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<p><b>OPEN</b></p> <p><b>Library Hours</b> Monday-Thursday: 9 AM to 6 PM Friday: 9 AM to 5 PM Saturday: 9 AM to 1 PM CLOSED Sunday</p>	<p><b>Funny Stuff!</b> Does anyone have a joke about libraries? I feel they are long overdue.</p>	<p><b>April Holidays</b> 1 - April Fool's Day 1 - Passover Begins 3 - Good Friday 5 - Easter 15 - Tax Day 19-25 National Library Week 22 - Earth Day 24 - Arbor Day 25 - Administrative Professionals Day</p>
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The services below are FREE with your library card! Access them through our online catalog. Ask us for more details and assistance!

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How do I access Kanopy?

1. Go to [kanopy.com/en](http://kanopy.com/en) to get started.
2. Search for your library and enter your card number. Your password is your phone number.
3. Create an account and enjoy!



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Languages

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NO LIMITS.**

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# Morton-James Public Library April 2026 Newsletter

**Story Time**  
Wednesday, April 1st  
10:00AM - 10:30AM

**Yarn Crafters Club**  
Wednesday, April 1st  
1:30PM - 3:00PM

**Story Time**  
Thursday, April 2nd  
4:00PM - 4:30PM

**HN David Seay: Train Songs and Tales**  
Thursday, April 2nd  
7:00PM - 8:00PM

**Paint Together**  
Saturday, April 4th  
10:00AM - 12:00PM

**Lego Club**  
Monday, April 6th  
3:30PM - 5:00PM

**Engaging Mature Minds**  
Wednesday, April 8th  
10:00AM - 11:30AM

**Library Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, April 8th  
4:00PM - 6:00PM

**Story Time**  
Wednesday, April 15th  
10:00AM - 10:30AM

**Evening Book Club**  
Wednesday, April 15th  
5:30PM - 6:30PM

**Story Time**  
Thursday, April 16th  
4:00PM - 4:30PM

**HN Janie York: Remember the Ladies**  
Thursday, April 16th  
7:00PM - 8:00PM

**Matt Mason Poetry Workshop**  
Saturday, April 18th  
10:00AM - 11:00AM

**National Library Week**  
April 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>

**Lego Club**  
Monday, April 20th  
3:30PM - 5:00PM

**Afternoon Book Club**  
Tuesday, April 21st  
2:00PM - 3:00PM

**Engaging Mature Minds**  
Wednesday, April 22nd  
10:00AM - 11:00AM

**Library Closed for Arbor Day**  
Friday, April 24th  
All Day

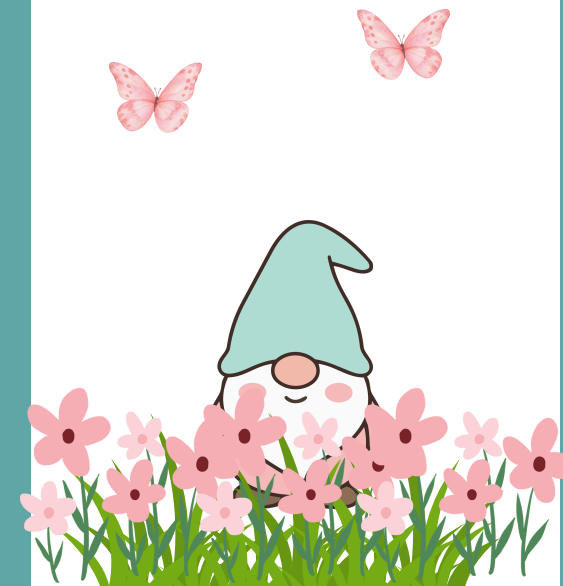
**Arbor Day Craft and Color**  
Saturday, April 25th  
10:00AM - 12:00PM

**Library Opening Late**  
Tuesday, April 28th  
Staff training until 10AM

**USA 250 Patriotic Craft**  
Wednesday, April 29th  
6:00PM - 7:00PM

**Chess Club**  
Every Thursday  
4:00PM - 6:00PM

**“The world is full of magic things, patiently waiting for our senses to grow sharper.”**  
— W.B. Yeats



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## Be a 2026 Morton-James Public Library Sponsor!

Thank you for supporting your Library!

- \$10 Novel
- \$20 Notable
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- \$50 Best Seller
- \$100 Award Winning OR
- \$500 Lifetime Gift

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Annual sponsor donations will be used to fund Summer Programs for children and teens, special adult programs and educational exhibits. Fill out this form and return it to the Library with your donation. Your support of the Library is always appreciated!

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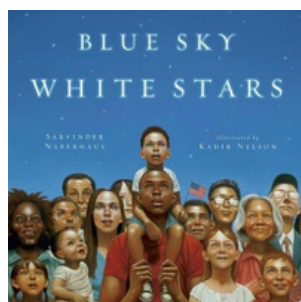
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thank you

Individual gifts of more than \$500 will be recognized on the donor wall located in the Grace Moller Technology Center.



### Take a trip to Steinhart Park to read the story "Blue Sky White Stars" by Sarvinder Naberhaus!

The StoryWalk® is located on the side of the park with the tennis courts. It begins at the pedestrian bridge and ends at the Stone Cabin.



# Book Clubs



You are invited to join a Morton-James Public Library Book Club!

Book Club meets the 3rd Tuesday at 2:00 PM or the 3rd Wednesday at 5:30 PM of every month. The titles are available in either print or CD, or may also be available as ebook or audiobook through Libby.

### Afternoon Book Club Tuesday, April 21 @ 2:00 PM

#### The Women by Kristin Hannah

"'Women can be heroes, too.' When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances Frankie McGrath hears these unexpected words, it is a revelation. Raised on idyllic Coronado Island and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing, being a good girl. But in 1965 the world is changing, and she suddenly imagines a different choice for her life. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she impulsively joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path. As green and inexperienced as the men sent to Vietnam to fight, Frankie is overwhelmed by the chaos and destruction of war, as well as the unexpected trauma of coming home to a changed and politically divided America. The Women is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on the story of all women who put themselves in harm's way to help others. Women whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has all too often been forgotten."



### Evening Book Club Wednesday, April 15 @ 5:30 PM

#### Falling by TJ Newman

You just boarded a flight to New York.

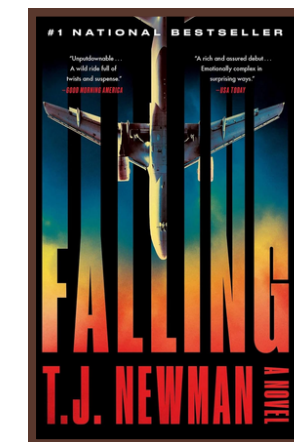
There are one hundred and forty-three other passengers onboard.

What you don't know is that thirty minutes before the flight your pilot's family was kidnapped.

For his family to live, everyone on your plane must die.

The only way the family will survive is if the pilot follows his orders and crashes the plane.

Enjoy the flight.



Book Club is currently meeting in person! Zoom is an option for members who would like to join the group from a remote location. Monthly Book Club details will be emailed and posted on Facebook.

The Library will be closed  
Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> for Arbor Day!  
We will re-open Saturday at 9AM.



## Train Songs and Tales

with David Seay

What is it about trains that so easily engages one's imagination? Climb aboard with David as he shares a variety of railroad inspired songs and stories that offer peeks into the past from a wide variety of points of view. This upbeat excursion is accompanied by guitar, banjo, harmonica, whistles, and a sing-along or two.

Thursday, April 2

7:00 PM

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## PAINT TOGETHER

Saturday, April 4th

10am - 12pm

PAINT PATRIOTIC FLOWERS AT  
MORTON-JAMES PUBLIC LIBRARY



REGISTER NOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

CALL: 402-873-5609

EMAIL: CFOUST@MJPL.ORG

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## Between the Pages Book Club

The public is invited to join 'Between the Pages' book club that meets at the Morton-James Public Library every third Thursday of the month 9:30-10:30 am.

April 16

*The last of the War*  
by Susan Meissner

May 21

*The Book Club For Troublesome Women*  
by Marie Bostwick



For more information, contact MJPL 402-873-5609

# Arbor Day Craft and Color

Visit the historic Morton-James Public Library on Saturday, April 25th between 10:00am and Noon for a free event for all ages! No registration required.

Decorate your own wooden ornaments or relax with themed coloring pages, then feel free to browse our used bookstore.

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## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Monday  
Cookies and Coffee  
Upstairs 9AM-11AM

Tuesday  
Library Workers Day

Wednesday  
MJPL Buttons

Thursday  
Reading Challenge Cards  
for Adults



April 19-25  
THEME: "FIND YOUR JOY"



## Yarn Crafters Club

Wednesday, April 1  
1:30-3:00 PM



Join us to work on your crocheting or knitting.

**\*First Wednesday of each month\***

This is for all levels of crafters. Bring your own hooks, yarn, needles, whatever you need to make your yarn craft. Club members will be here to help those beginning, and MJPL will have some patterns available. Free to attend. Everyone welcome 15 and older! For questions call 402-873-5609.

Join us in the Kimmel Gallery  
for a US 250 Patriotic  
Sock Gnome Craft  
Must register ahead of time in  
person or by calling 402-873-5609



Wednesday, Apr. 29

6:00 PM

Must be 13 or older to attend

Morton-James Public Library

This free program was made possible through MJPL's Harry and Grace Moller Endowment.

# The Harry and Grace Moller Library Endowment Fund & Morton-James Public Library Present

### Who Is Eligible?

Children under the age of five  
in Nebraska City

### What Are My Responsibilities?

1. Be a resident of Nebraska City
2. Submit an official registration form, completely filled out by the authorized adult.
3. Notify Morton-James Public Library any time your address changes. Books are mailed to the address listed on the account. Note: If the child's address changes, you must contact your friends at the address on this brochure in order to continue receiving books.
4. Read with your child and have fun!



### What Is It?

Each month a new, carefully selected book will be mailed in your child's name directly to your home. The first book is always the children's classic *The Little Engine That Could™*. Best of all it is a FREE GIFT to your child through our partnership with local organizations! There is no cost or obligation to your family.

### When Will I Receive Books?

Eight to ten weeks after your registration form has been received, books will begin arriving at your home and will continue until your child turns five or you move out of the covered area.

Sign your child up today! Simply fill out the form below and mail to:

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(402)873-5609

### Dolly Parton's Library Official Registration Form

1st Preschool child's FULL Name. \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Sex: M F Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Preschool child's FULL Name. \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Sex: M F Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Adult Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby explicitly consent to allow the Dollywood Foundation, Inc. to use the information provided herein for the purposes of participating in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library book gifting program. To measure the benefits of this program we may create datasets with the information provided herein and share them with research and educational advancement partners. You agree to review our full Terms & Conditions and Privacy Policy by visiting [imaginationlibrary.com](http://imaginationlibrary.com)

By signing and submitting this form you expressly consent to the terms set forth herein.

Signature of Authorized Adult

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Group Code: \_\_\_\_\_

## "April Showers" Story Time

Wednesday, April 1st at 10:00 AM

Thursday, April 2nd at 4:00 PM



Story Times are geared toward children ages 2-6. Free!  
Families are welcome! There is no registration.  
Questions? Call the Library at 402-873-5609.

## America 250 Story Time

Wednesday, April 15th at 10:00 AM

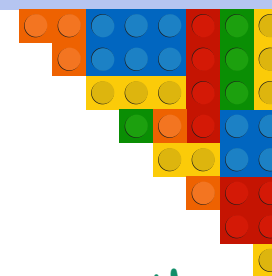
Thursday, April 16th at 4:00 PM



April 13-18: Patriotic Take and Make Craft kits  
are available to pick up all week in the South lobby.  
The craft is a USA 250 rosette clip!

## Ages 8+ can join us for LEGO CLUB

Kimmel Gallery  
First and Third Mondays every month  
3:30-5:00 pm



The Library now has a Notary Public!  
Services available by appointment.



Call us at 202-873-5609

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# A Morning with Matt Mason

FREE EVENT!

NEBRASKA STATE POET 2019-2025

Come to the Morton-James Public Library to hear the works of Matt Mason in an intimate setting. Then, stay for an optional workshop and get poetry advice from Matt himself! If you plan to participate in the workshop, remember to bring your own original poems.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18**

**10:00AM**

923 1<sup>st</sup> Corso, Nebraska City

Questions? Call 402-873-5609



## **Remember the Ladies: Stitching Together a Revolution** *with Janie York*

York's presentation explores the role our founding mothers played in the American Revolution. The words of Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams resonate in the title. She beseeched her husband to "Remember the Ladies" as he and the Continental Congress created the document that would shape this new democracy.

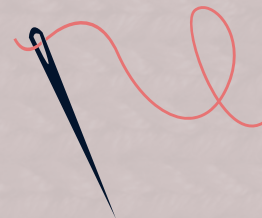
Women of the time used their cunning, creativity, and skills with the needle to craft a story of how they supported the efforts of the military. You'll meet activists, impersonators, and seamstresses who supported the war effort and in some cases changed its trajectory.

**Thursday, April 16**

**7:00 PM**

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## DEAR MR. OAKLEY,

Hi, Mr. Oakley! I visited a library while on vacation, and they had a “Library of Things” as part of their collection. Does our library have one of those?

-Tourist Tom



Greetings, Tom!

A “Library of Things” is a catalog of non-traditional items that some libraries allow their patrons to borrow. MJPL doesn’t have a dedicated Library of Things, but we do have a few fun items for you to check out! At the main desk upstairs, you can borrow pickleball and disc golf kits, litter cleanup supplies, or a telescope. Downstairs in the children’s library, you can check out a telescope, Tonies, or even me, Mr. Oakley (all items must be checked out by an adult)!

- Mr. Oakley

## ABOUT MR. OAKLEY

The mascot of Nebraska City’s Morton-James Public Library is a lovable gnome by the name of Mr. Oakley. He hangs out in the children’s library and is available for checkout. If your child or grandchild will be traveling, you can take Mr. Oakley with you and tag the Morton-James Public Library in pictures of his adventures! We love sharing his travels on the Library’s Facebook and Instagram accounts.

### February Library Statistics (2/1 - 2/28)

Total Patron Visits

2519

Items Circulated

5046