

SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH!



Sign-up for a Library Card, it's Free!

In September, we encourage everyone to sign up for a library card and discover the wealth of resources and services available! We're excited to be a part of Library Card Sign-Up Month, highlighting how libraries enrich our lives and inspire a love for learning! Join us in celebrating Library Card Sign-Up Month and take advantage of all that our library has to offer!

Library Closed

Labor Day

Monday, September 2nd

Youth Summer Reading 2024 Statistics

Take a look at these amazing totals! This summer was our best yet, with **almost 500 kids** signed up for Summer Reading. That is a **19% increase** from last year! Huge thanks to Amanda and Erin for pouring their hearts into making this a summer to remember. They planned and led over **141 programs** this summer! And they reached new heights with a record breaking **6,000 program attendees!** That includes field trips, teen, outreach, and in-house programming, which is a **24% increase** from last year!



Ask Alex!

Looking for something new? Just Ask Alex! Alex works the Adult Reference Desk and has a passion for reading. Check out one of her favorites: **Grace by Howell Conant**, an intimate portrait of Princess Grace by her friend and favorite photographer.

"On days where I'm feeling down, I often find myself gravitating towards this beautiful book. Written by photographer Howell Conant, this read shows a brief window into the life of the lovely and timeless Grace Kelly. The two were close friends, and way he talks about her is so genuine and full of admiration; you can feel the deep connection between them. It's a great book to sit back and enjoy especially if you like film, fashion, and photography. ❤️"

YOUTH

Babies & Books

Every Monday | 10:15am - 11:00am

Let's create rhymes, sing songs, and read stories together! Afterwards, stay for playtime. For babies and toddlers 2 and under.

Preschool Storytime

Every Wednesday | 10:30am - 11:00am

Join us for stories, flannelboards, songs, and a craft every Wednesday morning. For children ages 2-5 with their caregiver.



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a passive program designed to prepare your child for kindergarten, meaning you can go at your own pace! Visit the library to pick up your reading logs and start your journey to 1,000 books!

SLIME MAKING!

Tuesday, September 3 | 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Join us to make slime you can take home! This month we will be making fluffy slime.

HOMESCHOOL HAPPENINGS:

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Monday, September 9 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Calling all homeschoolers! Each month, we will dive into a new and exciting topic designed to inspire and support homeschooling families. Enjoy engaging discussions, resource sharing, and hands-on activities that hope to enhance your homeschooling experience. All ages welcome—we will have varying activities for different age groups. Come connect with fellow homeschoolers and discover new ways to enrich your learning journey! This month we will be having a Back to School Bash!

POKÉMON CLUB

Thursday, September 12 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Come to the library and meet other Pokéfans! Test your knowledge, play the card game, and talk Pokémon with others. This program is intended for elementary-age kids.

PAWS to Read

Saturday, September 14 | 11:00am - 12:00pm

Bring your little ones to practice reading with one of the sweet pups from Therapy Dogs International! Dogs make such good listeners.

Messy Masterpieces

Friday, September 20 | 10:00am - 11:00am

Join us for a fun-filled morning of creativity. Each month we will make a masterpiece you can take home. Come dressed to make a mess! This program is specially designed for children aged 5 and under.

TEENS

Teen Advisory

Tuesday, September 10 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Calling all teens! Want more teen activities and social events? Need to fulfill volunteer hours? Get involved on this planning team and help improve Library services for 7th - 12th graders.



TEEN TUESDAYS

Game Day

Tuesday, September 17 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

It's Game Day! To start off this monthly program we will be taking on the classic card and board games. Teens can also bring their own games to share with the group! Get ready to have some fun!

Self-Care Essentials

Tuesday, September 24 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Join us for an evening of sharing our best self-care tips and tricks while we create tub teas, bath bombs, and sugar scrubs to treat our future selves!

ADULTS

STRESS-BUSTING PROGRAM FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS

REGISTRATION CLOSED

Every Wednesday | 1:30pm - 3:00pm

This is a nine part series from July 24 - Sept 18. Learn skills to help improve quality of life for family caregivers and better cope with stress.

join chessport!

Every First Wednesday | 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Chess sets are provided. Players of all ages and skill levels are welcome!

MONDAY MURDERS

Fire & Ice by Dana Stabenow

Monday, September 9 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Stabenow's series debut follows Alaska State Trooper Liam Campbell, who arrives in Newenham, leaving behind a troubled past in Anchorage. The town's atmosphere is tense, with a headless corpse, a hostage situation, and violent incidents. Stabenow weaves these elements into a compelling tale, with Liam's troubled past as only a precursor to the turmoil he faces in southwest Alaska. Happily, this much mayhem has rarely been in surer literary hands. Everyone welcome for this book group. No registration!

CRAFT CLOSET CLEAN OUT

Monday, September 9 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm

We will have a variety of crafts from the past, and general supplies out for your crafting pleasure. If you have a craft from home that you want to bring in and work on, that is also great!

- Glass etching (bring your own clear glass item(s) with you)
- Various Gnome supplies/kits
- Diamond Art coasters
- Wooden rounds for painting/stenciling/Mod Podge-a-photo/etc.
- Ceramic Tile decorating
- and more crafts from the past

Teens and adults welcome. No registration required!



Are you registered to vote?

Stop by the library on a Saturday from 10am - 1pm for help with voter registration!

DEATH DEFYING ACTS THE HISTORY OF THE CIRCUS

Tuesday, September 17 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm



William Pack takes you on a fantastical journey through the history of the Circus, from Phil Astley's creation of the modern circus in 1768 to Dan Rice, "the most famous man you've never heard of," to the incredible feud between Barnum and the Ringling Brothers. You'll hear stories of triumph, disaster, and the grand adventure of the travelling circus. Experience the story of those who gave their lives to show and became legends in the process. Come enjoy a great storyteller, coffee, and cookies.

Fall Wreaths

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Monday, September 23 | 6:15pm - 7:45pm

Let's create a beautiful autumn wreath together to add a touch of warmth to your home decor. Don't forget to register each person separately!

Therapeutic Recreation

A Make & Take Craft for Adults with
Developmental Disabilities

Tuesday, September 24 | 10:30am - 11:30am

Join our therapeutic recreation program designed especially for individuals with disabilities. Engage in crafting, chatting, and fun activities!

MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT VS. MEDICARE ADVANTAGE

with Josh Smith of Medicare 411

Thursday, September 26 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Join us for an informative presentation by Josh Smith from Medicare 411 as he provides valuable insights into the differences between Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage plans. Don't miss this opportunity to gain clarity on Medicare options and make the best decision for your healthcare needs.

DUFFY HUDSON PRESENTS

HOUDINI

ALL AGES!

Monday, September 30 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Houdini! His Life His Magic! In this fascinating one man show, The Great Houdini shares his secrets of success, his obsession with magic, the occult and the amazing stunts that drove him to an early grave!

STAY CONNECTED

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