



Niobrara County Library

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ROAD CLOSED, LIBRARY OPEN

The Town of Lusk continues with the utility and street improvement project and 5th Street, east of Main St., will be under construction this summer and will likely impact the main (south) entrance of the library. A sign will be in the window of the north and west door when those entrances are open. Don't hesitate to call the library (307-334-3490) to arrange delivery of materials.



INDIAN WARS OF NORTHWEST NEBRASKA PRESENTATION AND BUS TOUR

The library will host historian Randy Kane on **Wednesday, May 24** at 6 p.m. Kane will speak about events that occurred in Dawes and Sioux counties in



Nebraska involving some of the major figures in the Sioux and Cheyenne Indian wars, including Crazy Horse, Red Cloud, Dull Knife, and Buffalo Bill Cody. He will describe the happenings in the 1870s at such locations as Camp Robinson (later Fort Robinson), Red Cloud Agency, Crow Butte, Warbonnet Creek, and the Council Tree. These events include the Cheyenne Breakout, the killing of Crazy Horse, the "First Scalp for Custer," and the treaty of the Allison Commission. A bus tour of these historical sites will be on **Saturday, June 17**, leaving at 8 a.m. Register by calling Leslie Stewart at 308-430-2464 by 6/10/23. The tour is \$20 with lunch on your own at Ft. Robinson.

Randy spent 37 years as a history interpreter with the National Park Service, mostly at historic sites in the American West. He has worked summers and volunteered at Fort Robinson since 2010. He presently volunteers at the Museum of the Fur Trade in Chadron, Nebraska. His article *Who Killed Crazy Horse?: Politics at Red Cloud Agency, Summer 1877* appeared in the Fall 2020 issue of Nebraska History magazine.

These events are sponsored and funded locally by the Niobrara County Library, the Niobrara County Historical Society and the Library Foundation.

BLOOD PRESSURE KITS AVAILABLE

Self-measured blood pressure monitoring kits are now available for checkout at the Niobrara County Library, thanks to a partnership with the University of Wyoming's Wyoming Center on Aging (WyCOA) and the Wyoming Department of Health's Chronic Disease Prevention Program.

The kits, available in both English and Spanish, include an automated home blood pressure cuff; blood pressure logbooks; educational materials from the American Heart Association; information on what blood pressure is; and ideas for healthy lifestyle changes. The kits also include a resource directory of local community-based organizations and referral resources to the Cent\$ible Nutrition Program and the Healthy U chronic disease self-management program. Stop by the library for more information.



WYOMING LIBRARY TO BUSINESS AVAILABLE

Wyoming Library to Business is a business-focused, community driven and completely free resource, based in



your local library! This program is part of a national initiative by the American

Library Association (ALA) intended to build capacity in libraries offering programming or services to local entrepreneurs and the small business community, prioritizing low-income and underrepresented entrepreneurs.

The goal is to connect Wyoming entrepreneurs and business owners with a curated network of business experts, resources to learn new skills, and the tools to succeed at every stage. Tools available to check out at the library include a laptop with Microsoft Office, webcam, projector, portable foldable photo studio box, flexible tripod kit, microphone stand kit, ring light tripod, collapsible background kit and a complete podcasting station.

SUMMER READING AND PROGRAMS

“Claws, Paws, Feathers & Scales” is the theme for summer reading and children’s programming at the library this year. Traditionally, summer reading programs are designed to encourage 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” program begins the end of May for all ages and continues throughout the summer. Stop in the library anytime after May 22 to pick up your books and set your reading goals then check out your library books and start reading! The tracking week ends each Friday beginning June 2 and continues through August 11. When a goal is met for two weeks, a certificate for swimming, ice cream or a treat will be awarded. In mid-August, children who have completed their reading goals throughout the summer will be eligible for additional prizes. The “Hey Kids” program is extended to young adult and adult participants as well!

LegoTime will be held each Tuesday at 1 p.m. beginning on May 30 through August 15 for all ages.



Weekly crafting and activity sessions will be held on Wednesdays beginning May 31 at 1 p.m. through August 16.

Afternoon movies will be featured on Thursdays at 1 p.m. beginning June 1 and running through August 17. The library provides the popcorn; please bring your own drink.



COLORADO PEACHES EXPECTED

The Niobrara County Library Foundation is now taking orders for Palisade, Colorado peaches! The 18-20 pound box is expected late this summer or early fall. Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the Twenty-Five by 2025 Campaign. Contact the library at 307-334-3490 or any foundation member to place your order.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY PERFORMANCES



Ventriloquist Meghan Casey returns with her summer show, “You’ve Got a Friend in Me” on **Friday, July 21 at 1 p.m.** Meghan and her pals have been friends for over a decade! Planning a friendship celebration sounded like a great idea...until it came to picking out a theme for the party...!

On **Thursday, August 10 at 1 p.m.** Mr Kneel returns with a show that will thrill, and excite, with beatbox, and rhymes, as he shares some Hip Hop history,



and spreads unity! Mr. Kneel, an award-winning Hip Hop musician and educator with over twenty years of experience on stage and in the classroom, will tickle your imagination



with beatbox and weird noises! All the way from Hawaii with a show that aims to amaze, educate, and edify! “It is a show where a kid can bring their parents without fear of embarrassment!”

ART EVENTS AVAILABLE THIS SUMMER

Artist Barb Orr will present three art events this summer. A painting will be featured **Monday, June 12** and **Monday, August 14**. A drawing class will be held **Monday, July 10**. These events will be held at the library at 1 p.m. Please call 307-334-3490



to register for one or all three of the events. Children under 10 will need to be accompanied by an adult.

CHROMEBOOKS AVAILABLE

The library now has internet-ready Samsung Chromebook Go computers available to check out. These are internet-ready through the T-Mobile connection—browse the internet and use your Google account to access your Google Docs and more! The circulating Chromebooks are no charge to the library patron and check out for one week (zero-tolerance circulation policy applicable). For more information call or stop by the library.



BOOK SALE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale and Ice Cream Social will be held on **Saturday, June 24**. The Book Sale begins at 8 a.m. and the Social at 11 a.m. Be sure to stop by!





Dates to Remember

JUNE 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 28	May 29	30	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	1

JULY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					

AUGUST 2023

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 30 to August 15
-  **Summer Crafts & Activities**
“Claws, Paws, Feathers and Scales”
Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. — May 31 to August 16
-  **Afternoon Movies @ the Library**
Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. — June 1 to August 17

SPECIAL EVENTS @ THE LIBRARY

- Paint with Barb @ the Library**
Monday, June 12 — 1:00 p.m.
- Friends of the Library Alumni Activities**
Saturday, June 24
Book Sale, 8:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.
Ice Cream Social 11:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.
- Draw with Barb @ the Library**
Monday, July 10 — 1:00 p.m.
- Meghan Casey & Rocky Mountain Puppets**
Friday, July 21 — 1:00 p.m.
- Mr. Kneel—Hip Hop for Families**
Thursday, August 10 — 1:00 p.m.
- Paint with Barb @ the Library**
Monday, August 14 — 1:00 p.m.

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

Holiday Closures
Memorial Day — Monday, May 29
Independence Day — Tuesday, July 4

Library Hours
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Wednesday Noon to 7 p.m.



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STOP BY THE LIBRARY AND CHECK THESE OUT!



1000 Books Plus Before Kindergarten! For every 100 library books your child reads before they start kindergarten they can select a hardback book for their very own! We are happy to extend this program beyond 1000 Books!

I Can Read! This program is similar to the *1000 Books Plus Before Kindergarten* except it is geared towards helping your reluctant reader gain ground! Also suitable for children who need a little help jumpstarting to the next reading level. For every 25 library books that your child reads (and writes) they can select a book for their own! The Niobrara County Library Foundation provides the books for both programs!



STORYHOUR AVAILABLE WEEKLY

Join Miss Tina on **Tuesdays** throughout the year for Children's Storyhour! Preschool-aged children will enjoy stories, activities, puzzles and the opportunity to socialize with other children. Storyhour is held from **10 to 11 a.m.**



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