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Fall 2025 Newsletter

DEER CREEK BRASS IN CONCERT

The Niobrara County Library is pleased to present **Deer Creek Brass** in concert on **Sunday, October 19 at 1:30 p.m.** at the Congregational Church, 120 E 5th St., Lusk, WY.

Deer Creek Brass is a dynamic brass quintet known for its vibrant sound, engaging performances, and wide-ranging repertoire. Formed by a group of seasoned musicians passionate about chamber music, the ensemble features two trumpets (Jeremy Huck and Cara Sommers), French horn (Mike Pryczynski), trombone (Chris Ehrlich), and tuba (Jerry Delgado). Rooted in the scenic Deer Creek area, the quintet draws inspiration from the natural beauty and community spirit of its namesake.



With a commitment to both musical excellence and audience connection, Deer Creek Brass performs an eclectic mix of classical masterpieces, jazz standards, contemporary works, and festive arrangements. Their versatility allows them to perform in a variety of settings, from concert halls and churches to schools and outdoor festivals.

The quintet places a strong emphasis on outreach and education, regularly collaborating with local music programs and offering workshops for young musicians. Whether performing a stirring movie theme, a soulful ballad, or a swinging jazz tune, Deer Creek Brass brings warmth, energy, and precision to every note.

Driven by a shared love of music and camaraderie, the members of Deer Creek Brass aim to enrich their community through performance, education, and a deep appreciation for the power of live music.

Library events are free and open to the public; plan to attend!

JOHN BOUSSU ART SHOW

Local artist John Boussu will present his art at the library during the month of October. A reception with the artist is planned for **Wednesday, October 1 at 5 p.m.** Watch for more information!



FIREANTS RETURN FOR DINO DAYS!

The Fireants return to Lusk on **Friday, August 22** and will perform at **5 p.m.** at the Niobrara County Fairgrounds, 4080 US Hwy 20 as part of Dino Days.

The Fireants play a variety of music of the Americas—Cajun Creole, Tejano and Norteño, Quebecois, Basque, Colombian Coastal Cumbia, Trinidadian Calypso, and Brazilian Forro. Also included will be some swing from the U.S. and original tunes and some tunes that the band has rearranged from traditional sources. The band is comprised of Cindy Baker, bass and vocals; Caitlin Belem, fiddle, guitar, alto sax, and vocals; Margo Brown, percussion, piano, and vocals; Courtney Caplan, guitar and vocals; and David Romtvedt, button accordions, trumpet, and vocals. This lively performance is guaranteed to entertain!



AROUND THE WORLD—IRELAND

When Candy Dooper and Tina Carstensen signed up for a yoga retreat in Ireland, little did they know their adventure would include hiking along the rugged cliffs of the northern coastline and through the bucolic countryside, as well as an immersion in Irish culture with stops at historic sites from Dublin to Donegal and a visit to the home of a nationally recognized storyteller. Candy Dooper and Tina Carstensen traveled to Ireland in June and their trip to the Emerald Isle will be shared at the library on **Wednesday, November 5 at 6 p.m.**



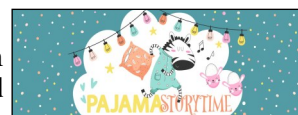
PAINT @ THE LIBRARY

Paint @ the Library returns this fall with three sessions planned for **Wednesdays September 17, October 15 and November 19 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.** Miss Barb has local historical landmarks planned for the first two sessions and a surprise for the holiday paint in November. Registration is required, please call the library at 307-334-3490, children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult. Library programs are free and open to the public.



THREE PAJAMA STORYHOUR EVENTS

Three Pajama Storyhour programs are planned for children this fall. They will be held from **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** The sessions will be held on **Wednesdays September 10, October 8 and November 12.** Miss Tina has three special events planned. Wear your pajamas!



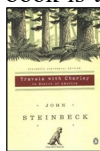
BOOK DISCUSSION AND DINNER & MOVIE SERIES ANNOUNCED

BOOK DISCUSSION

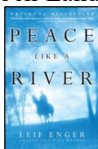


ROUTE 66 – AMERICAN HIGHWAYS is the theme for the fall book discussion series at the Niobrara County Library. Route 66 is one of the first national highways for motor vehicles in the United States and one that became an icon in American popular culture. In November of 2026 the route celebrates its 100th anniversary. The discussion series includes books that celebrate not only Route 66 but American Highways. Tina Kitras-Seaman returns to facilitate the series. Stop by the library to register and pick up the first book in the series.

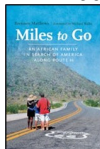
Tuesday, September 2 “Travels with Charley : In Search of America” by John Steinbeck will be featured at **6 p.m.** The book is the story of an intimate journey across America, as told by Steinbeck. With Charley, his French poodle, Steinbeck drives the interstates and the country roads, dines with truckers, encounters bears at Yellowstone and old friends in San Francisco. Along the way he reflects on the American character, racial hostility, the American loneliness he finds almost everywhere and the unexpected kindness of strangers.



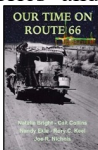
“Peace Like A River,” is Leif Enger’s debut novel. It is at once a heroic quest, a tragedy, and a love story. Raised on tales of cowboys and pirates, eleven-year-old asthmatic Reuben Land has little doubt that miracles happen all around us, and that it’s up to us to “make of it what we will.” Their quiet Midwestern life is upended when Davy, the oldest son, kills two marauders who have come to harm the family. The morning of his sentencing, he escapes from his cell, and the Lands set out in search of him. The family covers territory—far more extraordinary than even the Badlands—where they search for Davy from their Airstream trailer across the Midwest. **“Peace Like A River”** will be discussed on **Monday, October 6 at 6 p.m.**



The third book in the series is **“Miles to Go: An African Family in Search of America Along Route 66”** by Brennen Matthews and will be discussed on **Monday, November 3 at 6 p.m.** This is the story of a family from Africa in search of authentic America along the country's most famous highway, Route 66. Traveling the scenic byway from Illinois to California they come across a fascinating assortment of historical landmarks, partake in quirky roadside attractions, and meet more than a few colorful characters. Brennen Matthews, along with his wife and their son, come face-to-face with real America. It is the record of an America as it once was and one that, in some places, still persists.



Rounding out the series will be **“Our Time on Route 66”** by Natalie Bright, Rory C. Keel, Joe Nichols, Cait Collins and Nancy Elke. This book is an anthology of five stories and novellas that tell of good times and bad, love and heartache, from the past to beyond tomorrow - all connected by one stop, the Tower Station and U-Drop Inn on Route 66. The book is slated for discussion on **Monday, December 1 at 6 p.m.** This overland route was traveled by pioneers, migrant farmers and those looking for American dreams. These stories are all set on the historic route in Texas.



To register for the series and pick up the first book, stop by the library or call 307-334-3490. Library programs are free and open to the public.

DINNER & MOVIE SERIES

ROUTE 66 – AMERICAN HIGHWAYS



No American road is as iconic as Route 66. Starting in Chicago, Illinois, and snaking cross-country to Santa Monica, California, Route 66 originally consisted of 2,448 miles of highway, rich with neon-lit motels, quirky roadside attractions, and stretches of deserted landscape. With such a wealth of inspiration, it is no surprise that so many filmmakers have used Route 66 as a backdrop for their films.

Easy Rider is the first film in the series and will be shown on **Monday, August 25 at 6 p.m.** Filmed along Route 66 this 1969 film follows two "biker-hippies" (Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper) as they head to New Orleans, crossing the west and southern United States. Along the way they encounter a host of interesting characters and strange situations. The film is rated R and 94 minutes.



Monday, September 29 *The Grapes of Wrath* will be featured. Based on John Steinbeck's novel of the same name, this 1940 film tells the story of an Oklahoman family heading to California on Route 66. Taking place during the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl period, the poverty-stricken Joad family leaves Oklahoma in search of a better life. Interestingly, Steinbeck was the person who first coined the term the “Mother Road” to describe Route 66, and many of its locations are prominently featured in this movie. ***The Grapes of Wrath*** is 129 minutes, rated PG and will be shown at **6 p.m.**



One of the pivotal scenes in the 1988 film ***Rain Man*** takes place at Route 66's Big 8 Motel in El Reno, Oklahoma. In the film, a self-centered man learns he has an autistic older brother he never knew about until after their father dies and leaves the older brother the bulk of his multi-million dollar estate. The younger brother takes his institutionalized sibling on a road trip hoping to get some of the money for himself. ***Rain Man*** will be shown on **Monday, October 27 at 6 p.m.** and is rated R and 128 minutes.



Concluding the series is ***Bagdad Café*** on **Monday, November 24 at 6 p.m.** This 1987 film, also known as ***Out of Rosenheim***, is a German comedy-drama set in a remote truck-stop café and motel in the Mojave Desert in California. The story centers on two women who have recently separated from their husbands, and the friendship that grows between them. The setting of this film, Bagdad, California, is a former town on Route 66, which was abandoned and eventually razed after being bypassed by Interstate 40 in 1973. The film is rated PG and 91 minutes.



Library programs are free and open to the public; a meal will also be available.

DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY



The Friends of the Library sponsor *Dolly Parton's Imagination Library*. Stop by the library or go to <http://imaginationlibrary.com> to sign up your children (up to age 5).

INTERNET HOTSPOTS AND CHROMEBOOKS

Need internet? The library has Wi-Fi mobile hotspots and Chromebooks available for circulation. The devices checkout for seven (7) days and require a Niobrara County Library card in good standing. Typically the items have several holds, so please plan ahead. For more information call 307-334-3490 or stop by the library.





Dates to Remember

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Book Discussion *Route 66: American Highways* 6 p.m.

Tuesday, September 2 - *Travels with Charley*
 Monday, October 6 - *Peace Like a River*
 Monday, November 3 - *Miles to Go*
 Monday, December 1 - *Our Time on Route 66*

American Highways Dinner and Movie Series, 6 p.m.

Monday, August 25 - *Easy Rider*
 Monday, September 29 - *Grapes of Wrath*
 Monday, October 27 - *Rain Man*
 Monday, November 24 - *Bagdad Cafe*

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

K-2, Tuesdays, August 19 - October 21 - *Out West*
 3-6, Thursdays, August 21 - October 23 - *It's Rocky!*

Holiday Crafting, 3:35 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Tuesdays, November 4, 18, 25 & December 2 & 9

Pajama Storyhour, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, September 10, October 8 and November 12

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

Wednesdays, September 17, October 15 & November 19

Special Events

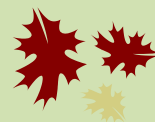
Friday, August 22, 5 p.m. — Fireants in Concert, Niobrara County Fairgrounds
 Thursday, September 25, 7:30 a.m.—Krispy Kreme Doughnuts
 Wednesday, October 1, 5 p.m. — John Boussu Artist Reception
 Sunday, October 19, 1:30 p.m. — Deer Creek Brass in Concert, Congregational Church
 Wednesday, December 10, 3 p.m.—Friends of the Library Cookie, Candy, Soup and Bread Sale

Friday Afternoon Movies, 1:00 p.m.

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

Holiday Closures:

Labor Day: Monday, September 1
 Veterans Day: Tuesday, November 11
 Thanksgiving: Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28
 Christmas: Wednesday & Thursday, December 24 and 25
 New Year's Day: Thursday, January 1



Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Wednesday: 12 - 7 p.m.
 Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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REGISTER FOR AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS



The library will host two afterschool sessions this fall beginning the week of August 18, the programs begin at 3:35 p.m. and continue until 4:45 p.m.

“Out West” is the theme for children in grades K-2. Miss Tina has planned sessions where it will be a little wild and lots of fun with activities, crafts and some great stories! Get ready for a rompin’, stompin’ good time!



Children in grades 3-6 will experience “It’s Rocky!” with Miss Barb. The afternoons include exciting experiments, crafts and activities involving all things earth science. Topics scheduled include volcanoes, rocks & minerals, fossils, the ocean and the weather!

Call the library at 307-334-3490 to register your children.

AFTERSCHOOL HOLIDAY CRAFTS ON TUESDAYS

Holiday crafting returns this fall with craft projects for children kindergarten and older. Children will be able to make crafts for gifts or for fun. The program will be held from after school until 4:45 p.m. on Tuesdays November 4, 18, 25 and December 2 & 9. In order to assure adequate supplies, please register your child by stopping by or calling the library at 307-334-3490.



KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUTS FUNDRAISER

The Niobrara County Library Foundation will have Krispy Kreme Doughnuts available on Thursday, September 25. Pick up will be at 7:30 a.m. at the library. A plain glazed dozen is \$12 and a mixed frosted dozen is \$13. Call the library at 307-334-3490 to order today!

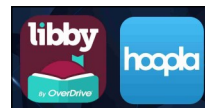


HOMEMADE COOKIE, CANDY, SOUP & BREAD FUNDRAISER

The Friends of the Library will host their annual Homemade Cookie, Candy, Soup and Bread Sale on Wednesday, December 10, at 3 p.m. at the library. Select your choice of cookies and candies by the pound or pick up one of the pre-made plates. Homemade soups and breads will also be available. Proceeds help fund the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, RIF (Reading is FUN), live performers and more!



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