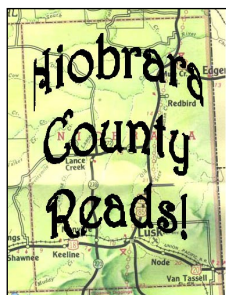


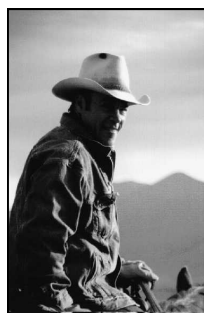
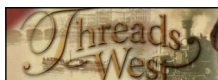
NIOBRARA COUNTY READS ROSENTHAL THIS WINTER



Plan now to participate in **Niobrara Reads** featuring *Threads West* by Reid Lance Rosenthal this winter. Books can be picked up at the library in January. After you read it, pass it on to another Niobrara County resident.

Rosenthal is the author of *Threads West*, an Americana series with the fifth novel due out in March. *Threads West* begins in 1854 with the first of five, richly textured, complex generations of unforgettable, multicultural

characters. The separate lives of these men and women from Europe and America are drawn to a common destiny that beckons from the wild and remote flanks of the American West. The series includes the released novels: *Threads West*, *Maps of Fate*, *Uncompahgre* and *Moccasin Tracks*.



Events associated with this theme include book discussions, movie discussions and Reid Lance Rosenthal will discuss his book on **Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m.** at the library.

Reid is a fourth generation land and cattleman. His cowboy heart and poet's pen captures the spirit of the western landscape and its influence on generations of its settlers. His devotion to wild and remote places and to the people—both past and present—who leave their legend and footprint upon America and the American West

is the inspiration and descriptive underpinning of all of his writing. Plan now to attend!

ESSENTIAL OILS FOR HEALTH

If you've heard that essential oils can help a variety of ailments, but haven't figured out how to get the best results this introductory class is for you. Barbara Bouley will share information for the safe use of essential oils in your home. Essential Oils for Health will be held on **Wednesday, January 18 at 6 p.m.** at the library. Bring your questions!



INTERNET HOTSPOTS AVAILABLE TO CHECK-OUT



The library has Wi-Fi mobile hotspots available for circulation. The devices checkout for seven (7) days and require a Niobrara County Library card in good standing. For more information call 307-334-3490 or stop by the library.



CLAUDE BOURBON IN CONCERT

Ready for a unique and talented take on a wide range of musical traditions? Claude Bourbon is known throughout Europe and America for amazing guitar performances that take blues, Spanish, and Middle Eastern stylings into uncharted territories. Bourbon will perform on **Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Congregational Church, 120 E. 5th Street, Lusk.

Bourbon has entertained people in the UK, Europe and USA and for the majority of his audience it is an experience that compels them to return again and again to hear and watch him play, as his fingers lightly dance over the strings of his guitar and create a unique sound that is 'Claude.' You won't want to miss this performance!



OPTIMIZING IMMUNE HEALTH

Andrea Miller returns to the library with a follow-up program to her May 2022 Cellular Rejuvenation Program on **Wednesday, February 15 at 6 p.m.** The information in this talk is an overview to share insight into the immune system. Discover what is impacting it and some ideas of natural ways to help support the immune system.

Andrea Miller, a Natural Health Practitioner, is trained in Nutrition, Detoxification, Applied Kinesiology, BioCellular Resonance Scanning, and many other Natural Methods.



AROUND THE WORLD—EGYPT

Last fall, Leslie Stewart explored Egypt on a tour with 9 other people and a tour guide. The trip included touring major cities, climbing into the



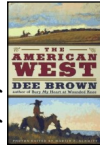
Great Pyramid, riding a camel, viewing temples and tombs, sailing the Nile, and visiting the Valley of the Kings and Valley of the Queens. Join us for a slide presentation and descriptions of modern life in Egypt on **Wednesday, February 22 at 6 p.m.**

WINTER BOOK AND FILM SERIES—THE AMERICAN WEST



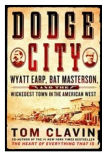
The winter library book discussion series will feature books about the *American West* and will include the **Niobrara Reads** book, *Threads West*. Barb Baker returns to lead the discussions; stop by the library to register and pick up the first book.

The series kicks off with *The American West* by Dee Brown on Monday, February 6 at 6



p.m. The book begins with the demise of the Native Americans of the Plains. Brown depicts the onrush of the burgeoning cattle trade and the waves of immigrants who ultimately “settled” the land. In the retelling of this oft-told saga, Brown has demonstrated once again his abilities as a master storyteller and an entertaining popular historian. This is epic history at its best and popular history at its most readable.

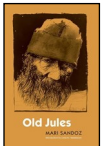
Dodge City: Wyatt Earp, Bat Masterson, and the Wickedest Town in the American West by Tom Clavin will be discussed on Monday, March 6 at 6 p.m. at the library. Dodge City, Kansas, is a place of legend. The town that started as a small military site exploded with the coming of the railroad, cattle drives, eager miners, settlers, and various entrepreneurs passing through to populate the expanding West. Before long, Dodge City’s streets were lined with saloons and brothels and its populace was thick with gunmen, horse thieves, and desperadoes of every sort. Enter Wyatt Earp and Bat Masterson. Young and largely self-trained men, the lawmen led the effort that established frontier justice and the rule of law in the American West.



On Monday, April 3 at 6 p.m. the **Niobrara Reads** book, *Threads West* by Reid Lance Rosenthal will be featured. *Threads West* focuses on the romance of America, her people, her spirit, and the West. This title focuses on the lives of four driven men and independent women who are drawn to a common destiny that beckons seductively from the wild and remote flanks of the American West. Rosenthal will also discuss his work at the library on Wednesday, April 19.



Rounding out the series will be *Old Jules* by Mari Sandoz with discussion slated for Monday, May 1 at 6 p.m. First published in 1935, *Old Jules* is unquestionably Mari Sandoz’s masterpiece. This portrait of her pioneer father grew out of the silent hours of listening behind the stove where she recalls hearing the accounts of the hunts, of the fights with the cattlemen and the sheepmen, and the isolation.



AUTHOR TO VISIT LIBRARY

Samantha finds herself stranded 75 miles away from home after an EMP decimates infrastructures and the power grid in *75 Miles* by Robyn VanDerSys. With the help of family friends, she arms herself with a revolver and supplies then strikes out to hike home. Seeking a direct and safe route, she chooses to cross the Black Hills Forest, but quickly discovers it’s neither. Plan now to attend an author talk with Robyn VanDerSys on Wednesday, May 3 at 6 p.m. at the library. She will discuss her books as well as writing and publishing!



Jimmy Stewart’s American West will be featured in four films this winter. The Dinner & Movie series kicks off with *How the West Was Won* on Monday, January 30 at 6 p.m. This sweeping historical epic of the United States’ westward expansion unfolds over 50 years through the lives of four generations of pioneers—using the American West as its canvas.



Monday, February 27 *Bend of the River* will be shown. In this film a former outlaw helps a group of Oregon-bound farmers get the provisions they were promised after a gold rush in the area has caused prices to skyrocket. The film will be shown at 6 p.m.



The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance will be presented on Monday, March 27 at 6 p.m. When Senator Ransom Stoddard returns home to Shinbone for a funeral, he recounts to a local newspaper editor the story behind it all; the conclusion is not quite as straightforward as legend would have it.



The series concludes with *Winchester 73* on Monday, April 24 at 6 p.m. As Lin McAdam pursues a murderous fugitive, he wins a rare rifle—only one of a thousand made—in a sharp-shooting contest. The rifle catches the eye of the very fugitive McAdam is chasing.



A light meal will be available. Library programs are free and open to the public.

FEATURED ARTISTS



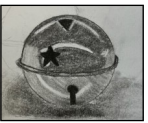
During the month of February art from Hannah and Fionna Kerkes will be featured at the library. Art is an important part of Hannah’s life and she draws in a variety of mediums. Fionna’s favorite medium is graphite drawing and often turns to semi-realism or surrealism in her work. An artist reception will be held on Wednesday, February 1 at 5 p.m.



Abbie Wickersham’s photography will be featured during the month of March with an artist reception planned for Wednesday, March 1 at 5 p.m. Abbie grew up in Sioux County, NE and attended school at LEMS in Lusk. She takes landscape photos from the ranch pickup, four-wheeler or better yet, horseback. Abbie will also be offering photos for sale.

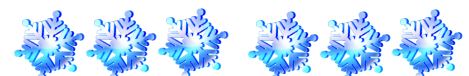


NCHS Junior Gabe Matthews, the son of RJ and Megan Matthews will be featured during April. Gabe is a 3rd year high school art student and his favorite media is either oil paint or colored pencil. A reception in his honor will be held on Wednesday, April 5 at 5 p.m.



READ & FEED BOOK DISCUSSION CONTINUES

The participant driven book discussion series continues monthly. In January the book *The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, New Foundland* by Jime Defede will be featured. Books are available at the library for the January 9 noon discussion. The series continues monthly.



Winter Events at the Library



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Winter Afterschool Programs, 3:35 to 4:45 p.m.

Tuesdays, January 10 through February 28 - K through 2nd Grades

Thursdays, January 5 through February 23 - 3rd through 6th Grades

Tuesdays, March 7 - LegoTime for all ages @ 3:35 p.m. through May 16

The Friends of the Library Present Reading is Fun, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 11, Wednesday, April 12

American West Book Discussion, 6 p.m.

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Adult Crafting @ the Library, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 25—*Book Folding*

Wednesday, February 8—*Acrylic Painting*

Wednesday, March 8—*Doodle Art*

Wednesday, April 5—*To-Be-Determined*

Featured Artists

February—*Hannah & Fionna Kerkes*, Reception Wednesday, February 1 at 5 p.m.

March—*Abbie Wickersham*, Reception Wednesday, March 1 at 5 p.m.

April—*Gabe Matthews*, Reception Wednesday, April 5 at 5 p.m.

Author Visits

Wednesday, April 19—*Reid Lance Rosenthal*, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 3—*Robyn VanDerSys*, 6 p.m.

@ the Congregational Church

Claude Bourbon—Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Storyhour for Ages 3-Kindergarten (Year-round)

Tuesdays - 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Holiday Library Closures:

- New Year's Day - January 2
- * Martin Luther King Day - January 16
- President's Day - February 20
- Memorial Day—May 29



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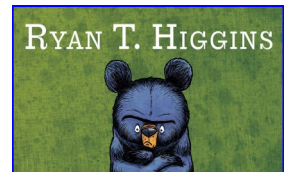
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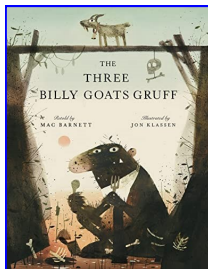
This winter's afterschool program for children in grades K-2 will feature the books of Ryan T. Higgins. **"Bruce is a Grumpy Bear"** will be held on Tuesdays, January 10 through February 28. Bruce has many friends who love him, even though he is grumpy (grrr); help Bruce make new friends in 2023!



On Thursdays, beginning January 5, children in the third through sixth grades will come to know 1 screech owl, 6 ducklings, 1 weasel, 1 toad, 3 crows, 1 raccoon, 3 salamanders, 1 tarantula and more during Jean Craighead George's **"The Tarantula In My Purse: and 172 Other Wild Pets"** featuring critter crafts and activities. The program continues through February 23.

Call 307-334-3490, or stop by to register your children as space is limited. The programs will be held from 3:35 to 4:45 p.m. If you are interested in bringing snacks please let us know when registering.

READING IS FUN



The Friends of the Library will present two **Reading Is FUN** (RIF) programs this winter. On Wednesday, **January 11** at 6:30 the FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) members will produce and present the skit "The Three Billy Goats Gruff" based on the book by Mac Barnett. The literacy-based program will include entertainment and a craft for preschool through 6th grade children.

Each child will also select his/her very own book to keep!

The second RIF is planned for Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. with a program to-be-determined.

ADULT CRAFTING @ THE LIBRARY



Four **Adult Crafting** sessions are planned this winter on Wednesdays, **January 25, February 8, March 8 and April 5**. The sessions are held from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and will feature book folding in January, acrylic painting in February, doodle art in March and a yet-to-be-determined surprise in April. Space is limited; please call the library at 307-334-3490 to reserve your spot.

