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3635 Touzalin Ave. | 402-441-8540

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01/17 WED 6:30–7:30 BMPL

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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

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

Craftnoon: 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.
02/15 THU 6:30–7:30 BMPL

Craftnoon: 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

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 2:00–4:00 EIS
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The Sounds That Sounds Make: Music of Patrick Hargen
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

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
02/13 TUE 6:00–7:30 EIS

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: Poké-mon
Drop by the Gere Branch Library for a variety of Poké-mon-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.
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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.
02/07 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

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
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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

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.
12/24 SAT 2:00–4:00 SOUTH

Crafternoon: Coffee and Coloring
On a cold day, what’s more fun then 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

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
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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)!s
12/29 FRI 10:30–12:00 WALT

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

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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.
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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

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

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
- 02/20 TUE 4:30–5:30 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: Fire Station #1
Join us at Fire Station #1 (1801 Q Street) 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.
- 12/08 FRI 10:30–11:00
- 01/12 FRI 10:30–11:00