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Walt Branch Library
6701 S. 14th St. 402-441-4460

WEDS. June 12 - July 24, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Minds in Motion
Drop-in and enjoy a variety of creative activities changing weekly. Visit with staff for details

TUES., June 4, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., Amy Jester Puppets - Space Cadets
Using their unlimited imaginations, kids travel through space with cadets from the Academy as they problem solve, overcome challenges and work together as a team.

WED., June 5, 1:00 p.m. Movie Day
Enjoy your favorite futuristic family and their dog on a wacky journey through outer space.

SUN., June 9, 2:00 p.m., Kokyo Taiko Drummers
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WED., June 26, 6:30 p.m., Fontenelle Forest Raptor Recovery
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MON., July 1, 10:00-11:30 a.m. and 5:30-7:00 p.m., Space Stations
Mission Control has cleared you for takeoff! Learn about outer space through interactive stations, crafts, challenges, a Read-a-thon, and fun photo ops throughout the library.

MON., July 8, 10:30 a.m., 4-H Explores the Universe
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WED., July 31, 1:00 p.m. Movie Day
A video game villain must brave the internet to help a princess fix her video game.

Williams Branch Library
5000 Mike Scholl St. 402-441-8580
Enter on West Cuming Street

THURS., June 6, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Build It Day
Calling all future engineers and architects; LEGOS, Magna-Tiles and ZOOB Builderz are available for your construction fun!

THURS., June 20, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Dinos and Fossil Fuels
While fossil fuels do not come directly from dinosaurs, they do come from the plants and plankton that were around when dinosaurs roamed the earth. Enjoy a variety of activities that celebrate both dinosaurs and automobiles.

WED., June 26, 10:30 a.m., Reptiles Rock!
Get up close with a turtle and a snake, learn about adaptations, feeding habits and behavior. Discover how important reptiles are in nature's web of relationships between plants and animals.

THURS., June 27, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Movie Day
Game on! Earth is threatened by an alien invasion and only a basketball game can save us!

WED., July 10, 10:30 a.m., Visit with the Lincoln Saltdogs
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THURS., July 11, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Movie Day
While watching this classic movie, keep your hands inside the magic carpet for a journey to a whole new world!

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THURS., July 25, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Atmospheric Awesomeness
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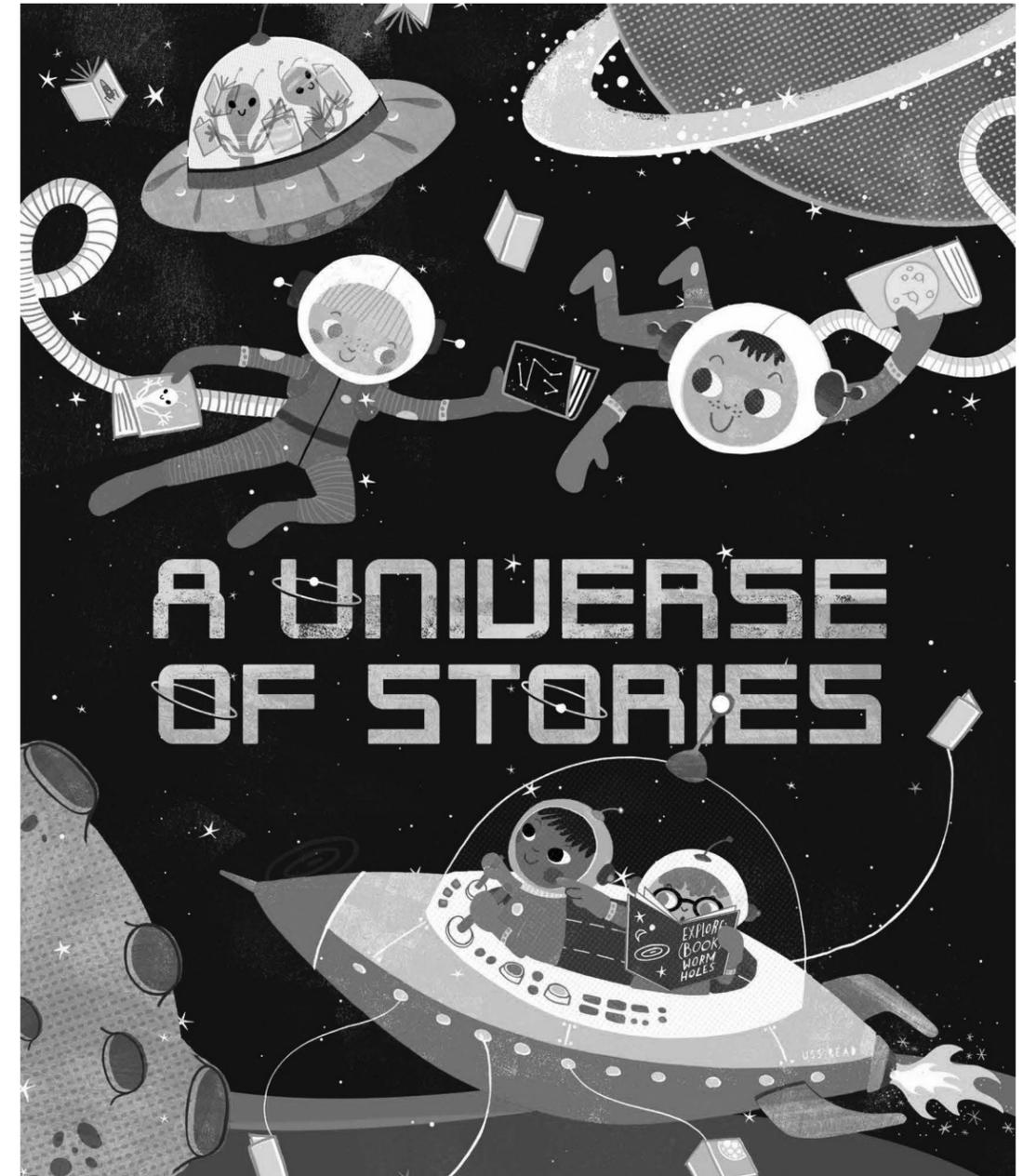
Children, Teen, and Adult Summer Reading Challenge participants are invited to attend these area events.

SAT., June 29, GIANT Star Party
Branched Oak Observatory, 14300 NW 98th St, Raymond, NE
10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Because of the height of the summer sun (and daylight savings time) this is a LATE event.
View two spectacular gas giant planets, Jupiter and Saturn. There will also be a plethora of beautiful galaxies, nebulae, and star clusters visible. Come early (9:00-10:00 p.m.) for basic information about looking at the night sky and a few constellation stories. Register for the 9-10 p.m. presentation by emailing info@branedoakobservatory.com.

THURS., July 18, 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.
Max Goes to the Moon; A Planetarium Show
University of Nebraska State Museum
Morrill Hall, 645 N. 14th St.
The planetarium will present two free showings of *Max Goes to the Moon* for families in the Summer Reading Challenge. Seating for each 45-minute show in the planetarium is limited to 60. Pick up your tickets the day of the show at Morrill Hall. First come, first served.

Did you know that Morrill Hall offers free museum admission Thursday evenings in July from 4:30 – 8:00 p.m.?

Sun. July 28 – Fri. August 2
Nebraska Star Party
Merritt Reservoir, Valentine, Nebraska
The Nebraska Star Party is an annual gathering that brings together astronomy enthusiasts and folks interested in learning more about the night sky. The 26th Annual 2019 Nebraska Star Party will be held at Merritt Reservoir in north-central Nebraska. Registration for the week is \$50.00 for an adult if registered before July 1. The NSP organizers have donated the cost of two adult registrations to any of our adult Summer Reading Challenge registrants. If interested, you will need to fill out a paper drawing form (ask for one at the library—adults only). The drawing will be done on Friday, June 14 to allow winners time to meet the July 1 registration deadline. For more information about the Nebraska Star Party, visit nebraskastarparty.org



LINCOLN CITY LIBRARIES
CHILDREN'S
2019 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE
MAY 24 TO JULY 31, 2019

All events are designed with elementary-age children in mind and last 45 minutes, unless otherwise indicated.

Bennett Martin Public Library

136 S. 14th St. 402-441-8566

FRI., May 31, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Summer Reading Challenge Blast-Off Party
Kick-off the Summer Reading Challenge with space-themed activities for kids and modular origami especially for teens.

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MON., June 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Backyard Astronomy
Join Bob Kacvinsky, president of the Prairie Astronomy Club, for an evening of learning about the night sky and cosmic bodies you can see by utilizing simple tools.

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WED., July 3, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Bubbles and Pinwheels
Make bubbles of different kinds in the courtyard and make your own pinwheel to take home. Come and see the invisible power of air!

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SUN., July 21, 4:00-4:30 p.m. in English, 4:30-5:00 p.m. en Espanol Incredible Insects/ Insectos Increibles
Learn about Nebraska’s amazing insects! Entomologist Mercy Manzanares with the NGPC will talk about monarchs, beetles, and all sorts of creatures with six legs.
¡Ven y aprende sobre los increíbles insectos de Nebraska! La entomóloga Mercy Manzanares con el NGPC hablará sobre mariposas monarcas, escarabajos y todo tipo de criaturas de seis patas.

WED., July 24, 10:30 a.m., Police on Motorcycles
A motorcycle officer from the Lincoln Police Department brings his machine INTO the library to share what’s special about the work of an officer whose motorcycle helps him do his job.

MON., July 29, 1-2:30 p.m., Retro Tech
Look back at what was cutting edge technology from the 20th century. Stop by to see a display of older tech and try some of it yourself.

<p>Saturdays, June 8, June 15, June 22, June 29, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Stories for Everybody This bilingual (Spanish and English) book group is designed for elementary-age children and their families. A different book is read and discussed each week. To register, call Julie (Spanish speaker) 402-314-8249.</p>

Anderson Branch Library

3635 Touzalin Ave. 402-441-8540

THURS., May 30, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Summer Reading Challenge Blast-Off Party
Climb aboard your rocket ship and head for the stars. Enjoy crafts, games, and other fun activities that are out of this world!

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Bethany Branch Library

1810 N. Cotner Blvd. 402-441-8550

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Eiseley Branch Library

1530 Superior St. 402-441-4250

SUN., June 2, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Family Bingo
Do you feel lucky? Enjoy a fun-filled evening of bingo! All are welcome.

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Do you have what it takes to go to space? The library is hosting a training day to put you through your paces.

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TUES., June 25, 7:00-7:30 p.m., A Musical Storytime
It’s hard to go to bed in the summer when the sun is still in the sky, so join in a musical story time where we sing ourselves silly.

WED., June 26, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Movie Day
While watching this classic movie, please keep your hands inside the magic carpet for our journey to a whole new world.

WED., July 3, 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Movie Day—Double Feature
In these classic animated movies, travel to infinity and beyond to learn about friendship.

MON., July 8, 2:00 p.m., 4-H Explores the Universe
What does STEM have to do with rockets, the moon, and flights? Everything! Join in and explore the universe while doing fun hands-on activities.

WED., July 10, 1:30-3:00 p.m., It’s Not a Box
Sometimes you have to think outside the box. Help answer the time-honored question of “what can you do with a box?”

SUN., July 14, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Family Bingo
Do you want to try your luck again? Enjoy another fun-filled evening of bingo! All ages are welcome.

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SUN., July 21, 6:30 p.m., Beyond Lincoln: A History of Nebraska Hauntings
Author Tayden Bundy will talk about his book which uncovers the historical origins of ghost stories retold in Lincoln and throughout the state of Nebraska--those stories of hauntings passed down through generations of Nebraskans sitting around campfires, rocking on front porches, or whispering at sleepovers late into the night.

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Calling all future engineers and architects; LEGOS, Magna-Tiles and ZOOB Builderz will be available for your construction fun!

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WED., July 31, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Sprinkler Day
Grab your sunscreen and enjoy the annual sprinkler day as we celebrate the last day of the Summer Reading Challenge!

Gere Branch Library

2400 S. 56 St. 402-441-8560

<p>THURS., May 30 - July 25, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Try It Thursdays Enjoy a variety of activities offered on Thursdays during the summer at this drop-in program; many are STEM related</p>
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Blast off for a trivia “spacewalk”. Engage mind and body for a spectacular mission from Neptune to the Sun.

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The Lincoln Community Playhouse Theatre Arts Academy will present a preview of the musical they’ve been working on during their summer camp.

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FRI., August 2, 11:30-11:45 a.m., The Grunch
The Lincoln Community Playhouse Theatre Arts Academy will present a preview of the musical they’ve been working on during their summer camp.

<p>Mondays, June 10 and July 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Read Aloud Please RAP is a parent-child book group for students going into grades 1 to 3 and their parents. Call 402-441-8560 to register.</p>

South Branch Library

2675 South St. 402-441-8570

Due to limited building capacity, some of South Branch events will be held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2110 Sheridan Blvd. Enter through the east doors.

<p>THURS., May 30 - July 18, 2:00 p.m., Movie Thursdays Enjoy out of this universe family movies every Thursday.</p>

TUES., May 28, 10:30 a.m., Annual Summer Fun Field Day
Kick off the summer right with a shoe kicking contest, a jump rope competition, a water balloon toss and more.

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Celebrate Independence Day a little early with crafts and a family friendly movie.

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