



Seward Memorial Library News

Spend an Afternoon in Paris

Seward Memorial Library has a solution for the winter blahs! Take a trip to Paris with tour guides Bruce Creed and Lynn Soloway. Seward Memorial Library will host this personal travelogue on Paris at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 19. See some of the popular sites in this famous French city and listen to Bruce and Lynn's stories as you join their excursion. Everyone is welcome to this free one-hour adventure. Visas are not required.



Scrabble Tournament Announced

At Seward Memorial Library people read, learn and connect. The library will host a Scrabble Tournament for those who enjoy playing with words as well as reading. The kick-off date for this friendly competition is Monday, February 6 at 6:00 p.m. Registration for the tournament is located on the library website at: www.sewardlibrary.org, and can also be done by visiting the library or calling 402-643-3318. Specific dates and times for future meets will be announced on February 6 as well as prize details. Enjoy interacting with other gamers in our community while you visit the library.

If It Snows...

We have had very little snow this year, but if weather conditions cause the Seward Schools to close there will be no children's programs that day.



**The Library will be
OPEN
on Monday,
February 20,
President's Day!**



**Seward Memorial Library
233 South Fifth Street
Seward, NE 68434
402-643-3318**

www.sewardlibrary.org

January 2012

Free Computer Classes at the Library

The library is offering free computer classes. You must register for classes either at the circulation desk in the library, by calling the library at 402-643-3318 or you can use the online registration on the library website: www.sewardlibrary.org. (A full schedule is available in the library or online.)

Mondays, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Jan. 30

Photos and Videos Galore!

What can you do with all of your digital photos and videos? Explore a variety of websites for editing, printing, sharing, making slide shows and more.

Feb. 6

Facebook

Connect with friends (both old and new) on the social networking site Facebook. Learn how to create a profile, find friends and more.

Feb. 13

Basic Internet

Get an introduction to using the Internet and how to find the information you are looking for.

Feb. 20

Overdrive eBooks and Audiobooks

Learn how to search for and download eBooks or Audiobooks to your computer, mp3 player, iPod, Nook, Kindle, iPad or other compatible devices.

Feb. 27

Google Tools 1

This class will focus on moving beyond the basic Google search into the many types of specific searching Google offers including Google maps. We'll also touch on Google Earth.

Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Feb. 2

Computer Basics 1

Get an introduction to computers, learn how to start and shut down the computer, get some tips for computer beginners and get comfortable using the mouse.

Feb. 9

Computer Basics 2

Continue practicing with using a mouse and learning about how to use a computer. Discover hints and tips such as moving & resizing windows and using the quick launch toolbar.

Feb. 23

Overdrive eBooks and Audiobooks

Learn how to search for and download eBooks or Audiobooks to your computer, mp3 player, iPod, Nook, Kindle, iPad or other compatible devices.

March 1

Free Apps

Do you own an iPad, iPod Touch, iPhone, smartphone, Kindle Fire or Color Nook? If so, you have access to apps! Find out how to download apps and learn about fun and free apps for all ages.



Federal Tax Forms at the Library

Seward Memorial Library has federal tax forms available for the public. Before coming to the library feel free to call 402-643-3318 to check on availability.

Most federal forms can be found online at www.irs.gov.

Nebraska state forms are not available at the library and are only available online at www.revenue.state.ne.us.

If citizens need the Internet to file, the library has computers for this use. Forms and booklets are free, but any copies printed in the library are 10 cents per page.

A library is...

"...the door to many lives." — Sharon Creech

Library Offers Spring Classes for Youth



After a short break the staff at Seward Memorial Library is ready to launch the 2012 spring programs. The library offers a variety of classes for children of all ages. The 10-week spring Story Time program focuses on shapes and numbers. Current library cards are required for preschoolers. Every class begins with a time for each child to select books, followed by stories, songs and activities. Some of the classes are full, but if you are interested in participating

there may still be a space for you.

All library after-school programs begin at 3:30 p.m. and end at 4:15 p.m. The library Fun and Games group for children in grades two through four meets each Tuesday. The library Checkmate Chess Club invites children in grades one through eight to participate in matches on Wednesday afternoons. Children in kindergarten through first grade may join Stories and Activities on Thursdays for 10 weeks.



Library After Hours is a program for any high school student in Seward County. The library is closed to the public on Thursday evenings from 8 to 9:30 p.m. while teens participate in a variety of activities. Pop is always available and treats are served each week. A library card is not required. The 10-week spring session begins on February 2. All area teens are welcome.



Spring library programs begin the week of January 30. For more information, call the library at 402-643-3318 or visit the library website at www.sewardlibrary.org.



Titles being read for February:

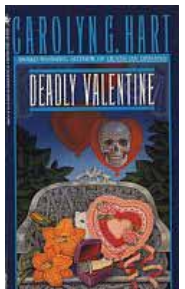
Young at Heart
Feb. 7 at noon

The True Meaning of Smekday
by Adam Rex



Midday Mysteries
Feb. 21 at noon

Deadly Valentine
by Carolyn Hart



New York Times Best Sellers
Feb. 15 at 7 p.m.

Winter Garden
by Kristin Hannah



If any of these selections interest you, or if you would like to visit or join a club, please call the library at 402-643-3318. To view a listing of all previous book selections please visit the library website at www.sewardlibrary.org.

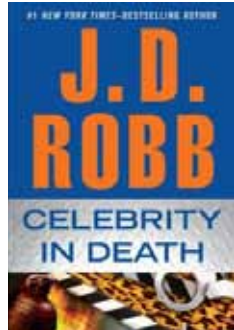
A library is...

"...where knowledge breeds in captivity." — Tom Bodett

New Fiction Books Coming Soon



Catch Me
by Lisa Gardner



Celebrity in Death
by J.D. Robb



The Garden Intrigue
by Lauren Willig



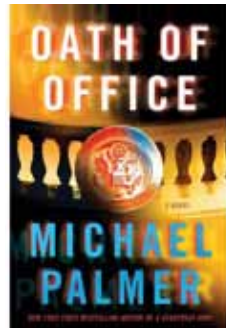
The House I Loved
by Tatiana de Rosnay



Left for Dead
by J.A. Jance



Lone Wolf
by Jodi Picoult



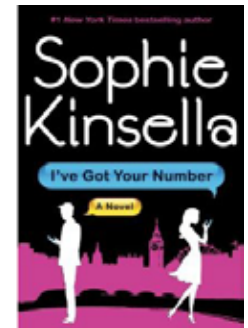
Oath of Office
by Michael Palmer



Sonoma Rose
by Jennifer Chiaverini

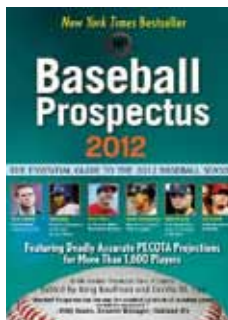


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by Jonathan
Kellerman

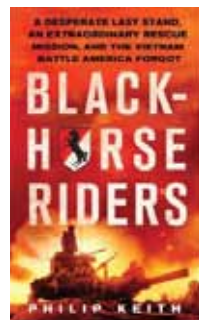


*I've Got
Your Number*
by Sophie Kinsella

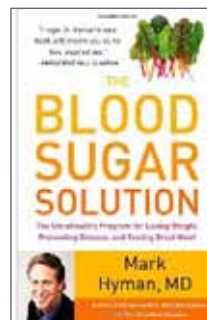
New Non-Fiction Books Coming Soon



*Baseball
Prospectus 2012*



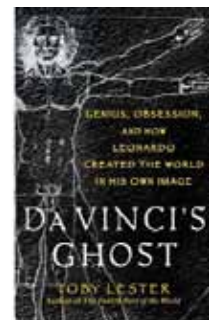
Blackhorse Riders
by Philip Keith



Blood Sugar Solution
by Mark Hyman



Connectome
by Sebastian Seung



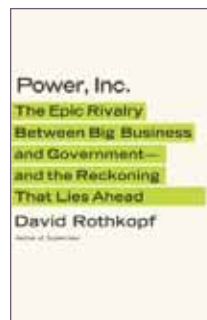
Da Vinci's Ghost
by Toby Lester



*You're Not
Doing It Right*
by Michael Ian Black



Once Upon a Secret
by Mimi Alford



Power, Inc
by David Rothkopf



SNAP
by Katherine
Ramsland



The Vow
by Kim Carpenter

ASRT Wants Suggestions

Help Seward Memorial Library select a title for the ninth annual *All Seward Reads Together* program. Each year the community reads a title together and participates in a variety of events related to the book. The 2011 *All Seward Reads Together* (ASRT) title was *The Lost City of Z*, an historic adventure by David Grann. The library is currently seeking suggestions for 2012. Nomination forms are available at the library or online at www.sewardlibrary.org. Titles can be fiction or non-fiction, should be of interest to young adults and adults, should generate meaningful discussion, and should still be in print, preferably in multiple formats. Fill out a suggestion form and nominate a title for 2012.



Pre-Three Story Time Returns

Seward Memorial Library will offer two Pre-Three Story Time opportunities each week for four consecutive weeks beginning on Tuesday, January 24. The popular 30-minute program will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings and will repeat on Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Parents can choose the time that works best for their family. Children who are not yet three are invited to come with an adult. Stories, songs, nursery rhymes and finger plays will be shared during this family program. No registration is required!



Library After Hours for Teens

Library After Hours is a program offered to high school students from the Seward area. The library is closed to the general public on Thursday evenings from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. while the teens participate in a variety of activities. Cans of pop are available for 25 cents and snacks are served.

- Feb. 2 - BINGO (with prizes!)
- Feb. 9 - Altered Books
- Feb. 16 - Yoga
- Feb. 23 - Wii Sports

Valentine Treats

Seward Memorial Library has Nebraska's delicious Baker's milk chocolates and dark mint chocolates in Valentine bags. Twenty individually wrapped candies are sold for \$3. Proceeds go to Southeast Library System Friends. You can support the work of area libraries and provide a treat for someone special.

A library is...

"...my cup of tea." — Mary Engelbreit