

April Craft Nights

Seward Memorial Library will offer four Tuesday Craft Nights beginning on April 4. Adults as well as children who have at least attended kindergarten and are accompanied by an adult are invited to make Pom Pom lights, create wire garden art, design with duct tape, and use old books for string art. Each program begins at 6:30 p.m. and will finish by



8 p.m. Registration is required and may be done by calling the library at 402-643-3318 or visiting the library website at www.sewardlibrary.org.



Happy Birthday, Seward

Families are invited to the 150th birthday celebration for the City of Seward. The party begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 1. The sesquicentennial celebration includes birthday cake, crafts, games, and a balloon drop! Registration is required! To RSVP call the library at 402-643-3318 or visit www.sewardlibrary.org.



"Celebrate Health"

The annual Seward Memorial Health Care Systems Health Fair is on Wednesday, April 5. The theme for 2017 is "Celebrate Health." Look for the Seward Memorial Library table as well as many valuable community partners promoting good health in Seward.

New Library Card Policy Begins on April 1

After discussion the Seward Library Board has adopted a new circulation policy. Beginning on April 1 the library will no longer issue family library cards. All future cards will be individual and a photo of the member will be required. Please read the FAQ sheet included on page 4 in the newsletter and visit the library website at: www.sewardlibrary.org for policy details.

The library will be **CLOSED**
on **Sunday, April 16**
for **Easter.**



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March 2017

National Library Week ... and More

Seward Memorial Library has expanded the annual National Library Week to include special events throughout the month. The Fit4Seward program will begin on April 10 featuring some new games and also extra challenges as part of the Fit for 150 celebration. The children's bookmark contest winners will be announced. The library will host the annual Book Review BINGO. The 2017 *All Seward Reads Together* title will be revealed. An afternoon focused on Edith Wharton is also scheduled. The Poetry Writing contest and Poetry Reading gathering will take place later in the month. Watch for posters and announcements in the library as well as the local newspaper.

Book Review BINGO

Prizes, ice cream, books, and BINGO! All of these are included in the program offered at Seward Memorial Library on Monday, April 17 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The staff at Seward Memorial Library will review titles which include both newly published books as well as old favorites. Participants can hear recommendations and gather lists of titles for future reading. As books are reviewed listeners cross off titles on BINGO cards while enjoying ice cream. The Friends of Seward Library are providing prizes for winners! Come and join in the literary fun ... it will be a sweet night.



Celebrate Edith Wharton

The community is invited to an afternoon discussion centered on Edith Wharton, one of the featured personalities in the summer Chautauqua. Teagan Dinslage will share



information on the author's life as well as her writing on Sunday, April 30 at 2 p.m. She will lead a discussion on the 1918 short story, *The Marne: a Tale of the War* as well as other works. Read your eBook copy online or pick up a copy at the library and discover why Wharton is an acclaimed author and a Pulitzer Prize winning novelist.

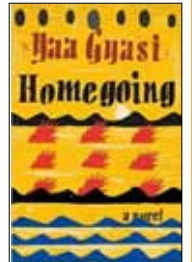


Titles being read for April:

New York Times Best Sellers

April 10 at 7 p.m.

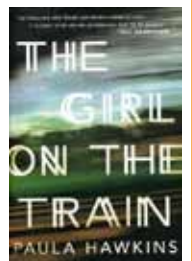
Homegoing
by Yaa Gyasi



Midday Mysteries

April 18 at noon

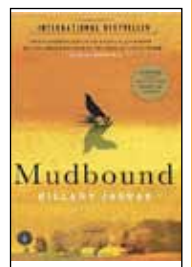
The Girl on the Train
by Paula Hawkins



Random Reads

April 24 at noon

Mudbound
by Hillary Jordan



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.

A library is...

"...a gym for the mind." – Tracy Chevalier

Celebrate Poetry. Celebrate Nebraska!

It is not too late to discover your writing talent! Seward Memorial Library is hosting a poetry contest for all ages. Cash prizes will be awarded through a random drawing for each age group: those 12 years of age and younger and those 13 years of age and older. Celebrate Seward's 150th birthday as well as Seward County's and Nebraska's sesquicentennial! Submit your poem of 150 words by April 21 at noon. In addition, if you would like to read your



submission out loud, you can come to the library on April 23 at 2 p.m. Now is the time to sit down and share your thoughts about our community or state.

The Big Bad Wolf Will Visit the Library

The York College Traveling Children's Theatre is coming to Seward Memorial Library on Saturday, April 22. A talented group of students will perform "Once Upon a Wolf" at 1 p.m. This is a fast and furious collection of fractured fairy tales with a unique twist when the Big Bad Wolf decides he does not want to be big or bad anymore. The narrator, Granny, attempts to tell many classic fairy tales, as the wolf starts on his mission to change his image. Everyone is welcome to this delightful one-hour story, but children who have not yet attended school must be accompanied by an adult.



Pre-Three Story Time

Seward Memorial Library will offer three mornings of Story Time for children who are under three. Come on April 4, 5, and 6 at 10 a.m. for 30 minutes of interactive play, stories, and songs. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet other families and enrich your child's library experience. No registration is required.

Poetry Reading

Seward Memorial Library invites local poets to a special afternoon program of "Poetry Reading" on Sunday, April 23 at 2 p.m. Participants in the Nebraska poetry writing contest will have an opportunity to read their work. Share some time connecting with lovers of poetry and the written word. Winners of the poetry writing contest will be announced during the gathering.

Mid-Week Movies in April

Seward Memorial Library will host two newly released feature films in April. Come on Thursday, April 6 to watch *Fences*, a story about a black sanitation worker and his family in the 1950s. The movie is based on a Pulitzer Prize winning drama. On Wednesday, April 19 watch *Hidden Figures* and learn about the African-American women mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA's space program. Both movies begin at 1:30 p.m. Bring a snack and a friend and relax in the library's lower level conference room. For



specific titles and questions, please contact the library at 402-643-3318.

A library is...

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

Library Circulation Policy FAQ

The Seward Library Board, in an effort to better protect all library accounts, has adopted new policies regarding issuance and use of library cards. Included in the change is that only individual cards will be issued after April 1, 2017. Please read through the questions below for help in understanding what this new policy means. If you have a question that is not answered on this page please call the library at 402-643-3318.

1. Do I need to change my family account to an individual account right away?

If your family account already has a photo in our system you can continue to use your family account until it expires. (All accounts expire every two years so that we can verify current contact information.) If your family account does not yet have a photo in our system you will need to switch to individual accounts now.

2. Will I need to get an individual account for each of my children when my family account expires?

Children ages 8-16 who come to the library to check out items without a parent present will need to have their own individual accounts. They cannot use their parent's account to check items out without that parent present. A parent or legal guardian must sign the application form to set up an individual account for a child ages 8-16. Because children who are age seven and younger must be supervised by a person age 13 or older while in the library, individual accounts will not be issued to children under age 8.

3. Can I send a babysitter or grandparent with my kids to check out books?

A child 8-16 years old is able to check out items without a parent, using their own account that a parent or legal guardian has signed for. Any child younger than 8, who will be checking out items with an adult other than a parent (i.e.: babysitter or grandparent), MUST be included in the photo on the responsible parent's account.

4. If I live outside of the city limits of Seward will each member of my family have to pay for an account?

Family members living at the same address will have individual accounts that are related on the circulation computer system. Only one fee will need to be paid for all related non-resident accounts.

5. If my spouse or child's library account is restricted because of fines over \$5 will my account be affected?

Yes. All individual accounts of family members living at the same address (adult/spouse/child/ other legal ward) WILL be connected on the circulation computer system. If one account is restricted, all related accounts will be restricted and any fines accrued will show on all accounts.

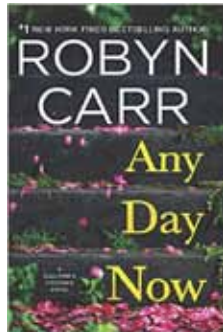
6. Can someone else check out an item for me on my card?

If you are unable to physically come to the library to pick up a reserved item, only members of your immediate family (living at the same address) that are linked to your account on the library circulation system will be able to pick up those items. If you wish for someone else to pick up a reserved item, you must call the library each time to give permission for this to happen. You may not give permission for others to use your account for checking out, but only to pick up reserved items. Violation of this policy may result in suspension of your account.

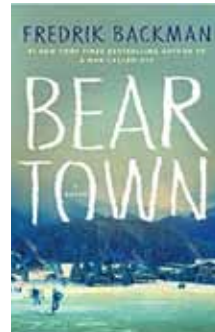
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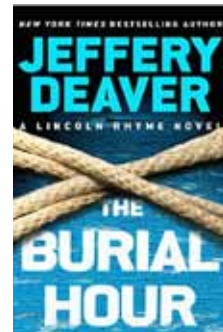
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Clark



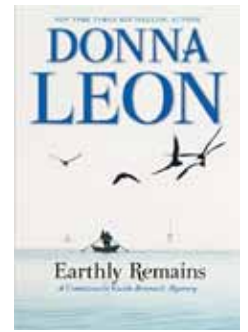
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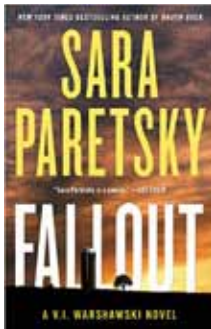
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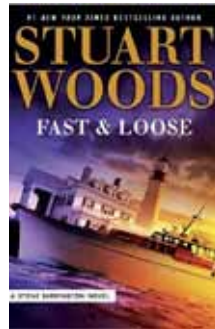
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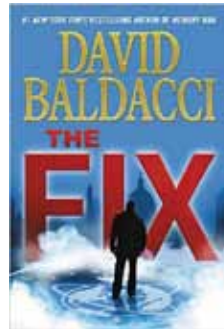
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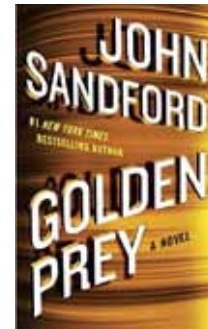
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Fast & Loose
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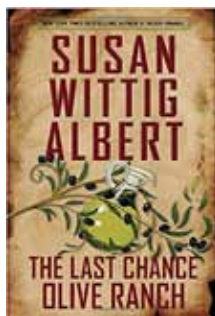
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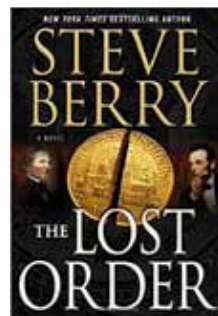
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High Stakes
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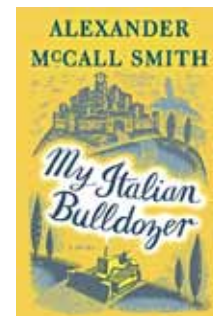
*The Last Chance
Olive Ranch*
by Susan Wittig Albert



The Lost Order
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Miss Julia Weathers the Storm
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My Italian Bulldozer
by Alexander
McCall Smith



*The Night the
Lights Went Out*
by Karen White



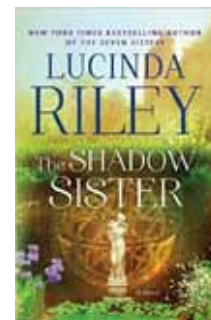
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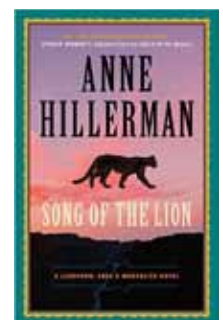
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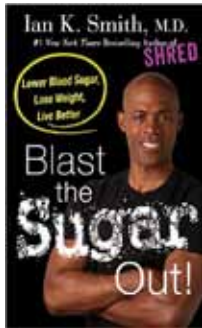


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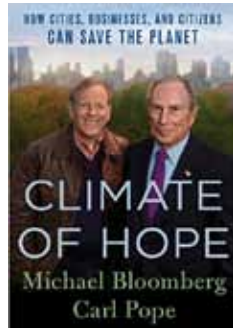


Song of the Lion
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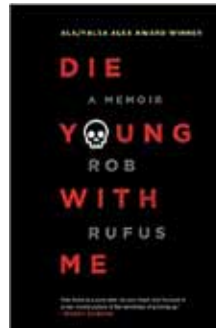
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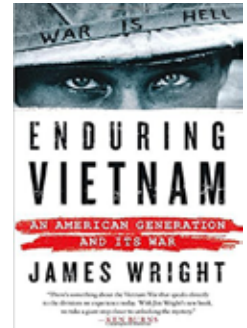
Climate of Hope
by Michael Bloomberg
and Carl Pope



Die Young With Me
by Rob Rufus



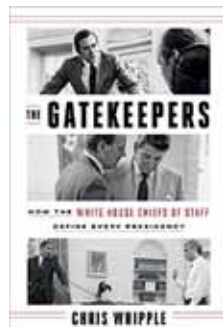
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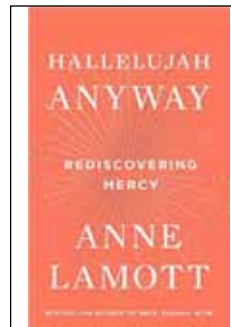
Enduring Vietnam
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The Fifth Trimester
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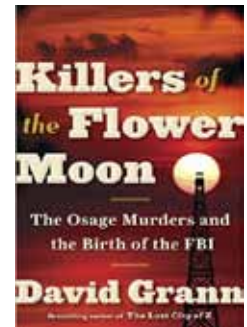
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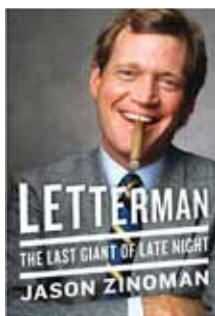
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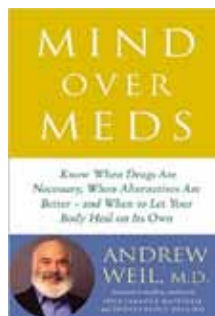
In the Country We Love
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Killers of the Flower Moon
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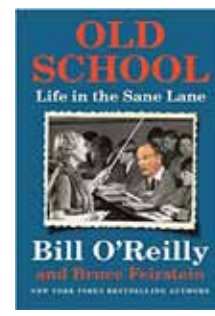
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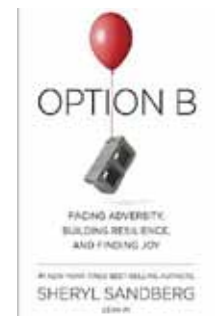
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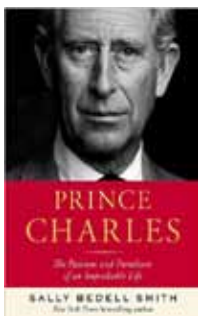
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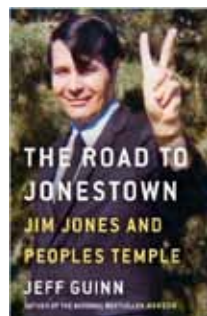
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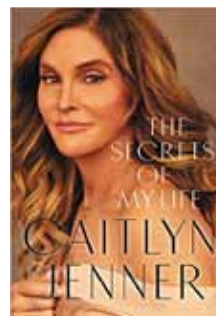
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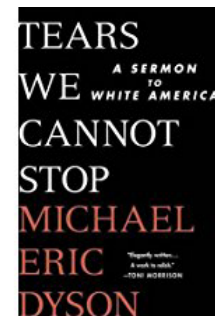
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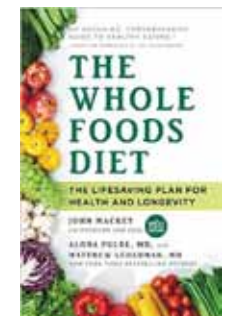
The Road to Jonestown
by Jeff Guinn



The Secrets of My Life
by Caitlyn Jenner



Tears We Cannot Stop
by Michael Eric Dyson



The Whole Foods Diet
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