

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES | PROGRAM GUIDE

Victor E. Anderson Branch
3635 Touzalin Ave. | 402-441-8540

ALL AGES

Love Your Library Family Night

Join us for crafts, games and heart-shaped fun for the whole family. Leave with a special treat for your Valentine!

02/12 MON 6:00-7:00 ANDR

KIDS

Dance It Out

Ready to get up and moving? Need to burn some winter energy? Join us for 30 minutes of dancing, yoga, workouts and lots of fun movement.

01/02 TUE 2:00-2:30 ANDR

Snow Much Fun

Brrr! Join us for a special winter storytime to start 2024 right! Stories, crafts and snow much fun!

01/03 WED 10:30-11:30 ANDR

TEENS

Teen Trivia

Challenge your friends and librarians in a fast paced game of Kahoot trivia. Bring your smart device to play along. There will be prizes!

01/04 THU 2:00-3:00 ANDR

ADULTS

Yoga Breathing

Certified Yoga Instructor, Chery Bieber, will teach four basic breathing techniques associated with Yoga. Calm down, warm up, and find clarity for winter days and stressful situations. Kids and teens welcome with a participating adult.

12/13 WED 6:30-7:15 ANDR

Teacher Toolkit

Learn to create fantastic reading lists, connect with free tutoring and more, in this workshop that explores online resources and services available through Lincoln City Libraries that support your work as an educator. All home educators, school teachers and life-long learners welcome.

1/22 MON 6:30-7:30 ANDR

Snowplow Santa is Back!

Ho! Ho! Ho! Lincoln Transportation and Utilities is teaming up with Santa Claus on Saturday, December 9, 2023 to bring holiday cheer to the citizens of Lincoln. Join us at these locations:

- 11 a.m.-Noon | Walt Branch Library
- 12:30-1:30 p.m. | Gere Branch Library
- 2-3 p.m. | Williams Branch Library



Book Bingo for Teens

Hey Teens! If you are resolved to read more, here's a chance to jump start your journey. Stop by any Lincoln City Libraries location or print out a copy of the Book Bingo page and start reading. You can do across, down, diagonal or even coverall. Listening also counts, so check out Libby and Hoopla for books that fit the parameters. Everyone wins, but some lucky person will win a gift card to a bookstore.

01/02 THROUGH 03/31

ALL LOCATIONS

Bennett Martin Public Library
136 S. 14th St. | 402-441-8530

ALL AGES

Les Miserables Q & A

Have questions for the Les Miserables cast and crew? Come visit us at the Bennett Martin Public Library to catch up with them before their performances at the Lied Center! Part of the Page to Stage Partnership.

01/11 THU 12:00-1:00 BMPL

KIDS

Winter Wonderland

It is officially winter so let's explore the season! Move through stations of hands-on building, science and sensory activities related to all things snow and ice. This program is recommended for ages 4-8, but all are welcome. Caregiver participation with kids is required!

12/28 THU 10:30-11:30 BMPL

Not a Box!

Think outside the box and make it something new! First, we'll read a book called "Not a Box" to set the stage, then we'll provide tons of cardboard boxes, safe cardboard construction tools and craft supplies. Have fun, get messy and let your creativity flow! This program is recommended for ages 5 and up, but all are welcome. Caregiver participation with kids is required!

01/03 WED 1:30-2:30 BMPL

Block Party!

This event has everything: LEGO Bricks, Mega Bloks, giant cardboard blocks and more! We will provide a book-inspired prompt, but you're free to follow that or just use our variety of blocks to build whatever you'd like. We'll also provide some cool tunes and party lighting. This is an informal, drop-in event.

01/30 TUE 4:00-6:00 BMPL

02/27 TUE 4:00-6:00 BMPL

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Bring a stuffed animal friend to a sleepover! We will read a bedtime story, eat a snack and make a sleepover craft. Leave your stuffed animal overnight at the library, pick them up the next morning and see what they did all night long. This event is recommended for ages 2 to 8. Pajama attire is encouraged!

02/15 THU 6:30-7:30 BMPL

TEENS

Troll for Initiative: Dungeons & Dragons Gameplay

We're going on an adventure! Where are we going? We don't know, but we'll have fun doing it. This group is meant for beginner and intermediate level DnD players. We'll meet the second and fourth Monday of each month. If you have questions, please contact Caitlin at 402-441-8575.

12/11 MON 4:30-6:00 BMPL

01/08 MON 4:30-6:00 BMPL

01/22 MON 4:30-6:00 BMPL

02/12 MON 4:30-6:00 BMPL

02/26 MON 4:30-6:00 BMPL

Teen Finger Knitting

Ever wanted to knit your own scarf? Are you looking for a cozy hobby to start? Join us in the CanTeen at Bennett Martin to learn how to finger knit. We'll have a few needles as well for those ready to level up.

12/29 FRI 3:00-4:00 BMPL

Junk Journaling

We'll bring the art supplies, you bring the creativity - almost anything goes! Join us to create and take your own junk journal.

01/09 TUE 3:00-4:00 BMPL

Perler Beads for All

Craft for you or your Valentine. We'll bust out the press and beads - you bring the inspiration.

02/06 TUE 3:00-4:00 BMPL

HOLIDAYS CLOSINGS

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Monday, December 25, 2023

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Sunday, December 31, 2023

Closed at 4 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday, January 1, 2024

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY

Monday, January 15, 2024

PRESIDENTS DAY

Monday, February 19, 2024

ADULTS

B.Y.O.B(ook) Club

This is not your traditional book club! Join us with a title from your own reading life that follows the monthly discussion prompt and add to your own to-be read list, with recommendations from the group.

December prompt: really long and totally worth it!

12/20 WED 6:30-7:30 BMPL

January prompt: a book that gives you hope.

01/17 WED 6:30-7:30 BMPL

February prompt: a favorite book by an author of color.

02/21 WED 6:30-7:30 BMPL

Adult Storytime

Everyone likes being read to so why should kids have all the fun? Join us for an evening of live readings (from books, poetry, plays, etc.), music with a local connection, adult coloring sheets and a carry-away craft and reading list.

01/18 THU 6:30-7:30 BMPL

02/15 THU 6:30-7:30 BMPL

Just Desserts Mystery Fiction Discussion Group

Looking for a thrilling read? This is the book discussion group for you. After the assigned reading portion of each meeting, there is a round-robin for attendees to share recommendations, with an emphasis on mysteries, suspense, and thrillers.

January: the psychological suspense novels of Allison Brennan

01/25 THU 6:30-7:45 BMPL

February: *The Only One Left* by Riley Sager

02/29 THU 6:30-7:45 BMPL

Crafternoon: Choose Your Own Craft

This month's Crafternoon will be all about using leftover materials to make something great. A potpourri of supplies from previous Crafternoons will be provided so if you've missed a craft that you'd like to make or just want to use random supplies to make something new, we've got you covered. All supplies provided, but no guarantees as there are limited amounts. Registration is required.

01/28 SUN 2:00-4:00 BMPL

Crafternoon: Scrappy Fabric Spring Wreath

Get ready to celebrate Spring by creating a fun and festive wreath using scraps of fabric and a metal wreath form. All supplies provided, but space is limited. Registration is required.

02/25 SUN 2:00-4:00 BMPL

Regular hours:
Monday-Thursdays: 12-3 p.m.
Sunday: 2-5 p.m.

Lunch at the Library

Melissa Homestead will discuss her book, *The Only Wonderful Things: The Creative Partnership of Willa Cather & Edith Lewis*. Willa Cather's birthday is December 7, and this is a great way to celebrate her. Lunch at the Library is a program sponsored by the Nebraska Literary Heritage Association and Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries to benefit the Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors.

12/6 WED 12:10-1:00 BMPL

Lunch at the Library

Theodore Wheeler will discuss his latest book, *The War Begins in Paris*. Lunch at the Library is a program sponsored by the Nebraska Literary Heritage Association and Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries to benefit the Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors.

02/07 WED 12:10-1:00 BMPL

Polley Music Library
136 S. 14th Street | 402-441-8520

Regular Hours
Tue, Wed, Fri, and Sat; 2-6 p.m.
Thurs 3-7 p.m.

Songwriting/Composing Club

Are you a songwriter or composer interested in sharing your work? Need help with writer's block or a particular part that doesn't feel quite right? Join the Songwriting/Composing Club at the Polley Music Library and meet other musicians in the area! Bring an instrument, laptop, sheet music, lyrics, or just come to talk about what you're working on!

12/07 THU 6:00-7:00 BMPL

01/11 THU 6:00-7:00 BMPL

02/08 THU 6:00-7:00 BMPL

Gongs and Sound Healing with Andrew Borakove

Before there was the Gong Show, gongs were used in music, rituals and meditation. Learn about some of the different types of gongs by listening to ones brought in by Andrew and some of the folks of Gongs Unlimited. Experience a sound healing to help you release stress, center yourself, and maybe put a smile on your face in the middle of winter.

02/04 SUN 2:00-3:00 BMPL

The Sounds That Sounds Make: Music of Patrick Hargon

Patrick Hargon's work with solo guitar began to blossom in new directions with the use of modern technology designed for guitarists, documented on his 2017 album *Thenland*. In subsequent years, he has continued to develop his unique new style, revealing "the sounds that sounds make."

12/03 SUN 2:00-3:00 BMPL

KIDS

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01/04 THU 10:30-11:30 BETH

ADULTS

Bethany BookTalks

Adults who love to read are invited to this weekly event. 12/1, 12/8, 12/15 and throughout February, BookTalks will feature members of the Lincoln City Libraries staff recommending items from the Libraries' collection. 12/22, 12/29 and throughout January will be Book Chat Days where attendees will share what they are reading. Registration is never required, and all are welcome!

FRIDAYS 10:30-11:30 BETH

Eiseley Branch Library
1530 Superior St. | 402-441-4250

ALL AGES

Origami Snowflakes

Don't be left out of the fold! Join us and learn how to fold origami snowflakes.

01/11 THU 6:00-7:30 EIS

Makerspace Showcase

If you love technology and would like to know more, join us for our Makerspace Showcase. We'll be demonstrating some of our Makerspace equipment.

02/04 SUN 6:00-7:30 EIS

Jigsaws and Crayons

Seeking a space to unwind and create? Come piece together some puzzles or do some coloring to relax.

02/25 SUN 2:00-4:00 EIS

KIDS

Science Storytime

Science is real! Experience some fun experiments before storytime where we will focus on science and famous scientists.

01/02 TUE 6:00-7:30 EIS

Mardi Gras Storytime

Celebrate Mardi Gras a little closer to home! Join us for crafts, photo opportunities and stories about Mardi Gras!

02/06 TUE 6:00-7:30 EIS

02/11 SUN 1:00-2:00 EIS

ADULTS

Once Upon a Crime Book Group

Do you love True Crime and local mysteries? Join us for all things criminal the second Tuesday of every month at Eiseley Branch where we will discuss our current crime obsessions. Bring your favorite stories to share and get sentenced to FUN!

Heists
01/09 TUE 6:30-7:45 EIS

Kidnappings
02/13 TUE 6:30-7:45 EIS

ALL AGES

Family Fun Night: Pokémon

Drop by the Gere Branch Library for a variety of Pokémon-themed crafts, games and activities that are fun for the whole family. This month's event has been planned by our Teen Advisory Board.

12/05 TUE 5:30-7:00 GERE

Disney's The Little Mermaid (2023) Interactive Watch Party

Join us Friday afternoon for crafts, snacks and an interactive showing of Disney's, *The Little Mermaid* (2023). Bring a blanket to sit on and be prepared to sing along, talk back to the screen and use props to experience the new, live action remake of *The Little Mermaid* in a whole new way. The doors will open at 1:45 and the movie will start at 2:00.

12/29 FRI 1:45-4:00 GERE

Family Fun Night: Dragons

Drop by the Gere Branch Library for a variety of dragon-themed crafts, games and activities that are fun for the whole family.

01/02 TUE 5:30-7:00 GERE

Family Fun Night: Hearts

Drop by the Gere Branch Library for a variety of Valentine's Day-themed crafts, games and activities that are fun for the whole family.

02/06 TUE 5:30-7:00 GERE

KIDS

Explore & Play

Come to the Gere Branch Library for a playdate with your storytime friends. We will have toys that encourage children to use their imaginations, explore early learning skills, develop physical coordination and play with others.

12/07 THU 10:00-11:30 GERE

12/11 MON 10:00-11:30 GERE

12/20 WED 10:00-11:30 GERE

Dance & Groove

Dance, sing, move and groove at the library. There will be bubbles, disco lights, scarves, rhythm instruments and more as we revisit our favorite activities from Music and Movement. Come dance to a few songs or stay for the whole hour.

12/26 TUE 10:00-11:00 GERE

TEENS

Random Fandom Movie Day

Take a break from the family and watch, *Dungeons and Dragons: Honor Among Thieves* (2023) while making D&D crafts and eating popcorn. Doors open at 1:30; movie will start at 1:45. The movie is rated PG-13 for fantasy action/violence and some language. This program is part of our Teen Programming schedule and intended for ages 11-17.

12/28 THU 1:30-4:00 GERE

TEENS

Random Fandom Club

Calling all fans! Whether you're into anime, comic books, video games, RPGs, books, movies, or TV shows, our Random Fandom club is the place for you! Discuss and celebrate all things pop culture. Discover new fandoms, connect with friends and release your inner geek with activities from cosplay to trivia. This program is for ages 11-17.

02/12 MON 6:00-7:00 GERE

South Branch Library
2675 South St. | 402-441-8570

ALL AGES

Family Fun Night

Drop by the South Branch Library for a variety of crafts, games and activities that are fun for the whole family.

01/18 THU 5:30-7:00 SOUTH

02/15 THU 5:30-7:00 SOUTH

KIDS

Explore & Play

Come to the South Branch Library for a playdate with your storytime friends. We will have toys that encourage children to use their imaginations, explore early learning skills, develop physical coordination and play with others.

12/27 WED 10:00-11:30 SOUTH

New Year's Eve Party

Come count down to the New Year with us. We will have child-friendly crafts and a fun family movie.

12/31 SUN 1:00-3:00 SOUTH

ADULTS

Crafternoon: Small Macrame Ornaments

Take some time to tie yourself in knots and create a Macrame ornament. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

12/17 SUN 2:00-3:30 SOUTH

Crafternoon: Coffee and Coloring

On a cold day, what's more fun than coming to the library, enjoying a hot beverage and spending some time coloring?! All supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

01/21 SUN 2:00-3:30 SOUTH

Crafternoon: Collage Creations

Collage: a piece of art made by sticking various different materials such as photographs and pieces of paper or fabric onto a backing. Spend the afternoon creating a beautiful piece of art by gluing pieces of paper together. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required.

02/18 SUN 2:00-3:30 SOUTH

ALL AGES

Family Fun Night

Enjoy an unstructured evening with seasonal activities, games and crafts that are fun for the whole family.

12/07 THU 5:30-7:00 WALT

01/04 THU 5:30-7:00 WALT

02/01 THU 5:30-7:00 WALT

Maker: Board Game Blast

Explore and play from Walt Branch Library's collection of board games with friends new and old. See the mini 3D printer in action creating board game pieces and accessories.

02/17 SAT 2:00-4:00 WALT

KIDS

LEGO Brick Sunday

Drop in and free-build with our LEGO Bricks collection or build something that fits with each month's challenge theme.

12/17 SUN 2:00-4:00 WALT

01/21 SUN 2:00-4:00 WALT

02/18 SUN 2:00-4:00 WALT

Countdown to Noon-Year's Eve

Join us for crafts to help celebrate the New Year, then stay for a dance party with a countdown to 12 o'clock (noon)!

12/29 FRI 10:30-12:00 WALT

Who Would Win Animal Challenge and Who Would Win Animal Challenge Jr.

Take part in this epic WHO WOULD WIN ANIMAL CHALLENGE. Teams of 1-2 members will research an animal at the library, create a poster and present why their animal would triumph in a battle! Animals will be assigned by library staff on the day of the event. Research materials and poster supplies will be provided by the library. Register a team of up to two children online or by calling 402-441-4461.

For children 3rd to 5th grade or ages 8 to 11.

01/03 WED 3:00-5:00 WALT

02/03 SAT 12:30-2:30 WALT

Junior Edition for children Kindergarten to 2nd grade or ages 5 to 8.

01/04 THU 10:00-12:00 WALT

02/03 SAT 3:00-5:00 WALT

TEENS

Manga/Anime Club

We'll read, watch and discuss manga and anime on the second Monday of the month.

12/11 MON 6:00-7:30 WALT

01/08 MON 6:00-7:30 WALT

02/12 MON 6:00-7:30 WALT

TEENS

Dice Guild

Come one and all! Players of all levels! A guild for adventurers, mystery-seekers and pathfinders of imagination! Featuring: Dungeons and Dragons 5E. We gather on the last Wednesday of the month.

12/27 WED 5:30-7:30 WALT
01/31 WED 5:30-7:30 WALT
02/28 WED 5:30-7:30 WALT

Dice Guild: One-Shot Edition

A guild for adventurers, mystery-seekers and pathfinders of imagination! In this special one day only session, we'll enter the world of a new tabletop RPG. Learn the mechanics, create a character (or two) and prepare for battle! Featuring: Lasers and Feelings. Space is limited. Register online or by calling 402-441-4461.

01/20 SAT 2:00-5:00 WALT

Kahoot! Teen Trivia Night

6th through 12th graders, join us at Walt Branch for a fun, Kahoot! Teen Trivia night! Bring an internet-capable device to use for the virtual game. We'll have door prizes, snacks and beverages too!

02/18 SUN 6:00-7:30 WALT

ADULTS

Circle of Friends

Circle of Friends is a social program for adults accompanied by a support person. Adaptable activities may include crafts, exercise and stories. All abilities and skill levels encouraged!

TUESDAYS 1:00-2:30 WALT

Introduction to the Cricut Machine

Curious about the Cricut? Join us for an introduction to these crafty cutting machines and become licensed to use the library machine. Space is limited. Register online or by calling 402-441-4461. Must be 19+ or attend with a guardian.

12/06 WED 5:30-7:00 WALT
02/04 SUN 2:00-3:30 WALT

Crafternoon: Festive Origami

Join us for an afternoon of festive folding. We will be creating origami ornaments and decorative boxes. Space is limited. Register online or by calling 402-441-4461.

12/10 SUN 2:00-4:00 WALT

ADULTS

3D Printing/Fusion 360 Training

Learn how to use a 3D printer and software! Come be trained on Walt's Luzbot mini 3D printer and 3D design software AutoCAD Fusion 360. Register online or by calling 402-441-4461.

12/19 TUE 4:30-5:30 WALT
01/16 TUE 4:30-5:30 WALT
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01/18 THU 11:30-12:30 WALT

February prompt: a favorite book by an author of color.

02/15 THU 11:30-12:30 WALT

Cricut Class - Vinyl: Mindfulness Jars

Interested in learning more about using the Cricut machine? Join us for this session to learn how to cut and use vinyl to decorate a mindfulness jar. Registration is required. Sign up online or call 402-441-4461 to register.

01/07 SUN 2:00-4:00 WALT

Crafternoon: Felt Succulent Garden

No green thumb? No problem! Come create your very own felt succulent garden during this Crafternoon session. Registration is required. Sign up online or call 402-441-4461 to reserve your spot.

01/14 SUN 2:00-4:00 WALT

Adult Trivia Night

Celebrate Civil Rights at the Walt Library! Impress your friends and learn a few new facts at this family friendly trivia night. Sign in starts at 5:30 p.m.; trivia starts at 6 p.m. Register a team of up to six people online or by calling 402-441-4461. Walk-in teams welcome, but space is limited.

01/14 SUN 6:00-7:30 WALT

ADULTS

Teacher Toolkit

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01/27 SAT 2:00-3:00 WALT

Crafternoon: Valentine Book Folding Craft

Book Folding is a great way to make a beautiful gift for a loved one or yourself and is easier than you'd think! Get into the spirit of the holiday with this cute heart book folding craft for Valentine's Day! Space is limited. Register online or by calling 402-441-4461.

02/11 SUN 2:00-4:00 WALT



Around Town Storytime: Gateway Mall

Join us at Gateway Mall Play Space for a storytime with movement, music and more. Around Town Storytimes are geared toward children ages 5 and under, but all ages are welcome.

12/08 FRI 10:30-11:00

Around Town Storytime: Fire Station #1

Join us at Fire Station #1 (1801 Q Street) for a storytime with a fire safety theme! We'll do our storytime and then attendees will be able to tour the LFR Museum or join a tour of the firehouse (conditions permitting)! Around Town Storytimes are geared toward children ages 5 and under, but all ages are welcome.

01/12 FRI 10:00-11:00

Around Town Storytime: Lincoln Community Playhouse

Join us at the Lincoln Community Playhouse for a storytime with movement, music and more. After storytime, we'll get to explore some of the behind the scenes workings of the Playhouse! Around Town Storytimes are geared toward children ages 5 and under, but all ages are welcome.

02/09 FRI 10:30-11:00