



Choose a Reading Club for Summer Relaxation

Seward Memorial Library has reading clubs available for several age groups. The library invites everyone to join a club! Young children through 4th grade graduates can participate in the Children’s Reading Club. Readers record the time they spend reading (or being read to) in their new “Rock ‘N Read Book.” After a parent signs their weekly reading record the page is shown to the library staff. Staff will stamp logged reading time and the record can then be taken to a local business and redeemed for a prize. Each week a different business is featured. Candy rewards will be given out as well.

Children who have completed grades 5-12 are encouraged to join the Teen Reading Club. Stop in and get information, complete a registration form and get your first punch card. There are treats every time you show the staff your finished library books and receive punches on your card. The Club started on May 21 and punch cards can be turned in until August 10. The more punch cards you complete and turn in, the better your odds are for winning prizes in the random drawing when the reading club ends.



This year there is no “Summer Reading Smackdown” since the library in York declined to participate in the annual competition. The Rockers vs. the Rollers Reading Club for adult readers began on May 21. The participants will register and pick up a special punch card for recording completed books. Readers earn rewards each day they get a punch. Completed cards are turned in for a prize drawing on August 10. When readers register they will be divided randomly into 2 groups ... Rockers and Rollers. The total number of books read by each team will be displayed weekly. On August 10 the winning team will be announced and they will receive recognition and prizes.



**The library will
be closed
Monday, May 28
to observe
Memorial Day.**

**Summer Hours
May 1 - August 14**

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| Monday | 9 - 6 |
| Tuesday | 9 - 6 |
| Wednesday | 9 - 6 |
| Thursday | 9 - 8 |
| Friday | 9 - 5 |
| Saturday | 9 - noon |
| Sunday | Closed |

(drive-up window
opens at 8:00 am)



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May 2018

String Beans Start the July 4th Celebration

Many facts about our state will be shared on stage in the popular song "Right Here in Nebraska," written and performed by the popular children entertainers, The String Beans. Their free concert, sponsored by Runza, begins at 7 p.m. at the Seward Bandshell on Monday, July 2. Come prepared to sing, dance and participate in the lively musical antics of these family-friendly musicians. Friends of Seward Library will provide ice cream for donations during the evening. The String Beans will have CDs, shirts and posters available for purchase. Seward Memorial Library thanks Runza for their support of literacy in our community and for making this special event possible. The rain location for this concert is on Concordia University's campus in the John W. Cattle Sr. Conference Room located in the upper level of the Janzow Campus Center.



Mid-Week Movie Entertainment in the Library

Escape the summer heat and relax with friends in the cool lower level conference room at Seward Memorial Library. On Thursday, June 7 the newly released "Game Night" will be featured. A murder mystery dinner party turns into a dangerous night. Humor is thrown into this suspense-filled story for an extra twist. On Wednesday, June 20 the inspiring life story of Bart Millard and his world famous song is told on the big screen. "I Can Only Imagine" shares a message of the power of forgiveness. Both movie afternoons begin at 1:30 p.m.



Used Book Bash Returns



On July 4th the library will host a Used Book Bash from 9 a.m. to noon. If you have books you no longer need, please bring them to the library now. These donated books and items pulled from the library collection will be available for browsing and may be taken home for a donation. Contributions go to the Friends of Seward Library. Give a book a second home and support the library!

We welcome feedback and suggestions about this newsletter from our readers! Is there a feature you'd like to see added or a change made? Let us know!

A library is...

"... richer than Fort Knox and everybody has the key."
– Robert Morgan



All Seward Reads Together

In April Seward Memorial Library announced the title for the 2018 *All Seward Reads Together*. Several copies of *The Chilbury Ladies' Choir* are now available for check out. Join others in the community and read about the lives of several women left behind in a small English town during WWII. Discover how a choir unites a diverse group of ladies who start off just singing together but end up bonding through unique situations. Watch for related programs in the coming months.



Please consider changing your contact to email or text if you do not want to receive auto calls.

Fit4Seward Starts in May

The 2018 Fit4Seward program started on May 19. The library promotes good health and fitness during the summer months by making available this unique collection of fitness equipment and outdoor recreational games. Come to the lower level of the library and check out materials. Improve your health by visiting the library often. This collection will be available until August 31 so you have many opportunities to try new items.



Two Bonus Prizes Offered This Summer

Your child could win cash by participating regularly in the summer library program! Each time a child attends a library event they will put their name into a special library drawing. A name will be selected for a cash prize at the end of June and announced at the String Bean Concert on July 2. A second summer drawing will be after the "Mo Willems Rocks!" party on August 2. The winner will be announced at the Seward County Fair on August 10. The staff would like to remind everyone that this year it pays to attend the programs which you register for at the beginning of the summer!



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

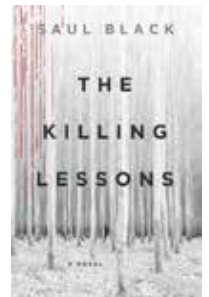
New York Times Best Sellers

This book group will not be meeting in the month of June.

Midday Mysteries

June 19 at noon

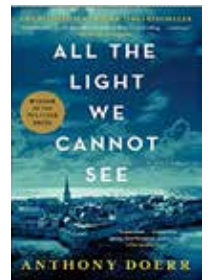
The Killing Lessons
by Saul Black



Random Reads

June 25 at noon

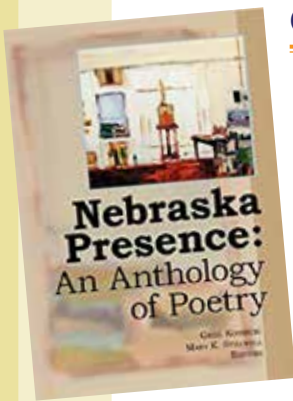
All the Light We Cannot See
by Anthony Doerr



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...

"... full of mouth-watering food for thought."
- Diana Wynne Jones



One Book One Nebraska Community Discussion

One Book One Nebraska encourages Nebraskans across the state to discuss one book, chosen from books written by Nebraska authors or having a Nebraska theme or setting. *Nebraska Presence: an Anthology of Poetry* is the 2018 title. This book features poems from more than 80 contemporary Nebraska poets, including Pulitzer Prize winner and former Poet Laureate of the United States Ted Kooser. The library will be hosting a community discussion on Monday, July 16 at 7 p.m. Pick up a copy to read during the summer and join in the exchange of ideas and views regarding these pieces.

Family Friendly Programs to Add to Your Calendar

Seward Memorial Library will host several family friendly programs during June and July. Children who have not yet attended kindergarten must be accompanied by an adult for all of these programs.

On Tuesday, June 5 zoo staff will bring some animal visitors from the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha. The “Omaha Zoo Rocks!” program begins at 1:30 p.m. Children will enjoy this hour with real creatures in the library.

“Science Rocks!” in the laboratory at Concordia University on Wednesday, June 5 at 1:30 p.m. Come to the Science Building on campus and discover the joy of physics, sound and geology with Dr. John Jurchen in his white lab coat.

The amazing magician Keith West and his special assistant Miss Kitty will entertain everyone on Wednesday, June 27 in the lower level conference room of the library. Watch unexplainable feats during the one-hour show which begins at 1:30 p.m.

Nebraska’s favorite children’s musicians will be on stage at the Bandshell on Monday, July 2. The String Beans start their lively, musical concert at 7 p.m. In the event of rain, the concert will be in the John W. Cattle Sr. Conference Room at Concordia University.



Mrs. Science returns to the library on Wednesday, July 11 at 1:30 p.m. She will make science both educational and entertaining as she interacts with the children for an hour.

Children love Elephant and Piggie as well as Pigeon and other characters that have been brought to life by Mo Willems. On Thursday, August 2 the library will host “Mo Willems Rocks!” This two-hour celebration begins at 10 a.m. Activities, crafts, snacks and movie clips will fill the time spent together.

Parking Notes

Due to construction, please plan to park at the Heartfelt Memorial on the corner of Hillcrest Dr. and Columbia Avenue when attending library programs taking place on the Concordia University campus.



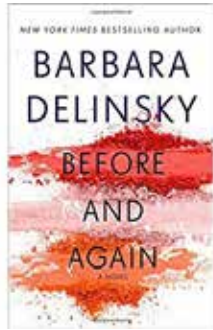
A library is...

“...oxygen.” – Graham Salisbury

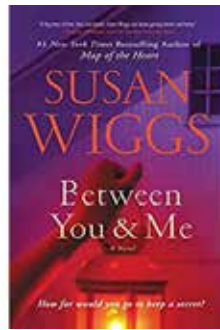
New Fiction Books Coming Soon



All We Ever Wanted
by Emily Giffin



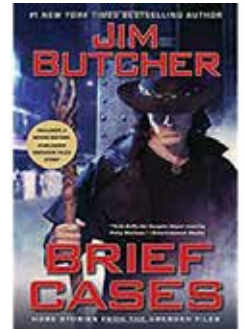
Before and Again
by Barbara Delinsky



Between You & Me
by Susan Wiggs



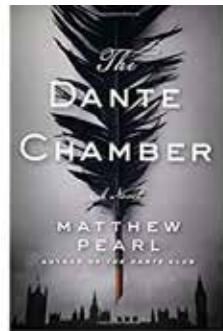
The Book of Essie
by Meghan
Maclean Weir



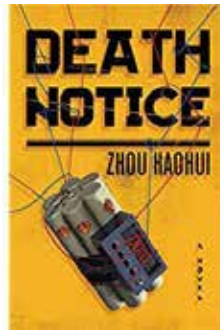
Brief Cases
by Jim Butcher



Bring Me Back
by B.A. Paris



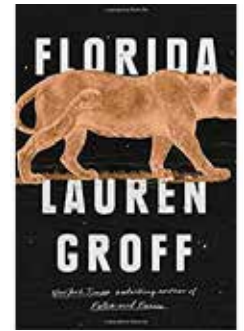
The Dante Chamber
by Matthew Pearl



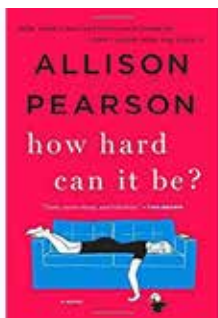
Death Notice
by Zhou Haohui



Dreams of Falling
by Karen White



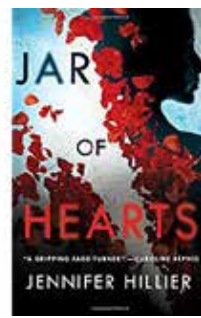
Florida
by Lauren Groff



How Hard Can It Be?
by Allison Pearson



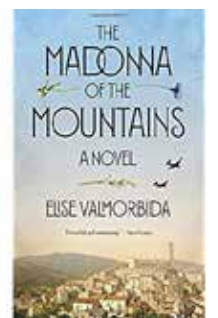
Island of the Mad
by Laurie R. King



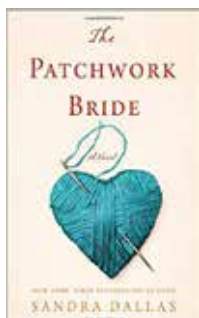
Jar of Hearts
by Jennifer Hillier



Liar, Liar
by Lisa Jackson



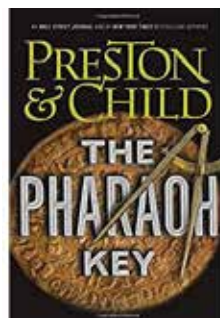
The Madonna of the Mountains
by Elise Valmorbidia



The Patchwork Bride
by Sandra Dallas



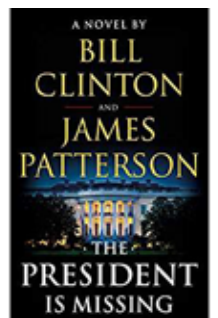
The Perfect Couple
by Elin Hilderbrand



The Pharaoh Key
by Douglas Preston
& Lincoln Child



A Place For Us
by Fatima
Farheen Mirza



The President is Missing
by Bill Clinton &
James Patterson

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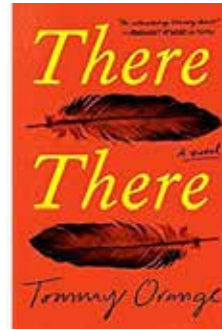
Rainy Day Friends
by Jill Shalvis



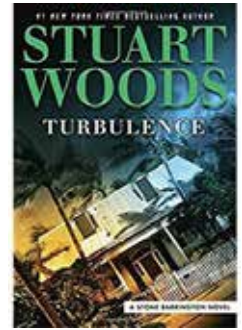
A Sin Such As This
by Ellen Hopkins



The Skaar Invasion
by Terry Brooks



There There
by Tommy Orange



Turbulence
by Stuart Woods



Unbridled
by Diana Palmer



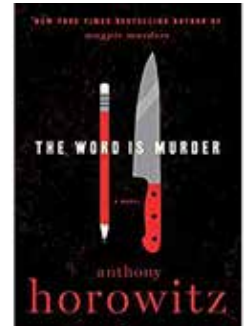
Us Against You
by Fredrik Backman



When Life Gives You Lululemons
by Lauren Weisberger



The Woman in the Woods
by John Connolly



The Word is Murder
by Anthony Horowitz

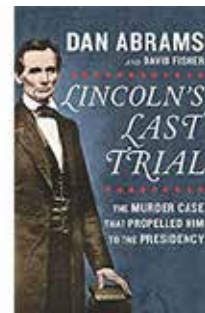
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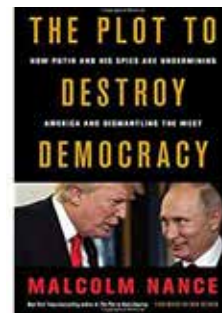
Born Trump
by Emily Jane Fox



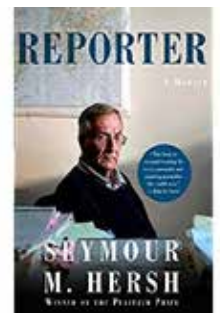
First In Line
by Kate Andersen Brower



Lincoln's Last Trial
by Dan Abrams



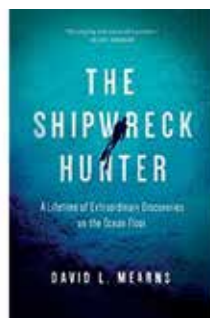
The Plot to Destroy Democracy
by Malcolm Nance



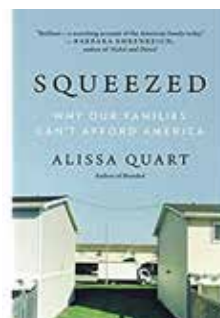
Reporter
by Seymour M. Hersh



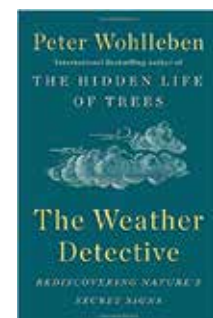
The Secret Token
by Andrew Lawler



The Shipwreck Hunter
by David L. Mearns



Squeezed
by Alissa Quart



The Weather Detective
by Peter Wohlleben



What the Eyes Don't See
by Mona Hanna-Attisha

2018 Summer Reading Kick-Off Party!



Three photos above courtesy of the Seward County Independent

June 2018 – Seward Memorial Library Activities

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--|--|--|--|---|----------|
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 |
| | Closed for Memorial Day | | | | | |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | | Omaha Zoo Rocks! 1:30-2:30 p.m. | | Midweek Movie: Game Night, 1:30-3:15 p.m. | Kid's Movie: Coco 1:30-3:15 p.m. | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| | | Story Time, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Story Time, 10:15-11:15 a.m. Kid's Movie: The Secret Life of Pets, 1:30-3:00 p.m. Library Board, 4:30 p.m. | Story Time, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Story Time, 10:15-11:15 a.m. Science Rocks! With Dr. Jurchen at Concordia 1:30-2:30 p.m. | Maker Music, 1:30-3:00 p.m. Story Time, 3:30-4:30 p.m. | | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| | | Story Time, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Story Time, 10:15-11:15 a.m. Midday Mysteries Book Group, 12:00-1:00 p.m. Dance With Us, 1:30-3 p.m. | Story Time, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Story Time, 10:15-11:15 a.m. A Monarch's Dance 1:30-3:00 p.m. Midweek Movie: I Can Only Imagine, 1:30-3:30 p.m. | Musical Instrument Petting Zoo at Concordia 1:30-2:30 p.m. Story Time, 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Kid's Movie: Finding Dory 1:30-3:10 p.m. | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| | Random Reads Book Group 12:00-1:00 p.m. | Story Time, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Story Time, 10:15-11:15 a.m. Kid's Movie: Happy Feet 1:30-3:20 p.m. | Story Time, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Story Time, 10:15-11:15 a.m. Magician Keith West 1:30-2:30 p.m. | Story Time, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Stuffed Animal Sleepover 6:30-7:00 p.m. | | |

Many library activities require registration. Please check our website at www.sewardlibrary.org or call 402-643-3318 for more information.