unpublished correspondence and manuscripts by and about Nebraska authors, and information files that trace author careers in clippings from newspapers, magazines, and literary journals.

The Heritage Room preserves photographs, audio, and video of original artwork by authors and their illustrators, and other memorabilia that document the lives and work of Nebraska authors.

We will be glad to assist you with any questions you may have about Nebraska authors.

NebraskaAuthors.org is a collaborative project of the UNL Center for Digital Research in the Humanities and the Jane Pope Geske Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors.

The website includes information on more than 4,000 Nebraska writers, past and present.
**ALL AGES**

**Family Fun Night: Camp Crafts**
Enjoy making crafts like those you brought home from summer camp and playing classic camp games. South Family Fun Nights feature crafts, games, and activities for families to enjoy together.
06/20 THU 5:30–7:00 SOUTH

**Family Fun Night: Family Challenge**
Compete with your family in a variety of silly challenges to see who will come out on top. South Family Fun Nights feature crafts, games, and activities for families to enjoy together.
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06/04 TUE 10:30–11:15 SOUTH

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**Adventures in Sewing: Get to Know Your Sewing Machine**
Do you have a sewing machine sitting idle and need a little encouragement to get it moving? Bring it to the library and sewing expert Kath Conroy will help you understand your machine so you can get busy making wonderful things. Class size is limited. Registration is required.
07/29 MON 6:00–7:30 SOUTH

**Adventures in Sewing: Sew a Tote Bag**
Sew your own book bag in this hands-on sewing class. Basic sewing knowledge is helpful. The supply list can be emailed to you or picked up at South Branch. A few sewing machines and limited supplies will be available the night of the class. Class size is limited. Registration is required.
08/20 TUE 6:00–7:30 SOUTH

**Independence Day Celebration**
Celebrate Independence Day a little early with crafts and a family friendly movie.
07/03 TUE 2:00–4:00 SOUTH

**Wildlife Encounter**
Step into the wild world of adventure this summer at your library! Join us for a captivating wildlife reading presentation where the journey begins with the turn of a page. Our theme, "Adventure Begins at Your Library," invites you to explore the animal kingdom like never before! This event will be held at Westminster Church - 2110 Sheridan Boulevard.
07/09 TUE 10:30–11:15 SOUTH

**Magic Begins with Adventure!**
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07/16 TUE 10:30–11:15 SOUTH

**Illustrator Visit with Chloe Burgett**
Join artist Chloe Burgett at the South Branch library to hear more about how she draws pictures for children’s books! All artists are welcome to draw a fun character with Chloe for your own story.
07/23 TUE 10:30–11:15 SOUTH

**Movie Day: Wish**
Join us Tuesday afternoon for a showing of Wish. You are welcome to bring a blanket or pillow to sit on. Popcorn and lemonade will be provided. The movie will start at 1:30 pm.
07/30 TUE 1:30–3:00 SOUTH

**Random Fandom: Fashion Remix!**
Time for a new you? Bring a piece of fashion to up-cycle into something new or swap with a friend! Shred, patch, dye, cut and create your way into some new threads. The library will have lots of cool supplies for you to use. This event is part of our Teen Programming and is intended for ages 11 - 17.
06/17 MON 2:00–3:30 SOUTH

**Random Fandom: Ready to Ride**
Learn the rules of riding on the road and basic bike repair and maintenance from Lincoln Bike Kitchen volunteer Dale Holt. This event is part of our Teen Programming schedule and intended for ages 11-17.
07/15 MON 2:00–3:00 SOUTH
**ALL AGES**

**Pixel Party**  
Kick back and relax with the whole family for a summer of blockbuster movies featuring some of our favorite adventure flicks.  
**Teaegne Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem**  
06/14 FRI 3:00–5:00 WALT  
06/28 FRI 3:00–5:00 WALT  
07/12 FRI 3:00–5:00 WALT  
07/26 FRI 3:00–5:00 WALT

**3D Printer/Fusion 360 Training**  
Learn how to use a 3D printer and software! Come be trained on Walt’s Luzbot mini 3D printer and 3D design software AutoCAD Fusion 360. Register online or by calling 402-441-4460. Must be 13+ or attend with an adult.  
06/18 TUE 4:30–5:30 WALT  
07/16 TUE 4:30–5:30 WALT  
08/20 TUE 4:30–5:30 WALT

**10/11 WeatherShield**  
Come for a presentation about extreme weather from a channel 10/11 meteorologist at 2:00 and 3:00pm and also tour the WeatherShield in person!  
06/22 SAT 2:00–4:00 WALT

**YOUTH**

**Edgerton Explorit Center: Spaceflight Explorers**  
In this show, we investigate the science of spaceflight: how we get into space (and where it begins) and how living and working in space is different compared to Earth. We’ll even perform an astronaut training exercise! Many materials and curriculum in this show are supplied by NASA’s Spaceflight Explorers program. Don’t be fooled by the subject. You’ll learn a lot about science on Earth as well as in space!  
06/03 MON 1:30–2:15 WALT  
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06/21 FRI 10:30–11:15 WALT

**You Be The Architect**  
Imagine the different cities and structures you can design and build. Then come to the library and use Lego Bricks, Keva planks, boxes, and other building materials to make your plans come to life.  
06/26 WED 2:00–3:30 WALT

**Heavy Equipment Encounter**  
Meet in the library parking lot to explore some of the machinery used by Lincoln’s Transportation and Utilities Department!  
07/01 MON 1:30–2:15 WALT

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07/08 MON 1:30–2:15 WALT  
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07/15 MON 1:30–2:15 WALT  
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**Project Innovate**  
Set off on a reclaimed adventure using cardboard, duct tape, and other recycled objects to create gadgets and crafts to fuel your imagination. What will you create?  
07/24 WED 2:00–3:30 WALT

**Great Book Chase**  
Wrap up your summer adventure by completing the chapters in your adventure book. It is also a great time to complete your summer reading challenge!  
07/29 MON 1:00–3:00 WALT

**TEENS**

**Manga/Anime Club**  
Join us for an evening of crafts, snacks, manga and anime!  
06/03 MON 6:00–7:30 WALT  
Slice of Life  
06/17 MON 6:00–7:30 WALT  
Giant Robots/Mecha  
07/01 MON 6:00–7:30 WALT  
Sports  
07/15 MON 6:00–7:30 WALT  
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**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. Meets on the first and third Thursday, beginning June 6, 2024.  
06/06 THU 3:30–5:30 WALT  
06/20 THU 3:30–5:30 WALT  
07/18 THU 3:30–5:30 WALT  
08/01 THU 3:30–5:30 WALT  
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**Positive Vibes Guide: Crystals 101**  
Bring your good energy, enthusiasm and curiosity as Carissa, owner of Euphoria Boutique, explains the naturally occurring qualities and characteristics of crystals. This event is part of our Teen Programming and intended for ages 11-17.  
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Pixel Party Plus - Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire
Kick back and relax with friends for one last adventure flick before the first day of school. This event is part of our Teen Programming schedule and is intended for ages 11-17.
08/02 FRI 3:00–5:00 WALT

Circle of Friends
Circle of Friends is an adaptive program for adults accompanied by a support person. Activities may include crafts, games, exercise and stories. All abilities and skill levels encouraged.
TUESDAYS 1:00–2:30 WALT

B.Y.O.(book) Club
This is not your traditional book club! Join us with a title (or titles) from your reading life that follow the monthly discussion prompt and add to your own To Be Read list with recommendations from the group.
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06/20 THU 11:30–12:30 WALT
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Introduction to the Cricut Machine
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07/28 SUN 5:30–7:00 WALT

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Crafty Tuesday
Open to kids of all ages! We'll be hosting a weekly craft program with a variety of projects. No registration necessary. Just drop in and create!
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Camping Day
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06/21 FRI 1:00–1:45 WILL

Outside the Box!
Whether you see a spaceship, a tugboat or a fire truck, it's not a box! Join us for a day of building and imagination.
06/27 THU 1:00–1:45 WILL

Heavy Equipment Encounter
Meet in the north Arnold Elementary parking lot (via West Cuming Street) to explore some of the machinery used by Lincoln's Transportation and Utilities Department!
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Play Day
Start your holiday weekend off with a bang! ALL of our developmental toys will be out for free play.
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Williams Lock-In
Join us in the library after-hours! We'll kick off the night with some pizza followed by a craft and then a challenge. This program is open to tweens and teens, 11-18 yrs. Please register online or by calling 402-441-8580.
06/14 FRI 6:00–8:00 WILL

Perler Patterns
Whether you're decorating your backpack or making a key chain, we'll have perler beads in every color for your craft.
06/24 MON 11:00–12:00 WILL

Painted CDs
Update your décor with painted CDs. We'll provide the supplies; you provide the talent.
07/29 MON 11:00–12:00 WILL

Beautify Your Book Bag
Make your book bag stand out with a marbleized paint job! Learn how to create a beautiful marble pattern using paint and shaving cream. We will have supplies available.
06/08 SAT 1:00–2:30 WILL

Pat’s Favorites - Book Talk
Find your next read! Pat Leach will be sharing some of her favorite books.
06/11 TUE 1:00–1:45 WILL
Lincoln City Libraries
Mobile Apps Menu

Search the Library catalog, place holds, renew materials, and manage your account on your mobile device. Store your library card and link multiple cards to one access point.

The Libby mobile app is designed to make borrowing and enjoying eBooks and audiobooks easier.

Hoopla provides streaming of movies, TV shows, music, eBooks, audiobooks, and comics to your browser or mobile device.

HelpNow for Homework provides free homework help, online tutoring, and preparation for standardized tests for students from kindergarten to adult in the areas of math, English, science, social studies, and more.

Lessons in foreign languages, plus English for speakers of other languages.

Track your reading to earn incentives at your library and stay motivated to read.

Includes Peterson's Test and Career Prep to find all the tools you need to discover your passion, ace your exams, and excel in your career; and Chilton Library for automotive repair information.

TumbleBook Library is a collection of animated talking picture books that includes foreign language titles, Read-Alongs, and eBooks.

Our Lied Bookmobile brings individualized library service to areas throughout Lincoln and Lancaster County.

The team brings books, movies, audiobooks, video games and more for youth and adults to a location near you! Internet access is available for on-board.

The Bookmobile visits:
- Towns and cities in Lancaster County
- Areas in Lincoln not close to existing libraries

HOLIDAYS CLOSINGS

MEMORIAL DAY
Sunday, May 26, 2024
Monday, May 27, 2024

JUNETEENTH
Wednesday, June 19, 2024

INDEPENDENCE DAY
Thursday, July 4, 2024