



Niobrara County Library

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DIGITAL LIBRARY EXPANSION

Digital magazines are once again available! Use the Libby or Overdrive app or your computer along with your library card number & PIN to select over 3000 magazines from around the world. With everything from "National Geographic" to "Ask the Vet" to "Minecraft World Magazine" there is something for everyone. A wide selection of comics has also been added to the Virtual Library! Check it all out today and don't hesitate to call the library at 307-334-3490 or stop by for help. If you don't yet have a library card, bring in proof of local address and we'll get you set up.

Library patrons continue to have access to Hoopla Digital as well. Your Hoopla account gives you access to ebooks, digital audiobooks, comics and graphic novels, digital music, as well as movies and television shows. Stream Hoopla using your Android TV, Apple TV, Roku, Chromecast and Fire TV. Stop by the library for more information or help in setting up your devices.

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The reading app from our library, built by Overdrive.



ART EVENTS AVAILABLE THIS SUMMER



Artist Barb Orr will present three art events this summer. A summer tulip painting will be featured on Monday, June 7 at 1 p.m. Zen Doodling will be the focus on Monday, July 12 and on August 9 a summer image will be the focus. These events are all held at the library at 1 p.m. Please call the library at 307-334-3490 to register for one or all three of the events. Children may need to be accompanied by an adult.



SEEKING ARTISTS

Are you an artist? Perhaps you work with paints or textiles—or maybe photos? The library is seeking artists who wish to exhibit their work. Due to space limitations, pieces that hang are required. If you are interested in being a featured artist, call Debbie at the Niobrara County Library, 307-334-3490 to schedule your event.

An adult and young adult summer reading program is in the works! Stop by the library for more information!

Library programs are free and open to the public!



FOUNDATION SETS FUNDRAISING GOAL

In support of the Niobrara County Library, the Niobrara County Library Foundation established an endowment fund in 2000. Endowments are a type of financial account with a large principal balance that is held permanently while the resulting interest income is used to support a specific cause, in this case, the Niobrara County Library. Due to the nature of endowments, principal contributions today will continue to support the library for years to come.

The endowment serves as a stable financial source to the library while other funding sources may fluctuate greatly. This is becoming especially important with the current state and county budgets being severely cut. The library's allocation from the county will likely be much less than in previous years; however, the endowment is able to continue to contribute financial support and help ease the resulting strain on the overall library budget.

The Niobrara County Library Foundation Endowment has contributed over one million dollars to the library since 2006. This has made a significant difference in the programs and information the library has been able to provide to the community.

In an effort to continue to be able to provide this financial assistance, the Foundation has set a goal to increase our endowment principal by \$250,000 by the end of 2025. The Twenty-Five by 2025 Campaign is kicking off this summer with a Wine Tasting Fundraiser planned for June 5 beginning at 4:00 pm at the Niobrara Country Club. Call the library to get your tickets or contact a Niobrara County Library Foundation Board member: Leslie Hammond, 334-2534; Linda Frye, 340-0188; Kristine Groh, 216-0326; Amanda Anderson, 331-3037; Donna Thompson, 851-4055; Brenda Phipps, 334-2383 or the Library, 334-3490.



COLORADO PEACHES EXPECTED



The Niobrara County Library Foundation is now taking orders for Palisade, Colorado peaches! The 18-20 pound box is \$40 and is expected late this summer or early fall.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the Twenty-Five by 2025 Campaign. Contact the library at 307-334-3490 or any foundation member to place your order.

BOOK SALE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale and Ice Cream Social will be held on Saturday, June 26. The Book Sale begins at 8 a.m. and the Social at 11 a.m. Be sure to stop by!

SUMMER READING AND PROGRAMS



"Tails and Tales" is the theme for summer reading and children's programming at the library this year. Traditionally, summer reading programs are designed to encourage elementary-aged children to keep reading during summer vacation. Preventing the "summer slide" continues to be the main objective of library summer reading programs.

The benefits of summer reading programming for children:

- * Children are motivated to read.
- * Children develop positive attitudes about reading, books, and the library.
- * Children maintain their reading skills during summer vacation.
- * Children have access to experiences that further their sense of discovery.
- * Children have access to experiences through which they can learn to work cooperatively.

The library's "Hey Kids – Tails and Tales!" program begins May 24 and encompasses all ages and continues throughout the summer. Stop in the library, set your reading goals, check out your library books and start reading! The tracking week ends each Friday beginning May 28 and continues through August 13. When a goal is met for two weeks a certificate for swimming or ice cream will be awarded. In mid-August, children who have completed their reading goals throughout the summer will be eligible for larger prizes.

LegoTime will be held each Tuesday at 1 p.m. beginning on May 25 through August 17 for all ages.



Weekly crafting and activity sessions will be held on Wednesdays beginning May 26 at 1 p.m. through August 18; any projects will feature a variety of tales and tails!

Afternoon movies will be featured on Thursdays at 1 p.m. beginning May 27 and running through August 19.

LIVE PERFORMANCES

A variety of shows are planned this summer, sponsored by the Friends of the Niobrara County Library and the Niobrara County Library Foundation.



On **Thursday, June 3 at 1 p.m.** Magician Jeff Quinn makes his first appearance at our library with his *Reading Safari Magic Show*. Jeff is traveling from Omaha, NE and will entertain with wildlife-themed tricks and magic. Also appearing will be Gnatie, the world's only trained gnat!!!

Kyle Groves Magic will be presented on **Wednesday, June 9 at 1 p.m.** You'll remember Kyle from *Mr. E and Kyle's* past performances. Remember those burned up tennis shoes? Kyle is skilled with a variety of illusions and is sure to keep you wondering!



MORE LIVE PERFORMANCES



Puppeteer Markie Scholz returns with *Imagining Dragons* on **Wednesday, June 30 at 1 p.m.** Liza wants a pet, a kitty, but her mom doesn't, so she decides to conjure up one from a book she found while volunteering at the library. Only problem is, she gets a dragon instead of a kitty.... Whatever will Liza do?

The library is excited to present *Wag that Tale* with Denise Gard and her border collies on **Wednesday, July 14 at 1 p.m.** Joey and Kira perform dog tricks along with Denise's storytelling. Sure to be entertaining.



Nifty Tricks and Hare-Brained Stories is coming to us all the way from Kansas. The show features Jay and Leslie of Laughing Matters and they are sure to bring a ton of fun with juggling, animal-themed stories, and lots of laughs in this delightful show. Jay and Leslie will be performing on **Tuesday, July 20 at 1 p.m.**



A little something different will be presented on **Thursday, July 22 at 6 p.m.** with *Pint Size Polkas*. Mike will entertain everyone with a variety show filled with Polka music, much of it just for kids but plenty that everyone will enjoy.

This program is all about bringing happy back and may be held on the library lawn with root beer floats for everyone.



Ventriloquist Meghan Casey returns with her summer show, *"Tall Tales of the Lost Temple"* on **Monday, July 26 at 1 p.m.** Meghan will have your kids in stitches and probably you as well!

The library's live performances are presented with funding from the Friends of the Niobrara County Library and the Niobrara County Library Foundation. For more information about library programs call 307-334-3490 or stop by.

CRICUT @ THE LIBRARY



A Cricut® is now available for your use at the library. The Cricut Maker® is the ultimate in professional level cutting performance and versatility. Create cards, designs and multitudes of other projects for a nominal fee using a wide variety of materials.

SEED LIBRARY AVAILABLE

Pick up packets of heirloom and sustainable seeds for your garden at the county library. The library has several books on seed-saving for your future gardening as well.





Dates to Remember

JUNE 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 30	May 31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

JULY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	31	31

AUGUST 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

-  **LegoTime @ the Library**
Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m. — May 25 to August 17
-  **Summer Crafts & Activities**
Featuring "Tails & Tales"
Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. — May 26 to August 18
-  **Afternoon Movies @ the Library**
Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. — May 27 to August 19

SPECIAL EVENTS @ THE LIBRARY

Jeff Quinn's Reading Safari Magic Show

Thursday, June 3 — 1:00 p.m.

Library Foundation Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Saturday, June 5 — 4:00 p.m., Niobrara Country Club

Paint with Barb @ the Library

Monday, June 7 — 1:00 p.m.

Kyle Grove's Magic

Wednesday, June 9 — 1:00 p.m.

Markie Scholz "Imagining Dragons" Puppet Show

Wednesday, June 30 — 1:00 p.m.

Friends of the Library Activities — Saturday, June 26

Book Sale, 8:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

Ice Cream Social 11:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

Zen Doodling with Barb @ the Library

Monday, July 12 — 1:00 p.m.

Wag that Tale with Border Collies

Wednesday, July 14 — 1:00 p.m.

Nifty Tricks & Hare-Brained Stories

Tuesday, July 20 — 1:00 p.m.

Music & Magic from the Animal Kingdom with Pint Size Polkas

Thursday, July 22 — 6:00 p.m.

Meghan Casey & Rocky Mountain Puppets

Tuesday, July 27 — 1:00 p.m.

Paint with Barb @ the Library

Monday, August 9 — 1:00 p.m.

Preschool Storyhour — Every Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Holiday Closures

Memorial Day — Monday, May 31

Independence Day — Monday, July 5

Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday Noon to 7 p.m.



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REGISTER FOR DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY TODAY!



The Friends of the Library have partnered with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library! Pick up a registration form at the county library or visit <http://imaginationlibrary.com> to register your children up to age 5. Each month, children up to age 5 will receive a new, carefully selected book mailed in your child's name directly to your home. The first book is always the children's classic *The Little Engine That Could*.™

Best of all your child receives a free gift with no cost or obligation to your family. Children must live in Niobrara County, Wyoming. For more information visit with Friends of the Library members or stop by the library.



STORYHOUR AVAILABLE EVERY TUESDAY

Join Miss Tina each Tuesday throughout the year for Children's Storyhour! Preschool aged children will enjoy stories, activities, puzzles and the opportunity to socialize with other children. June will bring themes focusing on bubbles, pufferfish, Father's Day and dragonflies as well as Independence Day! For more information call the library at 307-334-3490. Storyhour is held from 10 to 11 a.m.



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