

December

A time for gathering, creating, and trying something new.

While our regular programming schedule slows down for December, we're highlighting a handful of special events happening across our libraries this month — from playful programs for little ones to creative workshops, celebrations, and family adventures. We invite you to explore these offerings and discover what else is happening at your favorite neighborhood branch, and at all Lincoln City Libraries this month.

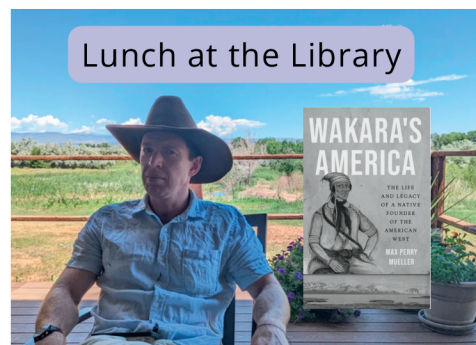


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Tyler's Tone Tinker Time and Pedal Power!

Tyler's Tone Tinker Time and Pedal Power! — A Polley Music Library Program

Two events in one!! We'll look at a bunch of pedals, talk about what they do, and how to make them work together to get the sounds you want! If you're interested in creating unique soundscapes with other instruments, pedals can very useful here too. Then, check out Tyler's Tone Tinker Time. Tyler will explain what he does as a "tone consultant" and lay out some basics for how to dial in the tone you want. All ages and levels of guitarists and bassists will find some unique tips at this event!

12/14	SUN	2:00–4:00	BMPL
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Happy New Year!

Ring in 2026 early with a family-friendly **Noon Year's Eve** celebration — crafts, activities, and a countdown to noon! At select locations.

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

Hours:
Monday–Thursday: 10 AM–8 PM
Friday–Saturday: 10 AM–6 PM
Sunday: 12–8 PM

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.

12/07 SUN 1:00–3:00 ANDR

Noon-Year's Eve Party

Ring in the new year with us -- crafts, games, and a balloon drop at noon!

12/31 WED 11:00–12:00 ANDR

TEENS

Teen Trivia

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

12/29 MON 2:00–3:00 ANDR

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

Hours:
Monday–Thursday: 10 AM–8 PM
Friday–Saturday: 10 AM–6 PM
Sunday: 12–6 PM

Downtown Parking is FREE:

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

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12/04 THU 10:30–11:30 BMPL

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

YOUTH Continued

Family Stay and Play

Come spend time together at Family Stay and Play! Kids of all ages can explore, play, and learn with our collection of toys and activities while families enjoy a relaxed time to connect.

12/05 FRI 10:30–11:30 BMPL

12/12 FRI 10:30–11:30 BMPL

12/19 FRI 10:30–11:30 BMPL

Baby Stay and Play

Bring your little one for an hour of free play with our collection of developmental toys designed just for babies. This relaxed program offers a chance for babies to explore, learn, and play while caregivers connect.

12/11 THU 10:30–11:30 BMPL

12/18 THU 10:30–11:30 BMPL

Frosty Fun Night

Celebrate the season with a family night featuring crafts, cocoa, and activities to spark creativity and connection. Families of all ages are invited to drop in and enjoy a cozy evening together. Come make something special and share in the wonder of winter.

12/11 THU 5:00–7:00 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 generally meet the second and fourth Monday of each month (with some variations). 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.

12/08 MON 4:30–5:50 BMPL

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12/06 SAT 11:00–12:00 BMPL

Songwriting/Composing Club

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.

12/13 SAT 2:00–3:00 BMPL

B.Y.O.B(ook) Club

This is not your traditional book club! Join us with a title or titles from our 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: Share your favorites from the last year or something you think others will enjoy.

12/17 WED 6:30–7:30 BMPL

Adult Storytime

Join us for an evening of live readings (short stories, novel fragments, poetry, plays, song lyrics, essays and more), music samples from Nebraska performers or composers, adult coloring sheets, a reading list, and maybe even a craft! This month's theme: books we'd love to give as gifts.

12/18 THU 6:30–7:30 BMPL

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

Hours:
Monday–Saturday: 10 AM–6 PM
Sunday: Closed



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

Monday–Thursday: 10 AM–8 PM
Friday–Saturday: 10 AM–6 PM
Sunday: 12–8 PM

ALL AGES

Kooser Kodiak Art Night

Did you know bears can do art? Join us in supporting the Kooser Kodiak 5th grade art students as we host an open house to showcase their work.

12/04 THU 5:00–7:00 EISE

YOUTH

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12/06 SAT 10:00–11:00 EISE

The Grinch Movie

The 2018 animated film The Grinch is a modern retelling of the classic Dr. Seuss story.

12/07 SUN 1:00–2:30 EISE

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

Hours:
Monday–Thursday: 10 AM–8 PM
Friday–Saturday: 10 AM–6 PM
Sunday: 12–8 PM

ALL AGES

Family Fun Night: Blanket Fort Night

Come build a blanket fort 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 and activities for families to enjoy together.

12/09 TUE 5:30–7:00 GERE

Taylor Swift's Birthday Party

Calling all Swifties! Join us in celebrating Taylor Swift's birthday with fun activities such as making friendship bracelets, all-ages trivia, and more!

12/13 SAT 1:00–2:30 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!

12/16 TUE 6:30–7:30 GERE

Noon Year's Eve

Celebrate Noon Year's Eve with the family at the Gere Branch Library. There will be crafts, glitter tattoos, dancing, a celebration at noon and more as we countdown to 2026.

12/31 WED 11:00–12:30 GERE

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Explore & Play

Come to the Gere Branch Library for a play date with your storytime friends. We will have toys that encourage children to use their imaginations, explore early learning skills, develop physical coordination, and to play with others.

12/11 THU 10:00–11:30 GERE

12/17 WED 10:00–11:30 GERE

12/23 TUE 10:00–11:30 GERE

ADULTS

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.

12/01 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. Register if you want to receive notification about this month's reading selection (not required).

12/01 MON 6:30–7:30 GERE

ADULTS Continued

Circle of Friends

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Reading After Dark: Horrible Holidays

Do you enjoy 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!

12/10 WED 6:30–7:30 GERE

Creative Gift Wrapping

We will demonstrate two creative and useful gift wrapping techniques. Bring some of your own items and wrapping paper if you want to get a head start on the holidays!

12/11 THU 6:30–7:30 GERE

Make, Do & Mend - Make Your Own Mending Kit or Gift

This month we'll transform the patchwork pieces we made in November into a portable mending kit or a simple gift for someone. Templates for a pencil pouch or e-book holder will be available. If you weren't able to come in November, no problem! You can still work on any of these projects with the materials we have on hand (or feel free to bring your own).

12/13 SAT 3:30–5:00 GERE

Adult Spelling Bee

Good spellers: unite, then divide and fight! We will have a competition where contestants spell words in ranges of difficulty. Prizes will be awarded to the winning individual or team! Registration is required.

12/20 SAT 4:00–5:00 GERE

Adults Only Trivia Night: Taylor Swift

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.

12/30 TUE 6:30–7:30 GERE



2675 South St. | 402-441-8570

Hours:
Monday–Thursday: 10 AM–8 PM
Friday–Saturday: 10 AM–6 PM
Sunday: 12–8 PM



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Walt Branch Library
6701 S. 14th St. | 402-441-4460

Hours:

Monday–Thursday: 10 AM–8 PM

Friday–Saturday: 10 AM–6 PM

Sunday: 12–8 PM

ALL AGES

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12/06 SAT 11:00–3:00 WALT

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.

12/16 TUE 4:30–5:30 WALT

Noon Year's Eve

Celebrate the new year with crafts and activities, and stay for a dance party with a count down to noon!

12/31 WED 10:30–12:00 WALT

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Night Owls: Evening Playtime for Babies & Caregivers

Join other new parents and caregivers for warm beverages, good conversation, and baby playtime with developmental toys that encourage early social interaction. This event is reserved for babies ages birth through 18 months and their caregivers.

12/10 WED 6:00–7:00 WALT

LEGO Brick Sunday

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

12/21 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.

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Pick up a new hobby, just in time for colder months ahead! Learn to crochet in our hands-on beginner class, then practice your stitches and meet fellow crafters at Stitch Together, our weekly open group.

Crochet 101

This three-week adult class is designed for adults who are absolute beginners. Learn the basics of crochet including how to hold the hook and yarn, make a slip knot, chain, single crochet, and half double crochet. All supplies are provided. Space is limited and registration is required online or by calling 402-441-4460. Please register for this three-week class by 5:00 pm on the first class date of 12/04/2025. After class, practice your new skills at our weekly open "Stitch Together" group at 6:30 pm.

12/04 THU 6:00–6:30 WALT

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12/18 THU 6:00–6:30 WALT

Stitch Together

Our open stitch group is a welcoming space for adults of all skill levels to gather, learn, and share their passion for stitching and crochet. Participants can work on their own projects, learn new techniques, receive guidance, and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow crafters. No registration required.

12/04 THU 6:00–7:30 WALT

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12/18 THU 6:00–7:30 WALT

ADULTS

Silent Library

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

12/17 WED 6:00–7:30 WALT

Memory Café

Memory Café is a welcoming, social gathering designed for adults experiencing changes in their memory or memory loss, and the people who care about them. 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.

12/18 THU 10:00–11:30 WALT

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

Hours:

Monday–Tuesday: 4 PM–8 PM

Wednesday–Thursday: 10 AM–6 PM

Friday–Sunday: 1–6 PM



HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, December 25

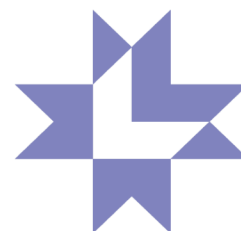
NEW YEAR'S EVE

Closed at 4 p.m.

Wednesday, December 31

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Thursday, January 1



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