We’re Having a Party!

Celebrate the arrival of the total solar eclipse at Seward Memorial Library. The staff is planning a memorable party before the unique event. Come at 11:30 a.m. for games, crafts, and a free lunch provided by the Friends of Seward Library. The library has received special glasses from NASA through a grant and will be handing them out at the party. The west parking lot will be available for lawn chairs and blankets as you view the dramatic solar changes. The library will lock the doors at 12:45 p.m. until 1:15 p.m. as the eclipse party moves outside.

FREE Eclipse Glasses

Seward Memorial Library will have eclipse glasses available while supplies last to library patrons starting on August 1. The glasses will be given out to current Seward library card holders with a limit of one per person. If you plan on attending one of the official eclipse events at the Seward Memorial Library, Red Path Gallery, Bottle Rocket Brewing Co., Nebraska National Guard Museum, Junto Wine, or Concordia University you don’t need to pick up glasses ahead of time as those locations will have glasses available during the event. Also, school aged children at the local public and parochial schools will receive glasses at their school.

Don’t Be in the Dark About the 2017 Solar Eclipse

Seward Memorial Library will host an educational program lead by Dr. Robert Hermann, a professor of physics at Concordia University. Come on Thursday, August 17 at 7 p.m. and learn details about the amazing scientific event that will take place in our community on August 21. Dr. Hermann will describe what causes the eclipse, why solar eclipses are important and what makes the 2017 eclipse so special. There will be a discussion about what to expect in our location and how to view the skies safely.
Fit4Seward S150 Challenge

The Seward Memorial Library is challenging patrons to be active during the summer months. The staff created a chart for tracking a variety of 150 movements for better health. The S150 challenge ends on August 1. Winners will be drawn from the completed sheets for prizes! Grab your sheet at the library or see page 8 of this newsletter. Maybe you will receive a reward for caring about your fitness.

Mid-Week Movies in August

Escape the hot days of summer and visit the cool lower level conference room in the library for an afternoon of entertainment. On Tuesday, August 3 you can view “Norman” at 1:30 p.m. In this newly released DVD Richard Gere plays a New York wheeler-dealer whose life changes dramatically when a politician who he befriended becomes the prime minister of Israel. Come back to the library on Wednesday, August 16 and watch “King Arthur: Legend of the Sword.” This epic action fantasy adventure begins at 1:30 p.m.

Seward vs. York

The Summer Reading Smackdown ends on Monday, July 31! Be sure to turn in all of your punch cards, even those which are partially completed. Who has read more on Highway 34? It is a tight race and Seward is chasing York. Will the trophy stay in Seward? Watch for the announcement in the library and on the library website.

Totals as of July 20:
Seward = 1,415   York = 1,470

A library is...
“...the whisper of eternity.” – Marc Gafni
All Seward Reads Together Programs

Seward Memorial Library will be hosting several programs in conjunction with the 2017 All Seward Reads Together (ASRT) selection A Star for Mrs. Blake by April Smith. Get out your calendar and mark these dates:

• On Thursday, August 31 at 6:30 p.m. Jerry Meyer from the Nebraska National Guard Museum will be leading a program on “The Everyday Life of a WWI Soldier Beginning with Enlistment.”
• The library will host a community book discussion on Monday, September 11 at 7 p.m.
• On Sunday, September 17 at 2 p.m. Lisa Compton will share her experiences as a blue star mom and talk about what the organization currently does to support one another as their children serve our country.
• Come to the library on October 8 with your questions and talk with the author April Smith via Skype. Enjoy getting to know the author as a finale to our All Seward Reads Together program.

Chilton’s Library is Here

Seward Memorial Library recently purchased a new database. Chilton’s Library is now available for use at the library and your home. Just go to the Seward Memorial Library website and locate the LEARN area. View Electronic Resources and find Chilton Auto Repair in the database list. Enter your library card number and your password. Open up the latest recalls and bulletins. Step-by-step repair procedures are at your fingertips. Close-up photographs and illustrations can be viewed as well as wiring diagrams. Information can be read, studied and printed at your convenience. (ASE prep quizzes are available for those who need them.) Auto Repair Reference Center is no longer available.

Used Book Bash Extended

The library has plenty of books that still need new homes. Take a few minutes to see if one of your old favorites is waiting for you in a box in our main hall. Donations are optional but appreciated. Every dollar supports the efforts of Friends of Seward Library.

Reading Club Support

Seward Memorial Library would like to recognize the following businesses who generously contributed coupons as rewards for our sesquicentennial 150 point earners in the Reading Club:

- Dairy Queen
- Godfather’s Pizza
- Pac N Save
- Runza
- Subway

DVR: 150 years of Seeward, Nebraska's official Fourth of July City

A library is...

“...a place in town where you can always find a great book and a public bathroom.” – Diane de Groat
The Staff Appreciates Volunteers

Seward Memorial Library would like to thank the young people who faithfully came to the library to help with Story Time in the mornings and other programs with the older children. These volunteers provided extra hands and assisted in activities as needed. The library appreciates the assistance of adult volunteers as well. The donation of time is a valuable gift and contributes to the success of our summer program.

Black Elk Speaks on August 14

Seward Memorial Library will host a community book discussion on Black Elk Speaks by John Neihardt. This famous life story of the Lakota healer and visionary was selected as the 2017 One Book One Nebraska title for statewide reading. On August 14 at 7 p.m. readers are invited to share their thoughts on this spiritual classic and discuss the message of an extraordinary book.

Fall Library Programs Being on August 28

Seward Memorial Library will be offering a variety of programs throughout the week, beginning with August 28. On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays there will be Story Times for children who are age 3 or older and who have not yet attended school. Children who enjoy creating with LEGO® blocks can build during the LEGO® Club on Monday afternoons. Afterschool Junior Makers Club will meet on Tuesday afternoons and children in kindergarten, first grade and second grade are invited to attend. The popular Chess Club will meet on Wednesday afternoons. The Maker Club for children in 3rd–6th grade will be on Thursday afternoons and Pokémon Club will return on Friday afternoons. The Chess Club and Pokémon Club are for children in grades one through eight. All sessions are from 4 – 4:45 p.m. For specific dates and times check the library website. Registration for the 10-week fall program begins on Wednesday, August 16 and can be done by calling 402-643-3318, visiting the library website at www.sewardlibrary.org or stopping in the library.

Décor Days are coming in September!

Watch for details in August.

Eat Out & Help Your Library

The 15th annual “Great Books for Great Kids” fundraiser will be on Tuesday, August 29. If you dine at Runza® any time that day 15% of the sales will be donated to Seward Memorial Library and three elementary school libraries to help purchase books for children. Enjoy good food and provide local children with good books!

Come to the County Fair

All the children in the Reading Club this summer will be recognized at the Seward County Fair on Friday, August 11 in the Ag Pavilion at 1 p.m. Reading medallions will be awarded to those readers who earned 500 points and photos will be taken for the newspaper. The winner of the random Reading Club drawing will be given $50 during the program. Enjoy the fair and celebrate your reading accomplishments.

A library is...

“...something that holds the American family together.” – Michael Beschloss
New Fiction Books Coming Soon

The Address by Fiona Davis
Any Dream Will Do by Debbie Macomber
Charlatans by Robin Cook
The Color of Fear by Marcia Muller
Crime Scene by Jonathan Kellerman

Devil’s Cut by J.R. Ward
Dragonsworn by Sherrilyn Kenyon
Exposed by Lisa Scottoline
Glass Houses by Louise Penny
Gone Gull by Donna Andrews

The Good Daughter by Karin Slaughter
I Know a Secret by Tess Gerritsen
The Last Tudor by Philippa Gregory
Map of the Heart by Susan Wiggs
Mrs. Fletcher by Tom Perrotta

Need to Know by Fern Michaels
Nothing Stays Buried by P.J. Tracy
On Her Majesty’s Frightfully Secret Service by Rhys Bowen
The Other Girl by Erica Spindler
Red Swan by P.T. Deutermann
New Fiction Books Coming Soon

- The Return by Suzanne Fisher
- The Room of White Fire by T. Jefferson Parker
- The Saboteur by Andrew Gross
- Shattered by Allison Brennan
- Sleeping in the Ground by Peter Robinson
- A Stranger in the House by Shari Lapena
- Sulfur Springs by William Kent Krueger
- Texas Fierce by Janet Dailey
- Y is for Yesterday by Sue Grafton
- You Say it First by Susan Mallery

New Non-Fiction Books Coming Soon

- All New Fabric Savvy by Sandra Betzina
- The Arena by Rafi Kohan
- Autumn by Karl Knausgaard
- The Cooperstown Casebook by Jay Jaffe
- Dangerous Animals by Kirsten McMillan
- The Diesel Brothers by Heavy D & Diesel Dave
- Dying by Cory Taylor
- Electric October by Kevin Cook
- The End of Alzheimer’s by Dalee Bredesen
- Fully Alive by Tyler Gage
New Non-Fiction Books Coming Soon

The Great Quake by Henry Fountain
The House of Government by Yuri Slezkine
I’ll Have What She’s Having by Erin Carlson
Improbable Destinies by Jonathan Losos
The Kelloggs by Howard Markel

Labor of Love by Moira Weigel
Life 3.0 by Max Tegmark
Lifelong Yoga by Sage Rountree
The Man From the Train by Bill James
Megafire by Michael Kodas

Mental Health, Inc. by Art Levine
No is a Four Letter Word by Chris Jericho
Of Mess and Moxie by Jen Hatmaker
Seven Steps to Managing Your Memory by Andrew Budson
Shooting Ghosts by Thomas Brennan

Truth Doesn’t Have a Side by Dr. Bennet Omalu
What Made Maddy Run by Kate Fagan
Wild Things by Bruce Handy
The Woman Who Smashed Codes by Jason Fagone
A Woman’s Place is at the Top by Hannah Kimberley
Complete five of the following activities and then turn your sheet in at the Seward Memorial Library by August 1, 2017. Winners will be drawn from the completed sheets for a variety of prizes!

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