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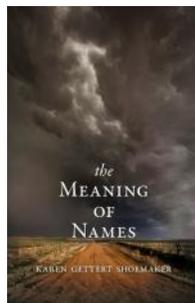
New World War I Chautauqua June 8-12th in North Platte

Hastings and North Platte have been selected to host a brand new Chautauqua that will provide entertainment, historic presentations, exhibits, youth camps and more, all of which will be based on World War One. The Nebraska Chautauqua theme is **World War I: Legacies of a Forgotten War**. This free festival is presented by Humanities Nebraska (HN).

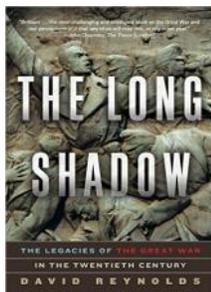
Chautauqua Book Discussions

Join North Platte Public Library Director Cecelia Lawrence and NPCC Learning Resource Center Supervisor Sky Seery as they guide you through 2 book discussions related to the Chautauqua! Twenty copies of each book are available to checkout at the North Platte Public Library. **Just check out the book and come discuss it over coffee and a sweet treat!!**

Sky will be leading the discussion on *The Meaning of Names* by Karen Gettert Shoemaker at 7:30 PM on April 21st at North Platte Community College (South Campus), 601 West State Farm Rd. Call 535-3727 to reserve your seat and get the classroom location.



Cecelia will be discussing *The Long Shadow: the Legacies of the Great War in the Twentieth Century* by David Reynolds on Saturday, May 28, 2016, at 1:00 PM in the library.



NEW PROGRAM COLORING BOOK CLUB

Beginning April 16th
from 1:00 PM-3:00 PM!



Come join the latest relaxation craze! The Coloring Book Club will be held at 1:00 PM on the 3rd Saturday of the month. The library will provide coloring pattern pages, but please bring your own pens/pencils/markers. Participants are encouraged to bring their own coloring books if they prefer. This activity is designed for adults. This first meeting will shape how the club works, so be sure to get this on your calendar!



Friends of the Library

Spring Book Sale



April 28-30, 2016

Thursday, April 28, 12pm—8pm

Friends of the Library-Members only Sale!

Friday, April 29, 9am—5pm

Open to the General Public

Saturday, April 30, 9am—12pm

Open to the General public

Note: The sale will close from 12pm to 1pm to get ready for the Bag Sale.

Saturday Bag Sale: 1 PM—5 PM

Fill provided bag or bring your own recyclable bag. Cost per bag \$2.00+tax. Fill as many bags as you want!

Make sure your membership is up to date! AND...

Buzzzzz on in to the Book Sale for some Bargains!



Evening Concert @ Your Library
Peter Fletcher
Classical Guitarist
Tuesday, May 3
7:00PM

We welcome the return of Fletcher for this performance, sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Fletcher has played to packed houses at Carnegie Hall. His repertoire is varied and may include pieces by Bach, Grieg, and pieces by Spanish composers. This free concert will be popular so be sure to make seat reservations when reservations open in mid-April. Don't miss this musical performance!



Brown Bag Series

The Traveling Genealogist

By Ruby Coleman

12:00PM, Friday, May 6th



Genealogists look forward to summer when they can travel to ancestral locations. The presentation will provide suggestions and ideas for doing library and courthouse research and making research plans ahead of time. Ideas will be shared that pertain to locating cemeteries. There will be tips for what to take with you on research trips, what you need to leave at home and how to make the trip worthwhile. Want to locate relatives? There will be information provided for how to find them and approach them for sharing the family history. Learn how to locate the most information on a time schedule and/or budget. Join us for a fun-filled hour of learning how to make the most of your genealogy journey.

All Brown Bag Luncheon programs are free and open to the public. Attendees are welcome to bring their lunches. Coffee, tea and water will be provided. Seating is limited so please call the library at 535-8036, Ext. 3310 to reserve a seat.

Local Stories of WWI:
Sammy Girls & Farm Boys
12:00 PM, Friday, May 13th
By Amber Martinson, Cecelia Lawrence, & Tim & Terri Johnson

Local people helped in the war efforts at home and in Europe. Sammy Girls clubs were started to fill the need for knitted goods and hospital supplies. Tacie McGraw of North Platte formed a local club to knit socks. Amber Martinson will repeat her portrayal of Tacie from the 2015 Cemetery Tour and Cecelia Lawrence will give an historical account of Sammy Girls.

Horses played an important part in WWI, and even prior to the United States entering the war, our country was transporting horses to Europe for the war effort. Lloyd Johnson, like others from Nebraska farms when signing up to serve, was assigned to the Remount Squadron since he knew how to care for horses. Tim will share some of his grandfather's stories transcribed from Lloyd's personal journal and Terri will give an overview of the remount service and use of horses in the war.



America and the Great War: 1914-1918

by David Wells

Humanities Nebraska Speaker

12:00 PM, Thursday, May 19th



The role of America in "the war to end all wars" is misunderstood. Most people think only of the 1917-18 period when U.S. soldiers marched off to save the world, not realizing that from 1914-17 the nation was opposed to the war. Songs of the period show the changing attitude of the American public, from

neutrality to anti-war sentiments to entry in the war and the ultimate defeat of Germany. World War II and the Cold War make more sense when you understand what



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happened between 1914-18. Wells features a special section of patriotic songs written by Nebraskans from Chadron to Omaha. A 45-minute slide program and a large display of sheet music are included.

Weapons of WWI

By Dan Sheesley

12:00 PM, Thursday, June 2nd

Dan, a local retired teacher, will speak on the causes of WWI, contrasting it to WWII. This was the first war in which each country's air force was active; how important was the role of air warfare and also of naval warfare in this war? He will also discuss the reasons behind trench warfare. Dan plans to bring in a variety of WWI rifles and pistols from his collection to show.



Coming to Zion

By J.A. Griffen, Nebraska Author

12:00 PM, Thursday, June 30th

This Alliance author's book, *Coming to Zion* is the story of the spiritual and personal journey of Jesse Griffen, and exemplifies the experience of so many American pioneers. J. A. Griffen has a passion for the story of his native Nebraska, particularly during the Territorial era. His research has taken him from the British Library all the way to Salt Lake City as he tracked his ancestor's story.



Legacy

By Helen Harano Christ
12:00PM, Friday, July 22th

Helen, a North Platte graduate, will speak on her book about her family's forced relocation to an internment camp in Utah during WWI. She wrote this book hoping to give readers a feeling for what it was like to live as a Japanese in America during the years previous to Pearl Harbor and during the evacuation.



EXERCISE
your mind.
READ!

Adult Summer Reading
Brown Bag Programs



There's an App for That **12:00 PM, Thursday, July 14th** **By Trudy Merrit**

Trying to navigate the world of wearable fitness devices and fitness apps? We do the research for you! This session will help you understand the role of technology in making healthy choices. Whether you are trying to solve the mysteries of your wearable fitness device or trying to find a fitness app that really helps you toward your goals, this session will provide a primer for integrating technology and fitness. Topics will include electronic fitness journals, wearable fitness devices and the top rated fitness apps for your mobile device.

It's the Little Things **12:00 PM, Thursday, July 28th** **By Trudy Merrit**

Physical activity, even a little bit, helps create a healthier you. You don't have to be a marathon runner to reap the benefits of physical movement. This session will teach you simple exercises that you can do at home, without special equipment or training. These exercises will be very low impact, with minimal stress on joints. Our bodies respond in a positive way to even the simplest exercise, so wear comfortable clothes and join in the fitness and fun!



Cemetery Tree Stones

By Boni Edwards
12:00 PM, Thursday
August 25th

Cemetery tombstones, especially old stones, come in all shapes and sizes. Boni Edwards has photographed multiple Woodman of the World and other "Tree Stones," and will share her photos and knowledge of these beautifully shaped stones and their symbolism, with emphasis on the stones found in Lincoln County and the surrounding area.

Readers "Finish First" so join Summer Reading 2016

Elementary Grades



3 Different Sessions Based on Grade Level

Begins June 6th with those who have completed kindergarten at 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM on each Mon. through July 11 except for July 4th.

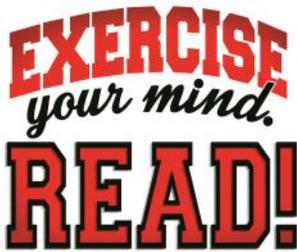
Begins June 8th for those who have completed Grades 1 through 5. Grades 1 & 2 at 1:30 PM and grades 3 – 5 at 3:00 PM. Meets every Wed. through July 13, 2016.

Teens (YA)



The YA Summer Reading Program, (ages 13-17) will meet from 4:00 pm - 5:00 PM on Thursdays from June 2nd to July 14th. A Lock-in celebration will be on Friday, July 22nd at the Public Library from 7pm until 11pm. To be eligible for the Lock-in, youth must attend Teen Café at least 4 times, log reading time, and have parental/guardian permission.

Adults



You can exercise your mind by reading all kinds of books through our summer independent reading program for those 18 and older. While reading is its own reward, enter your name in our prize drawing each time you complete reading a book. Drawings will be held through the end of July this year. Coming to Brown Bag programs also qualify for drawing entries.

Are word games your way of exercising your mind? Join us the first Thursday of July and August at 11:00 AM—1:00 PM for informal games of Scrabble. Think of it as a Brown Bag Program where you get to play a game.

Has your Friends of the Library Membership Expired?

Your membership dues support special programming, newsletter costs, and other special projects. Newsletters are published every 3-4 months and will be delivered electronically to members with e-mail and mailed to those without e-mail access. E-mailing helps our organization greatly by keeping costs down. If you have e-mail but still WANT a paper newsletter, please let Cecelia Lawrence know at 308-535-8036 X3321.

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