

Kids' Summer Reading Events, 2022, By Branch

All events are 45 minutes unless otherwise indicated.

Saturday, June 4, 10:30 a.m. Let's Draw Ocean Cartoons (Virtual Event)

Award-winning cartoonist Rick Stromoski will teach you how to draw ocean animals like whales, sharks, octopuses, dolphins, sea horses, and even a giant whale. [Get the Zoom link here!](#)

Bennett Martin Public Library

136 S. 14th Street Youth Services 402-441-8566

Thurs., June 9-10:30 a.m., Visit with the Lincoln Saltdogs

Meet Homer the Haymarket Hound and players from the Lincoln Saltdogs when they visit libraries to read books and sign autographs.

Thurs., June 16, 6 p.m., Ukuleles On the Ocean - Learn with the LUG Nuts

Been wanting to learn how to play one of the library's ukuleles? Come at 6 p.m. for easy lessons. Stay for a 6:30 p.m. performance from the Lincoln Ukulele Group.

Thurs., June 23, 10:30 a.m., Pollinators Plus

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Thurs., June 30, 10:30 a.m., 4-H Oceans of Possibilities

Discover the wonders of the ocean as we dive down deep to explore ocean zones, marine animals, and more during this fun, hands-on 4-H workshop!

Thurs., July 7, 10:30 a.m., Edgerton Explorit Center

Experience the Wonderful World of Waves; the science of sound and the many sound waves we experience every day. See dramatic demonstrations of how you can not only hear, but actually see sound waves using various items including fire and the amazing Ruben's Tube!

Sun., July 10, 1-3 p.m., A Pop Art Experience

New York artist Michael Albert is touring the Midwest and will stop in Lincoln to lead this pop art workshop. Each participant gets to create a collage, gets a free poster, and a chance to meet and learn about Michael's work. Limited to the first 40 people who register. Register by calling 402-441-8546.

Thurs., July 14, 10:30 a.m., Nebraska Wildlife Rehab

Learn about the work of caring for injured, sick, and orphaned animals and birds, and how you can help urban wildlife to survive and thrive.

Thurs., July 21, 10:30 a.m., Magician, Jeff Quinn

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Thurs., July 28, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Summer Reading: Journey's End Party

It's been a fun reading journey! Join us for an afternoon of nautical fun and prizes as we wrap up the Summer Reading Challenge.

Anderson Branch Library

3635 Touzalin Ave. 402-441-8540

Thurs., May 26, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff Party

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Tues., June 7, 1:00 p.m., Visit with the Lincoln Saltdogs

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Tues., June 14, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., Kokyo Taiko Drummers

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Tues., July 5, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., Dr. Oxygen

Dr. Oxygen explores everyday solids, liquids, and gases. Take part in fun demonstrations of air pressure, magnetism, sound creation, huge soap bubbles and much more! Science is fun and amazing!

Tues., July 12, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., Nebraska Wildlife Rehab

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Tues., July 19, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., Magician Jeff Quinn

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Tues., July 26, 2:30 p.m., Heavy Equipment Encounter

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Bethany Branch Library

1810 N. Cotner Blvd. 402-441-8550

Due to issues with building capacity, Bethany Branch Library's events will be held at the Cotner Center, 1540 N. Cotner Blvd.

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Eiseley Branch Library

1530 Superior St. 402-441-4250

Wed., June 8, 2-3:30 p.m., Shark Day

While some believe that the ocean gets its saltiness from the tears of misunderstood sharks, come get the facts at Shark Day. You're going to need a bigger book bag to take home all your fun crafts and books about sharks.

Thurs., June 9, 1 p.m., Visit with the Lincoln Saltdogs

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Wed., June 15, 6:30 p.m., Kokyo Taiko Drummers

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Wed., June 22, 2-3:30 p.m., Pirate Day

We are looking for a few good mates! Join us as we sail the seven seas, search for buried treasure and generally have a good time, although a plank or two might be walked.

Thurs., June 23, 1:30 & 2:30 p.m., Pollinators Plus

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Sun., June 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Bingo

Before there was Wordle, there was Bingo! Bring your family and your outside voice for a rousing game of numbers and luck.

Thurs., June 30, 2:30 p.m., 4-H Oceans of Possibilities

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Wed., July 13, 2-3:30 p.m., Beach Day

Join us for a day of sun and fun! Dig for sea shells, go fishing and learn about the ocean. Don't forget your sunscreen!

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Wed., July 20, 6:30 p.m., Magician Jeff Quinn

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Wed., July 27, 2-3:30 p.m., It's Not a Box

Boxes contain endless possibilities. They can be race cars, rocket ships, and anything else that you can imagine. Let your imagination break free and build whatever you would like with boxes.

Thurs., July 28, 2:30 p.m., Heavy Equipment Encounter

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Fri., July 29, 2-3:30 p.m., Sprinkler Day

It's been a while but we're back with sprinklers, chalk and bubbles! Join us to say goodbye to summer!

Gere Branch Library
2400 S. 56th St. 402-441-8560

Wed., June 1, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff Party

Ahoy, Mateys! Set your course for summer reading excitement as we open up our treasure chest of activities and surprises.

Thursdays, June 2-July 28 (9 sessions), 2-3 p.m., Camp Read-A-Lot

We will be exploring the wonders of the ocean this summer at Camp Read-A-Lot. Join our storytellers as we share books, camp songs, STEAM activities and crafts with school age youth. Stories and activities will be relevant for early elementary students and all ages are welcome. Daycare groups please call 402-441-8560 to register in advance.

Theater Arts Academy

On select Fridays, we welcome the Theater Arts Academy from the Lincoln Community Playhouse. This short program will feature performances by youth from their upcoming musicals.

June 17, 11:30 a.m., Musical Theatre Skills

July 1, 11:30 a.m., *Frozen KIDS*

July 22, 11:30 a.m., *We Are Monsters*

August 5, 11:30 a.m., *Seussical KIDS*

Wed., June 8, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., Three Battles Goju Ryu Karate

Goju Ryu Karate is a traditional martial art that focuses on self-defense and discipline. Students will demonstrate their techniques choreographed to music for a fun and engaging family experience.

Ocean Week, June 16-19, open hours.

Stop by for crafts and activities related to the Oceans of the World.

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Pirate Week, June 27-July 3, open hours

Stop by for crafts and activities related to pirates and adventures on the high seas.

Wed., June 29, 2:30 p.m., 4-H Oceans of Possibilities

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Wed., July 6, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., Elephants: Then and Now

For millions of years, elephants walked the vast plains of Nebraska in untold numbers. Join University of Nebraska State Museum educators as they explore what we know about these ancient animals and how paleontologists look to their modern relatives to better understand our past.

Shark Week, July 11-17, open hours

Stop by for crafts and activities related to sharks.

Wed., July 13, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc.

Learn about the animals the team cares for and what to do if you find a wild animal in your yard.

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Manatees and Mermaids Week, July 25-31, open hours

Stop by for crafts and activities related to manatees and mermaids.

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Meet in the parking lot to explore some of the equipment used by Lincoln's City Parks & Recreation and Transportation & Utilities departments. The Fire Department will join us to show off their cool equipment too—if there are no fires or other emergencies!

South Branch Library

2675 South St. 402-441-8570

Due to issues with building capacity, some of South Library's events will be held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2110 Sheridan Blvd. Enter through the east doors.

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Walt Branch Library

6701 S. 14th St. 402-441-4460

Tues., May 31, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon, Summer Reading Challenge Kickoff Party

Ahoy, Mateys! In place of storytime today, set your course for summer reading excitement as we open up our treasure chest of activities and surprises.

Wed., June 8, 6:30 p.m., Visit with the Lincoln Saltdogs

Meet Homer the Haymarket Hound and players from the Lincoln Saltdogs when they visit libraries to read books and sign autographs.

Thurs., June 9, 10-11:30 a.m. Bubbles and Bugs in the Backyard

Explore Walt's pollinator garden and create your own collection of thumbprint insects. See what creatures a member of the Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center can find in our garden. Craft a bubble wand and watch your bubbles float like insects.

Mon., June 13, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., CK Dance

The CK Dance company will perform a shortened version of *Annie*. Then it's time for the kids in the audience to learn some dance moves and jam out with the older dancers.

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Thurs., June 23, 10-11:30 p.m. & 5-7:30 p.m., Adventures at Sea

Arrr, you ready to explore Walt Island? Bring your pirate-y pals and be prepared for some high seas fun, games and crafts. Do you dare walk the plank when the floor is ocean?

Mon., June 27, 10:30 a.m., 4-H Oceans of Possibilities

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Mon., July 11, 1-3 p.m., Honor the Ocean

The Japanese summer holiday, Ocean Day, offers gratitude for the ocean and its importance in our lives. Celebrate one week early with ocean-themed crafts and cool ocean info.

Tues., July 12, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., Wildlife Rescue Team, Inc.

Learn about the animals the team cares for and what to do if you find a wild animal in your yard.

Mon., July 18, 1:30 & 2:30 p.m., Magician Jeff Quinn

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Thurs., July 28, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Polliwog Playdate

Bring your youngest readers to the library for a short introduction to storytime and stay for a playdate with the library's developmental toys. This program is intended for babies and toddlers with their siblings and caregivers.

Williams Branch Library

5000 Mike Scholl St. 402-441-8580

Wed., June 22, Williams Library, 10:30 a.m., Pollinators Plus

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Wed., July 6, 10:30 a.m., Fun with Science

Explore some of the library's STEM kits and make science magic happen.

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