

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES | PROGRAM GUIDE

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

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



ADULTS Continued

Paper Arts Workshop

Begin the new year right by completing some of those unfinished projects! The Paper Arts Workshop provides a supportive space in which you can work on your unfinished scrapbooking, cardmaking, paper cutting, quilling, origami, drawing, collage, or junk journal projects. Attendees bring their own supplies. All are encouraged to ask questions, offer advice and discuss techniques, as well as share finished projects during "show-and-tell." Drop-in attendance is encouraged.

01/15 WED 6:00-7:45 ANDR

YOUTH

Construction Crew

Whether it's LEGO bricks, K'nex, Magna-Tiles or Keva Planks, we'll have free construction time for you and all of your building buddies.

01/05 SUN 1:00-3:00 ANDR

Snow Much Fun Storytime

Brrr! Join us for a special winter storytime to start 2025 right! Stories, crafts and snow much fun!

01/08 WED 10:30-11:30 ANDR

Musical Bookworms and Instrument Petting Zoo with Lincoln Symphony Orchestra

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01/15 WED 10:30-11:30 ANDR

TEENS

Teen Bingo

Call your cousins, bring your brother, find a friend, and join us for a fun afternoon of BINGO just for TEENS! Refreshments will be served.

01/02 THU 2:00-3:00 ANDR

ADULTS

Fiber Arts Workshop

Begin the new year right by completing some of those unfinished projects! The Fiber Arts Workshop provides a supportive space in which you can work on your unfinished quilting, sewing, knitting, crochet, embroidery, cross-stitch, or other fiber arts project. Attendees bring their own supplies. All are encouraged to ask questions, offer advice and discuss techniques, as well as share finished projects during "show-and-tell." Drop-in attendance is encouraged.

01/08 WED 6:00-7:45 ANDR

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Downtown Parking is FREE:

- at meters on Sundays
- weekdays after 6 p.m.
- 1-hour free parking in Eagle Garage



ALL AGES

All About Musicals with Gary Bragg—A Polley Music Library Program

Excited about musicals but don't know how to wrap your head around all of the complexities of writing and producing them? Denver Composer Gary Bragg, who has written/co-written and staged four of his own musicals (with a fifth in development), will go through the process. He'll talk about some of his songwriting and play a couple of tunes too!

01/14 TUE 6:00-7:00 BMPL

YOUTH

Snake Storytime!

Join us for a storytime all about snakes! Once storytime is finished, you'll get the chance to learn cool snake facts from a Lincoln Children's Zoo animal expert and get up close to a real snake!

01/03 FRI 10:15-11:00 BMPL

YOUTH Continued

Early Explorers

Join us for a variety of activities meant to expand fine and gross motor skills, early literacy skills, math skills and more! This informal, open-house style event is recommended for ages 3-6. Caregiver participation is required.

01/08 WED 10:15-11:00 BMPL

Goodnight Moon Storytime (Page to Stage Lied Center Partnership)

Join our staff for this special Goodnight Moon/Runaway Bunny storytime in preparation for the Mermaid Theatre of Novia Scotia's visit to the Lied Center! A select number of free tickets will be available to storytime participants on a first come, first serve basis.

01/10 FRI 10:15-11:00 BMPL

Block Party!

LEGO bricks, Mega Blocks, giant cardboard blocks, wooden blocks, bristle blocks and more! You're free to build whatever you'd like or ask us for a book-ish prompt. Join us for this informal, drop-in event.

01/21 TUE 4:00-6:00 BMPL

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01/17 FRI 10:15-11:15 BMPL

TEENS

New Year, New Journal

Start 2025 off "write!" Come by the CanTEEN for this drop-in program to make your own journal. We'll have the supplies and instructions (and snacks!). Just bring your creativity! This program is intended for tweens and teens, ages 11-18.

01/02 THU 4:00-6:00 BMPL

Troll For Initiative - Beginner/Intermediate D & D

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. This group is limited to 10 active participants, so please contact Scott C at 402-441-8536 or 402-441-8525 to see if there are open slots.

01/13 MON 4:30-6:00 BMPL

01/27 MON 4:30-6:00 BMPL

ADULTS

Songwriting/Composing Club—A Polley Music Library Program

Are you a songwriter or composer interested in sharing your work? Need help with writers 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, a laptop, sheet music, lyrics, or just come to talk about what you're working on!

01/11 SAT 2:00–3:00 BMPL

B.Y.O.B(ook) Club

This is not your traditional book club! Join us with a title (or titles) from your reading life that follow the monthly discussion prompt and add to your own To Be Read list with recommendations from the group. This month's prompt: A book with a character's name in the title.

01/15 WED 6:30–7:30 BMPL

Adult Story Time

Everyone likes being read to, so why should kids have all the fun? Join us for an evening of live readings (from short stories, novel fragments, poetry, plays, song lyrics, essays, etc.), plus music samples from Nebraska performers or composers, adult coloring sheets and a reading list. This month's theme: new beginnings!

01/16 THU 6:30–7:30 BMPL

Crafternoon - Fabric Corner Bookmarks

You can never have enough bookmarks, right? Join us and learn to make a quick and easy corner bookmark using scraps of fabric. These are great for the current book you're reading or for leaving in a favorite long-term. Make one or make a set to share with a friend! All supplies are provided, but space is limited. Registration is required.

01/26 SUN 2:00–4:00 BMPL

Just Desserts Mystery Fiction Discussion Group

The Just Desserts mystery discussion group will read and discuss the first four volumes in Elle Cosimano's "Finlay Donovan" series, starting with "Finlay Donovan is Killing It." Participants can read any one or more of the four books. After this, attendees will share a round robin of whatever else they've been reading recently (emphasizing mysteries).

01/30 THU 6:30–7:45 BMPL



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01/09 THU 10:30–11:30 BETH

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01/16 THU 10:30–11:30 BETH

ADULTS

Bethany BookTalks

Each weekly BookTalks session features a different presenter sharing their reading recommendations. Registration is not required and drop-in attendance is encouraged.

Book Chat Day: Bring your favorite books from 2024!

01/03 FRI 10:30–11:30 BETH

Nate kicks off our winter season of Bethany BookTalks. Join us for a hot cup of coffee on a cold morning, and hear about his recent reads

01/10 FRI 10:30–11:30 BETH

It's a new year and Jen is back with a new list of favorites. Don't forget to ask her for any One Book One Lincoln updates.

01/17 FRI 10:30–11:30 BETH

Join Wyatt as he shares his "2024 Year in Books." With over 70 titles, you'll find something to add to your TBR stack!

01/24 FRI 10:30–11:30 BETH

Lisa will share all about the Nebraska Golden Sower award — what it is, how they are selected and who votes to choose the winners.

01/31 FRI 10:30–11:30 BETH

ALL AGES

Name a Book Cart Contest

All ages are invited to join the Name a Book Cart contest at Eiseley Branch! Submit a name from January 2–15. Public voting will occur January 17–29. Winners will be announced on January 30. Please visit or contact Eiseley Branch for complete entry rules.

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YOUTH

Play Time for Youth

We invite children and parents/caregivers to play with our developmental toy collection. We have set aside this time because research shows the importance of unstructured play for children. Caregivers and parents - please remember to supervise your children while you visit and look for books.

01/05 SUN 1:00–2:00 EISE

01/12 SUN 1:00–2:00 EISE

01/19 SUN 1:00–2:00 EISE

01/26 SUN 1:00–2:00 EISE

Dance Party Storytime

Kick off the new year with a dance party. We'll be reading stories and dancing the night away.

01/07 TUE 6:30–7:30 EISE

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01/16 THU 10:30–11:30 EISE

ADULTS

Once Upon A Crime

Do you love True Crime and local mysteries? Join us for all things criminal the second Tuesday of every month where we discuss current crime obsessions. Bring your favorite stories to share, and get sentenced to FUN. January's topic is "Crimes of the 1980s."

01/14 TUE 6:30–7:45 EISE



ADULTS

Gere BookTalks

Please join us for a Book Share at Gere! A library staff member will present a book they are reading. Afterwards, everyone will have a chance to talk about anything they are reading. Come ready to talk books (or just listen)!

01/06 MON 2:00-3:00 GERE

Circle of Friends

Circle of Friends is an adaptive program for adults accompanied by a support person. Activities may include crafts, exercise and stories. All abilities and skill levels are welcome and encouraged to attend.

01/08 WED 1:00-2:30 GERE

01/15 WED 1:00-2:30 GERE

01/22 WED 1:00-2:30 GERE

01/29 WED 1:00-2:30 GERE

Bring-Your-Own-Craft Club

Stuck on a project? Need space to focus and work in peace? Join us at the library to participate in the Bring-Your-Own-Craft Club where you can work in a quiet setting to get your craft projects done. Bring your craft supplies and a pair of headphones/earbuds to listen to music if you'd like!

01/08 WED 5:30-6:30 GERE

Short & Strange - Short Fiction Reading Group

Do you love reading and talking about fiction, but feel like you don't have much time to read? Have you tried book clubs in the past, but never found time to finish the whole book before the meeting? Are you interested in exploring speculative writing and other genres, but don't know where to start? Join us once a month where we'll read short stories and novellas that will inspire lively discussion. Registration is preferred, but drop-ins are welcome. Registrants will receive a reading list in advance

01/27 MON 6:30-7:30 GERE

Trivia Night: Science Rules!

Impress your friends and learn a few new facts about science at Trivia Night! Doors open at 6:15 pm with trivia starting promptly at 6:30 pm. Compete as a team or as an individual.

01/28 TUE 6:30-7:30 GERE



YOUTH

Construction Crew

Whether it's LEGO bricks, Magna-Tiles or Keva Planks, we'll have free construction time for you and all your building buddies.

01/21 TUE 5:30-7:00 SOUTH

ADULTS

Crafternoon: Drawing - The Next Steps Perspective and Proportion

We'll look at composition, depth, perspective and proportions. All supplies will be provided, but you may bring what you have if you prefer.

01/19 SUN 2:00-3:30 SOUTH

ALL AGES

Family Fun Night: Snow

Drop by the Gere Branch for a variety of snow themed crafts, games and activities (including an indoor snowball fight) that are fun for the whole family.

01/07 TUE 5:30-7:00 GERE

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01/15 WED 10:45-11:45 GERE

TEENS

Random Fandom Movie Day: The Hunger Games

Take a break from the family and watch The Hunger Games while eating popcorn and hanging out with friends. Doors open at 1:30 pm and the movie will start at 1:45 pm. The movie is rated PG-13. This program is part of our Teen Programming schedule and intended for ages 11-17.

01/02 THU 1:30-4:00 GERE

Random Fandom Club

Whether you're into anime, comic books, video games, RPGs, books, movies, or TV shows, our Random Fandom club is the place for you! Join us to discuss and celebrate all things pop culture. Discover new fandoms, connect with friends new and old, and release your inner geek with a variety of activities from cosplay to trivia. This program is part of our Teen Programming schedule and intended for ages 11-17.

01/13 MON 6:00-7:00 GERE



ALL AGES

Family Fun Night

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

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

LEGO Brick Sunday

Drop in and free-build with our LEGO brick collection.

01/19 SUN 2:00-4:00 WALT

3D Printer/Fusion 360 Training

Learn how to use Walt's Bambu 3D printer and 3D design software AutoCAD Fusion 360. Register online or by calling 402-441-4460. Must be 13+ years old or attend with an adult.

01/21 TUE 4:30-5:30 WALT

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01/18 SAT 10:30-11:30 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.

01/02 THU 3:30-5:30 WALT

01/16 THU 3:30-5:30 WALT

01/30 THU 3:30-5:30 WALT

Dice Guild One-Shot: Mutants & Masterminds

A guild for adventurers, mystery-seekers and pathfinders of imagination! In this special one-day session we'll enter the world of a new tabletop RPG. Learn the mechanics, create a character (or two), and prepare for battle!

01/18 SAT 2:00-3:00 WALT

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01/28 TUE 1:00-2:30 WALT

Crafternoon - Cozy Tea Tiles

Warm up at Walt and create a set of coasters for your cuppa tea or cocoa. All materials are provided, but space is limited. Register online or by calling 402-441-4460.

01/12 SUN 2:00-4:00 WALT

Senior Safety with the Lincoln Police Department

Personnel from the Lincoln Police Department Crime Prevention Unit will provide a presentation to Senior Citizens on phone, online and AI scams and social media safety.

01/15 WED 1:00-3:00 WALT

ADULTS Continued

Silent Library

Enjoy refreshments from The Mill, a book swap and peace to read in silence.

01/15 WED 6:00-7:30 WALT

Adult Trivia Night

Impress your friends and learn a few new facts at Walt's Adult Trivia Night! Sign in starts at 5:30 pm with trivia starting promptly at 6:00 pm. Register a team of up to six people online or by calling 402-441-4460. Walk-in individuals and teams welcome, but space is limited.

01/19 SUN 6:00-7:30 WALT

Williams Branch Library
4900 Mike Scholl St. | 402-441-8580



Senior Coffee

Join library staff on the second Friday of the month for Air Park Community Center's Senior Coffee group. Learn about library resources and enjoy some coffee with community members. This month, we'll be discussing Nebraska authors.

01/10 FRI 10:00-11:00 WILL

After-School Special

Hang out with your friends after school to play games, create crafts and enjoy other fun activities!

01/07 TUE 4:30-5:30 WILL

01/14 TUE 4:30-5:30 WILL

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Tuesday, December 31, 2024
Locations close at 4 p.m.
Williams Branch Library closed all day

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Wednesday, January 1, 2025
All locations closed.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Monday, January 20, 2025
All locations closed.

LOCATIONS AND HOURS

BENNETT MARTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

136 S. 14th Street
(402) 441-8530

Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 10 AM-8 PM
Friday-Saturday: 10 AM-6 PM
Sunday: 12-6 PM

ANDERSON BRANCH LIBRARY

3635 Touzalin Avenue
(402) 441-8540

Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 10 AM-8 PM
Friday-Saturday: 10 AM-6 PM
Sunday: 12-8 PM

BETHANY BRANCH LIBRARY

1810 N. Cotner Boulevard
(402) 441-8550

Hours:
Monday-Saturday: 10 AM-6 PM
Sunday: Closed

EISELEY BRANCH LIBRARY

1530 Superior Street
(402) 441-4250

Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 10 AM-8 PM
Friday-Saturday: 10 AM-6 PM
Sunday: 12-8 PM

GERE BRANCH LIBRARY

2400 S. 56th Street
(402) 441-8560

Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 10 AM-8 PM
Friday-Saturday: 10 AM-6 PM
Sunday: 12-8 PM

SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY

2675 South Street
(402) 441-8570

Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 10 AM-8 PM
Friday-Saturday: 10 AM-6 PM
Sunday: 12-8 PM

WALT BRANCH LIBRARY

6701 S. 14th Street
(402) 441-4460

Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 10 AM-8 PM
Friday-Saturday: 10 AM-6 PM
Sunday: 12-8 PM

WILLIAMS BRANCH LIBRARY

4900 Mike Scholl Street
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Hours:
Monday-Tuesday: 4-8 PM
Wednesday-Thursday: 10 AM-6 PM
Friday, Saturday and Sunday: 1-6 PM



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