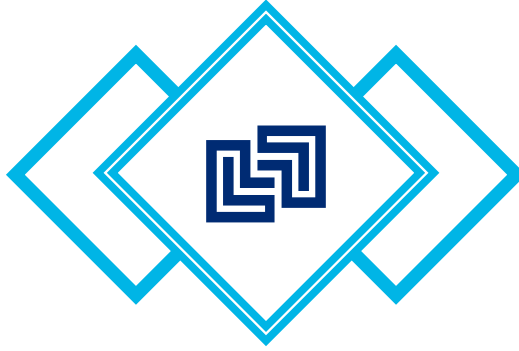




 **LA VISTA**  
COMMUNITY Guide  
SPRING/SUMMER 2024





## *Soak it in.*

The events. The music. The fun. There are new experiences on the horizon this spring and summer in La Vista. We put all the details into this guide so you can join us and soak in every sweet moment.

As you read through these pages, you'll find information about events and programs we have planned. There truly is something for every age and interest. Circle those you like, mark the dates on your calendar or snap a photo to save in your phone as a reminder. Then, come meet us and share in the good times. We can't wait to see you soon.

**Love, La Vista**



## YOUR GUIDE TO LA VISTA

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## GET SOCIAL

Stay connected to the City of La Vista on social media! We regularly post information about upcoming events and new programming, as well as updates on our projects.



@CityofLaVistaGovernment  
@LaVistaPolice



@cityoflavista  
@lavistapolice



@cityoflavista  
@lavistapolice  
@lavistalibraryyouth



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# ELECTED OFFICIALS

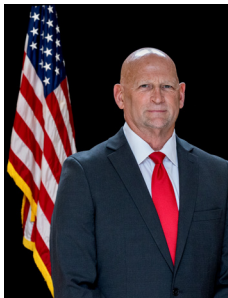
## Mayor



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## City Council Ward 1



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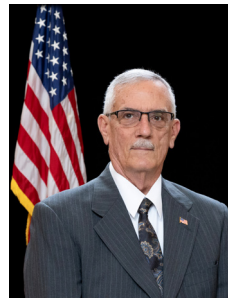
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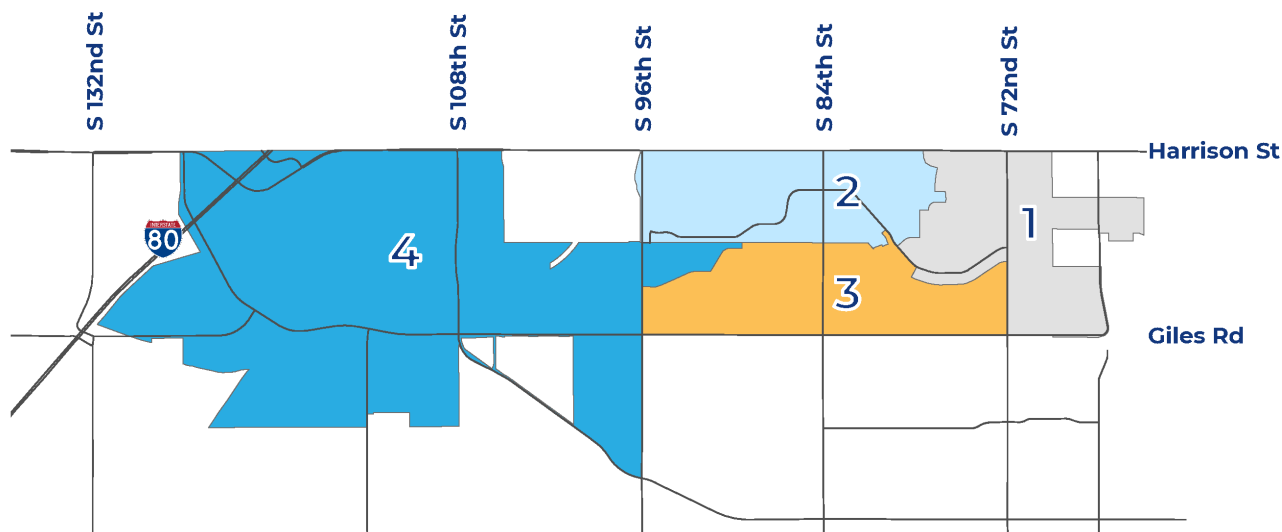
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## City Council Ward Map



## Council Meetings

City Council meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at City Hall in the Harold “Andy” Anderson Council Chambers at 6 p.m. All meetings are open to the public, and residents are encouraged to attend.

The meeting agenda can be found at [CityofLaVista.org/Agenda](http://CityofLaVista.org/Agenda) after 4 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting. City Council Ward Maps can be found at [CityofLaVista.org/WardMaps](http://CityofLaVista.org/WardMaps).





# GENERAL INFORMATION

## CITY DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

### City Hall

8116 Park View Blvd. | 402.331.4343

Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

1st & 3rd Tuesdays: 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. - Noon

### Community Development

8116 Park View Blvd. | 402.593.6400

Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(Closed Noon - 1 p.m. for lunch)

Friday: 8 a.m. - Noon

### Human Resources

8116 Park View Blvd. | 402.331.4343

Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. - Noon

### Library

9110 Giles Road | 402.537.3900

Monday–Thursday: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday–Saturday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

### Police Department

7701 S. 96th St.

402.331.1582 (Business Line)

911 (Emergencies)

Monday–Friday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### Public Works

9900 Portal Road | 402.331.8927

After-hours Emergencies: 402.593.4111

Monday–Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### Recreation Department & Community Center

8116 Park View Blvd. | 402.331.3455

Rainouts: 402.697.7756

#### Recreation Department Office

Monday–Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### Community Center

Monday–Friday (year-round): 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday (September–April): 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday (May–August): 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday (September–April): 1 - 9 p.m.

Sunday (May–August): CLOSED



# 2024 HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES & CLOSURES

The City observes the following holidays. Check our social media for more information.

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- President's Day
- Memorial Day
- Juneteenth
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Columbus Day
- Thanksgiving
- Day After Thanksgiving
- Christmas Day



## COMMUNITY RESOURCES

<i>Black Hills Energy</i> .....	888.890.5554
<i>Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)</i>	
<i>Driver Licensing</i> .....	402.292.0141
<i>Diggers Hotline of Nebraska</i> .....	811
<i>Food Pantry and Food Resources</i>	
<i>Food Bank for the Heartland Food Resources</i>	
<i>Hotline</i> .....	855.444.5556
<i>NeighborGood Community Pantry</i> .....	402.552.7061
<i>Garbage Service</i>	
<i>Abe's Trash</i> .....	402.468.5434
<i>Deffenbaugh Industries</i> .....	402.731.3333
<i>Gretna Sanitation</i> .....	402.332.4710
<i>Papillion Sanitation</i> .....	402.346.7800
<i>Waste Management</i> .....	402.731.0138
<i>La Vista Community Foundation</i> .....	402.960.9625
<i>Mental Health Resources</i>	
<i>National Suicide &amp; Crisis Lifeline</i>	
<i>(available 24/7, call or text)</i> .....	988
<i>The National Mental Health Hotline</i>	
<i>(available 24/7)</i> .....	866.903.3787
<i>The National Alliance on Mental Illness</i>	
<i>(24/7 text-line)</i> .....	text "NAMI" to 741741
<i>Metro Community College Sarpy County</i> .....	531.622.3850
<i>Metropolitan Utilities District (MUD)</i> .....	402.554.6666
<i>NE Humane Society, Licensing</i> .....	402.444.6716
<i>Omaha Public Power District (OPPD)</i> .....	402.536.4131
<i>Papillion La Vista Community Schools</i> .....	402.537.6200
<i>Sarpy County</i>	
<i>Assessor</i> .....	402.593.2122
<i>Attorney</i> .....	402.593.2230
<i>County Clerk</i> .....	402.593.2105
<i>Health Department</i> .....	402.339.4334
<i>Human Services</i> .....	402.593.4414
<i>Register of Deeds</i> .....	402.593.5773
<i>Sheriff</i> .....	402.593.2288
<i>Tourism</i> .....	402.332.5771
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	402.593.2143
<i>Vehicle Titles, Registration</i> .....	402.593.2148
<i>Sarpy County Chamber of Commerce</i> .....	402.339.3050
<i>Special Services Bus</i>	
<i>Information</i> .....	402.331.3455
<i>Reservations</i> .....	402.657.3550
<i>United States Postal Service</i>	
<i>Papillion – La Vista Branch</i> .....	402.331.4978



## DIGITAL MEDIA POLICY

SMILE! You could be on the next cover! The City of La Vista reserves the right to use images, videos and/or photographs of anyone in any activity, park, library or public place in present and/or future printed publications, videos, the City's website, or social media for promotional and/or informational purposes—unless told otherwise at the time the image, video or photograph is taken. If you prefer that you or your child not be photographed or filmed, please notify the photographer in advance.



## SECTION 504 / ADA NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The City of La Vista is committed to making reasonable accommodations for disabled persons, as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Requests for accommodations must be made at least five (5) business days prior to the activity.

The City of La Vista does not discriminate on the basis of disability with regard to programs, services or activities. The City of La Vista also does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices.

This notice is provided as required by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Questions, complaints or requests for additional information or accommodation regarding the ADA and Section 504 may be forwarded to the designated ADA and Section 504 compliance coordinator at

**CityClerk@CityofLaVista.org or 402.331.4343.**

### *Did we goof?*

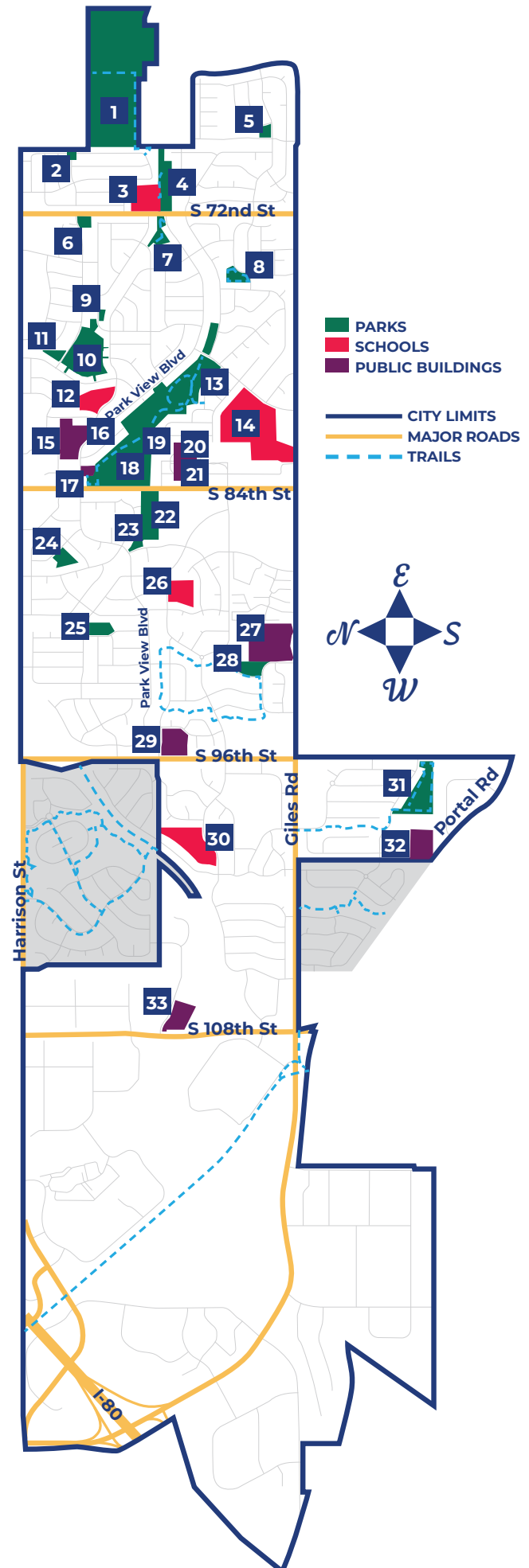
The programs in this guide were scheduled several months in advance. The City of La Vista reserves the right to change program schedules to accommodate demand or for facility use conflicts. We will correct any changes in locations, times, dates and fees online at **CityofLaVista.org/EventGuide**.





# PUBLIC FACILITIES

1. La Vista Sports Complex	7346 S. 66th St.
2. Eberle-Walden Park	7215 S. 69th St.
3. G. Stanley Hall Elementary	7600 S. 72nd St.
4. Mayor's Park	7651 S. 72nd St.
5. Ardmore Park	6830 Michelle Ave.
6. Children's Park	72nd and Josephine St.
7. Apollo Park	7206 Park View Blvd.
8. Giles Corner Park	7514 Michelle Ave.
9. Hollis Park	7525 Joseph Ave.
10. City Park	7629 Josephine St.
11. Triangle Park	7636 Josephine St.
12. La Vista West Elementary	7821 Terry Dr.
13. Central Park East	7702 Edgewood Blvd.
14. La Vista Middle School	7900 Edgewood Blvd.
15. City Hall/Community Center	8116 Park View Blvd.
16. Fire Station #4/Community Development	8110 Park View Blvd.
17. Central Park Clubhouse/Santa's Workshop	8305 Park View Blvd.
18. Central Park	8305 Park View Blvd.
19. The Link	8303 Central Park Plaza
20. City Centre Parking Garage #1	8121 City Centre Dr.
21. City Centre Parking Garage #2	7875 S. 84th Street
22. Swimming Pool	7529 S. 85th St.
23. Central Park West	7601 S. 85th St.
24. Camenzind Park	7120 Wood Lane Dr.
25. Jaycee Park	7105 Harvest Hills Dr.
26. Parkview Heights Elementary	7609 S. 89th St.
27. Public Library/MCC Sarpy Center	9110 Giles Rd.
28. Southwind Park	8120 S. 92nd St.
29. Police Department	7701 S. 96th St.
30. Portal Elementary	9920 Brentwood Dr.
31. Val Verde Park	9807 Centennial Rd.
32. Public Works	9900 Portal Rd.
33. Fire Station #1	10727 Chandler Rd.



## Did You Know?

You can rent one of our park shelters or fields for special events! If interested, please visit our online reservation site at **CityofLaVista.org/Active** or contact the Recreation Department at **402.331.3455**.









# Join our summer crew!

## NOW HIRING

| **Pool Manager** (starting at \$20.33/hr)

| **Assistant Pool Managers** (starting at \$17.50/hr)

| **Lifeguards** (starting at \$15.89/hr)

*Minimum age for lifeguards is 15.*

We're a friendly team and we offer great perks:

- Reimbursement for the cost of Lifeguard Certification
- Provided swimsuit, hip pack and whistle
- Referral incentives

Spend your summer at the pool. Make new friends. Earn great pay.

Apply online now or stop by one of our Hiring Fairs at the La Vista Community Center and get hired on the spot!

- **Saturday, March 2, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, March 13, 3-5 p.m.**



Scan here to apply!



## Looking to lend a hand around La Vista?

Sign up to volunteer with the City.  
Volunteers are always welcome.

Whether you want to volunteer once for a few hours at an event or on an ongoing basis, we have a variety of opportunities to give back locally to your community.



Visit **CityofLaVista.org/Volunteer** and sign up as a volunteer.



You can even score some cool La Vista gear for sharing your time and talents!





FAMILY-FRIENDLY  
**EVENTS**



## MARCH MADNESS BASKETBALL SKILLS CHALLENGE

**Monday, March 4 (grade 3-4)**

**Tuesday, March 5 (grade 5-8)**

*La Vista Community Center (8116 Park View Blvd.)*

**Registration: 5:30-6 p.m. (day of event)**

**The competition starts at 6 p.m.**

We're bringing a bit of March Madness to La Vista with a youth basketball skills competition! Boys and girls in grades 3-8 are invited to show off their skills in a three-part challenge that includes:

- 1) **OBSTACLE COURSE**
- 2) **HOT SHOT**
- 3) **FREE THROW CONTEST**

To shorten contest wait times, youth in grades 3-4 are invited to participate on Monday, March 4, while grades 5-8 will compete on Tuesday, March 5.

Winners will be awarded for each challenge and an overall winner for each age division.



## EASTER EGG HUNT AND FOOD DRIVE

**Saturday, March 30**

*La Vista Sports Complex (7346 S. 66th St.)*

*Soccer Fields 1-4*

**Gates Open 9:30 a.m.; All ages start at 10:30 a.m.**

Over 20,000 eggs will be spread out between the four soccer fields. This event draws a large crowd, so come early to allow time to park and walk to the fields.

FIELDS #2 & #3	FIELD #4	FIELD #1
<i>Ages 4 and under</i>	<i>Ages 5-7</i>	<i>Ages 8-10</i>

All age groups will start at the same time to keep each field age appropriate and safer for all the children. Enjoy photo opportunities with the Easter bunny before the hunt begins.

Don't forget your cans or cash! **La Vista Gives will be collecting food and/or cash donations for the NeighborGood Community Pantry.**



## VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

**Tuesday, April 16, 5:30-7 p.m.**

*La Vista City Hall (8116 Park View Blvd.)*

In celebration of our community volunteers and the upcoming National Volunteer Week, come learn about volunteer opportunities within La Vista. Stay for the City Council meeting where we will recognize community volunteers.

Mayor Kindig will proclaim this day "Volunteer Day in La Vista." Before the start of the Council meeting (6 p.m.), come to the lobby of City Hall for a chance to win City branded items and meet others who give back. Volunteering for community events is available for ages 14 and up.





FREE EVENT



## LA VISTA GIVES BACK: A WEEK OF CITYWIDE SERVICE

April 21-27

*Locations throughout La Vista*

This April, all La Vista residents and businesses are invited to spread kindness by participating in La Vista Gives Back, the first-ever citywide week of service in La Vista. We challenge you to get creative and find your own way to give back by volunteering your time, talents or resources.

Because one act of kindness can inspire others to take action, everyone is encouraged to flood social media with their good deeds during La Vista Gives Back and share how they are giving back using **#LaVistaGives**.

For more information about La Vista Gives Back or to find ways to volunteer, visit **CityofLaVista.org/LaVistaGivesBack**.



FREE EVENT

## YAPPY HOUR

Wednesday, April 24, 4-7 p.m.

*City Centre (7865 Main St.)*

*Free entry*

*Food/drinks available for purchase*

Fetch your dog (and its leash) and head to City Centre for Yappy Hour. Both people and pets are invited to enjoy fresh air and dog-friendly happy hour activities outside, as well as fun inside Heights Draft Room. Stroll along Main Street, grab some City-branded swag and a drink, play yard games, visit the community booths and socialize with other pet owners.

FREE EVENT

## VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT DRIVE

Wednesday, April 24, 5:30-7 p.m.

*City Centre (7865 Main St.)*

Looking to lend a hand in La Vista? Visit our volunteer recruitment drive to learn about opportunities within the City and sign up to volunteer at spring and summer community events.

Individuals, families, local organizations, corporate teams and anyone else interested in volunteering is welcome.

It's easy to start giving back! Bring your whole family or send your high school-aged students. Volunteers 14 and older are welcome.

FREE EVENT

## ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, April 26, 1 p.m.

*Val Verde Park (9807 Centennial Rd.)*

La Vista's Recreation Department invites you to participate in an Arbor Day Celebration. Come learn more about planting and caring for trees while honoring Arbor Day, a national holiday that originated in Nebraska.

Enjoy a story followed by a special introduction and tree planting near the parking lot. Afterwards, take home free saplings and special gifts for children while supplies last.

FREE EVENT

## SPRING KITE FESTIVAL

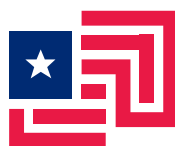
Sunday, May 5, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

*La Vista Soccer Complex (7346 S. 66th Street)*

Let's go fly a kite! Families are invited to join us for a free afternoon of kite-flying fun. You will see some of the world's largest and most creative kites. Bring your own kites to fly and a bag to collect candy from the kite candy drops, which take place throughout the event.



FREE EVENT



## HOMETOWN HEROES

Thursday, May 23,

6-7:30 p.m.

*Blue Star Memorial outside City Hall*

Join us as we honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our great country. Members of American Legion Post 32, Papillion-La Vista High School musicians, special guest speakers, La Vista Police and Mayor Douglas Kindig will be in attendance to celebrate the legacy of the fallen.



FREE EVENT

# LA VISTA DAYS 2024

Friday, May 31, 5–10 p.m.

*The Astro Amphitheater, The Link,  
The Nines Plaza, Central Park, City Centre*

Saturday, June 1, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

*City Hall Campus*

Mark your calendar for La Vista's biggest event of the year. The City's annual festival has a new (familiar) name and a new weekend this year—it **will take place on the weekend AFTER Memorial Day**. And, with so much fun planned, La Vista Days will span two days instead of one.

Enjoy a free concert at The Astro Amphitheater and an exciting fireworks and drone show on Friday, May 31.

Return on Saturday, June 1, for a full day of fun, food and entertainment, beginning with the parade at 10 a.m.



*Fireworks & Drone Show sponsored by  
Kellogg Credit Union*

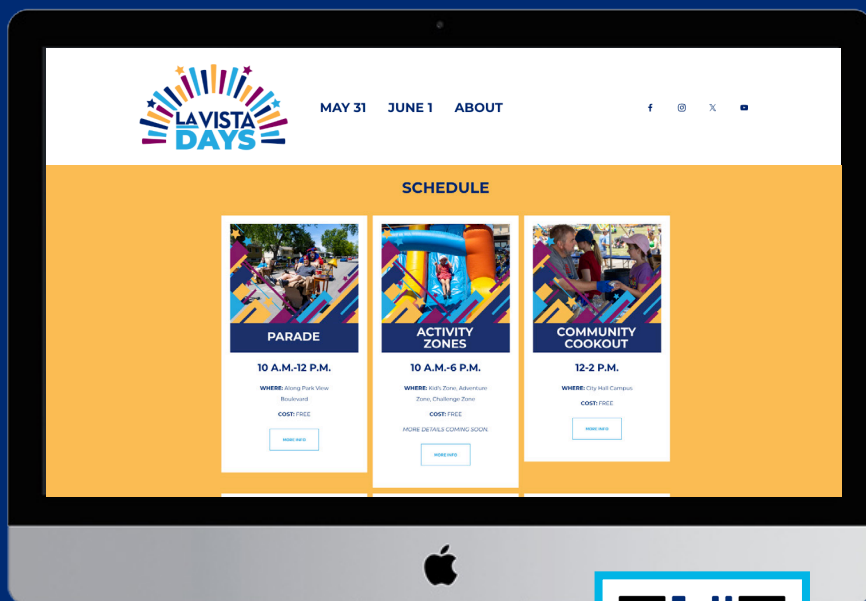


*New Weekend for 2024!*

**MAY 31-JUNE 1**

*More info. coming soon!*

*Check out our new website to view all the details!*



**LaVistaDays.org**





# BUY \$ SELL

## MINGLE WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS

FREE EVENT

### COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES

**Saturday, June 8, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.**

*Neighborhoods across La Vista*

Host your own garage sale (or shop the sales throughout La Vista) during our Community Garage Sale event on Saturday, June 8.

The City will advertise the sales, provide free garage sale signs and create a printable map of all participating residences.

Register your sale by May 24 to be included on the map on our website. City-made signs can be picked up at the La Vista Community Center during normal operating hours beginning on June 3. Signs should be returned to the Community Center after the event.

More info at [CityofLaVista.org/GarageSales](http://CityofLaVista.org/GarageSales)

FREE EVENT

### TRIVIA NIGHTS

**Wednesdays, June 12, July 10, August 14; 6 p.m.**

*Lucky Bucket Brewing Company (11941 Centennial Rd.)*

Form a team with your friends and test your wits playing trivia with La Vista City staff on the second Wednesday of the summer months. Top teams will win prizes.

A food truck will be on site and Lucky Bucket will offer a full range of beverages for purchase. Teams of 2-4 people are welcome to play. Pre-registration is not required.

FREE EVENT

### MOONLIGHT MOVIES

**Second Friday of June and July at dusk**

*Outdoors at the La Vista Public Library (9110 Giles Rd.)*

Join us on the second Friday of June and July for a free outdoor movie on the big screen. Blankets, chairs and picnics are encouraged.



**Friday, June 14: Wonka (PG)**

**Friday, July 12: Elemental (PG)**

FREE EVENT

### TEEN TUESDAYS AT THE POOL

**Tuesday, June 18, 7-9 p.m.**

**Tuesday, July 16, 7-9 p.m.**

*La Vista Municipal Swimming Pool (7529 S. 85th St.)*

Teens are invited to “pull up to the pool” on special nights this summer designed just for them. Teen Tuesdays are free events presented by the Recreation Department with a live DJ, door prizes and free summer drinks (non-alcoholic) for teens. (While supplies last.)

**Ages:** 10-18; tweens ages 10-12 must have a parent or sibling who is 16 or older present at the pool.







FREE EVENT

## LA VISTA LIVE & LOCAL OUTDOOR MUSIC

**Fourth Friday of June & July; 5-9 p.m.**

*Outdoors at the La Vista Public Library*

Enjoy free live music from local favorites and up-and-comers on the fourth Friday of the month. Lawn chairs, blankets and dancing shoes are encouraged. Make an evening out of it—bring your own picnic dinner or purchase tasty food from the visiting local food truck.

Food trucks open at 5 p.m. and music begins at 6 p.m.

**Friday, June 28**

**7 p.m. – Tyler Anthony Band**

**6 p.m. – Nic Hermesen**

**5 p.m. – Pulled BBQ food truck**

**Friday, July 26**

**7 p.m. – Silas Creek Band**

**6 p.m. – Kevin Lloyd**

**5 p.m. – Santiago's Mexican food truck**

FREE EVENT

## YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, July 9-11, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

*La Vista Police Department, Open to ages 12-14, La Vista residents only*



The Youth Police Academy (YPA) is designed to provide middle school students with a better understanding of law enforcement and first responders. The academy introduces participants to the field of law enforcement and provides an opportunity for youth and police officers to connect. Students attend a mock police academy involving lectures, role-playing, topical demonstrations and team-building exercises and participate in a Solve the Case game.

The academy includes structured activities designed to highlight four cardinal work principals: teamwork, leadership, communication and problem solving/conflict resolution. There is no cost to attend the academy. Class size is limited to 20 participants. Lunches and a t-shirt will be provided.

### TOPICS INCLUDE

*How to Become a Police Officer, SWAT, CSI, K9, Fire Safety, Online Safety, Stop the Bleed training and other interactive learning activities oriented around law enforcement.*

Registration opens May 1 at [LaVistaPolice.org](http://LaVistaPolice.org).



FREE EVENT

## HYDRANT PARTY

Thursday, July 11, 3-4 p.m.

*City Hall Campus*

Beat the summer heat! Cool off with the giant sprinkler provided by our local firefighters. Water toys and squirt guns will also be available.

FREE EVENT

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 6, 6-8 p.m.

*Central Park*

Gather in Central Park to celebrate La Vista's community and its first responders. This safety-focused event features "touch-a-truck" with first responder vehicles, a greeting from Mayor Kindig, face painters and activities, free treats, plenty of safety information and demonstrations. The event will conclude with a community walk around the small pond.

FREE EVENT

## SOCIAL SCOOPS

Saturday, August 17, 1-3 p.m.

*The Nines Plaza at The Link*

We're hosting a free ice cream social and you're invited. Enjoy a sweet treat while you stroll around the Nines Plaza and visit with friends, neighbors and elected officials.

FREE EVENT

## VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

Saturday, August 17, 1-3 p.m.

*The Nines Plaza at The Link*

Looking to lend a hand in La Vista? Visit our volunteer recruitment booth at the Social Scoops event to learn more about our volunteer opportunities within the City of La Vista and get signed-up for fall and winter community events.

Individuals, families, local organizations, corporate teams and anyone else interested in volunteering is welcome.

It's easy to start giving back! Bring the whole family or send us your high school aged students. Volunteers 14 and older are welcome.







# RECREATION





**Heather Buller,**  
**Recreation Director**

Welcome! On behalf of the Recreation Department, it brings me immense joy to extend a warm greeting to the La Vista Community. We are dedicated to serving and being an integral part of this vibrant community, striving each day to provide top-notch programming and experiences tailored to the diverse needs of our residents, spanning all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

Parks & Recreation are not just about places for leisure; they are key contributors to the rich tapestry that makes our city unique. Our green spaces and recreational facilities play a pivotal role in enhancing the overall quality of life experienced by our residents. These areas are more than just places to unwind—they are integral components in promoting physical, mental and social well-being.

We invite you to explore La Vista and immerse yourself in the various opportunities we offer. Whether it's joining a fitness class, taking a leisurely stroll through our parks, acquiring a new skill or participating in our lively events, there's something for everyone. Here in La Vista, we foster a strong sense of belonging and community spirit. These shared experiences and communal spaces contribute not only to the creation of lasting memories, but also to the development of friendships and a profound sense of community pride.

## RECREATION CONTACTS

### DIRECTOR

Heather Buller

### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

David Karlson

### YOUTH & ADULT SPORTS MANAGER

Denny Dinan

### SENIOR SERVICES MANAGER

Kaily Stanley

### COMMUNITY EVENTS COORDINATOR

Brian Allen

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Sue Tangeman

## WHAT IS A RECREATION DEPARTMENT?

The Recreation Department enhances the quality of life in our community by providing leisure and wellness programs, activities, events and gathering places for people of all ages.



## LA VISTA COMMUNITY CENTER

8116 Park View Blvd., La Vista, NE 68128  
402.331.3455 | [CityofLaVista.org/Recreation](http://CityofLaVista.org/Recreation)  
[Recreation@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:Recreation@CityofLaVista.org)

## HOURS

**Monday-Friday (year-round):** 8 a.m.-9 p.m.

**Saturday (September-April):** 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Sunday (September-April):** 1-9 p.m.

**Saturday (May-August):** 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Sunday (May-August):** Closed



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# FACILITIES

## COMMUNITY CENTER

### DROP-IN FEES

These costs are for use of open gym and the fitness center.

- Resident adult (19+): \$3
- Non-resident adult (19+): \$4
- Resident & non-resident youth (under 19): Free
- Resident senior (55+): Free
- Non-resident senior (55+ for fitness room): \$2
- A.M. Walking Club (gym only): Free

### FITNESS CENTER

The fitness center offers state-of-the-art weight equipment, such as a free-motion dual cable cross station, Hoist multi-gym, Smith Machine and dumbbells up to 50 lbs. We also offer exercise mats and a multi-purpose pull-up bar. For cardiovascular exercise, you'll find some of the finest, user-friendly, aerobic equipment available, including treadmills, Air-dyne bike, Precor upright bike, Nautilus recumbent bikes, Cybex Arc cross trainer and Precor and Matrix cross trainers and treadmills.

### HOURS

Monday - Friday (year-round) 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Saturday (September-April) 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Saturday (May through August) 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Sunday (September-April) 1-9 p.m.  
Sunday (May through August) Closed

### Punch Cards

Resident: \$50/20 punches  
Non-resident: \$35/10 punches  
Non-resident Senior: \$20/10 punches

### Monthly Memberships

Resident (19+): \$27/month  
*Includes exercise room, gym, racquetball/wallyball*

## OPEN GYM—NEW!

Shoot hoops, run off some energy or take a relaxing walk around the gym. Bring your family or a friend and enjoy! View the open gym schedule online at [CityofLaVista.org/OpenGym](http://CityofLaVista.org/OpenGym).

(Hours are subject to change without notice.)

## GAME ROOM

The Game Room in the La Vista Community Center is open for kids and those young at heart to enjoy games of billiards, foosball, ping pong and more.



## RACQUETBALL/WALLYBALL

The La Vista Community Center currently has one court available that can be reserved for racquetball or wallyball. To reserve a court time, call **402.331.3455** or stop into the Community Center.

**Cost:** Resident: \$7/hour; Non-resident: \$10/hour

**Ages:** Must be 18 and out of high school to rent

## LA VISTA CITY FIELDS

The City of La Vista has baseball, softball, flag football and soccer fields available at La Vista Sports Complex, City Park and Central Park West. The fields open the first week of April and close on October 31, weather permitting. These fields are available through permit only from the Recreation Department. The fee for obtaining a permit is \$40 per two hours per field. Tournament rates vary.

To request a field or if you are interested in hosting a tournament, please contact Denny Dinan at **402.331.3455**. All field requests must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance. *Please note: We do not begin accepting field requests for the following year until October of the current year.*

For more information, visit [CityofLaVista.org/Fields](http://CityofLaVista.org/Fields).

For updates on field conditions and rainouts (updated and available after 3:30 p.m. Mon-Fri & after 7:30 a.m. Sat & Sun), please call **402.697.7756**.





## PICKLEBALL

### INDOOR COURTS

There are two courts in the Community Center gymnasium. We recommend bringing your own equipment, but a limited number of paddles and balls are available for checkout at the front desk. Please check the monthly open gym calendar for availability.

### OUTDOOR COURTS

The three tennis courts at Central Park East offer a combination of pickleball and tennis courts with different colored lines to indicate each court while utilizing the existing tennis nets. First come, first served. There is no fee, and you'll need to provide your own equipment. Please note that the nets are taken down during the winter months and will be put back up in the spring.

### PICKLEBALL CLASSES

#### Sunday Afternoons/Evening

*La Vista Community Center*

This class is designed for beginners of all ages. The class will provide you with basic skills and knowledge to move forward with confidence in this rapidly growing sport! Class size 3-8 people. For more information, please contact PCI Certified Instructor Jess to register at [Jessouza33@gmail.com](mailto:Jessouza33@gmail.com), or **402.957.4022**.

**Cost:** \$10/person

**Ages:** All ages

### COMMUNITY GARDENS

The City of La Vista offers space in Camenzind, Hollis and Jaycee Park for residents to rent garden plots. Community garden plots are rented on an annual basis from February 1 through October 31.

#### Camenzind Park

7120 Wood Lane Drive

**4'x12'  
plots**

**4'x8'  
plots**

#### Hollis Park

7521 Joseph Street

**4'x12'  
plots**

**4'x8'  
plots**

#### Jaycee Park

7323 Harvest Hills Drive

**4'x12'  
plots**

La Vista residents should visit the Community Center to reserve a garden plot. To register for a plot residents must complete a rental contract, read, and acknowledge that they have read the entirety of the La Vista Community Gardens rules and guidelines.



**Cost:** \$20/plot



## REFUND POLICY

### Facility Rental

Request for refunds must be made at least 10 days prior to the reservation date and may be subject to a 20% service charge. No other refunds will be issued.

### Youth Sport Leagues/Special Events/Activities

Requests for refunds must be received prior to the FIRST scheduled game, swim lesson, activity or special event, and may be subject to a \$10 service charge. Equipment and/or clothing fees may be assessed.

Request for refunds due to illness or injury will be refunded a partial credit and subject to a \$10 service charge. Equipment and/or clothing fee may be assessed. Written verification by a physician is required. No refunds will be made for illness or injury after the midpoint of the season.

### Adult Sport Leagues

Requests for refunds must be made at least two weeks prior to the beginning of the scheduled activity and may be subject to a \$50 service charge. No other refunds will be issued.



# CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

## CHILDREN'S

### AGES PRESCHOOL-12

*Unless listed otherwise*



### PRESCHOOL PLAY TIME

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

This open free play is designed for preschool aged children to get their wiggles out. Zip around the gym on our tricycles and Cozy Coupe cars, play preschool-sized basketball or just run, jump and play with others. It's a great playdate for kids and parents! Please do not bring your own bikes, tricycles or scooters. No registration is needed.

#### Special Activity Days

**March 7 at 10 a.m. – Follow the Leader**

**April 18 at 10 a.m. – Duck, Duck, Goose**

**May 2 at 10 a.m. – Simon Says**

**Cost:** Free

**Ages:** Walking-5 years (with Adult)

### AIKIDO

**Monday & Thursday Nights**

The Sarpy Aikido Club is a Nebraska-based dojo teaching Aikikai style of Aikido under the organization of Aikido of Hawaii International (AHI). The school was founded by Ronald Christenham and has been serving the La Vista and Omaha area since 1991. For more information and to register, email Jeff Christenham at [j.a.christenham@gmail.com](mailto:j.a.christenham@gmail.com).

**Cost:** Beginner (Resident): \$25/month  
(Non-resident): \$30/month  
Advanced (Resident): \$40/month  
(Non-resident): \$45/month

**Age:** Beginner (5-11): 6 - 7 p.m.  
Advanced (12+): 7 - 8:30 p.m.

### TABLE TENNIS CLUB

**Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.**

For more information, contact Matt at [matthewziegler907@gmail.com](mailto:matthewziegler907@gmail.com) or **402.680.2937** to let him know you plan to join.

**Cost:** Free, drop-in, no registration required.  
Basic equipment provided.

**Ages:** 8+





# CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

## TEEN & ADULT

### AGES 12+

*Unless Listed Otherwise*



### AIKIDO

**Monday & Thursday Nights, 7-8:30 p.m.**

The Sarpy Aikido Club is a Nebraska-based dojo teaching Aikikai style of Aikido under the organization of Aikido of Hawaii International (AHI). The school was founded by Ronald Christenham and has been serving the La Vista and Omaha area since 1991. For more information and to register, email Jeff Christenham at [j.a.christenham@gmail.com](mailto:j.a.christenham@gmail.com).

**Cost:** Beginner (Resident): \$25/month  
(Non-resident): \$30/month  
Advanced (Resident): \$40/month  
(Non-resident): \$45/month

**Age:** 12+ and Adult

### MINIATURE CLUB

**Third Sunday of the month, 1:30-3 p.m.**

Miniature enthusiasts meet at the Community Center. Guests are always welcome. For more information, contact Sandy Sokoloski at **402.708.1177**.

**Cost:** Free **Age:** All ages

### OMAHA METRO ARMED COMBAT ACADEMY

**Thursdays, 6-8:45 p.m.**

**Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

The Omaha Metro Armed Combat Academy (OMACA) is a fencing school that provides instruction and sparring for Olympic-style fencing, classical style fencing, HEMA and lightsaber fencing for people with all levels of interest and skill. For more information, contact Cat Souliere at [omacagreenknights@gmail.com](mailto:omacagreenknights@gmail.com).

**Cost:** \$5/class drop-in or 20/month

**Age:** All ages

### TABLE TENNIS CLUB

**Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.**

For more information, contact Matt at [matthewziegler907@gmail.com](mailto:matthewziegler907@gmail.com) or **402.680.2937** to let him know you plan to join.

**Cost:** Free, drop-in, no registration required.  
Basic equipment provided.

**Ages:** 8+

### YOGA

**Saturdays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m.**

This class is designed for beginner and intermediate students. The class format focuses on breathing & relaxation techniques, stretching, joint & gland exercises, Hatha Yoga postures and stress management techniques. For more info or to sign up before your first class, contact Frank at [frankpferrante@gmail.com](mailto:frankpferrante@gmail.com).

**Cost:** \$7/class, \$3/class for ages 55+

**Age:** All ages



# Dancing

## BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS

Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. (Group lessons)  
Private lessons available by appointment

Join as a single or couple, minimum of six people per class. In each session, two or three dances will be taught. For more information, contact Terry Vargas at **402.639.2209**.

**Cost:** \$40/month per person

## BELLY DANCING LESSONS

Mondays & Tuesdays

**Cost:** \$40 per month, or \$15 drop-in per class (if unable to commit to attending monthly class)  
**Ages:** 19+

Please reserve your spot with Eliaanae on her website at **accelerationbellydancefitness.com**, call **402.370.9021** or email Eliaanae at **elianaethebellydancer@gmail.com**.

## BEGINNER BELLY DANCING

Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.

Learn the basics of Raqs Sharqi style Belly Dance, or traditional dances from Egypt, Turkey and Greece. Learn fundamental hip, torso and arm movements in a low-impact and fun way. No experience is required, and all ages and ability levels are welcome. Come shimmy and connect with this beautiful global dance form.

## INTERMEDIATE BELLY DANCING

Mondays, 6-7 p.m.

Move beyond the basics by adding layering techniques, prop work and group formations to foundational belly dance movements. Class is appropriate for those with at least one year of regular belly dance class experience. Prop work such as cane, veil and finger cymbals will be taught, layering and specialty topics including folkloric and cultural/regional styles are approached in this class.

## PERFORMANCE TROUPE REHEARSAL

Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m.

This class requires instructor approval to join. At least two years of regular weekly belly dance/dance experience required. Please attend several intermediate sessions and discuss placement with the instructor to decide if committing to the performance troupe is right for you.





# POOL TO OPEN MAY 25

The La Vista Municipal Swimming Pool is scheduled to open Saturday, May 25. Memberships and passes will be sold beginning May 6 at the La Vista Community Center. Swim lesson registration will also begin May 6. You may register for swim lessons at the Community Center or online at [CityofLaVista.org/SwimmingLessons](http://CityofLaVista.org/SwimmingLessons).

## OPEN SWIM

**May 25-August 11: Open daily 1-9 p.m.**

NOTE: The pool will close Tuesday & Thursday evenings 5:45-7 p.m. July 2-August 1 for swimming lessons.

## August 12-September 2:

Monday-Friday:	Closed
Saturday & Sunday:	Limited hours
Labor Day (Sept. 2)	Limited hours

## TEEN TUESDAYS AT THE POOL

**Tuesday, June 18, 7-9 p.m.**

**Tuesday, July 16, 7-9 p.m.**

*La Vista Municipal Swimming Pool  
(7529 S. 85th St.)*

Teens are invited to "pull up to the pool" on special nights this summer designed just for them. Teen Tuesdays are free events presented by the Recreation Department with a live DJ, door prizes and free summer drinks (non-alcoholic) for teens. (While supplies last.)

**Ages:** 10-18; tweens ages 10-12 must have a parent or sibling who is 16 or older present at the pool

## DAILY ADMISSION FEES

Age	Resident fee	Non-resident fee
Youth 5 & under	FREE	FREE
Youth 6-17	\$2	\$4
Adult 18+	\$3	\$4

## TAGS & PASSES

Description	Resident fee	Non-resident fee
<i>Resident tag (one-time purchase)</i>	\$2	N/A
<i>Youth 6-17 Season Pass</i>	\$65	\$95
<i>Adult 18+ Season Pass</i>	\$75	\$105
<i>Family Season Pass (6 family members)</i>	\$105	\$165
<i>Additional Family Member</i>	\$17	\$27
<i>Daycare Season Pass</i>	\$275	\$275
<i>30-Day Pass Booklet</i>	\$55	\$85

## SWIMMING LESSONS

SESSION	DATES	TIMES
Day	Session 1: June 3-13  Session 2: June 24-July 5*  Session 3: July 15-25	Pre-beginner: 11 a.m. & Noon Level 1: 11 a.m. & Noon Level 2: 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. Level 3: 10 a.m. & Noon Level 4: 10 a.m. Level 5: 9 a.m. Level 6: 9 a.m.
Evening	July 2-Aug. 1 Tues & Thurs only	Pre-beginner: 6-6:45 p.m. Level 1: 6-6:45 p.m. Level 2: 6-6:45 p.m. Level 3: 6-6:45 p.m.

**COST:** Resident—\$30 Non-resident—\$55

Day sessions are held Mondays through Thursdays. Fridays are rainout days. \*Friday, July 5 is make-up day for July 4

Minimum age for pre-beginners is 4 years old. All classes are 45 minutes. Evening sessions are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-6:45 p.m. and are for pre-beginners through level 3 only.

**Registration begins May 6. Register online at [CityofLaVista.org/SwimmingLessons](http://CityofLaVista.org/SwimmingLessons) or call the Community Center at 402.331.3455.**



# YOUTH SPORTS

## COED FLAG FOOTBALL

Register online at [CityofLaVista.org/Active](https://CityofLaVista.org/Active).

The Recreation Department offers a youth flag football program for boys and girls grades PreK-6 in the spring and fall. The flag football program is part of the Sarpy County Flag Football League, which is dedicated to improving youth sports by teaching and developing skills promoting maximum participation and providing a fair, safe environment. All games are played on Saturday mornings/afternoons at the La Vista Sports Complex, Papillion Landing and/or Spirit Monarch and BJSA Fields. Start/end dates are subject to change.

Practice will tentatively begin the week of April 1. Practices are held at the coach's discretion during the week. You will receive a call from your child's coach approximately one week prior to the season starting to provide you with information about your child's specific practice day, time and location.

## SPRING SESSION (APRIL 20-JUNE 15)

Final Registration Deadline: March 4

AGE	COST
Boys & Girls PreK-6 as of fall 2024 (Min. age is 4)	Resident: \$43 Non-resident: \$63

## FALL SESSION (AUGUST 10-OCTOBER 12)

Final Registration Deadline: July 9

AGE	COST	
	EARLY-BIRD JUNE 12-26	FINAL JUNE 27-JULY 9
Boys & Girls PreK-6 as of fall 2024 (Min. age is 4)	Resident: \$33 Non-resident: \$53	Resident: \$43 Non-resident: \$63



All sessions will take place at the La Vista Sports Complex near soccer field #5.

## COED SOCCER ACADEMY & LEAGUE

Spring Early-Bird Registration Deadline: March 4

Spring Final Registration Deadline: March 25

The soccer academy and league have a partnership with the Metro Wolves Soccer Club. This program focuses on different soccer skills to develop each player with individual attention and maximum ball touches in a fun environment. Sessions are held twice a week for five weeks – academy training/practices are on Tuesdays with game situations/scrimmages on Saturdays. Start/end date is subject to change.

### Parent volunteers are needed to assist instructors.

Parent volunteers will work with the Omaha Metro Wolves Soccer Club trainers to help run Academy/League sessions.

			SPRING SESSION APRIL 9-MAY 11		FALL SESSION STARTS SEPTEMBER 3	
			COST		COST	
	AGE	DATES	EARLY-BIRD JAN 2-MAR 4	FINAL MAR 5-25	EARLY-BIRD JUNE 12-JULY 24	FINAL JULY 25-AUG 21
ACADEMY	Boys and Girls 4-5	Tues (6-7 p.m.) Sat (9-10 a.m.)	Resident: \$33 Non-resident: \$53	Resident: \$43 Non-resident: \$63	Resident: \$33 Non-resident: \$53	Resident: \$43 Non-resident: \$63
LEAGUE	Boys and Girls 6-7	Tues (6-7 p.m.) Sat (10:15-11:15 a.m.)	Resident: \$33 Non-resident: \$53	Resident: \$43 Non-resident: \$63	Resident: \$33 Non-resident: \$53	Resident: \$43 Non-resident: \$63

### ACADEMY (Ages 4-5)

This academy is a fun soccer environment for boys and girls, with the goal of introducing young players and their families to soccer and having FUN while doing it!

### LEAGUE (Ages 6-7)

The Youth Soccer League players will attend academy training on Tuesdays, but on Saturdays, participating teams will have league games/scrimmages. This will allow them to use the skills they are learning in a more competitive atmosphere. Individual development is the focus at this age but learning to play as a team is important as well!



## COED TOT SOCCER CLINIC

Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Register online at [CityofLaVista.org/Active](http://CityofLaVista.org/Active).

*Spring Early-Bird Registration Deadline:* March 4

*Spring Final Registration Deadline:* March 25

This clinic is designed to teach the fundamentals of soccer while having fun. This clinic is comprised of 5 one-hour sessions to be held on Saturdays from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The 3-year-old Soccer Clinic is offered in the spring and fall. Clinic is limited to 16 participants. Start/end date is subject to change.

*This is a parent-instructed clinic, so several volunteers will be needed to hold these clinics.*

BOYS & GIRLS AGES	SPRING SESSION APRIL 6-MAY 4		FALL SESSION STARTS SEPTEMBER 7	
	COST		COST	
	EARLY-BIRD JAN 2-MAR 4	FINAL MAR 5-25	EARLY-BIRD JUNE 12-JULY 24	FINAL JULY 25-AUG 21
<b>3</b> (as of April 1)	Resident: \$17 Non-resident: \$22	Resident: \$27 Non-resident: \$32	Resident: \$17 Non-resident: \$22	Resident: \$27 Non-resident: \$32

## COED T-BALL JUNE 8-JULY 13

*Final Registration Deadline:* April 22

*Practice starts May 6*

Register online at [CityofLaVista.org/Active](http://CityofLaVista.org/Active).

The coed T-ball program introduces parents and children to the sport of baseball. This is a parent participation program designed to teach the fundamentals of baseball while having fun.

The La Vista Recreation Department offers coed T-ball for children ages 5 & 6 in the summer of each year.

AGE	COST	
	EARLY-BIRD JAN 2-APR 8	FINAL APR 9-22
<b>Boys &amp; Girls 5-6 (As of April 1)</b>	Resident: \$45 Non-resident: \$60	Resident: \$55 Non-resident: \$70

Practices will tentatively start the week of May 6, and are held at the coach's discretion during the week. Games will be played on Saturday mornings at the La Vista ballfields. You will receive a call from your child's coach about one week prior to the season starting to provide you with information about your child's specific practice day, time, and location. Start/end date is subject to change.



## BOYS BASEBALL

### PRACTICE STARTS APRIL 1

### GAMES PLAYED APRIL 24-JUNE 30

*Final Registration Deadline: March 6*

Register online at [CityofLaVista.org/Active](http://CityofLaVista.org/Active).

The youth baseball program is a partnership with the Ralston Area Baseball Association. Games are played on varying days and locations; practices are held at the coach's discretion. The La Vista Recreation Department offers youth baseball for ages 7-14. The baseball season runs from April through early July of each year.

Practices will tentatively start the week of April 1 and are held at the coach's discretion during the week. Game days vary and can be held during the week and on the weekends. You will receive a call from your child's coach approximately one week prior to the season starting to provide you with information about your child's specific practice day, time, and location. Start/end date is subject to change.

#### **VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED!**

*Please consider volunteering your time to coach.*

## GIRLS SOFTBALL

### PRACTICE STARTS APRIL 1

### GAMES PLAYED APRIL 27-JULY 2

*Final Registration Deadline: March 6*

Register online at [CityofLaVista.org/Active](http://CityofLaVista.org/Active).

The softball program plays in the Papillion Softball league, which is a true recreational league for girls to learn fundamentals of the game of softball and to have fun. Players are not allowed to play in this league if they participate on a "select" or "competitive" team.

The La Vista Recreation Department offers youth softball for girls ages 7-18. Practice will tentatively start the week of April 1. Practices are held at coach's discretion during the week. Game days are typically Friday evenings and Saturday mornings/afternoons, but weeknight games will also be scheduled. You will receive a call from your child's coach one-week prior to the season starting. At that time, you will receive information about your child's specific practice day, time and location. Start/end date is subject to change.

#### **VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED!**

*Please consider volunteering your time to coach.*

LEAGUE	AGE (as of April 1)	COST
		FINAL FEB 20-MAR 6
YEARLING/COACH PITCH LEAGUE	7-8	Resident: \$60 Non-resident: \$75
MUSTANG LEAGUE	9-10	Resident: \$75 Non-resident: \$95
BRONCO LEAGUE	11-12	Resident: \$85 Non-resident: \$115
PONY LEAGUE	13-14	Resident: \$95 Non-resident: \$115



LEAGUE	AGE (as of May 1)	COST
		FINAL FEB 20-MAR 6
MINOR/KID-PITCH LEAGUE	7-10	Resident: \$75, Non-resident: \$95
JUNIOR LEAGUE	11-13	Resident: \$85 Non-resident: \$115
SENIOR LEAGUE	14-18	Resident: \$120 Non-resident: \$150

#### **REGISTER ONLINE!**

Register and pay online for youth sports programs at [CityofLaVista.org/Active](http://CityofLaVista.org/Active).



## COED VOLLEYBALL

**PRACTICE STARTS OCTOBER 7**  
**GAMES START NOVEMBER 2**

*Early-bird Registration Deadline: September 11*  
*Final Registration Deadline: September 25*

Register online at [CityofLaVista.org/Active](http://CityofLaVista.org/Active).

The purpose of the Coed Youth Volleyball program is to provide a fun, safe league in an instructional environment where the youth of the community can enjoy sports.

Our teams participate in the Bellevue Junior Sports Association Youth Volleyball League. Practices are held at the Community Center, and games are played on Saturday mornings/afternoons and some Mondays beginning in November at the Bellevue Junior Sports Association Center (1001 High School Drive, Bellevue).

AGE	COST	
	EARLY-BIRD AUG 1-SEPT 11	FINAL SEPT 12-SEPT 25
Boys & Girls Grades 3-8	Resident: \$33 Non-resident: \$53	Resident: \$43 Non-resident: \$63

# ADULT SPORTS

## DROP-IN BASKETBALL

Wednesdays and Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

La Vista Community Center

Cost: Residents \$3, Non-Residents \$4

Ages: 35+

## SOFTBALL

Adult softball leagues are offered in the spring and fall. All games are played at the La Vista Sports Complex.

**Coed League:** Friday evenings

**Men's League:** Tuesday and/or Friday evenings

**Ages:** 19+

Call 402.331.3455 for more information.



## At Your Service

### Meet Denny Dinan Youth and Adult Sports Manager

As the Recreation Department's Youth and Adult Sports Manager, Denny Dinan is responsible for planning and supervising all of La Vista's youth and adult sports programs and special events. He also manages field scheduling and issues permits for practices, games, tournaments and other events.

#### LV: How long have you worked for the City of La Vista?

**Denny:** Nearly 18 years. I worked as the La Vista Falls Golf Course Manager for 10 years, and I've worked as the Youth and Adult Sports Manager for almost eight years.

#### LV: What is your favorite part of your job?

**Denny:** On any given day I can go to our La Vista Community Center, or any of our sports fields and see kids and adults participating in sporting leagues and events and witness them having a good time and enjoying themselves by playing sports.

#### LV: How do La Vista Recreation athletics add value to the community?

**Denny:** We provide opportunities for anyone to get involved in sports regardless of their skill or experience levels.

#### LV: What do you enjoy doing when you're not working?

**Denny:** Spending time with my wife, family and four grandsons! I also enjoy nature and the outdoors and like to hike and take pictures of wildlife as a novice photographer.

#### LV: What do you love about La Vista?

**Denny:** Although La Vista is growing and changing, we always remember where we came from and like to keep that small town feel. It's evident by how we give back to the community with events such as free concert and movie nights, community cookouts, parades and awesome fireworks displays that are all free to the community!





SENIORS



# SENIOR PROGRAM

## AGES 55+

The La Vista Senior Program, located within the Community Center, is designed to enhance the lives of those 55+ by providing high quality services that offer wellness, leisure, life-long learning and social opportunities.

La Vista residents and non-residents who are 55 and older can join the Senior Program and become part of its thriving community free of charge. Become a member by visiting the front desk at the La Vista Community Center.

For more information about Senior Program classes, activities and special events listed in this guide, see the monthly Senior Newsletter at [CityofLaVista.org/Seniors](http://CityofLaVista.org/Seniors), or contact Senior Services Manager Kaily Stanley at **402.331.3455**.

## SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

**Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.**

Enjoy a nutritious meal provided by Treat America in cooperation with the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging. Please call by noon the business day before you'd like to visit to make a reservation. After lunch, feel free to stick around for many of our other activities. View the monthly lunch menu at [CityofLaVista.org/Seniors](http://CityofLaVista.org/Seniors).

**Suggested Donation:** \$4.25 for those 60 and older

**Required Fee:** \$11 for those younger than 60

## 55 AND UP ONGOING ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME	FEE
<b>Golden Ballroom Dancing Exercise</b>	Mondays	9 a.m.	FREE
<b>Tai Chi For Balance</b>	Tuesdays & Thursdays	10:45-11:30 a.m.	Age 60+: \$0.50 suggested
<b>Various Card Games</b>	Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays	Tues: 12 p.m. or 2 p.m. Wed & Fri: 2 p.m.	FREE
<b>Movie Showings</b>	Every other Tuesday	1 p.m.	FREE
<b>Drop-In Quilting</b>	Wednesdays	9-11:30 a.m.	FREE
<b>Chair Volleyball</b>	Wednesdays & Fridays	10:15-11:15 a.m.	FREE
<b>Hand &amp; Foot (Cards)</b>	Wednesdays	1 p.m.	FREE
<b>Pitch (Cards)</b>	Fridays	1 p.m.	FREE
<b>Bingo</b>	Fridays	1 p.m.	\$1 total for 5 games



# SENIOR CENTER EVENTS



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCH

Friday, March 15

La Vista Community Center

**Doors open at 11 a.m.**

**Event begins at 11:30 a.m.**

You're in luck! The popular St. Patrick's Day Senior Luncheon will return to the La Vista Community Center this March. Dress in your best green and join us for a corned beef and cabbage meal and entertainment from Paul Siebert.

**Menu: Corned beef, cabbage, carrots, potatoes, cookie, roll and beverage**

**Cost:** \$8 per person. Payment due at time of registration. Sorry no refunds.

**Ages:** All adults 55+ are invited

**Registration deadline:** Wednesday, March 6, at the La Vista Community Center or Papillion Landing front desk.

## SENIOR OLYMPICS

Wednesday, May 8

Papillion Landing

**Doors open at 9 a.m.**

**Games will begin at 9:30 a.m.**

It's a battle of the Sarpy County Senior Centers! Come enjoy a day filled with friendly competition hosted by the La Vista and Papillion Recreation Departments. Events include sharp shooting, bucket ball, javelin, putt putt golf and much more. You might even win a gold, silver or bronze medal.

**Cost:** \$10 per person (Sorry, no refunds.) Includes Olympic games, t-shirt, lunch, entertainment and awards ceremony.

Registration deadline is April 17.

Max of 100 participants.

Sign up at the La Vista Community Center or Papillion Landing front desk. Space is limited so register today!





# SPECIAL SERVICES BUS ALL ABOARD.

**NEED A LIFT? HOP ON THE LA VISTA/RALSTON  
SPECIAL SERVICES BUS.**

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or a lift to an  
appointment...



or just a ride  
across town...



the La Vista and  
Ralston Special Services  
Bus has you covered.

The bus is designated  
for senior citizens ages  
60 and older and all  
disabled residents  
residing in the cities of  
La Vista and Ralston.

For more information, visit  
**CityofLaVista.org/Seniors**  
or call **402.331.3455**.

## FARES

**\$1**

**ZONE 1**  
(within La Vista  
and Ralston and  
designated locations)

**\$3**

**ZONE 2**  
(outside La Vista  
and Ralston  
city limits)

**\$10**

**ZONE 3**  
(outside city limits)  
See website for a  
detailed map.

*Multiple stops are an additional \$1 (prices subject to  
change). Bus punch cards are available for \$30 (each  
punch is worth \$1). Check or cash only.*

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# LIBRARY





## FROM THE DIRECTOR



**Rose Barcal,**  
**Library Director**

## WHAT IS A LIBRARY?

A library is a place to connect people, resources and experiences. It's a place where ALL people are welcome to learn through reading, discovering, socializing, and creating. A library is a community of empowered learners, enthusiastic readers and engaged citizens.

The Library is always a hub of activity, and this spring and summer will be no exception! Here are some updates about what has been going on at the Library, which are new to you?

- La Vista Public Library was nominated for the National Medal for Museums and Library Service award.
- Library staff applied for \$10,754 in grants and successfully secured \$5,454. A grant from the La Vista Community Foundation allowed for the addition of a heat press and mug press. A number of memorials were received by the Library, including a donation of \$4,000 honoring Karla J. Stowe to be used towards books for literacy, two internships and a summer children's program.
- The Library received an "on loan" ONYX Deskset HD video magnifier through a partnership with the Nebraska Library Commission and Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.
- A partnership with Omaha Astronomical Society allowed the Library to add a telescope kit to its collection.
- New audio-visual equipment was purchased for the main meeting rooms, and new carpet was installed in the meeting and conference rooms.
- The public libraries of Sarpy County, including La Vista Public Library, held a joint author event featuring Alex Kava.
- The Library made City flag kits available. (Think of Flat Stanley in the form of a La Vista flag!) Check one out to take with you on vacation.



## LA VISTA PUBLIC LIBRARY

9110 Giles Road, La Vista, NE 68128  
402.537.3900 | 402.932.6352 (fax)  
CityofLaVista.org/Library

## HOURS

**Monday-Thursday:** 8 a.m.-9 p.m.  
**Friday-Saturday:** 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 1 p.m.-5 p.m.



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LIBRARY LOAN INFORMATION

ITEMS	LOAN PERIOD	OVERDUE FEE
Books	3 weeks	5¢ per day
Adult New Books	3 weeks	5¢ per day
Audio Books	3 weeks	10¢ per day
CDs	7 days	10¢ per day
DVDs	2 weeks	\$1 per day
Playaways	2 weeks	\$1 per day
Board Games	2 weeks	10¢ per day & \$5 if returned to book drop
Cake Pans	7 days	10¢ per day & \$5 if returned to book drop

Any person who resides within the legal City limits of La Vista, pays property taxes to the City of La Vista or is a La Vista business owner may apply for a library card. In addition, any person who is an employee of the City of La Vista, a member of the Papillion Fire Department, a teacher or faculty member in a La Vista Public School, a current student, faculty or staff of Metropolitan Community College may apply for a library card at no charge.

Non-residents (those living in a Sanitary Improvement District or outside the city limits) may obtain membership by paying a fee as set forth in the City's Master Fee Ordinance. Due to an agreement between the City and SID 237, the City agrees to provide an annual library membership for access and use of library services of the La Vista Public Library to residents of SID 237 who satisfy applicable requirements to obtain a library membership.

**Military personnel:** There is no charge for a library card for active military personnel who live in Sarpy County. Active military personnel who are not residents of La Vista must present a military ID to obtain a library card.

New patrons requesting a library card will be required to show identification with proof of address at the time of request. Library cards can be issued to all who are 16 years of age and older, and minors ages 5-15, with parental consent.

BORROWING PRIVILEGES

Within the La Vista Public Library, the use of all materials is open to the public. Service will not be denied or abridged because of religious, racial, social, economic, political or age status. The use of the Library or its services may be denied for due cause including, but not limited to, failure to return books or pay fees, destruction of Library property, or failure to abide by stated policies.

COMPUTERS & WiFi

Computers, high-speed internet, free Wi-Fi, wireless printing and Microsoft Office are available to the public. Black and white printouts cost \$0.10 per page/side, and color printouts cost \$0.50 per page/side.

iPADS

Library cardholders in good standing can borrow an iPad to use within the Library. To checkout an iPad, cardholders must be 18 years old or older and fill out the iPad Usage Agreement form. iPads can be borrowed for 60 minutes at a time with time extension options available.

GABBIE: A TEXT-A-LIBRARIAN SERVICE

Text **402.204.1537** to text-chat with a librarian. You can easily renew your books, receive notification whenever items are overdue or ask a reference question. For privacy reasons, titles of books and personal information will not be shared through Gabbie.

DIGITAL RESOURCES

The La Vista Public Library offers online resources including electronic books, magazines, streaming media and streaming music that can be accessed at the Library or from any computer with an Internet connection. The ability to access information for those resources that require a username and password is also available at the Library. Contact the Library or visit our website for a complete list of digital resources.

TECHNOLOGY HELP

Need help using your laptop, phone or tablet? Book a free one-on-one technology help session with Jean Hurst. She can assist you with:

- Using eLibrary eBooks, audiobooks & magazines
- Computer basics
- Using an iPad, Kindle, Android device, iPhone or smartphone
- Creating accounts (email, Facebook, Zoom)
- Searching for jobs online
- Submitting a resume online
- Organizing files, photos and music
- Microsoft Office basics (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Saving files using a USB flash drive
- Scanning
- Addressing other specific questions

To sign up call **402.537.3900** or email Jean at **JHurst@CityofLaVista.org**.

Please note: The Library does not do setup or repairs

UNATTENDED CHILDREN

Children ages 10 and under must always be supervised by a parent or adult caregiver. Please be aware that this is a public facility, and the safety and security of children are the responsibility of the parent or adult caregiver.



# DID YOU KNOW?

Public Libraries are often called the hub of the community. We play an important role in supporting education and literacy, but our additional resources, study rooms, and knowledgeable staff are also needed in the community. Read about resources available to the community besides books and computers.

## FONTENELLE FOREST LIBRARY PASS PROGRAM

The La Vista Public Library is partnering with one of the nation's largest private nature centers to provide free admission to families. Each pass admits two adults and up to five children per visit. Visitors must check out the pass for the day of the week they plan to visit Fontenelle Forest (e.g. check out a 'Thursday' pass to visit on Thursday only). Library passes are available Monday-Sunday and require an active and current La Vista Public Library card. For more information on this new opportunity, contact the Library.



## TELESCOPE

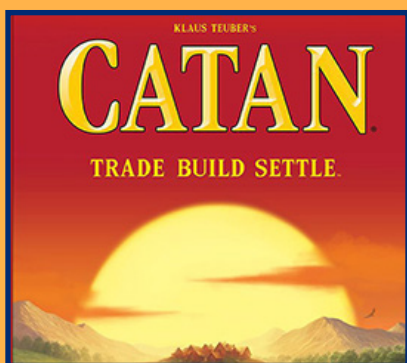
Explore the night sky with your library card.

Did you know you can borrow a telescope from the Library? It's as easy as checking out a book. Thanks to a partnership with the Omaha Astronomical Society, Library cardholders with an account in good standing and at least three continuous months of membership can check out an easy-to-use, high-quality telescope with a user guide and star maps. The telescope can be checked out for two weeks at a time. Whether you're a first-time stargazer or an astronomy buff, ask about the telescope on your next trip to the Library.

## BOARD GAMES

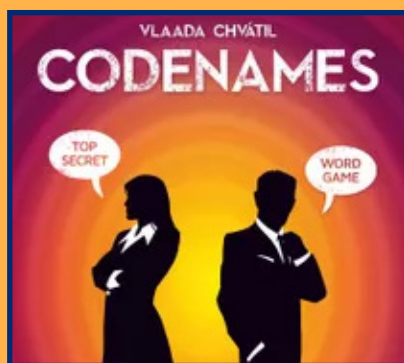
Get your game on at the Library.

The Library has a collection of over 60 board games available for checkout to the community. These tabletop games offer no-fuss entertainment, are perfect for a rainy day and are ideal for all ages. Borrow one to take home or play at the library. There has never been a better time to take a break, turn off electronics and have a game night. Game on!! Here are a few games that may interest you:



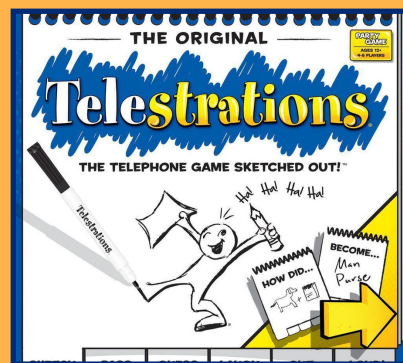
### CATAN

Trade, build and settle the Island of CATAN in this addictively fun strategy game previously called Settlers of CATAN. Players control their own civilization and look to spread across a modular hex board in a competition for victory points. *Recommended for ages 10 and up.*



### CODENAMES

Codenames is a social word game that involves the identification of super secret spies all while avoiding the assassin. *Recommended for ages 10 and up.*



### TELESTRATIONS

Telestrations is the visual version of the classic "telephone game" where you draw what you see, then guess what you saw to reveal hilarious outcomes! *Recommended for ages 8 and up.*





# MAKERSPACE

When most people think of libraries, they naturally think of books, books, books. Libraries are also places of community engagement and digital learning with spaces for design and activities that both teach and empower patrons. These makerspaces allow users to learn how to paint, use 3D printers and even start a small business. Fittingly, these spaces are called makerspaces.

**Appointments must be made at least 30 minutes in advance.**

## Reasons to use the Makerspace

**Because it:**

### WHY use the Library's Makerspace?

- 1 Provides access to expensive equipment.
- 2 Encourages creativity, exploration, play and hands-on-learning.
- 3 Helps develop strong critical thinking and problem solving skills.
- 4 Empowers community members to be inventors, builders, creators and entrepreneurs.
- 5 Engages all learners.
- 6 Saves money! Using the equipment is free. Supplies can be purchased at a minimal cost.
- 7 Provides a communal space for gathering.
- 8 Inspires community members to familiarize themselves with next-century technology.

To learn more about our makerspace area, scan this code or go to [CityofLaVista.org/Makerspace](http://CityofLaVista.org/Makerspace).







## At Your Service

### Meet Mindy Hike, Circulation Clerk I

If you come to the Library in the evening or on the weekends, say “hi” to Mindy Hike! She is one of the Library’s circulation clerks. Mindy greets and directs patrons, shelves materials, creates displays, answers reference questions and so much more.

#### LVPL: Tell us about yourself.

**Mindy:** I was born and raised in Waterloo, Nebraska. I am married and have two children. I like to read and do various art projects. I have a background in literature and art, love animals and watch a lot of scary movies.

#### LVPL: How long have you worked at the Library?

**Mindy:** Almost 16 years!

#### LVPL: What is your role at the Library and what inspired you to apply for this role?

**Mindy:** I am a Circulation Clerk. I help people with questions at both the circulation and reference desks, shelf books and sometimes help create visual displays. The reason I applied to work at the Library is simple: I was literally raised by librarians. My paternal grandmother, my mother and an aunt were all librarians. Most of my early years were spent in a library, reading and taking part in programs, and eventually helping with those programs as I aged out. I also worked at a library during college. I love books and I like helping people, so working at a library feels right to me.

#### LVPL: What do you value about the library?

**Mindy:** I love that libraries are a space that is open to everyone. Libraries are so much more than just books or DVDs. Free and accessible computers, educational programs for all ages, fun activities for kids, board games, makerspace, there is something for everyone at the library!

#### LVPL: Why is the Library an important part of the community?

**Mindy:** Libraries are community spaces that provide services for all. I would say that the library’s most important function, though, is access to information. Whether it is through the use of computers or Wi-Fi, books or online databases, the library provides access to so much information.

#### LVPL: What book(s) are you currently reading?

**Mindy:** *Inheritance* by Nora Roberts

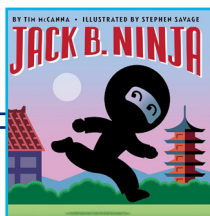


# STAFF SPRING BOOK PICKS

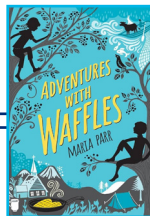
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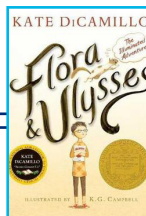
**Herbie's Big Adventure**  
by Jennie Poh



**Jack B. Ninja**  
by Tim McCanna



**Adventures with Waffles**  
by Maria Parr



**Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures**  
by Kate DiCamillo



**Code Your Own Adventure**  
by Max Wainewright

## TEEN



**Two Sides to Every Murder**  
by Danielle Valentine  
(Releasing June 4)



**King Cheer**  
by Molly Horton Booth & Stephanie Kate Strohm



**The Atlas of Us**  
by Kristin Dwyer

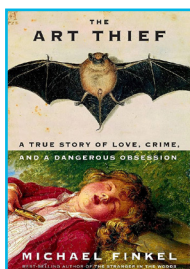


**Bite by Bite: American History through Feasts, Foods, and Side Dishes**  
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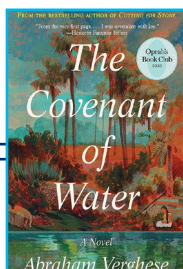


**The Quince Project: A Novel**  
by Jessica Parra  
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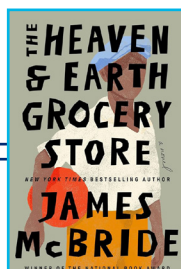
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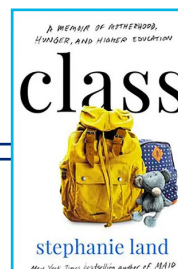
**The Art Thief: a True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession**  
by Michael Finkel



**The Covenant of Water**  
by Abraham Verghese



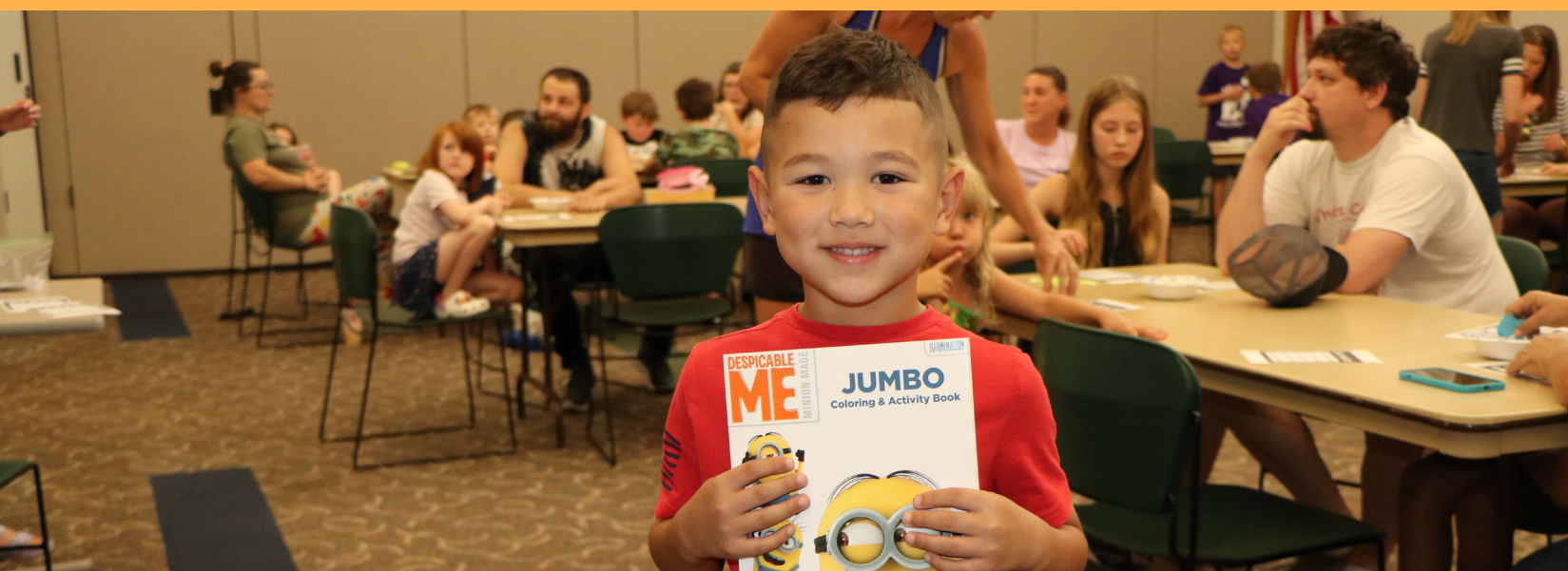
**The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store**  
by James McBride



**Class**  
by Stephanie Land



**The Wildest Sun**  
by Asha Lemmie







# ALL AGES SPECIAL EVENTS

## Shamrock and Rainbow Party

Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m.

Come feel lucky at this party! Have fun making crafts and playing games. Dressing up is strongly encouraged. Ideal for ages 0-8.

## Bunny Scavenger Hunt

March 28-April 5

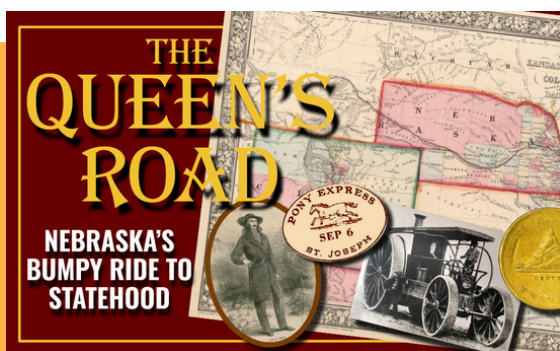
Several character themed bunnies are visiting the Library this spring. Search for them in the children's area and see which characters are visiting. Name all the bunnies and win a prize! You can find the bunnies in the Library from March 28-April 5. Ideal for all ages. This is a self-guided activity and parental participation may be required.

## The Queen's Road: Nebraska's Bumpy Path to Statehood

April 6, 10 a.m.

Historian Jeff Barnes presents the second chapter in his Queen of the Prairies series. Covering the second half of the territorial years, Barnes talks about the fight for statehood, how Nebraska arrived at his present shape and much more. This program is free and open to the public.

Funding for this program is provided by Humanities Nebraska, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment and the State of Nebraska.



## National Library Week

April 7-13

National Library Week will be celebrated April 7-13, 2024. This annual celebration highlights the valuable role libraries, librarians and library workers play in strengthening our community and fostering a love of reading. During this week, we're asking the community to show your love for our library! Make and decorate a heart at home, then drop off your decorated heart for our "Love the Library" wall. Hearts can be made from any materials you have at home. Be creative and show us some LOVVVVVE!

## May Day Baskets

Wednesday, May 1, 4 p.m.

Do you love leaving May Day baskets for friends and relatives? The Library has just the activity for you. Join us on Wednesday, May 1 at 4 p.m., and create your own basket complete with treats.

## 4th Annual Tiny Art Show

Use the materials provided or items you have at home to create a miniature masterpiece for entry into this year's show! Submission guidelines and kits will be available July 1-31. All art must be submitted to the library no later than 9 p.m. on August 1 to be included. Voting will take place August 4-24 and the winners will be announced the week of August 26. Prizes will be awarded to the top three artworks in both the adult and youth divisions. Artwork will be available for pickup at the close of the show (September 2-9).

## Bird Extravaganza

July 22-July 31

The Library will host 10 days of activities all about birds. Each day, we'll have a new activity relating to birds. These activities may include coloring sheets, crafts, birdwatching, scavenger hunts and more. All activities will be self-directed and parental participation is required. Activities will be available each day 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. or while supplies last. These im-peck-able activities are geared towards children ages birth-16!



# LIBRARY PROGRAMS

CHILDREN/FAMILY, TWEENS,  
TEENS, ADULTS

**REGISTRATION:** Most programs are free or have a minimal fee for supplies only. Programs that require registration will be denoted like this:

**\*Registration required**

To register for a program, contact us at **402.537.3900** or in person **at the Library's circulation desk.**



## CHILDREN & FAMILY PROGRAMS

### Library Storytime

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.  
3/12, 3/26, 4/9, 4/23, 5/14

Learn early literacy skills and practice fine motor skills by joining us for fun songs, crafts and stories!  
**Ideal for ages 0-6**

### Friday Friends

Second & Fourth Fridays of the month at 10 a.m.  
3/8, 3/22, 4/12, 5/10

Friday Friends is designed for children to play, learn and make new friends! Come play in the Library with all the cool toys and learning materials. This is a great opportunity for children to develop social skills and build new relationships. No class on Friday, April 26. **Ideal for ages 0-6**

### Crafternoon

Thursdays at 4 p.m.  
3/14, 4/11, 5/9

Do you love to draw, paint, or create? The La Vista Public Library is the spot to be! We will meet once a month to make something amazing! Crafternoon is about letting out your creative energy as we make, build and create arts and crafts together. **Ideal for children ages 4+**

### Music And Movement

First and Third Fridays of the month at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.  
3/1, 4/5, 4/19, 5/3

Get ready to move and groove as your little one experiences the joy of music. Music and Movement is a 30-minute program full of singing, dancing and instruments. The program is first come first served, and space is limited. No class on Friday, March 15. **Ideal for ages 0-6**





## TWEEN PROGRAMS AGES 8-12

### \*Crazy Crafty Club

Monthly at 2 p.m.  
4/26, 5/11, 6/24, 7/20, 8/6

Are you an A+ art student looking for something to do? Join us at the La Vista Public Library as we make one super cool craft each month! Space is limited. Meeting dates vary each month.

**Ages 8-14**

**\*Registration required.**

### Gamers Unite!

Monthly at 6 p.m.  
3/4, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3, 7/15, 8/5

From Pokémon Go! to Magic the Gathering, this game club is just for kids! Each month we will be playing a different game. Come meet others who love the same games you do or learn how to play a new game for the first time! **Ages 8-14**

### \*Hack the Painting

Wednesday, April 10 at 6 p.m.

Pick a pre-painted canvas and add whatever you'd like to the image. Be silly, be creative, be you!

**Ages 8+**

**\*Registration required.**

### Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club

Third Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m.  
3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6/18, 7/16 & 8/20

Help us decide what to do as we read aloud a choose your own adventure book. Kids will be able to do an activity related to the book while they listen. For those who come regularly they can try and collect nine stamps to fill up a passport that can be sent to the publisher for a special prize. **Ages 8-12**

## TEEN PROGRAMS AGES 13-18

### Teen Advisory Board

This group of 7-12 graders plans Library events, suggests materials for the Library, participates in community service projects and decorates the teen area. They also help provide feedback on how the Library can better serve young people. We are always looking for new members! TAB meets once a month, usually right before teen game night. **Ages 13+**

### Teen Game Night

Join us at teen game night for cards, video games and shenanigans! Plus, there's pizza! We usually meet once a month on a Thursday night. Check the calendar for upcoming meetings. **Ages 13+**

### Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club

Interested in learning how to play D&D? Want to find a group to join? Talk to Ms. Ashley to see if there is room for new members in the Library's D&D club. **Ages 13+**

### Teen Craft Night

Teens can come to the Library for a craft night just for them! From painting to pottery, each month there's something new to try! Snacks are provided. **Ages 13+**

### Teen Coffee House Book Club

This new teen book club will be starting in April. Teens are invited to meet us at a coffee house once a month on a Friday night to chat about young adult books. Our first meeting we will just be talking about our favorite books and picking a reading list for the rest of the year. For more information and/or to get meeting updates you can contact Ms. Ashley at the Library. **Ages 13+**





# ADULT PROGRAMS

## AGES 18+

### Coffee, Coloring and Crosswords

First Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.  
3/2, 4/6, 5/4, 7/6 & 8/3 (No June program)

Studies have shown that coloring can be just as relaxing for adults as it is for kids. Come join us at La Vista Library for fun, fellowship and delicious java. Don't want to color? Crossword puzzles will also be available. All coloring materials are provided.

### Crafter-Dark

Third Monday of each month at 6 p.m.  
3/18, 4/15, 5/20, 6/17, 7/15 & 8/19

Calling all adults!! Leave the kiddos at home and join the Library staff for fun crafts, games, laughter, socialization and more! Some holiday-themed crafts will require registration due to the cost of supplies.

### GED Program

GED classes are offered every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. This is a drop-in program where students can attend as needed in preparation for the official GED tests. Please contact the Library for more information about the GED Program or to register, **402.537.3900**.

### Fly-Tying Lessons

Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.

The Cornhusker Fly-Fishers are offering free lessons on fly-tying! They meet at the Library every Thursday evening. These lessons are available to anyone who is interested. This is a drop-in program, so there is no need to register. Whether you are looking to fly-fish for the first time or just want a refresher, you are welcome to stop by! (The group does not meet in June or July.)

### \*Watercolor Tips & Tricks

Select Saturdays at 1 p.m.

Learn some tips and tricks for creating watercolor masterpieces. All levels of experience accepted. Supplies provided. Meet on select Saturdays at 1 p.m. Check the Library calendar for specific dates. Space is limited.

**\*Registration required.**



### Adult Dungeons and Dragons

What is Dungeons & Dragons? Dungeons & Dragons (sometimes referred to as D&D) is a tabletop roleplaying game where players have to work together to battle monsters, overcome challenges and solve puzzles. Players roll special dice to decide the outcome of their character's actions. A Dungeon Master (or DM) serves as the narrator and judge of the game and gives players new obstacles to overcome. If you are interested in running a game or signing up as a player, contact the Library about openings and meeting times. Games typically can only hold 4-7 players each, so registration is required to join or start a group.

### Genealogy with the Greater Omaha Genealogical Society

Fourth Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

3/24, 4/28, 5/26, 6/23, 8/25 (No July program)

Members of the Greater Omaha Genealogical Society will present on a variety of topics related to conducting genealogical research. Come learn how to explore your family history.

### English As A Second Language

One-on-one tutoring is available for members of our community learning English as a non-native language. This is by appointment only. Contact Cedate Shultz at **CShultz@CityofLaVista.org** for more information.



# BOOK CLUBS

La Vista Library offers multiple book clubs to the community. Copies of each month's book will be available to borrow at no cost to book club attendees. Contact Cedate Shultz at [CShultz@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:CShultz@CityofLaVista.org) to reserve a copy. Not able to attend, but want to read along? Lists of the 2024 selected books are in the Library and on our website. Library membership is not required to participate.

## HISTORY BOOK CLUB

Second Saturday of each month, 2 p.m.  
3/9, 4/13, 5/11, 6/8, 7/13 & 8/10

Join us for spirited discussions of historical fiction and non-fiction books. Meet monthly in the Library's makerspace area. **Ages 16+**

**MARCH:** *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict

**APRIL:** *South to America* by Imani Perry

**MAY:** *Homecoming* by Kate Morton

**JUNE:** *American Demon* by Daniel Stashower

**JULY:** *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See

**AUG:** *King* by Jonathan Eig

## EVENING BOOK CLUB

Second Monday of each month, 7 p.m.  
3/11, 4/8, 5/13, 6/10, 7/8 & 8/12

A variety of genres are read throughout the year. Meets monthly in the Library's conference room. **Ages 18+**

**MARCH:** *When Crickets Cry* by Charles Martin

**APRIL:** *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds

**MAY:** *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck

**JUNE:** *Lady Clementine* by Marie Benedict

**JULY:** *Iron Lake* by William Kent Krueger

**AUG:** *Goodbye Vitamin* by Rachel Khong

## NEW BOOK CLUBS ALERT!

### COFFEE HOUSE BOOK CLUB

Starting this April, the Library will host a Coffee House Book Club for teens, each month, on a Friday night! This book club will meet, in the evening, at a coffee house and read Young Adult (YA) titles.

For more information, contact Ashley Wemhoff at [AWemhoff@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:AWemhoff@CityofLaVista.org). **Ages 13+**

## AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Third Wednesday of each month, 2 p.m.  
3/20, 4/17, 5/15, 6/20, 7/17 & 8/21

Our afternoon book club meets monthly in the Library's Makerspace area. A variety of genres are read throughout the year. **Ages 18+**

**MARCH:** *Red Dragon* by Thomas Harris

**APRIL:** *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict

**MAY:** *Along Came a Spider* by James Patterson

**JUNE:** *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn

**JULY:** *A Painted House* by John Grisham

**AUG:** *Killing Floor* by Lee Child

## PAGE-TO-SCREEN BOOK CLUB

Third Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m.  
3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6/18, 7/16 & 8/20

Meets monthly in the Library's makerspace area. The related movie will be screened later. Check the Library calendar for specific movie dates and times. Movies are open to everyone. It is the responsibility of parents and/or guardians to check ratings for movies shown. **Ages 18+ for book club.**

**MARCH:** *Schindler's List* by Thomas Keneally

**APRIL:** *Jurassic Park* by Michael Crichton

**MAY:** *True Grit* by Charles Portis

**JUNE:** *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

**JULY:** *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton

**AUG:** *The Last of the Mohicans* by James Fennimore Cooper

## SILENT BOOK CLUB

Also starting in the spring, the Library will host a Silent Book Club. Bring whatever book you happen to be reading at the time. Attendees will spend the first 30 minutes chatting with one another about what they are reading before spending an hour reading silently. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet fellow readers and hear about a variety of different books. Watch the Library calendar for an official start date. For more information, contact Cedate Shultz at [CShultz@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:CShultz@CityofLaVista.org). **Ages 16+**



# SUMMER READING PROGRAM

June 1 — July 19



Summertime is reading time, which jump starts the imagination and opens doors to new places! All La Vista readers, big and small, are invited to participate in our annual Summer Reading Program June 1-July 19. **This year's theme is adventure!** Whether you're an avid thrill seeker, nature lover or simply seeking an escape from your everyday routine, join the Library as we jump into another exciting adventure. Summer Reading calendars will be available May 1.

## Adventure Begins At Your Library

### Adventure Journals

May 30, 2 p.m. or 6 p.m.

Adventurers need their gear to go exploring! Create your own summer adventure journal. Supplies will be provided. **Ideal for all ages.**

### Little Adventures Storytime

June 4 & July 2, 10 a.m.

Storytime helps build important pre-literacy and social skills. Join Ms. Rachel for tales of adventure from around the world. Drop in and be part of the fun! The summer storytimes are **ideal for children 6 and younger**. Adult participation required.

### \*Library Survivor

June 5, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Teens will race to finish challenges while attempting to collect the coveted book totem. If they come in last place on a skill test, their current team will need to vote a player off the island. Teens voted out of the game will camp out in the rest zone to watch, eat snacks and play cards while they wait for the results. Only one teen will be able to say they are the final survivor. Space is limited. Registration required. **Ideal for ages 13-18+**

**\*Registration required.**

### Edible Graham Cracker Beach Houses

June 10, 2 p.m.

Use your imagination to create your own marvelous graham cracker beach house using a variety of different foods and candy. **Ideal for all ages.**

## Teen Volunteers Wanted

Summer is almost here, and we are looking for teen volunteers to help with our summer reading adventure. Volunteers will help with programming, shelving, reading passports and more. This is the perfect opportunity to earn community service hours for school, clubs, scholarships and other organizations. Volunteers must be reliable, independent and in grades 7-12 (as of the 2024-2025 school year).

### \*Fairy Garden Homes

June 15, 1:30 p.m.

Fairies are good luck to have around your home. A fairy garden is a tiny space devoted to plants and fairy structures in the hopes of luring fairies.

Bring your own small clay pot or use a donated cake pan and create fun spaces for fairies. The library will provide all other materials. **Ideal for ages 5+ with parent participation.**

**\*Registration required by Tuesday, June 11.**

### 4th of July Crafts

June 27, 2 p.m.

Red, white and blue. Come make a craft or two!

### Cowboy Adventure Party

July 17, 2 p.m.

Grab your hat, jump into your boots and gallop into the Library for an afternoon of cowboy adventures. Games, activities, snacks and more fun! **Ideal for all ages.**

### Afternoon Movie and Snack

July 30, 2 p.m.

Bring your blankets and pillows and relax in the cool air conditioning. **Ideal for all ages.**

**Volunteer registration is required by April 8.** Space is limited, stop by the library to register or contact Jodi Norton, [JNorton@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:JNorton@CityofLaVista.org). Formal volunteer invites and information will be mailed in early May.

Teen Volunteer Orientation is on Wednesday, May 22 at 4 p.m. Please plan on attending. If you are not able to attend, contact Jodi Norton immediately.

**Volunteer opportunities will be from May 28-July 31.**





# OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

May 31-July 19,  
No program on July 5

Every Friday, the Library will host an outdoor adventure for families to appreciate nature, play, read, walk, create and enjoy time with friends. These programs will meet at Southwind Park or in the green space around the Library. Programs will be cancelled in cases of rain or extreme heat. Contact the Library if you have any questions, **402.537.3900**.

**May 31, 11:30 a.m.**

**Lunch Bunch in Southwind Park with special guest reader Mayor Kindig**

Bring your lunch, listen to stories and play in the park.

All children will receive a free book. Meet at Southwind Park.

**June 7, 10:30 a.m.**

**Paint the Park with Chalk Paint**

Color your world, literally, as we fill the sidewalks with all kinds of art. Meet at Southwind Park.

**June 14, 11:30 a.m.**

**Lunch Bunch and Ice Cream Social**

Come listen to some sweet stories in the park and celebrate summer with an ice cream treat!

Meet at Southwind Park.

**June 21, 10:30 a.m.**

**Outdoor Nature Scavenger Hunt and Make Your Own Trail Mix**

Meet outside the main Library doors (west side).

**June 28, 11:30 a.m.**

**Solar S'mores at Southwind Park**

Get cooking using the power of the sun! Meet at Southwind Park.

**July 12, 10:30 a.m.**

**Twig and String Art**

Create crafts like musical instruments, stick dolls, frames, boats, mobiles, wands and beautiful art with simple items from nature. And....paint, glue and paper, too! Meet outside the main Library doors (west side).

**July 19, 10:30 a.m.**

**Bubblepalooza**

Let's end summer reading with an outdoor bubble party!! Children will explore how bubbles form, as well as how to make bubble solutions and bubble wands. Meet in the parking lot on the east side of the building.





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