



**MORTON-JAMES  
PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
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NEBRASKA CITY, NE 68410  
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**OPEN**

### Library Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9 AM to 6 PM  
Friday: 9 AM to 5 PM  
Saturday: 9 AM to 1 PM  
CLOSED Sunday

### Funny Stuff!

I'm reading a book on anti-gravity. It's hard to put down!

### June Holidays

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Global Running Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> - Flag Day
- 18<sup>th</sup> - International Picnic Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Juneteenth
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Fathers Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Summer Solstice
- 26<sup>th</sup> Take your Dog to Work Day

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 you 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!



**MANGO**  
Languages

# Morton-James Public Library June 2026 Newsletter



**SRP Kickoff Party**  
Monday, June 1  
10:00AM - 11:30AM

**Lego Club**  
Monday, June 1  
3:30PM - 5:00PM

**Story Time**  
Wednesday, June 3  
10:00AM - 10:30AM

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

**Farmers Market**  
Thursday, June 4  
4:30PM - 5:30PM

**HN Chris Sayre - British Isles and Irish Sampler**  
Thursday, June 4  
7:00PM - 8:00PM

**Papercraft Party**  
Saturday, June 6  
9:00AM - Noon

**Wildlife Encounters at Nebraska City Middle School**  
Tuesday, June 9  
10:00AM - 11:00AM

**Story Time with Keep Nebraska City Beautiful**  
Wednesday, June 10  
10:00AM - 10:30AM

**Library Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, June 10  
4:00PM - 6:00PM

**Engaging Mature Minds**  
Thursday, June 11  
10:00AM - 11:30AM

**Adult Build-an-Animal Workshop (owl)**  
Thursday, June 11  
6:00PM - 7:00PM



**“All good things are wild and free.”  
— Henry David Thoreau**



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**Lego Club**  
Monday, June 15  
3:30PM - 5:00PM

**Afternoon Book Club**  
Tuesday, June 16  
2:00PM - 3:00PM

**Story Time with Author Sarah Strehle**  
Wednesday, June 17  
10:00AM - 10:30AM

**Evening Book Club**  
Wednesday, June 17  
5:00PM - 6:30PM

**Farmers Market**  
Thursday, June 18  
4:30PM - 5:30PM

**Jeff Quinn Magic**  
Saturday, June 20  
10:00AM - 11:00AM

**Writers Workshop**  
Saturday, June 20  
10:00AM - 11:00AM

**Science Heroes**  
Monday, June 22  
10:00AM - 11:00AM

**Story Time with Kimmel Orchard**  
Wednesday, June 24  
10:00AM - 10:30AM

**Engaging Mature Minds**  
Thursday, June 25  
10:00AM - 11:30AM

**Stomp, Chomp, Roar!**  
Tuesday, June 30  
10:00AM - 11:00AM

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



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

Thank you for supporting your Library!

- \$10 Novel
- \$20 Notable
- \$25 Classic
- \$50 Best Seller
- \$100 Award Winning OR
- \$500 Lifetime Gift

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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!

Remit Check To: Morton-James Public Library  
923 1st Corso Nebraska City, NE 68410



## 2026 Morton-James Public Library Sponsors

### Lifetime Sponsors:

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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 "I Want More! (Quiero Mas) by Angela Dominguez

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!

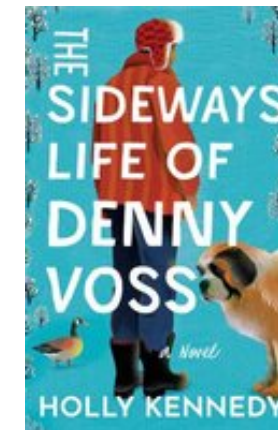
Book Club meets the 3rd Tuesday at 2:00 PM or the 3rd Wednesday at 5:30 PM of every month. The titles are available in either print or CD, or may also be available as ebook or audiobook through Libby.

### Afternoon Book Club Tuesday, June 16 @ 2:00 PM

#### The Sideways Life of Denny Voss by Holly Kennedy

On the surface, Denny Voss's life in rural Minnesota is a quiet one. At thirty years old, he lives at home with his elderly mother and his beloved blind and deaf Saint Bernard, George. He cleans up roadkill to help pay the bills. Though his prospects are limited by a developmental delay--the result of an accident at birth--Denny has always felt that he has "a good life." So how did he wind up being charged with the murder of a mayoral candidate--after crashing a sled full of guns into a tree?

As Denny awaits trial, his court-appointed therapist walks him through the events of the past year. Denny's had other scuffles with the law, the first for kidnapping a neighbor's cantankerous goose. And then there was the time he accidentally assisted in a bank robbery. It seems like whenever Denny tries to do the right thing, chaos ensues. Untangling the events around the murder reveals even more painful truths about his family's past. He's always been surrounded by people who love him, but now it's up to Denny to set his life on a new course.



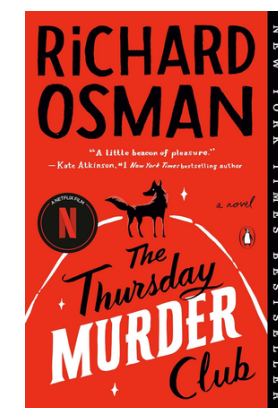
### Evening Book Club Wednesday, June 17 @ 5:30 PM

#### Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman

In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet weekly in the Jigsaw Room to discuss unsolved crimes; together they call themselves the Thursday Murder Club.

When a local developer is found dead with a mysterious photograph left next to the body, the Thursday Murder Club suddenly find themselves in the middle of their first live case.

As the bodies begin to pile up, can our unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer, before it's too late?



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.

# British Isles and Irish Sampler with Chris Sayre

**Thursday, June 4 at 7:00PM**  
**Morton-James Public Library | 923 1<sup>st</sup> Corso**

Chris Sayre presents the Songs and Melodies of England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales performed on Button Accordion, English Concertina, fretted Dulcimer, Guitar, Mandolin, and Musical Saw. Travel across the Atlantic Ocean for a musical exploration of some of the early roots of our Folk and Country Music, including memorable ballads and humorous ditties.



*Humanities Nebraska (HN) provides major funding for this program. HN receives support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Nebraska State Legislature, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, and private donations like MJPL's Harry and Grace Moller Endowment.*



## Writers Workshop

Saturday, June 20th  
@ 10:00 AM

Join us to get feedback on your own writing and to learn more about the craft of writing!

Email MJPLibraryww@gmail.com to get a Zoom link if you are unable to join in person.

**Free to attend. Everyone 18+ welcome!**

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

## Yarn Crafters Club

Wednesday, June 3rd  
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.

## 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.

**June 18**

*The Berry Pickers*  
by Amanda Peters

**July 16**

*The Correspondent*  
by Virginia Evans



For more information, contact MJPL 402-873-5609

## Cozy up with Romantasy!

Adult Build-an-Animal Event

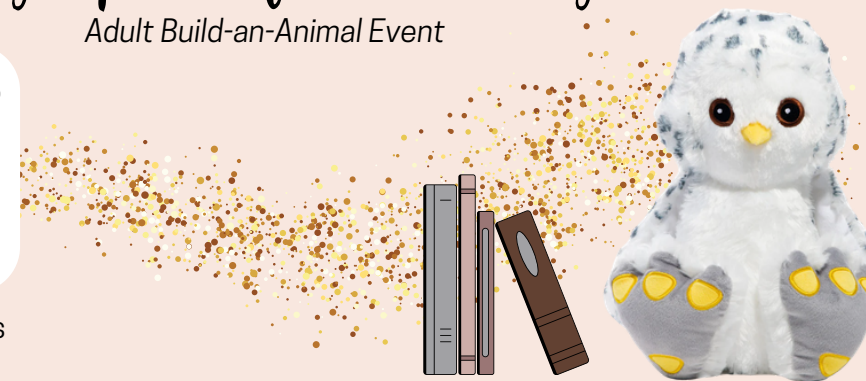
Thursday, June 11, 2026  
6:00pm

Limited spots available

**Adults ages 19+**

Registration required

Visit the library or call us  
at (402)873-5609



Morton-James Public Library  
Presents



## ENGAGING MATURE MINDS

Join us to engage your mind by connecting with other seniors while acquiring wisdom through community.

2nd and 4th Thursdays

10:00AM-11:30AM

June 11

June 25

Different Topics/Speakers  
each week! Free to attend,  
no reservation needed.

*Optional free will donations to support the library accepted*

923 1st Corso

Questions? Call us! (402) 873-5609

**Congratulations to our  
Assistant Director, Chelsea Foust,  
on winning this national award!**



**2026 Ernest A. DiMattia, Jr. Award  
for Innovation and Service to  
Community and Profession**

**Chelsea will receive \$5,000 and a  
citation of achievement at the ALA  
Conference in June of 2026.**

# 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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Nebraska City, Ne 68410  
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### 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: \_\_\_\_\_


# Weekly Story Times in June

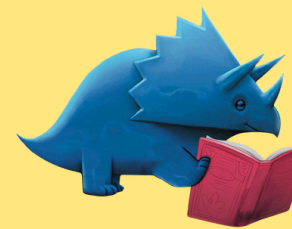
Story Times are geared for ages 6 and under.  
No registration. Families welcome!

June 3rd Mr. Oakley's Unearth a Story Time 

June 10th Guest Reader: Keep Nebraska City Beautiful 

June 17th Guest Reader: Nebraska children's author Sarah Strehle 

June 24th Guest Reader: Kimmel Orchard 



All Wednesday Story Times are  
at 10:00 AM at the Library  
There are no afternoon Story Times  
during summer



## Papercraft Parties!

at the Morton-James Public Library

We provide paper/stickers/tape/markers/scissors.  
Free scrapbooks available for newcomers!  
All ages 15 and older welcome

We have lots of fun paper!  
Decorate your scrapbook  
Fill your junk journal  
Design your own greeting cards  
It's a free-for-all!

Select Saturdays  
9:00AM to Noon  
Stay as long as you like!

2026 Dates:  
June 6th  
September 5th

## 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.

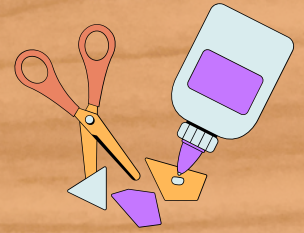


Call us at 402-873-5609

# The Morton-James Public Library at the Farmers Market



Find us on 8th Street between Central Avenue and 1st Ave for free craft supplies and other giveaways!



**4:30-5:30** on the following Thursdays:

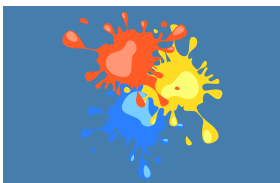
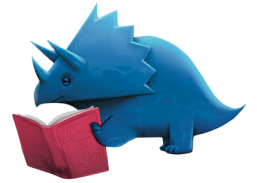
June 4th	July 2nd	July 30th	August 27th
June 18th	July 16th	August 13th	Come see us!

## UNEARTH A STORY™

### THE MORTON-JAMES PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2026

All events are free, and all ages are welcome!

No registration required.



**Monday  
June 1**

**Unearth a Story  
Kickoff Party**  
10AM  
Enjoy face painting and dinosaur activities!



**Tuesday  
June 9**

**Wildlife Encounters**  
**(at Nebraska City Middle School)**  
10AM  
Meet and learn about wild animal ambassadors from Wildlife Encounters.



**Saturday  
June 20**

**Jeff Quinn Magic**  
10AM  
Join us for an interactive magic show for all ages with Jeff Quinn.



**Monday  
June 22**

**Science Heroes**  
10AM  
Join us for an interactive story and fun science experiments with ScienceHeroes!



**Tuesday  
June 30**

**Stomp, Chomp, Roar!**  
10AM  
Learn about life millions of years ago with Dinosaur Ranger Anthony and his prehistoric pals.

All programs last about an hour. Questions? Call the Library at 402-873-5609.

## DEAR MR. OAKLEY,

I like to go to the pool during the summer! After I go swimming am I allowed to come to the Library in my bathing suit?

Poolguy Petey



Greeting, Petey!

We would love it if you stopped by the Library on your way to or from the pool, but you'll need to put on shoes and a shirt before you enter the building. Coverups and flipflops are great options. If you're coming from the pool, you'll also need to dry off.

You can check out books and bring them with you to the pool, too - just make sure they stay dry!

## 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.

### **April Library Statistics (4/1 - 4/30)**

Total Patron Visits

2752

Items Circulated

4935