



Tailgate in the Library

Librarians love football! Come to the library on Saturday, September 9 and join the staff for a Tailgate Party. There will be games, activities and music. Prizes will be given out and a free lunch will be provided



by the Friends of Seward Library, all while supplies last. Special guests will join in the fun. The celebration begins at 10:30 a.m. rain or shine. Be a good sport and come before it ends at noon. Practice using your cheering voice ... the library will not be a quiet location on this Saturday!



No registration is required!



Blue Star Moms in Nebraska

The 2017 title for the *All Seward Reads Together* program is *A Star for Mrs. Blake*. This historic novel centers on a group of Gold Star mothers whose sons were lost in WWI. On Sunday, September 17 at 2 p.m. Lisa Compton, president of the local chapter in Lincoln, will share information about Blue Star Mothers. This private nonprofit organization in the United States provides support for mothers who have sons or daughters in active service in the U.S. Armed Forces. Come and learn more about this valuable support group in Nebraska made up of proud military mothers who honor their children, veterans and understand each other. Join us as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of this organization!



Décor Days in September

Is your front door empty? Are you looking for a wreath for fall or the winter holidays? Come to the library to find just the right item to make your house more interesting. Friends of Seward Library have a solution that will brighten your rooms and eliminate your decorating dilemmas. They will host Décor Days in September. Throughout the year the library has been accepting donations of new, used, unique and well-loved décor items. On September 22 through October 2 during library hours everyone is invited to browse the lower level conference room where the donated materials will be arranged on tables by themes. Take home décor in return for donations. Recycled items will find new homes and the Friends will benefit from the money raised at the event.



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

www.sewardlibrary.org

August 2017

Build a Better World – Read!

Congratulations to the 249 children who read throughout the summer and used their reading logs to track all of their reading accomplishments. Twenty-four children earned 500 points or more in the Summer Reading Club. The staff recognized them at the Seward County Fair and applauds their work. They hope the children continue to read throughout the school year. The staff salutes the following: Front row: Abby Covalt, Emily Eis, Jacquelyn Forbes, Isabel Foulk, Elise Franssen, Michael Frisbee, Vesper Haley. Middle row: Prosper Harrison, Caleb Lazarchic, Aiden Merrill, Juliet Moore, Quinton Moore, Micah Pinkall, Luke Pomajzl, Gabe Pomajzl. Back row: Aaron Royuk, Micah Royuk, Nathan Royuk, Joyah Warren, Rachel Kite. Not pictured: Christine Sander, Titus Sander, Rose VanSlike, and Tristen Wassinger.



Photo courtesy of the Seward County Independent

Community Book Discussion

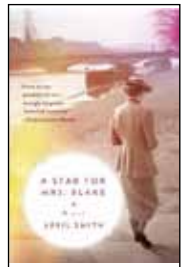
Seward Memorial Library will host a book discussion of April Smith's *A Star of Mrs. Blake*, which is the 2017 *All Seward Reads Together* title. This novel brings to life the historic trip made by gold stars mothers to the graves of their sons in France after WWI. Come and share your thoughts as well as your questions when readers in our community gather on Monday, September 11 at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The library has multiple copies available in several formats so there is still time to check out this WWI story.



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

New York Times Best Sellers
Sept. 11 at 7 p.m.

A Star for Mrs. Blake
by April Smith



Midday Mysteries
Sept. 19 at noon

The Black Hour
by Lori Rader-Day



Random Reads
Sept. 25 at noon

Sight Hound
by Pam Houston



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 best place waiting for any young person."
– Reynolds Price

Mid-Week Movies in September

Seward Memorial Library invites the community to a Jewish wedding on Thursday, September 7. Guests just need to pull up a chair to watch the newly released feature film, *The Wedding Plan* at 1:30 p.m. No cake will be served, but you can bring a snack. On Wednesday, September 20 at 1:30 p.m. the library will host *The Big Sick*, a romantic comedy which exposes the cultural clashes created



when an interracial couple falls in love.

Scrabble Club

The Scrabble boards will be out and the tiles waiting at Seward Memorial Library on Monday, September 18. Come at 6:30 p.m. to enjoy a game of Scrabble with other lovers of words in our community. Matches will be played the third Monday of each month. If players prefer their own boards they may bring them along. No registration is required ... just come and enjoy a word challenge and take home a book when you leave.



The Children and Staff Thank You!

Seward Memorial Library tried a new concept for rewarding the young readers in our community. The staff created a reading club store. On August 19 and 20 the children who were in the Summer Reading Club redeemed the points which they earned by reading books during May, June, July and August and went shopping. The children were surprised by the variety of unique items in the aisles and had to make tough choices to use up their library credits. They learned that reading can be profitable! The staff would like to thank the Friends of Seward Library who volunteered to staff the store and also the many generous donors in our community who helped make this store possible by providing items or money. The following businesses and organizations supported this literacy project:

Cattle National Bank & Trust Co.
Chapters Books & Gifts
Concordia University Book Store
Fast Mart
Jones National Bank & Trust Co.
Ken Morgan CPA

Mueri Drug
Seward Smiles D.D.S.
Seward Vision Clinic
Thrivent Financial
Zabka Funeral Home



A library is...

"...a glass of iced tea on a hot summer day."
– Joan Hess

We Were Eclipsed!

We celebrated the Great American Eclipse at Seward Memorial Library! The once-in-a-lifetime viewing party was filled with games, activities and of course lunch. About 225 people joined the staff in the parking lot to witness this awesome moment in history. There were oohs and ahhs and cheers as the totality evolved. The library would like to thank the Friends of Seward Library for providing food as well as serving many guests... from not only Seward but locations across the U.S.!



Brown Bag Genealogy

Seward Memorial Library will host a brown bag lunch meeting on September 20. Joan Shurtliff from the Seward Genealogical Society will lead the one-hour program which begins at noon. Bring your own lunch as well as questions about researching your history. The group will generate topics to be discussed in future meetings. Learn how to get organized and have fun, too. No registration is required, just come and get acquainted with others who share your interest in genealogy.

Time Change Reminder

All After School programs will begin at 3:45 p.m. and end at 4:30 p.m.

\$50 Reading Club Winners!

Winners of the \$50 prize drawings from each summer reading club were Prosper Harrison for the Kids Reading Club, Martin Albright for the Teen Reading Club and MaryAnn Eickmeier for the Adult Reading Club. Congratulations!



Photo above courtesy of the Seward County Independent

2017 Reading Smackdown

We won! The final totals for the 2017



Summer Reading Smackdown were 2,434 books for Seward and 2,286 books for York. Thank you to all who participated!

A library is...

"...a place to continue growing and learning."
– Ken Blanchard

Make It & Take It Craft Programs

Unleash your creativity at the library! Register now for craft programs that start on September 11! Opportunities for crafting will be offered on Monday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. Make string art, pom pom lights, book page pumpkins and wreaths, 3D printed gifts and more! Visit www.sewardlibrary.org or call the library to sign up for these free programs.



Free Technology Classes at the Library

The library is offering a variety of free technology 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.

Sept. 5, 6:30-8:00 pm Overdrive

Learn how you can download free eBooks and audiobooks to your computer or mobile device using Overdrive and your library account!

Sept. 18, 2:00-3:30 pm or Sept. 26, 6:30-8:00 pm Facebook Tips

Discover what Facebook has to offer and have your questions about privacy, groups, pages, timelines and more answered.

Oct. 2, 2:00-3:30 pm or Oct. 10, 6:30-8:00 pm iPad Tips

Do you want to get the most out of your iPad? Come learn some tips and tricks for using your iPad and also discover some helpful free apps you may not know about.

Oct. 16, 2:00-3:30 pm or Oct. 24, 6:30-8:00 pm Excel Spreadsheets

See how you can use spreadsheets to keep track of budgets, collections, addresses and more.

Nov. 6, 2:00-3:30 pm or Nov. 14, 6:30-8:00 pm Google Drive

Learn how to use Google Drive to store, share and create files such as documents, photos, videos, spreadsheets, and more!

Board Games for Teens

Seward Memorial Library invites teens to play board games at the library on the first and third Thursday nights of each month. Beginning at 7 p.m. on September 7 teens can come and enjoy a variety of games with friends. If you have a favorite game to share bring it along. Discover that books and entertainment are both available in the library. The lights go off at 9 p.m. so students can finish their homework.

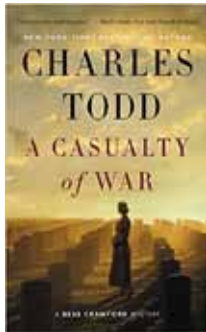


**The library will be
CLOSED Sunday, Sept. 3
& Monday, Sept. 4
to observe Labor Day.**

A library is...

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

New Fiction Books Coming Soon



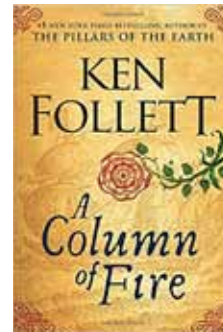
A Casualty of War
by Charles Todd



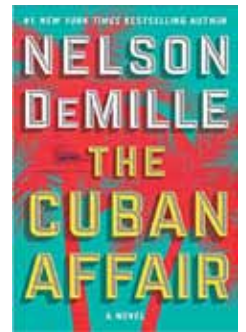
Chasing Red
by Isabelle Ronin



The Christmas Room
by Catherine Anderson



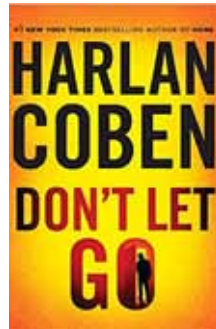
A Column of Fire
by Ken Follett



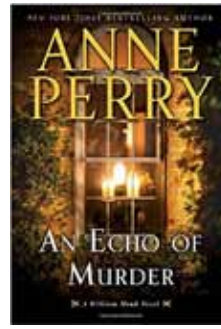
The Cuban Affair
by Nelson DeMille



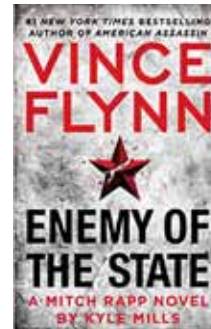
Dark Legacy
by Christine Feehan



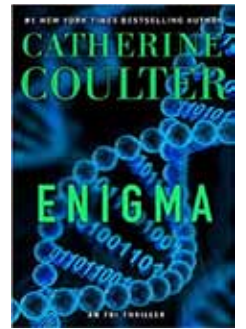
Don't Let Go
by Harlan Coben



An Echo of Murder
by Anne Perry



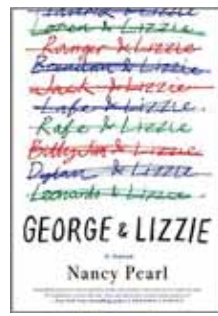
Enemy of the State
by Vince Flynn



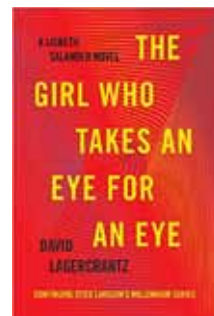
Enigma
by Catherine Coulter



Forest Dark
by Nicole Krauss



George & Lizzie
by Nancy Pearl



The Girl Who Takes An Eye For An Eye
by David Lagercrantz



The Golden House
by Salman Rushdie



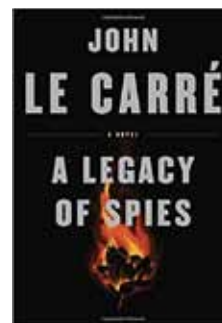
Haunted
by James Patterson
and James O. Born



Holly and Ivy
by Fern Michaels



Keep Her Safe
by Sophie Hannah



A Legacy of Spies
by John Le Carré

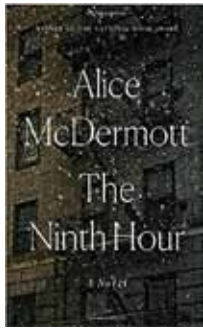


Little Fires Everywhere
by Celeste Ng



Love and Other Consolation Prizes
by Jamie Ford

New Fiction Books Coming Soon



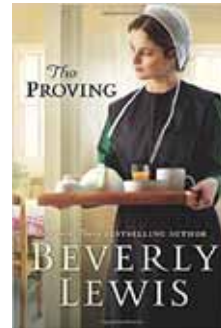
The Ninth Hour
by Alice McDermott



Phasma
by Delilah Dawson



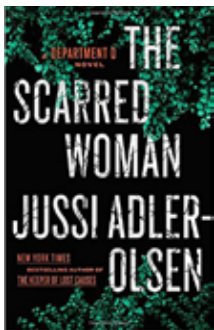
Proof of Life
by J.A. Jance



The Proving
by Beverly Lewis



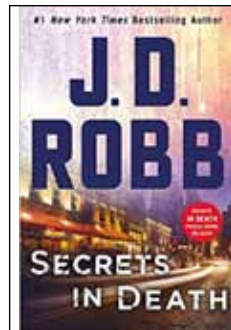
The Romanov Ransom
by Clive Cussler



The Scarred Woman
by Jussi Adler-Olsen



Second Chance Girl
by Susan Mallery



Secrets in Death
by J.D. Robb



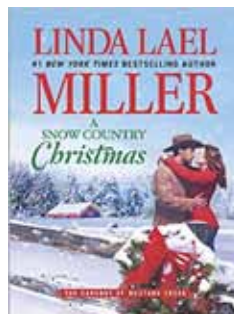
Sing, Unburied, Sing
by Jesmyn Ward



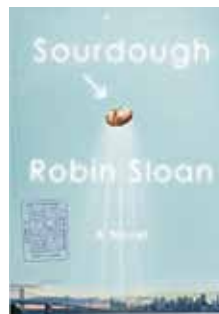
Sleep Like a Baby
by Charlene Harris



Sleeping Beauties
by Stephen King



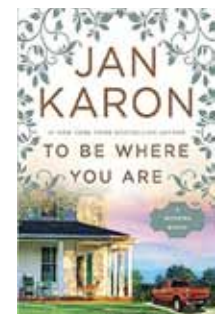
A Snow Country Christmas
by Linda Lael Miller



Sourdough
by Robin Sloan



The Summer That Made Us
by Robyn Carr



To Be Where You Are
by Jan Karon



Turkey Trot Murder
by Leslie Meier



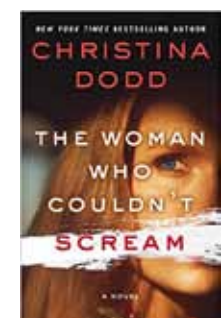
The Unquiet Grave
by Sharyn McCrumb



The Western Star
by Craig Johnson

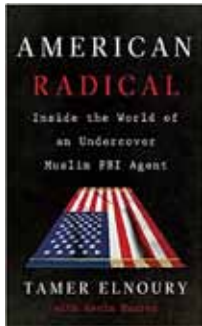


Wicked Deeds
by Heather Graham

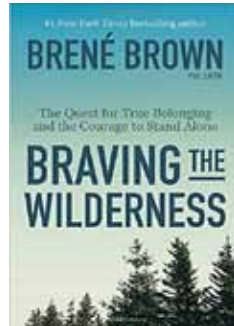


The Woman Who Couldn't Scream
by Christina Dodd

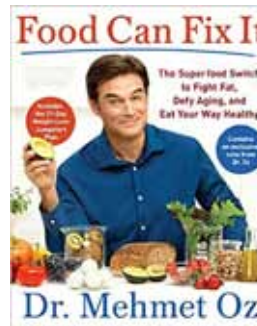
New Non-Fiction Books Coming Soon



American Radical
by Tamer Elnoury



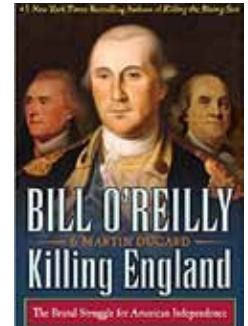
Braving the Wilderness
by Brené Brown



Food Can Fix It
by Dr. Mehmet Oz



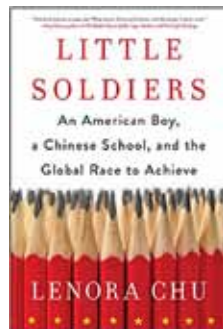
It Takes Two
by Jonathan
& Drew Scott



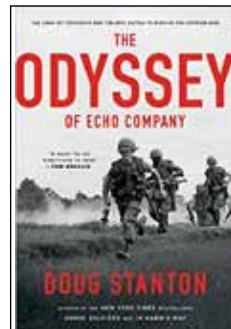
Killing England
by Bill O'Reilly



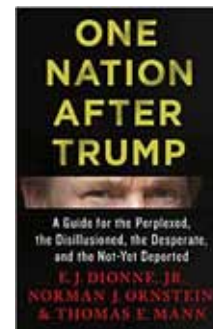
The Last Castle
by Denise Kiernan



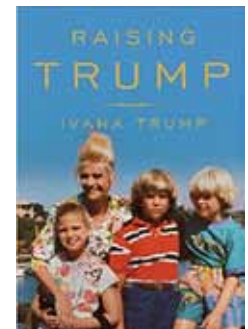
Little Soldiers
by Lenora Chu



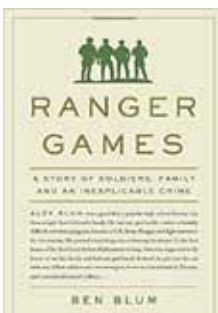
The Odyssey of Echo Company
by Doug Stanton



One Nation After Trump
by E.J. Dionne, Jr



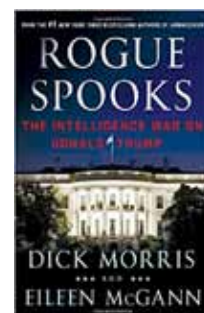
Raising Trump
by Ivana Trump



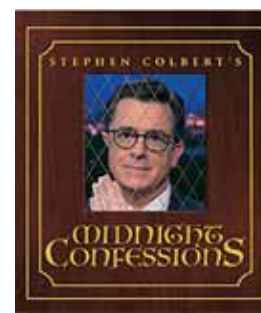
Ranger Games
by Ben Blum



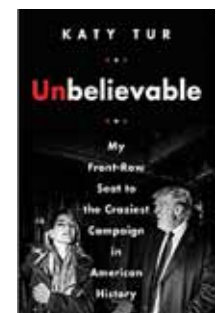
The Rise and Fall of Adam and Eve
by Stephen Greenblatt



Rogue Spooks
by Dick Morris



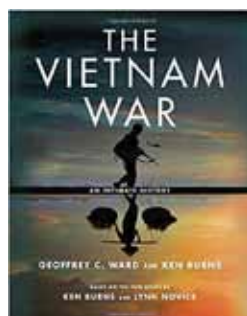
Stephen Colbert's Midnight Confessions
by Stephen Colbert



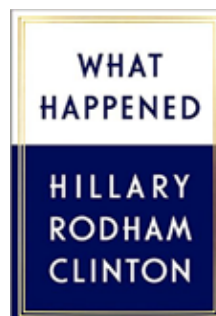
Unbelievable
by Katy Tur



Unstoppable
by Maria Sharapova



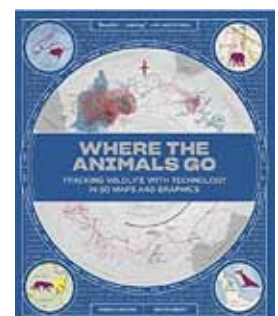
The Vietnam War
by Geoffrey Ward



What Happened
by Hillary Rodham Clinton



What Is It All But Luminous
by Art Garfunkel



Where the Animals Go
by James Cheshire