



Used Book Bash

Seward Memorial Library will host the annual Used Book Bash on Tuesday, July 4th. Donated materials as well as items weeded from the library collection may be taken home for a donation to the Friends of Seward Library. Come to the west entrance between 9 a.m. and noon to find some books to add to your shelf or take with you on your vacation. Browse through the boxes and you may discover some literary treasures that need a new home.



Who is Reading More on Highway 34?

Adults are frequently stopping at the front circulation desk to get cards punched and to reach into the chocolate candy box. These readers are part of the group who has decided to prove to the York community that Seward has more avid readers during the summer. It is not too late to join the club. Talk to a librarian if you are interested. Pick up a punch card and get rewards for what you already enjoy doing ... reading! The trophy feels at home in our library. We don't want it to travel down the road.



Database Change

Seward Memorial Library card holders can now use the ChiltonLibrary database! This resource provides access to repair, maintenance and service information on many cars, trucks, vans and SUVs. You can access this database by logging into your account at www.sewardlibrary.org. ChiltonLibrary replaces the Auto Repair Reference Center.



The library will
be closed
Tuesday, July 4
to observe
Independence Day!

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Seward, NE 68434
402-643-3318

www.sewardlibrary.org

June 2017

They Are Coming Back!

Nebraska's favorite children's musicians will be on stage at Seward's Bandshell on Thursday, June 29. The String Beans concert begins at 7 p.m. Come prepared to sing, dance and move ... perhaps like a dinosaur! The Friends of Seward Library will serve ice cream for donations. Children often return home worn out from having so much fun. What a great way to end the day! The library thanks Runza® Seward for sponsoring this family event and promoting literacy in our community. In the event of rain the concert will be moved to the Seward Civic Center Auditorium.



Total Solar Eclipse Viewing Party

Everyone is invited to view the total solar eclipse at the Seward Memorial Library! Crafts, stories, games, and other activities geared towards preschool-aged children and their families will be offered from 11:30-1:30. Lunch will be served by the Friends of Seward Library. Please register in advance for this free event



by calling the library or visiting the website. Eclipse glasses will be provided for everyone in attendance for safe viewing.

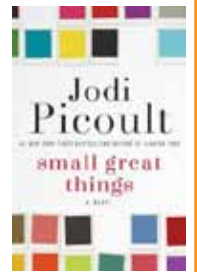
Dr. Robert Hermann from Concordia University will be giving a pre-eclipse presentation at the library on Thursday, August 17 at 7:00 p.m. No registration is required to attend this talk.



The Seward Memorial Library offers three book clubs that meet on a monthly basis. Titles being read for July:

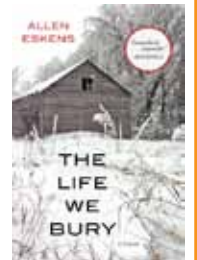
New York Times Best Sellers
July 10 at 7 p.m.

Small Great Things
by Jodi Picoult



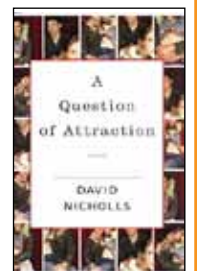
Midday Mysteries
July 18 at noon

The Life We Bury
by Allen Eskens



Random Reads
June 24 at noon

A Question of Attraction
by David Nicholls



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...

"...the whisper of eternity." – Marc Gafni

Mid-Week Movies

Come to Seward Memorial Library to enjoy a newly released feature film on Thursday, July 6 at 1:30 p.m. Relax with friends in front of the large screen and discover what happened in the zoo when the Germans invaded Poland. "The Zookeeper's Wife" recounts the heroic actions taken by Antonina Zabinska to save 300 Jews as well preserve the animals' environment. On Wednesday, July 19 at 1:30 p.m. the library will provide another opportunity to escape from your normal activities to view "The Promise", a romance set in the midst of World War I.



S150 Challenge

Is your child's baseball season nearing an end? Are you looking for some new activities to add to your schedule beside visiting the pool? Stop in the lower level of the library and pick up an S150 Challenge sheet. By staying busy and recording your activities you may be rewarded for your effort. Get movin' in some new directions and contribute to a healthier life style for you and your family. The S150 Challenge ends on August 1 so grab your sheet soon. Celebrate our sesquicentennial by burning calories and not just candles!



One Book One Nebraska

Seward Memorial Library invites the community to share in a discussion of the book selected for the 2017 *One Book One Nebraska* program. On Monday, August 14 at 7 p.m. the library will host a time to explore the message of *Black Elk Speaks* written by John G. Neihardt. The book may be viewed as a tale of Lakota life, a history of a nation, or a biographical spiritual journey. Discover why Black Elk's story must be preserved as well as his intended impact on humanity.

All Seward Reads Together During July



The recent Nebraska Chautauqua offered many opportunities to explore the lasting influences of the Great War. The 2017 *All Seward Reads Together* title, *A Star for Mrs. Blake*, revisits the consequences of war on families and focuses on the special government-sponsored journey of American mothers to the European gravesites of their sons. The library will be hosting programs in conjunction with this story and author April Smith will talk with the

community in the fall. Take time to pick up copy of Smith's book and learn about the Gold Star Mothers whose sons sacrificed for the cause of freedom.

Participants in every summer reading club may qualify for a drawing for a \$50 cash prize! Ask staff for details.



A library is...

"...a place in town where you can always find a great book and a public bathroom." – Diane de Groat

Summer Program Kick-Off Party

Even though the weather did not cooperate, the Summer Program Kick-Off Party was a success! Hundreds of children with their families joined the staff inside the library for food, fun and festivities. The 2017 summer theme is “Build a Better World” and the library could not have held this event without the help of the following individuals and organizations:

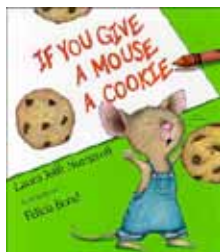
BVCA Sixpence Program
Firehouse Five and Paul Soulek
Four Corners Health Dept.
Friends of Seward Library
Larry and Susan Biel, balloon artists
Nebraska National Guard Museum
Pac N Save
Seward Police Department
Seward County Public Transit
Southeast Nebraska CASA
Valentino’s Pizza



Thank you for building a better Seward community by partnering with the library!

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Celebrating 150 Kids Books



During May the library asked patrons to vote for their favorite children’s book. We received almost 230 responses! With so many wonderful stories available to nominate there was a large variety on the compiled list of 150 books. The results for the top 10 favorite books are as follows and the full list is available on the library website.

1. *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie* by Laura Numeroff
2. *Dog Man* by Dav Pilkey
3. *Charlotte’s Web* by E.B. White
4. *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown
5. *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss
6. *Harry Potter* books by J.K. Rowling
7. *Magic Tree House* books by Mary Pope Osborne
8. *Pete the Cat* books by Eric Litwin
9. *Ready, Freddy* books by Abby Klein
10. *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin, Jr.



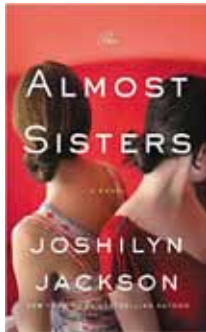
Scrabble Club and Teen Board Games will be taking a summer break! Scrabble Club will resume on September 18 and Teen Board Games will resume on September 7.



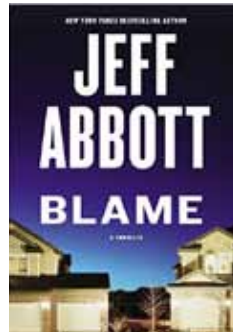
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“...something that holds the American family together.” – Michael Beschloss

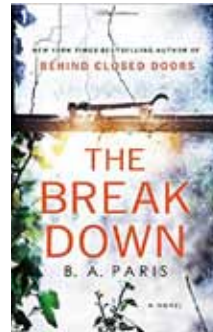
New Fiction Books Coming Soon



The Almost Sisters
by Joshilyn Jackson



Blame
by Jeff Abbott



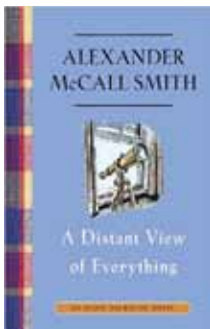
The Break Down
by B.A. Paris



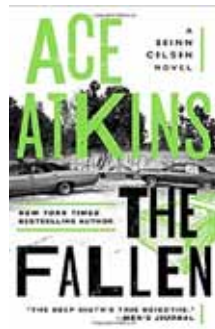
Collared
by David Rosenfelt



Deadfall
by Linda Fairstein



A Distant View of Everything
by Alexander McCall Smith



The Fallen
by Ace Atkins



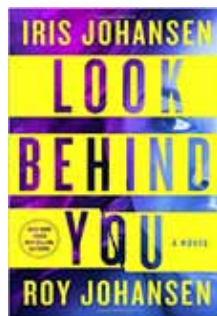
Hello Sunshine
by Laura Dave



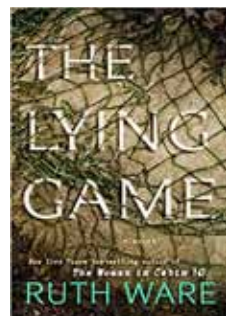
House of Spies
by Daniel Silva



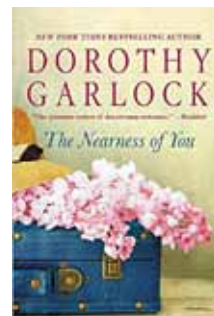
The Late Show
by Michael Connelly



Look Behind You
by Iris Johansen



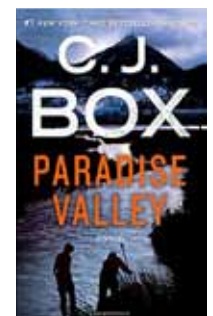
The Lying Game
by Ruth Ware



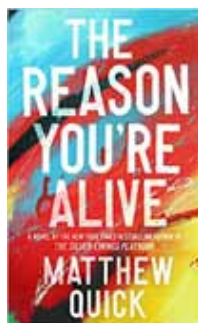
The Nearness of You
by Dorothy Garlock



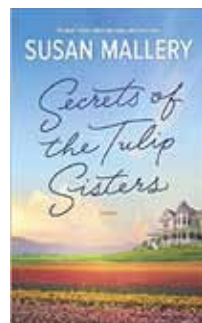
The Painted Queen
by Elizabeth Peters



Paradise Valley
by C.J. Box



The Reason You're Alive
by Matthew Quick



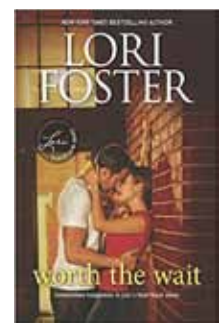
Secrets of the Tulip Sisters
by Susan Mallery



Some Kind of Hero
by Suzanne Brockmann



Two Nights
by Kathy Reichs



Worth the Wait
by Lori Foster

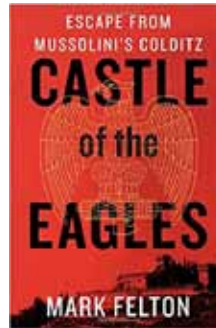
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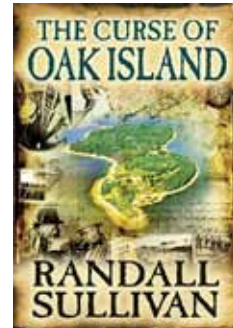
A Beautiful, Terrible Thing
by Jen Waite



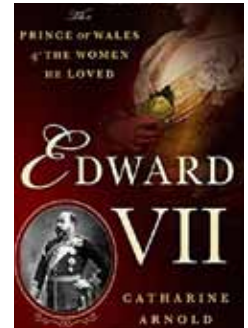
Caesar's Last Breath
by Sam Kean



Castle of the Eagles
by Mark Felton



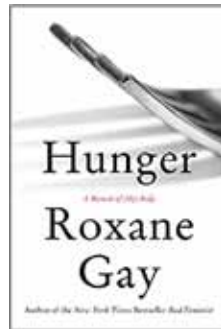
The Curse of Oak Island
by Randall Sullivan



Edward VII
by Catharine Arnold



Fall Down 7 Times Get Up 8
by Naoki Higashida



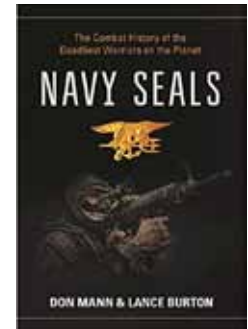
Hunger
by Roxane Gay



I Need a Lifeguard Everywhere but the Pool
by Lisa Scottoline



In the Days of Rain
by Rebecca Stott



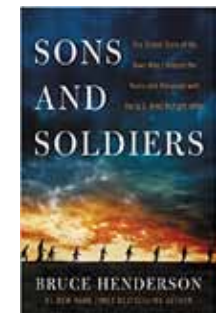
Navy SEALs
by Don Mann



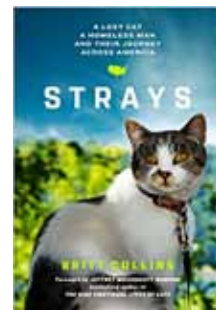
Rediscovering Americanism
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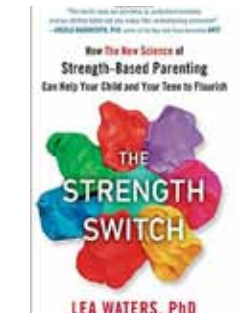
The Secret History of Jane Eyre
by John Pfordresher



Sons and Soldiers
by Bruce Henderson



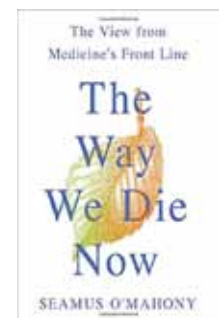
Strays
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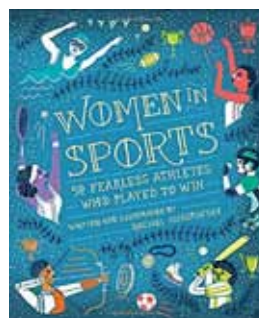
The Strength Switch
by Lea Waters



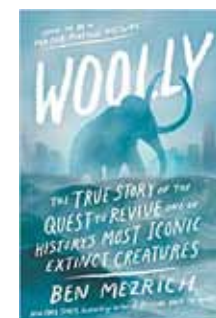
The Unwomanly Face of War
by Svetlana Alexievich



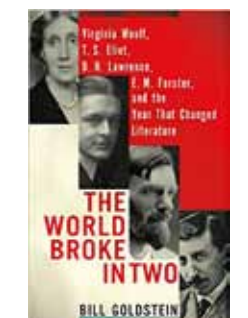
The Way We Die Now
by Seamus O'Mahony



Women in Sports
by Rachel Ignotofsky



Woolly
by Ben Mezrich



The World Broke in Two
by Bill Goldstein