

SUMMER READING AND PROGRAMS

UNEARTH A STORY™

Unearth a Story is the theme for summer reading and children's programming this year at the Niobrara County Library.

Summer reading programs are designed to encourage children to keep reading during summer vacation, and helping to prevent the "summer slide" continues to be the main objective of the library's reading program. The benefits of library summer reading programming for children include motivation, maintaining and growing reading skills and getting to know their library.

Stop in the library after **May 18** to set your reading goals and check out your library books for the *Unearth a Story*. The tracking week ends each Friday beginning **May 29** and continues through **July 31**. When a goal is met for two weeks, a certificate for swimming or a treat will be awarded. At the conclusion of the 10-week program, children who have completed their reading goals each week will be eligible for additional prizes.



The Summer Reading Program is available to young adult and adult participants as well!

WEEKLY SUMMER EVENTS @ THE LIBRARY

LegoTime will be held each **Tuesday** at **1 p.m.** beginning on **May 26 through July 28** for all ages. **LegoTime** will not be held when a live performer is scheduled.



Read with Delilah is scheduled each **Tuesday** at **2 p.m.** beginning **May 26 through July 28**. **Delilah** or **"The Kids"** will be available for children to

practice their reading, offering a fun option for children each week. This will not be held when live performers are scheduled.



Crafting Sessions are planned for **Wednesdays** beginning **May 27 at 1 p.m. through June 24**. A wide variety of projects are planned! **Registration is preferred, call (307) 334-3490.**



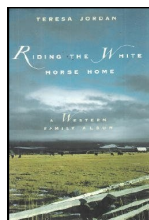
OpenCrafts will be held at the library on **Wednesdays** beginning **July 1, 22 & 30 at 1 p.m.** A selection of crafts will be available or you can make your own project.

Afternoon movies will be featured on **Thursdays** at **1 p.m.** beginning **May 28 and continuing through August 13**. The library provides the popcorn; please bring your own drink.



READ & FEED BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES

A three book discussion series is planned for the summer with discussions planned for **Mondays June 8, July 13 and August 10 at noon**. *Riding the White Horse Home* by Teresa Jordan is scheduled for **June 8**. Teresa Jordan writes of her family and of finding her place within its history with warmth, sincerity, and pride. It is only after she leaves Wyoming that she begins to understand the women of her history — some who were shoehorned into the only lives they could imagine, others who found ways to create the lives they wanted — and to discover where she belongs. The young adult novel *Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton will be featured on **July 6** and Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale* will be featured on **August 4**. Stop by the library to register and pick up the first book and then plan to bring your lunch and enjoy a leisurely discussion with friends. For more information stop by the library or call (307) 334-3490.



BOOK SALE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale and Ice Cream Social fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, June 27**. The Book Sale begins at **8 a.m.** and the Social at **11 a.m.** There is sure to be something for everyone! Proceeds help fund live performances, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and more!



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. Contact the library at (307) 334-3490, email director@niobraracountylibrary.org or contact foundation members to place your order.



SEED LIBRARY AVAILABLE

Pick up packets of heirloom and sustainable seeds for your garden at the county library. Seeds include a variety of vegetables, fruits and herbs as well as medicinal plants. The library has several books on seed-saving for your future gardening as well.



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Register & start reading the week of **May 18!** The first tracking week ends **Friday, May 29** and the last tracking day is **Friday, July 31!**



We'll track your **library books** AND when you've met your goal for **TWO** weeks, you'll receive a **certificate** for swimming or a treat!



Drawing for **Extra Special Prizes** if you participate all summer!

Niobrara County Library

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Register & Set a
**WEEKLY
READING GOAL!**



Check out your
LIBRARY books!

READ the books!



RETURN the
books to the library!

Books can be returned any day of the week but must be returned by Friday each week to count.

The tracking
week ends each
FRIDAY!

*The library is closed on
Friday, July 3



LIVE PERFORMANCES @ the LIBRARY



JEFF QUINN AND JURASSIC MAGIC!



On **Monday, June 1 at 4:30 p.m.** Jeff Quinn has a fun-filled new magic show that uses dinosaur routines and imagery. There will also be lots of audience participation, family-friendly humor and... someone is going to win their very own inflatable dinosaur!

DINOSAURS OF NIOBRARA COUNTY WITH MARCUS ERIKSEN

Learn about the Dinosaurs of Niobrara County on **Friday, June 12 at 1 p.m.** Plan to see and touch a variety of real-life bones and learn about the dinosaurs who have roamed our county.



"CAN YOU DIG IT?" WITH MR. KNEEL

Mr. Kneel is unearthing lots of stories with his "Can You Dig It?" summer program. Plan for loads of fun sharing songs, rhyming words, and beatboxing with Mr. Kneel on **Tuesday, June 16 at 1 p.m.**

CODY LANDSTROM'S MAGIC

Magician Cody Landstrom will mesmerize everyone with his magic and sleight of hand. Plan to enjoy the fun and try to figure out the magic on **Monday, June 29 at 1 p.m.**



CURTIS MORK, THE LEGO GUY

Get ready because this summer it's all about unearthing a story. Kids spending time with the Lego guy will get the opportunity to build either their favorite dinosaur or their favorite temple on **Tuesday, June 30 at 1 p.m.**

THE MAGIC BOOKCASE WITH BYRON GREY

In "The Magic Bookcase," Byron combines the ancient arts of storytelling, magic, and audience participation for an astonishing family-friendly magic show on **Tuesday, July 7 at 1 p.m.** Plan to attend this fantastic show!



ARRAYSCAPE GAMING @ THE LIBRARY

Two gaming sessions will be held this summer with ArrayScape on **Wednesday, July 15** for children and adults. The first session will be held from **10:30 a.m. - Noon** with Minecraft "Unearth The Giants: Dino Safari."



In this hands-on archaeology experience you will master excavation techniques to recover lost dinosaur bones, apply critical thinking to reconstruct skeletal structures, and learn the art of curation by designing your own museum exhibits. The Roblox experience will be held from **1-2:30 p.m.** and in "Rorvik" you'll mine ores across various islands and collect trinkets to upgrade your character and equipment. You constantly advance to mine more valuable materials, defeat "boss ores" with friends, complete quests, and climb the leaderboards! It's a game about progression, collecting, and exploring a world full of fantastical creatures and precious loot.



VENTRILOQUIST MEGHAN CASEY PRESENTS SKETCHASAURUS REX

Meghan and Aidan have REALLY done it this time... apparently a normal jungle hike was just too boring. After stumbling across an abandoned prehistoric-looking science lab, Aidan finds a pencil labeled "DO NOT USE." So naturally... he uses it. One innocent Pterodactyl drawing and a machine startup later — BOOM! — Terry the Pterodactyl bursts out, flapping, squawking, and declaring that anyone who isn't a dinosaur MUST leave the island! Help them outsmart Terry on **Tuesday, July 21 at 1 p.m.**



FOAM PARTY

A FOAM Party returns to the library on **Tuesday, August 4 from 6 – 7 p.m.** This unique entertainment concept is very popular and it's clean, fresh, biodegradable and guaranteed to bring sheer joy to children!



These library events are possible because of a gift from the Carnegie Foundation.



WEEKLY @ THE LIBRARY * STORYHOURS * LEGOTIME * CRAFTING * MOVIES!

NIOBRARA COUNTY LIBRARY

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Dates to Remember

JUNE 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24	25	26	27	28	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

JULY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
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AUGUST 2026

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23	24	25	26	27	28	29

- **LegoTime @ the Library**
Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m. — May 26, June 2, 9, 23, July 14 & 28
- **Read with Delilah & “The Kids”**
Tuesdays, 2:00 p.m.—May 26, June 2, 9, 23, July 14 & 28
- **Unearth a Story Summer Crafts & Paints for Kids**
Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. — May 27, June 3, 10, 17 & 24
- **Afternoon Movies @ the Library**
Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. — May 28 through August 13
- **Open Crafting @ the Library**
Wednesdays, 1:00-2:00 p.m. — July 1, 22 & 29

—SPECIAL EVENTS @ THE LIBRARY—

- Jeff Quinn — Jurassic Magic!**
Monday, June 1 — 4:30 p.m.
- Nancy Tapp—Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde**
Wednesday, June 3—6 p.m.
- Read & Feed @ the Library**
Monday, June 8, July 13 & August 10—Noon
- Paint with Barb @ the Library**
Wednesdays, 4:30-6:30 p.m. — June 10, July 8 & August 12
- Beginners Guide to Canva with Roxanne Fish**
Wednesday, June 17, 24 & July 1—5:00-6:30 p.m.
- Marcus Eriksen & Dinosaurs of Wyoming**
Friday, June 12 — 1 p.m.
- Android & iPhone Senior Planet Workshop**
Monday, June 15 — 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- Mr. Kneel—Can You Dig It?**
Tuesday, June 16—1 p.m.
- Friends of the Library Alumni Activities**
Saturday, June 27—Book Sale & Ice Cream Social, 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
- Cody Landstrom’s Magic**
Monday, June 29 — 1 p.m.
- Curtis Mork, The LegoGuy!**
Tuesday, June 30 — 1 p.m.
- Byron Grey—The Magic Bookcase**
Tuesday, July 7 — 1 p.m.
- ArrayScape Gaming**
Wednesday, July 15 — 10:30-Noon — Minecraft
Wednesday, July 15 — 1-2:30 — Roblox
- Ventriloquist Meghan Casey—Sketchasaurus Rex**
Tuesday, July 21 — 1 p.m.
- Ann Lincoln Entertainment: Foam Party @ the Library**
Tuesday, August 4 — 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Storyhour — Every Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.*
- Little Readers’ Toddler Time—Wednesdays, June 3-August 12 from 10:30-11 a.m.*

—Holiday Closures—

Memorial Day — Monday, May 26
Independence Day — Friday, July 4

—Library Hours—

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. & Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.





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GALE LEGAL FORMS @ THE LIBRARY

Professional and Wyoming specific legal forms are available courtesy of the Niobrara County Library Foundation. Visit <http://niobraracountylibrary.org> and scroll down where you will find forms that you can download, blank forms to fill out or use the convenient web forms! You'll find everything from adoption to



leins to wills. Your library card will give you access!

FREE VIDEO COURSES AVAILABLE

Your Wyoming library card and PIN also gives you access to video courses through *LinkedIn Learning*. This leading online learning platform will help anyone learn business, software, technology and creative skills to achieve personal and professional goals. Choose from thousands of online courses to learn in-demand skills from real-world industry experts. Professional certifications are also available. Visit Gowlyd.net for more information or stop by the library!



SENIOR PLANET PROGRAMS AVAILABLE THIS SUMMER

This summer the library is pleased to present two **Senior Planet** workshops! "Getting to Know Your Android Smartphone" will be held on **Monday, June 15 at 10:30 a.m.** followed by "Getting to Know Your iPhone" at **1 p.m.** The workshops focus on features that most phones have so be sure to bring your device with you. This hands-on workshop will also cover some best practices for securing and maintaining your device. Senior Planet is a volunteer organization through AARP. Attendees do not have to be over 50 to attend. Call the library at 307-334-3490 to register!

