

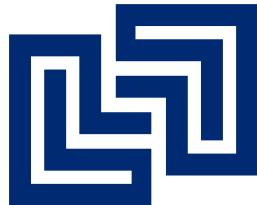


LA VISTA

COMMUNITY Guide

FALL/WINTER 2023





See what's new

There are so many new things to see and do in La Vista this fall and winter. This is your guide to the new events, programs and activities (and the new twists on your favorite La Vista traditions) happening this upcoming season.

Use this Community Guide to learn about family-friendly events, recreation classes and sports, Library activities, holiday celebrations and more. If you look closely, we think you'll see there are plenty of opportunities to have fun and make new memories in La Vista.

Love, La Vista

YOUR GUIDE TO LA VISTA

Contents

4 GENERAL INFORMATION

- Elected Officials
- City Departments and Hours
- Policies
- City Services & Contacts
- Public Facilities Map
- Park Amenities

10 EVENTS

- Fun Run, Fall Festival, Events & More
- Halloween Events
- Community Pancake Feed
- 'Twas the Lights Celebration

15 RECREATION

- Facilities & Fields
- Youth Classes & Sports
- Teen & Adult Classes
- Adult Sports

29 SENIORS

- Senior Center Activities
- Transportation Services
- Senior Center Events

34 LIBRARY

- Information
- Makerspace
- Staff Book Picks
- All Ages Special Events
- Family, Teen, Tween, Adult Programs
- Book Clubs
- Christmas at the Library

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



YouTube.com/CityofLaVista

#LoveLaVista

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor



Douglas Kindig
DKindig@CityofLaVista.org

City Council Ward 1



Kim Thomas
City Council President
KThomas@CityofLaVista.org



Terrilyn Quick
TQuick@CityofLaVista.org

City Council Ward 2



Ron Sheehan
RSheehan@CityofLaVista.org



Kelly Sell
KSell@CityofLaVista.org

City Council Ward 3



Alan Ronan
ARonan@CityofLaVista.org



Deb Hale
DHale@CityofLaVista.org

City Council Ward 4

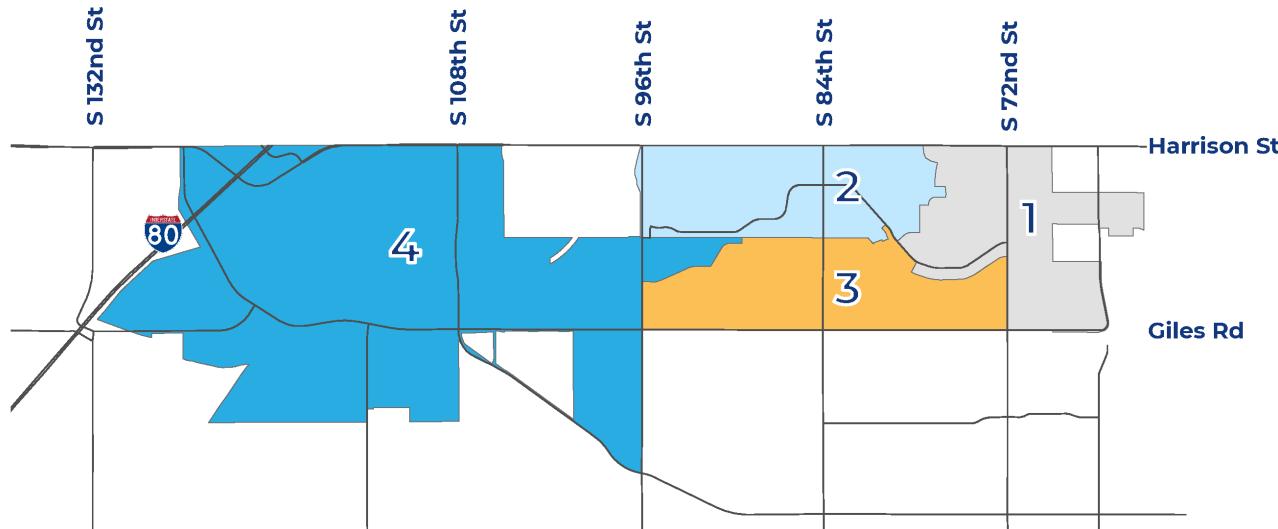


Jim Frederick
JFrederick@CityofLaVista.org



Kevin Wetuski
KWetuski@CityofLaVista.org

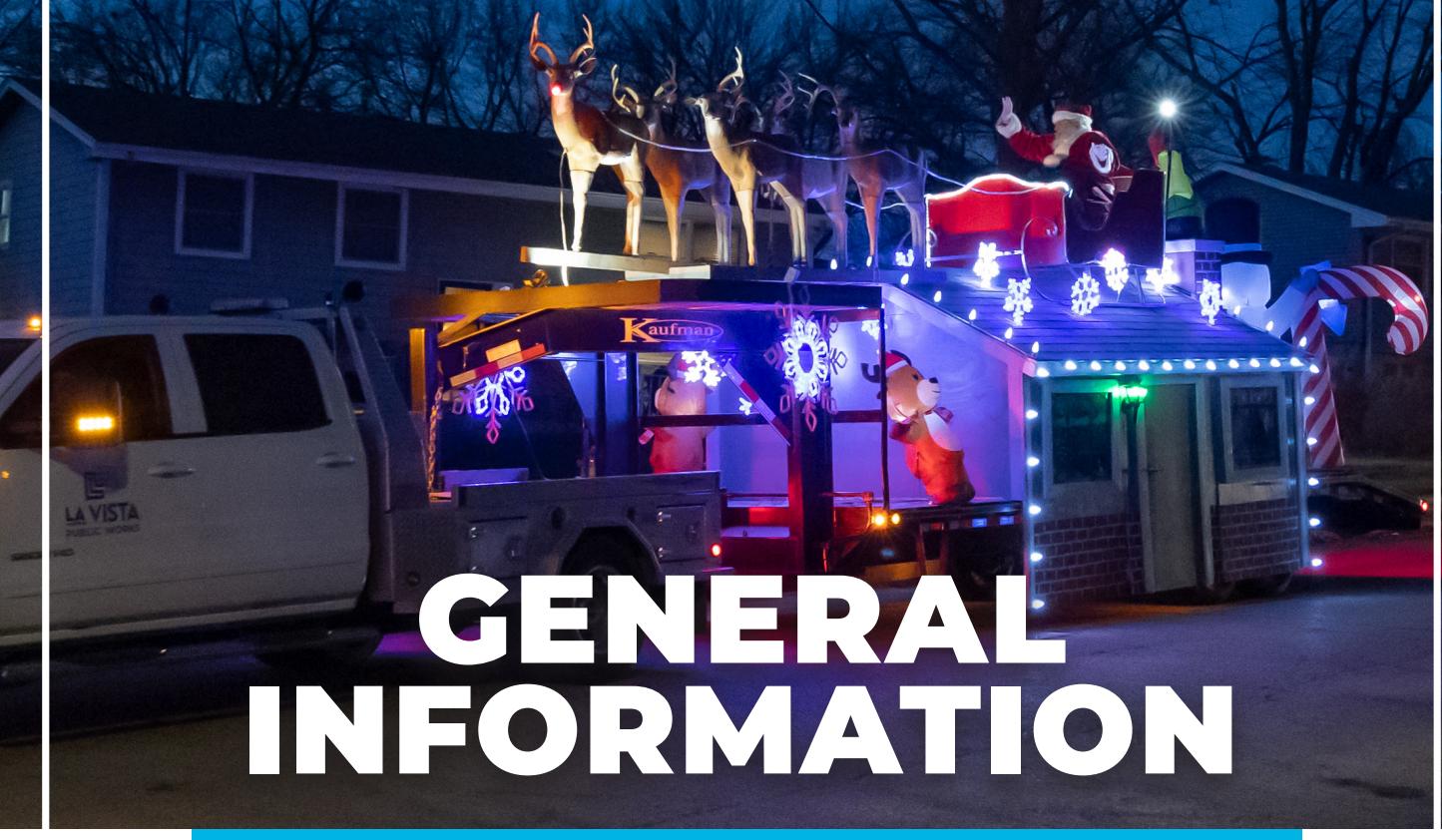
City Council Ward Map



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 after 4 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting. City Council Ward Maps can be found at 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

8110 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.
Sunday (September–April): 1 - 9 p.m.

HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES & CLOSURES

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

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



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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

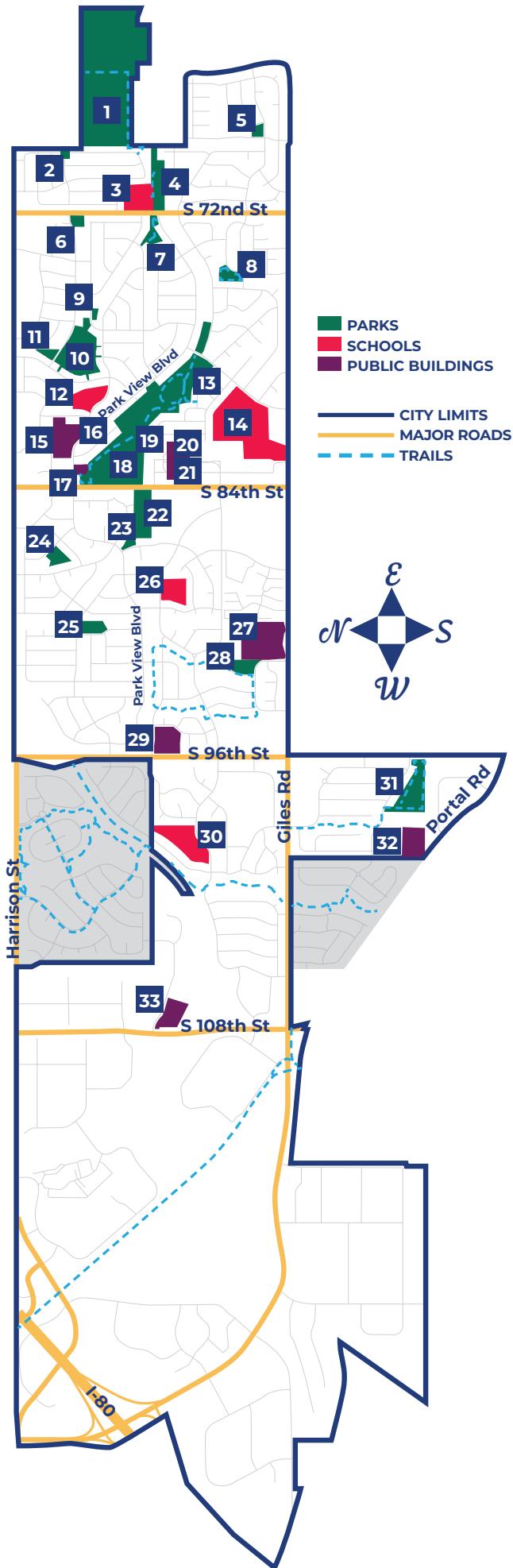


PUBLIC FACILITIES

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 St.
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**.



PARK AMENITIES

PARK	AMENITY	BASEBALL FIELD	BASKETBALL COURT	BENCHES	COMMUNITY GARDEN	CONCESSIONS	DOG PARK	ELECTRICITY	FOOTBALL FIELD	GAGA BALL PIT	GAZEBO	GREEN SPACE	HORSESHOE PIT	OFF-STREET PARKING	LAKE	LITTLE LIBRARY	PICKLE BALL COURT	PICNIC TABLES	PICNIC SHELTER	PLAYGROUND	PLAYGROUND SOFT SURFACE	POOL	REMOTE AIRPLANE FLYING FIELD	RESTROOMS	SAND VOLLEYBALL COURT	SOCCER FIELD	SOFTBALL FIELD	TENNIS COURT	TRAILS/WALKING PATHS	WATER FOUNTAIN
APOLLO PARK 7206 PARK VIEW BLVD.																														
ARDMORE PARK 6830 MICHELLE AVE.																														
CAMENZIND PARK 7120 WOOD LANE DR.																														
CENTRAL PARK 8305 PARK VIEW BLVD.																														
CENTRAL PARK EAST 7702 EDGEWOOD BLVD.																														
CENTRAL PARK WEST 7601 S. 85TH ST.																														
CHILDREN'S PARK 72ND AND JOSEPHINE ST.																														
CITY PARK 7629 JOSEPHINE ST.																														
EBERLE-WALDEN PARK 7215 S. 69TH ST.																														
GILES CORNER PARK 7514 MICHELLE AVE.																														
HOLLIS PARK 7525 JOSEPH AVE.																														
JAYCEE PARK 7105 HARVEST HILLS DR.																														
MAYOR'S PARK 7651 S. 72ND ST.																														
SOUTHWIND PARK 8120 S. 92ND ST.																														
SPORTS COMPLEX 7346 S. 66TH ST.																														
SWIMMING POOL 7529 S. 85TH ST.																														
TRIANGLE PARK 7636 JOSEPHINE ST.																														
VAL VERDE PARK 9807 CENTENNIAL RD.																														



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.

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

Visit CityofLaVista.org/Volunteer
and sign up.



Change your views on work.

Are you ready for a new perspective on work?
Come experience La Vista from our point of view.



NOW HIRING
| Full-Time Positions
| Part-Time Positions
| Seasonal Positions

See open positions and apply at CityofLaVista.org/Employment.





FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS



Wear a costume and run the new trails in Central Park



LA VISTA LOOP: 2K FUN RUN

Saturday, September 16, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Central Park (8305 Park View Blvd.) Cost: Free

Run or walk the new trails in Central Park and have fun doing it! Costumes are encouraged and prizes will be awarded for the winners in these divisions: Youth (12 and under), Teen (13-19), Adult (20+), Group and Best in Show.

Along the trail there will be fun activities and challenges.

After the run, stay for a community group photo and prizes for the best costumes. Santiago's food truck will be on hand selling provisions for a post-run lunch.

And wait, there's more! The City Centre Starbucks is providing free coffee to help support a La Vista Gives donation drive for the NeighborGood Community Pantry. Please consider bringing a cash, toiletry or food donation to support the non-profit's mission.

Check-in for the race will be at the Central Park clubhouse. Parking is available on site, at City Hall and in the City Centre parking garages. Online pre-registration by September 10 is required to be entered in the costume contest.

Registration and info at CityofLaVista.org/LaVistaLoop.



FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, October 8, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

8110 Park View Blvd. Cost: Free

The Fire Department will host an open house in La Vista, offering members of the community a chance to meet the department's new Fire Chief, tour the station, chat with local firefighters, climb inside vehicles and enjoy a snack. For more information, call **402.339.8617**.

FALL KITE FESTIVAL Sunday, October 8, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

La Vista Soccer Complex (7346 S. 66th St.) Cost: Free

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 ENTRY!

LA VISTA FALL FEST

Saturday, October 14

*La Vista City Centre &
The Astro Amphitheater*

3 p.m. Main Street Block Party
7 p.m. Movie at The Astro Amphitheater
(Guardians of the Galaxy 3)

Gates open for the movie at 6 p.m.

Movie location and time subject to change

BEER GARDEN • YARD GAMES • OUTDOOR MOVIE • FALL FARE

Get ready for fall family fun in the new downtown heart of La Vista!

Join us at Fall Fest this October to celebrate the opening of the City Centre development that includes a new public pavillion area, the music venue and a new restaurant.

Main Street will be closed to traffic to make room for a beer garden, yard games, local food and fall-themed activities for all ages.

Fun continues into the evening with fire pits and a movie in the outdoor amphitheater. We'll be showing Guardians of the Galaxy 3 on the big screen and

serving up free popcorn while supplies last.

Bring your own blankets and chairs for the movie. Food and beverages available for purchase at concessions. No outside food/beverages allowed.

Call 402.331.3455 for more info.



FALL CLEANUP DAYS

October 16-22, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Papillion Public Works Facility
(99th Circle & Portal Road)

Cost: Free

The Public Works Department will co-host a fall cleanup event with the City of Papillion this October. This joint event will be located on the south side of Portal Road, just east of the Papillion Public Works Facility.

The event is open to Papillion and La Vista residents only. For more info, visit CityofLaVista.org/CleanUpDays.



LET'S EAT, LA VISTA!

Community Pancake Feed

Saturday, October 21, 9-11 a.m.

La Vista Community Center
(8116 Park View Blvd.)

Cost: Free

Have you heard of the online "Let's Talk" forums? We're moving the conversation offline and adding free food! Join us at the Community Center for a free pancake breakfast. The Pancake Man will be serving up flapjacks, and Mayor Kindig and members of the La Vista City Council will be available to answer questions and discuss what's happening around La Vista. Come chat with elected officials and fill up on good food and conversation.

Class instructors from the Community Center and staff from the Recreation Department will also be on hand to answer questions and share information about programs at the Community Center.

Library staff will also be there sharing information about offerings at the La Vista Public Library.

More info at
CityofLaVista.org/2023Events



HOWL-O-WEEN

Thursday, October 19, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Dog Park at Southwind Park
(8130 S. 92nd Ave.)

Cost: Free

Dress your dog in a Halloween costume and snap a photo with our fall-themed backdrop. Stop by the City booth to enjoy a locally baked dog treat from Long Dog Fat Cat and giveaways for your dog.

Treat yourself, too! Jo-on-the-Go will be providing free hot beverages and smoothies.



HALLOWEEN SAFE NIGHT

Tuesday, October 31, 5 p.m. until dusk

La Vista Community Center
(8116 Park View Blvd.)

Cost: Free

Our annual trick-or-treating tradition continues! Outside the Community Center, enjoy hayrack rides, hot cocoa from the Police Department and incredible photo backdrops made by La Vista's Public Works staff.

Indoors, you'll find the familiar free hot dogs from local sponsors and treats galore at decorated booths hosted by City departments and community partners.

A few new surprises await that will make this Halloween one to remember! So, turn your night into twice the fun—come on down and join us until sundown before returning to your own neighborhood!

NEW!

One-Night Event!



SANTA'S SLEIGH RIDE & TREE LIGHTING

Sunday, November 26, 3-7:30 p.m.

Across City streets/Central Park/Santa's Workshop (8305 Park View Blvd.)

Santa Claus is coming to town! Santa and his entourage will arrive in La Vista and travel through the City before stopping in Central Park to light the tree, lead a singalong and take a group selfie with the community.

- 3 p.m.** Santa's Sleigh Ride (across City streets)
- 5:30 p.m.** Santa's Workshop opens (free cookies, cocoa & glow necklaces; caroling & reindeer)
- 6:45 p.m.** Santa arrives (via sleigh through Central Park trails to Santa's Workshop)
- 7 p.m.** Lighting of the tree and Santa's Workshop (at Central Park)
- 7:05 p.m.** Song & Selfie with Santa (singalong and a group picture with Santa; no individual Santa photos)
- 7:30 P.M.** Santa's Workshop closes

LETTERS TO SANTA

November 26-December 14

Santa's Workshop outdoor mailbox (8305 Park View Blvd.) and La Vista Public Library (9110 Giles Rd.)



Have you been good this year? Tell it to the big man himself! Write a Christmas letter to Santa this holiday season and send it off to the North Pole! You can ask Santa questions, tell him a story, draw him a picture and, of course, tell him what you want for Christmas! Drop your letters in the special mailbox at Santa's Workshop or at the Library. Be sure to include your name and return address so Santa knows where to send his reply. **Drop off your letter by December 14** to receive a reply by Christmas!

WALKIN' IN LA VISTA WONDERLAND

November 26-December 31

Central Park (near Santa's Workshop)



Walk through the Winter Wonderland in the park, see the lights and take photos with fun holiday cutouts!



LA VISTA

'TWAS THE LIGHTS

Here's a list of the fun holiday events in La Vista. Check it twice.

VISIT SANTA AND HIS REINDEER AT SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Friday, December 1: 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 9: 8-10 a.m. (**No reindeer**)

Tuesday, December 12: 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 15: 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Central Park/Santa's Workshop (8305 Park View Blvd.)



You're invited to visit Santa and the reindeer at his workshop in La Vista this holiday season! See the reindeer, walk through the La Vista Wonderland in Central Park, enjoy some cookies and then enter Santa's magical workshop—where you can enjoy crafts while you wait to see Santa! There will be lots of photo opportunities inside the workshop and outside in the park.



Note: It's possible the Workshop will be at capacity when you arrive, so please come prepared to wait outdoors for a time before entering the building.

SANTA PAWS

Saturday, December 2, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Santa's Workshop (8305 Park View Blvd.)

Get a pet photo with Santa! Bring your dog (or dogs) to Santa's Workshop for a free professional portrait. Bring a pet food donation for the La Vista Gives collection to benefit the NeighborGood Community Pantry.





RECREATION



**Heather Buller,
Recreation Director**

Heather Buller recently joined the City of La Vista as our new Recreation Director.

Heather brings more than 13 years of experience in the Parks and Recreation industry to the La Vista Recreation Department. She began her career in Parks and Recreation with the City of Harker Heights, Texas in 2009.

Heather has a strong passion for recreation and leisure programming and services. **She is excited to use her background in events, athletics, aquatics and park planning to further enrich La Vista's recreation offerings.**

Heather is originally from Illinois, although she did grow up all over the world as her father served in the Air Force. She graduated from the University of Nebraska - Lincoln with a degree in Hospitality, Restaurant and Tourism Management.

Watch for more from Heather in the future, and say "hello" if you see her at the Community Center.

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
Recreation@CityofLaVista.org



@CityofLaVista



@CityofLaVistaGovernment

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.
Adults only (Monday-Friday): 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Youth 8-18 (Monday-Friday): 3-9 p.m.
Youth 8-18 (Monday-Friday on scheduled school days off) 1:30-9 p.m.

Does not include days off for inclement weather.

FACILITIES

DROP-IN FEES

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

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

COMMUNITY CENTER

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 fitness center, basketball

court, racquetball/wallyball

OPEN GYM

Shoot hoops, run off some energy or take a relaxing walk around the basketball court. Grab the kids or bring a friend and enjoy! Due to daily activities on the basketball courts, please call **402.331.3455** before you arrive to ensure the courts are available.

INDOOR WALKING CLUB

Weekdays, 8-9 a.m.

The Community Center is open for all La Vista residents and seniors in the surrounding areas for walking. There may be other activities happening in the gym during this hour, but walking is still allowed most days.

Cost: Free

Age: Adults 19+



RACQUETBALL/WALLYBALL

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

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.

Cost: \$40/field for 2 hours

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: Field requests for the following year begin October of the current year.*

For more information, visit 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

Play this fast-growing sport right here in La Vista. Pickleball is played on a court with the same dimensions as badminton and combines elements of tennis and ping-pong. It can be played both indoors and outdoors with a paddle and a plastic ball with holes. The game can be played as doubles or singles and is a sport accessible to all ages and skill levels.

INDOOR COURTS

There are two pickleball courts in the Community Center. We recommend bringing your own equipment, but a limited number of paddles and balls are available for checkout at the front desk. Please call for times, availability and fees, or visit CityofLaVista.org/Recreation.

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. (These courts are only available April-October.)

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 March 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

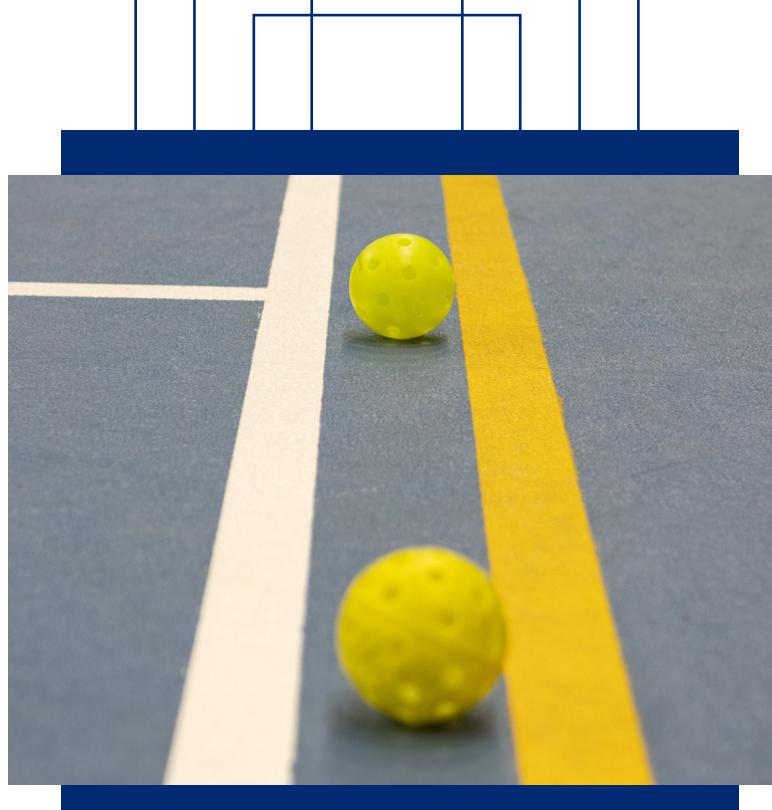
Jaycee Park
7323 Harvest Hills Drive

4'x12' plots

Returning 2023 gardeners have until January 31, 2024, to renew their plot for the 2024 season. Remaining plots are open to new gardeners from La Vista on February 1, 2024.

Contact the Community Center at **402.331.3455** for more information or to reserve a garden plot.

Cost: \$20



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.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES & PROGRAMS

at the Community Center

AGES PRESCHOOL-12

Unless listed otherwise



PRESCHOOL PLAY TIME

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

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.

Cost: Free

Ages: Preschool (with Adult)

FIT-4-MOM STROLLER STRIDES®

Classes start in early November; Day/Time: TBA

Stroller Strides® is a functional full-body conditioning workout designed for moms with kids in tow. Each 60-minute workout is comprised of strength training, cardio and core restoration, all while entertaining the little ones with songs, activities and fun! Each Stroller Strides instructor is skilled to meet you where you are mentally and physically. You'll leave class feeling connected, successful, and energized! No more mama guilt! This class is all about self-care in a supportive and encouraging environment.

For more information and to register, contact Fit4Mom Instructor Kiley Mischnick at **402.577.0111** or omahasouth@fit4mom.com.

Cost: First class is free. Memberships available, contact instructor for price.

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.

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.

KINDERDANCE

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Kinderdance of Omaha offers age-appropriate developmental dance, gymnastics, music and fitness programs, blended with academics, specifically designed for young children. Classes teach the basics of ballet, tap acrobatics and creative movement while children learn numbers, colors, shapes, words, and songs. Class registration is available online at kinderdanceomaha.com.

For more information, contact Tiffany Banks at **531.281.9306** or kinderdanceofomaha@gmail.com.

Cost: Contact Instructor

Age: 3-5

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.

For more information, contact Matt at matthewziegler907@gmail.com or **402.680.2937**.

Ages: 8+

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



PLAY-4-FITNESS

The La Vista Recreation Department and the La Vista Public Library are teaming up to offer a new program called Play-4-Fitness that encourages children to be active and have fun. Activity dates/times/locations change each month.

All Play-4-Fitness activities are free and some require advanced registration.

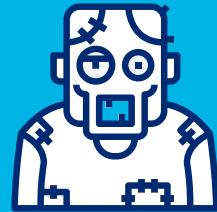


PLAY-4-FITNESS: NATIONAL "TALK LIKE A PIRATE" DAY

Tuesday, September 19, 4 p.m.
Southwind Park by the Playground
Ages: 6-12 Cost: Free
Compete in the Walk the Plank fitness challenge.

PLAY-4-FITNESS: ZOMBIE CHALLENGE

Friday, October 27, 5:30-6:45 p.m.
La Vista Community Center
Ages: 8-12 Cost: Free
Try to outrun the zombies on the challenge course. Call **402.331.3455** to reserve a spot.



PLAY-4-FITNESS: BIG KID PARACHUTE DAY

Wednesday, November 1, 3:30 p.m.
La Vista Public Library
Ages: 4-8 Cost: Free
Have fun playing games with the parachute.



PLAY-4-FITNESS: SANTA'S WORKSHOP PUTT-PUTT

(Registration Required)
Thursday, December 7,
3:30-5 p.m., Santa's Workshop
Ages: 8-12 Cost: Free
Show your putting skills in this holiday challenge. Call **402.331.3455** to reserve a spot.



PLAY-4-FITNESS: NEW YEAR'S FITNESS CHALLENGE

Thursday, January 4, 4-5 p.m.
La Vista Community Center
Ages: 8-12 Cost: Free
Come play black light 9 Square in the Air.

PLAY-4-FITNESS: FEBRUARY HEART FITNESS CHALLENGE

Thursday, February 1, 4-5 p.m.
La Vista Public Library
Ages: 8-12 Cost: Free

YOUTH SPORTS



BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE JANUARY-MARCH

Early-Bird Registration Deadline: November 16

Final Registration Deadline: November 27 (or until leagues are full)

Register online at CityofLaVista.org/Active.

The emphasis of the La Vista Youth Basketball League will be learning new skills, improving current basketball skills, techniques, teamwork, sportsmanship and fun. We offer youth basketball for boys and girls in grades 3rd-8th (players are separated into 3rd/4th, 5th/6th & 7th/8th grade divisions).

AGE	COST	
	EARLY-BIRD OCT 1-NOV 16	FINAL NOV 17-27
Boys and Girls currently in 3rd-8th grade	Resident: \$55 Non-resident: \$65	Resident: \$65 Non-resident: \$75

Our teams participate with the Sarpy Community YMCA and games are typically played on Saturdays/Sundays at several locations in the La Vista/Papillion area. This is a "recreational" league and players are not allowed to play in this league if they participate on a "select" or "competitive" team. 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.

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED!

Please consider volunteering your time to coach.

Practices will tentatively begin the week of January 1, 2024. Practices are held at coach's discretion 1-2 times per week on Sunday-Friday evenings with no practices on Wednesdays. Game days and locations may vary. Games will begin in late January and end in March. Start/end date is subject to change.

COED BASKETBALL CLINIC

JANUARY 6-FEBRUARY 3, Saturdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Early-Bird Registration Deadline: December 11 • Final Registration Deadline: December 27

Register online at CityofLaVista.org/Active.

The La Vista Recreation Department offers a coed youth basketball clinic for 1st and 2nd grade boys and girls. Participants will learn the basic skills of dribbling, passing, shooting, teamwork and sportsmanship, all while having fun!

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

The basketball clinic is comprised of 5 one-hour sessions to be held on Saturday mornings from 8:30- 9:30 a.m. at the La Vista Community Center. Start/end date is subject to change.

AGE	COST	
	EARLY-BIRD OCT 1-DEC 11	FINAL DEC 12-DEC 27
Boys and Girls currently in 1st-2nd grade	Resident: \$17 Non-resident: \$22	Resident: \$27 Non-resident: \$32



BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER ACADEMY & LEAGUE

APRIL 9-MAY 11

Early-Bird Registration Deadline: March 4
Final Registration Deadline: March 25

Register online at CityofLaVista.org/Active.

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.

ACADEMY	AGE	DATES	COST	
			EARLY-BIRD JAN 2-MAR 4	FINAL MAR 5-25
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
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

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

ACADEMY (Ages 4-5)

The La Vista Recreation Department and Metro Wolves Soccer Club have partnered together to run this academy, which will deliver a fun soccer environment for boys and girls. The goal of the Youth Soccer Academy is to introduce young players and their families to soccer and have 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 enable them to utilize 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

APRIL 6-MAY 4

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

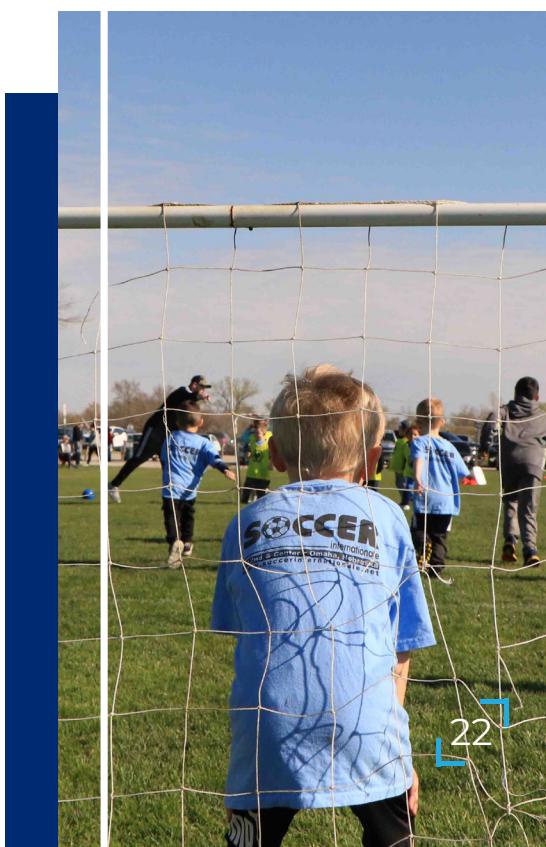
Early-Bird Registration Deadline: March 4
Final Registration Deadline: March 25

Register online at CityofLaVista.org/Active.

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	COST	
	EARLY-BIRD JAN 2-MAR 4	FINAL MAR 5-25
3 (as of April 1)	Resident: \$17 Non-resident: \$22	Resident: \$27 Non-resident: \$32



SPRING BOYS AND GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL

APRIL 20-JUNE 15

*Early-Bird Registration Deadline: February 19
Final Registration Deadline: March 4*

Register online at 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.

AGE	COST	
	EARLY-BIRD JAN 2-FEB 19	FINAL FEB 20-MAR 4
Boys & Girls PreK-6 as of spring 2024 (Min. age is 4)	Resident: \$33 Non-resident: \$53	Resident: \$43 Non-resident: \$63

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.

BASEBALL

SEASON BEGINS IN APRIL

*Early-Bird Registration Deadline: February 19
Final Registration Deadline: March 6*

Register online at 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.



LEAGUE	AGE (as of April 1)	COST	
		EARLY-BIRD JAN 2-FEB 19	FINAL FEB 20-MAR 6
YEARLING/COACH PITCH LEAGUE	7-8	Resident: \$50 Non-resident: \$65	Resident: \$60 Non-resident: \$75
MUSTANG LEAGUE	9-10	Resident: \$65 Non-resident: \$85	Resident: \$75 Non-resident: \$95
BRONCO LEAGUE	11-12	Resident: \$75 Non-resident: \$105	Resident: \$85 Non-resident: \$115
PONY LEAGUE	13-14	Resident: \$85 Non-resident: \$105	Resident: \$95 Non-resident: \$115

SOFTBALL SEASON BEGINS IN APRIL

Early-Bird Registration Deadline: February 19
Final Registration Deadline: March 6

Register online at 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.

REGISTER ONLINE!

Register and pay online for youth sports programs at CityofLaVista.org/Active.

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 JAN 1)	COST	
		EARLY-BIRD JAN 2-FEB 19	FINAL FEB 20-MAR 6
PINTO/COACH PITCH LEAGUE	7-8	Resident: \$50 Non-resident: \$65	Resident: \$60 Non-resident: \$75
MUSTANG LEAGUE	9-10	Resident: \$65 Non-resident: \$85	Resident: \$75 Non-resident: \$95
BRONCO LEAGUE	11-12	Resident: \$75 Non-resident: \$105	Resident: \$85 Non-resident: \$115
JR./SR. LEAGUE	13-18	Resident: \$110 Non-resident: \$140	Resident: \$120 Non-resident: \$150

COED T-BALL JUNE 8-JULY 13

Early-Bird Registration Deadline: April 8
Final Registration Deadline: April 22

Register online at 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.

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.

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



At Your Service

Meet Sue Tangeman, Recreation Department Administrative Assistant II

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

Sue: As of September 2023, I have been at the City for 24 years.

Describe your role and some of the things you do on a daily basis.

Sue: I provide administrative support in the Recreation Department including but not limited to customer service, scheduling rentals and events at the Community Center and parks, scheduling for the Special Services Bus, entering data, handling revenue/posting daily, reporting, maintaining office supplies and equipment; aid in training new staff for the Recreation Department, Pool, Special Services Bus, and assisting them as needed; communication between customers, staff and management; responsible for our online registration program and the maintenance of the Recreation Department's part of the City's website.

What is your favorite part of your job?

Sue: The customers, of course, and my co-workers, many of whom I have worked with for many years.

How is the Recreation Department/Community Center important to community?

Sue: I believe that we enhance the quality of life by providing programs for little or no cost. Social programs, fitness, education, and sports. Plus, the Community Center provides a safe, healthy space for our youth and families to enjoy.

What is something you wish more people knew about the Recreation Department?

Sue: I have been really surprised over the years that so many people don't know the Community Center exists! We are not just the Recreation Department for kid's sports, we provide so much more, which is outlined in every quarterly newsletter and now the Community Guide. But we continually have people call and say they just found out we have a Community Center.

What are your favorite programs or activities offered by the Recreation Department?

Sue: I think the Senior Center is probably my favorite part, as it not only provides inexpensive meals for seniors in the metro area, but also provides a place for them to make friends, have fun, and be able to get out and have a social life. It is so important for our older generation to have that.

What is something about the Recreation Department the community might not know?

Sue: They may not know about the wide variety of programs and activities we actually have here at the Community Center.

What do you enjoy doing outside of work?

Sue: Family time with my kids and grandkids is really important to me. Plus, I like to read, play cards, and watch Netflix!

What do you love about La Vista?

Sue: I grew up in La Vista and I've lived here since the age of 4, so I have seen so many changes here. But, although it is really growing, La Vista still has that laid-back, close-knit feel to me, and I think it always will. It is home.

TEEN & ADULT CLASSES & PROGRAMS

at the Community Center

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.

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 Edna Bonney at **402.426.4626** or Lois Andres at **402.315.7280**.

Cost: Free **Age:** All ages

MORNING INDOOR WALKING

Monday-Friday, 8-9 a.m.

The Community Center gym is open to all La Vista residents and seniors in the surrounding areas. Walking may be available beyond the scheduled times based on activity schedules.

Cost: Free **Age:** 19+

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.

Cost: \$20/month **Age:** All ages

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Saturdays, 10-11 a.m.

For more information, contact Matt at matthewziegler907@gmail.com or **402.680.2937**.

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, contact Frank at frankpferrante@gmail.com.

Cost: \$7/class **Age:** All ages

TEEN SPORTS

For information on teen sports leagues, see pages 23 and 24 of this guide.

Dancing

BALLROOM DANCE

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

For more information, contact Terry Vargas at **402.639.2209**.

BELLY DANCING

Mondays & Tuesdays

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

Please reserve your spot with Elianae on her website at accelerationbellydancefitness.com, call **402.370.9021** or email Elianae 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.

Jingle Bell Raq

Belly Dance Recital and Community Gathering

Saturday, December 9

10 a.m.-5 p.m.

This annual recital is a chance for students at the La Vista Community Center to shine, and for the local community to get to participate in a belly dancing workshop/afternoon show.

All performers in the recital must register for the workshop.

If you would like a performance slot, please email Elianae at elianaethebellydancer@gmail.com.

WORKSHOP

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Belly dance workshop with Rahil from Kansas City. All performers in the recital/hafla (party) must attend the workshop to perform in the show.

Cost: \$35 (before Nov. 1)
\$40 (after Nov. 1)

Includes recital admission.

RECITAL

2-5 p.m.

Come watch our beautiful students and the local community dance!

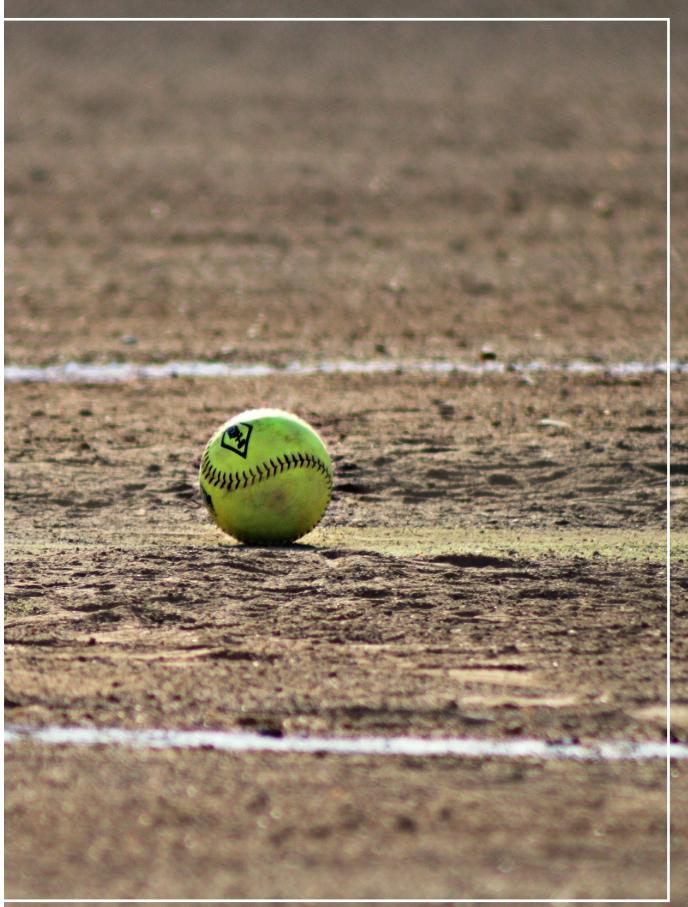
Cost: \$10 per person, kids 5 & under are free with paid adult admission.

Workshop attendees get in free with workshop registration.

ADULT SPORTS

REGISTER ONLINE!

Register and pay online for sports programs at CityofLaVista.org/Active.



OVER 35 ADULT DROP-IN BASKETBALL

Wednesdays & Fridays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Community Center

Cost: Residents—\$3, Non-residents—\$4
Age: 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: Tuesdays or Friday evenings

Age: 19 and up

REGISTRATION DETAILS

February 1-March 24 or until leagues are full

COST

Fall Season Team Registration:

Coed/Men—\$215 (+ 2 separate \$44 checks for forfeit deposit fees)

Umpire Fees:

Coed/Men—\$22 per team/per game, paid in cash directly to the umpires before each game.

14-week season





SENIORS

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

AGES 55+

The La Vista Senior Center, located within the Community Center, is a gathering place for an active group of adults ages 55 and older.

For more information about Senior Center programs and special events listed in this guide, see the monthly Senior Newsletter at 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 at the Senior Center, 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.

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
Bingo	Friday	1 p.m.	\$1 total for 5 games
Chair Volleyball	Wednesday, Friday	10:15-11:15 a.m.	Free
Tai Chi For Balance	Tuesday, Thursday	11-11:45 a.m.	\$1 suggested/week
Movie Showings	Every other Tuesday	1 p.m.	Free
Crafts	Monday	12:45 p.m.	Free
Drop-In Quilting	Wednesday	9-11:30 a.m.	Free
Hand & Foot (Cards)	Wednesday	1 p.m.	Free
Pitch (Cards)	Friday	1 p.m.	Free

BINGO

Fridays, 1 p.m.

Compete for prizes and bragging rights, improve your listening and hand-eye coordination and have some fun! Unless noted, there will be no bingo on days when there is a scheduled speaker or other entertainment. Please see our monthly newsletter for more details.

Cost: \$1 total for five games

CHAIR VOLLEYBALL

Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

A fun and fast-paced game played with a beach ball while sitting in a chair.

Cost: Free

COMPUTERS FOR SENIORS

The Senior Center has five laptops available for use at any time during the Community Center's normal operating hours. The laptops must be used within the Community Center. Black and white printing (up to 10 pages) is also available to our seniors.

SENIOR CRAFTS

Mondays, 12:45 p.m.

Come explore your creativity! Anyone 55+ is welcome to join in on the crafting fun! Projects vary, so check the monthly Senior Newsletter for details on upcoming crafts.

Cost: Free

30

MOVIE SHOWINGS

Every other Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Taste some fresh popcorn and have a soda all while you enjoy a classic film or newer movie at the La Vista Senior Center. Join us every other Tuesday to watch a movie on our big screen! Check the Senior Newsletter for details.

Cost: Free



DROP-IN QUILTING GROUP

Wednesdays, 9-11:30 a.m.

Come quilt with us! Anyone who is interested in quilting is welcome to join, whether already skilled with a needle or a first-time beginner. Other sewing projects are always welcome as well!

Cost: Free



TAI CHI

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11-11:45 a.m.

Tai Chi is a series of rhythmic, slow, coordinated, and gentle movements. Tai Chi means great energy, because it helps the energy to flow through your body. It strengthens your heart, lungs and circulatory system, and can improve balance, coordination, breathing, mood and calmness. This Tai Chi class is Moving for Balance Tai Chi or Tai Chi 8, with eight different movements.

Cost: Free

AFTERNOON OUTINGS

Join us for a trip to various places around the metro area. Whether it's a free trip to the zoo, grabbing a bite to eat or taking a free tour of one of the many local museums, you're sure to have a great time. Space is limited, and pre-registration is required.

A calendar of outings is shared each month in the Senior Newsletter. Registration (by phone or in person) for outings opens at 2 p.m. on the first business day of the month.

Day/Time: Varies **Cost:** Varies



SPECIAL SERVICES BUS ALL ABOARD.

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

Available Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



Whether you
need a ride
to the store...



or a lift to an
appointment...



or just a ride
across town...



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

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)

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.

*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.*

SENIOR CENTER EVENTS

SARPY COUNTY SENIOR CARNIVAL

Wednesday, October 25, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

La Vista Community Center

A fun day of carnival games and even balloon animals! From spin art to bean bags and even cotton candy, join us seniors to relive your childhood at this fantastic event. Hosted by the La Vista Senior Center and Papillion Landing 55+ Club.

Maximum 100 registrations. Lunch is provided.

Cost: \$10 (Sorry, no refunds.)

Registration due by October 18th at the
La Vista Community Center or Papillion Landing

CHRISTMAS LIGHT TOUR

Dates vary and space is limited

Join us on the La Vista/Ralston Special Services Buses for a fun night of carol singing while we view the beautiful holiday lights around the Metro. Call 402.331.3455 for dates, or look for the December Senior Newsletter. **Cost:** Free

MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Monday, December 18, 11:30 a.m.

La Vista Community Center

Main dish to be announced. If your last name starts with A-O bring a side, if your last name starts with P-Z bring a dessert. RSVP in advance. **Cost:** Free



VALENTINE'S DAY SENIOR LUNCH

Friday, February 9, Doors open at 11 a.m.,
event begins at 11:30 a.m.

Papillion Landing

Menu to be determined.

Cost: \$8 per person. Payment due at time of registration. No refunds.

Ages: All Seniors 55+ are invited.

Registration Deadline: Friday, February 2, at Papillion Landing or La Vista Senior Center front desk

LIBRARY



FROM THE DIRECTOR



When was the last time you visited the Library? Did you notice the equipment to the immediate left as you walked in? That is the Library's creative space, also known as a "makerspace". It's a place where you can create on the 3D printer or laser cutter, craft a project using the sewing machine or use the button maker to transform your favorite photo into wearable art. Various kits are available to create or just play. Want to try out the heat press or mug press to create your own design for yourself or to gift? Staff are available to guide you through your training. Feel free to call and set up a time and you'll be on your way! See page 37 for more info about this space.

The Library's cookbook collection is ever-changing—take a look and find a new recipe before your next get-together. You're also welcome to stop in and browse the large print or biography section. September is Library Card Sign Up Month, but you can sign up at any time! We hope to see you soon.

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.



LA VISTA PUBLIC LIBRARY

9110 Giles Road, La Vista, NE 68128
402.537.3900 | 531.622.3900 (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.



LIBRARY LOAN INFORMATION

ITEMS	LOAN PERIOD	OVERDUE FEE
Books	3 weeks	5¢ per day
Adult New Books	2 weeks	5¢ per day
Audio Books	2 weeks	10¢ per day
CDs	2 weeks	\$1 per day
DVDs	7 days	\$1 per day
Playaways	3 weeks	\$1 per day
Board Games	3 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 City 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 in a La Vista Public School, a current student or staff of Metropolitan Community College may apply for a library card at no charge. Non-residents (those living in a Sanitary Improvement District (SID) or outside the city limits) may obtain a membership by paying a fee as set forth in the City's Master Fee Ordinance.

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 at least 18 years old, and they must 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 from the library membership may not be shared through Gabbie.

DIGITAL RESOURCES

The La Vista Public Library offers databases, electronic books, magazines, streaming media and music that can be accessed from any computer with an Internet connection. The ability to access information for those databases 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 Library resources available to the community besides books and computers.

CAKE PAN COLLECTION

Planning a party? Need a special cake to celebrate? We've got you covered! The Library's Cake Pan Collection includes popular characters such as Mickey Mouse, Santa, Big Bird, Barbie and Fred Flintstone. We also have shapes such as a pumpkin, heart, tractor and hot air balloon. If you're looking for a more traditional cake, we have 9 x 13-inch cake pans, mini pans and bundt pans. All cake pans can be checked out for seven days at a time. Pans must be returned inside the Library and in clean condition.



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, 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.

ONYX MAGNIFIERS

Providing visual aid to all.

Reading and studying are more convenient with the Library's new 20" ONYX Deskset HD CCTV (electronic video magnifier). The ONYX Deskset HD lets you read what you want, whether it's across the room or at your desk. The flexible camera provides document reading, distance viewing and self-viewing modes with versatile controls. It is user-friendly and a great tool to assist those that are low vision, blind or have learning disabilities. Thank you to the Nebraska Library Commission and the Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired (NCBVI) for this amazing magnifier that can be used in the Library.



BOARD GAMES

Get your game on at the Library.

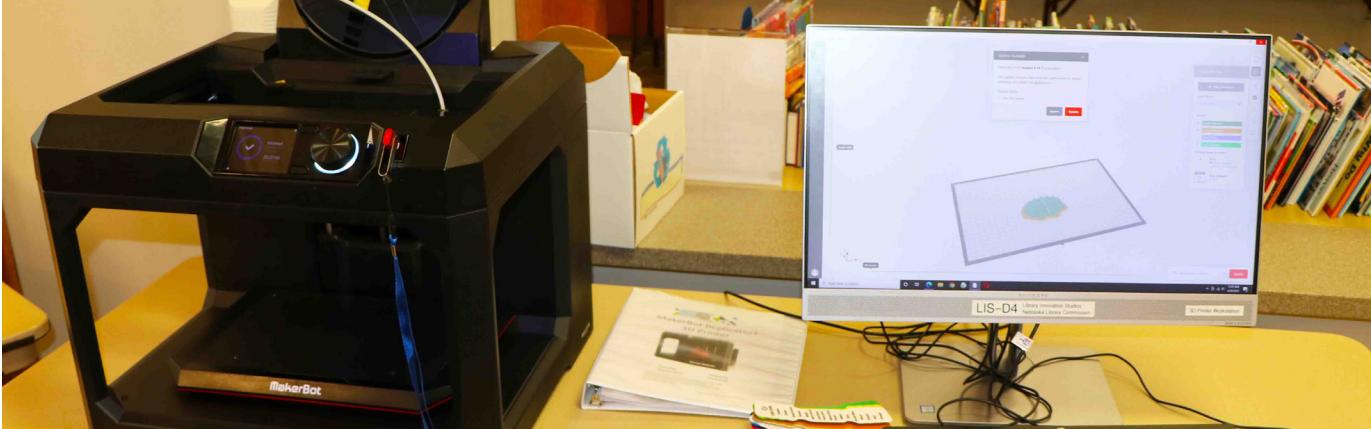
Wanna play a game or two? You're in luck, because the Library has dozens of board games for families. Challenge your friends to a game of Scrabble, Ticket to Ride, Monopoly or maybe Operation! We hope this will allow families and friends a chance to have a good time together and build relationships.

Board games can be checked out for three weeks and renewed. Borrowers are responsible for returning the game with all its pieces and accessories. Please note that board games must be returned inside the Library. A \$5 fee will be charged if a game is returned in the drop box.

If you have board games at home your family no longer uses, the Library welcomes donations. Games in good shape with all the game pieces included are preferred.

ZOO PASSES

The La Vista Public Library and Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium are partnering to provide free zoo passes to current cardholders! The Library has been given access to 50 zoo passes every two months, from October 2023 - May 2024. Each zoo pass can be used one time during the two-month period and will admit up to two adults and six children. Library members must present their library card and pass to zoo staff at the front entry point. Zoo passes are available with any active membership in good standing and must be picked up in person.



MAKERSPACE

A makerspace is a place dedicated to creating, individual thinking and open-ended learning. Community members use a variety of tools, various art supplies and building materials to create. This is a hands-on discovery area.

Appointments must be made at least 30 minutes in advance.

Equipment available includes:

3D Printer By Appointment Only

The Library owns a MakerBot Replicator + 3D Printer for use by staff and the public who have been trained to print items in PLA filament. Before being permitted to use the printer on their own, users must undergo training and meet general safety guidelines as well as fill out the 3D Printer Usage Agreement form. Makers ages 12-15 may use the 3D printer with non-staff direct adult supervision, and those over the age of 16 can use the 3D printer unsupervised. You must use the Library's filament. Prints cost 10¢ per gram of PLA filament.

Tinker Boxes

A tinker box is simply a box filled with a variety of supplies that encourages users to free build, create, and problem solve with little to no guidance. All supplies are in each box and can be played with at the library.

AccuCut Die-Cutting Machine & Dies

A hand-operated machine combined with a steel-rule die allows users to cut through anything that can be cut with scissors. Bring your own paper and use our machine and dies to create different patterns.

Button Maker By Appointment Only

Create your own button to show off your favorite character, advertise your business, use as party favors or promote a campaign. Makers must use the Library's button pieces to make buttons. Fees apply when creating buttons.

Lamination Machine

By Appointment Only

The Library has a laminating machine available for your laminating needs. Fees apply when laminating. The laminator takes 30 minutes to heat up, Library staff will pre-heat the machine before your scheduled appointment. Laminating will be done by Library staff.

Laser Cutter By Appointment Only

The Library owns a Universal Laser System for use by staff and the public who have been trained on all aspects of the equipment. Before being permitted to use the laser cutter on their own, users must undergo training and meet general safety guidelines as well as fill out the Laser Cutter Usage Agreement form. Makers ages 12-17 may use the laser cutter with non-staff direct adult supervision, and anyone over the age of 18 can use the laser cutter unsupervised. Cost varies and depends on consumables purchased from the Library. Makers may bring their own consumables, but they must meet the guidelines of the laser cutter and be preapproved by Library staff before using.

Heat & Mug Press By Appointment Only

A Heat Press and Mug Press is available for users who have been trained to use the equipment. Members of the public ages 18 and over and users 12-17 with adult supervision may use these machines. The Library has a collection of consumables to purchase, however if you wish to bring in your own supplies, they will need to be approved by staff. The Library has sublimation paper for \$1.00/sheet to use on the sublimation printer. Shirts need to be at least 65% polyester.

Sewing Machine By Appointment Only

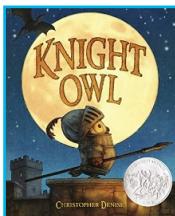
The La Vista Public Library has a sewing machine available for users 16 and older and 12-15 with adult supervision. Users must complete a training session with staff and bring in all supplies needed for their project. The Library will supply an iron and ironing board.

Other Supplies and Tools

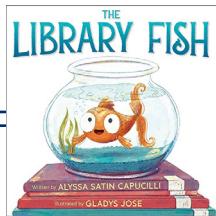
In addition to the big makerspace tools, the Library offers a variety of smaller tools, too. These include stencils, rubber stamps, crinkle cut scissors, paper hole punchers and more! Neither paper nor ink will be provided.

STAFF FALL BOOK PICKS

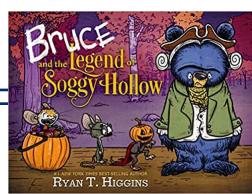
CHILDREN



Knight Owl
by Christopher Denise



The Library Fish
by Alyssa Satin Capucilli



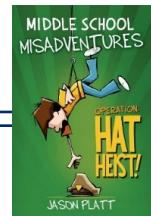
Bruce and the Legend of Soggy Hollow
by Ryan T. Higgins



New From Here
by Kelly Yang



The Castle of Tangled Magic
by Sophie Anderson



Graphic Novel - Middle School Misadventures Operation: Hat Heist!
by Jason Platt

TEEN



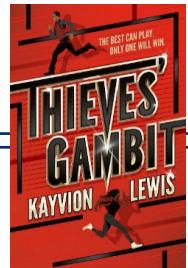
Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Chalice of the Gods
by Rick Riordan



Cursed Princess Club Vol 2.
By LambCat



Tasty: A History of Yummy Experiments by Victoria Grace Elliott
(Releasing Dec. 2023)

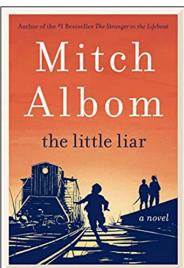


Thieves' Gambit
by Kayvion Lewis

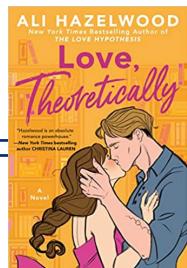


Too Scared to Sleep
by Andrew Duplessie
(Releasing Oct. 2023)

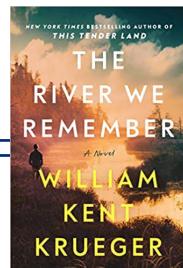
ADULT



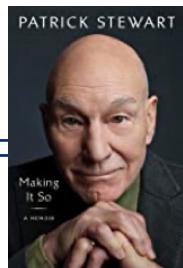
The Little Liar
by Mitch Albom



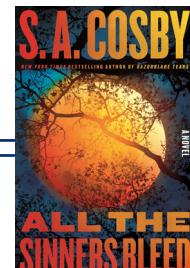
Love, Theoretically
by Ali Hazelwood



The River We Remember
by William Kent Krueger



Making It So: A Memoir
by Patrick Stewart



All the Sinners Bleed
by S.A. Cosby





ALL AGES SPECIAL EVENTS

Color with a Cop

Tuesday, September 5

10-11 a.m., 3:30-4:30 p.m., 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Do you want to meet a La Vista Police Officer? Now is your chance! Join us at the La Vista Public Library to sit down and color with an officer. Opportunities to participate in this program will happen at select times throughout the day. See the Library's monthly calendar for more information or contact Rachel Bachman at RBachman@CityofLaVista.org.

Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt

October 10-October 24

The Library has a Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt throughout the children's area from October 10-October 24. Find all the pumpkins and be entered into a drawing to win a large pumpkin to carve.

Halloween Storybook Walk

Monday, October 23, 4:30-6 p.m.

Library Rotunda

Come enjoy a fun-filled walk around the Library's rotunda as families read a story and children collect Halloween candy and trinkets. Costumes are encouraged. Bags will be provided. Ideal for all ages.

Buy Local Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday, November 11, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

La Vista Public Library (9110 Giles Rd.)

A variety of local crafters, independent vendors and small business owners will be selling their goods, handmade crafts, breads and specialty gifts. Shop for unique items for yourself or the special people in your life just in time for the holidays. Bring your friends, a shopping bag and cash. No ATM available. Admission is free.

If you are interested in being a vendor, contact Jodi Norton at **402.537.3900** or JNorton@CityofLaVista.org.

Handcrafted and direct sales companies welcome. Each vendor spot includes one 6-foot table and two chairs. If you have larger items that need additional space, we'll do our best to accommodate. No vendor fee or preassigned booth location.

Virtual Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, November 15, 6 p.m.

Zoom

Join us on Zoom for a fun game of finding things as quickly as you possibly can. Email Jodi Norton, JNorton@CityofLaVista.org, for the Zoom link.

Library Mini-Golf

Saturday, January 6, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

While the cold weather keeps us inside, we've decided to bring the putting greens indoors! The Library will have a mini-golf course set up through its book stacks for you to try out. This is a one-day event, so mark it on your calendar!

Library Trivia Nights

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

Join us for a trivia night for the whole family! Each month we will have a new topic to test your knowledge. A small, theme-related prize will be given out for first, second and third place.

Participate with your family, a group of friends or by yourself! Each trivia program lasts approximately 90 minutes.

- September 13 Jurassic Park
- October 11 Ghostbusters
- November 8 Marvel
- December 13 Christmas Movies
- January 10 Star Wars
- February 14 Disney Princesses

Build It!

Second Monday of the month, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
9/11, 11/13, 12/11, 1/8, 2/12

Create with a variety of different building materials during this self-guided activity. Materials will be out in the children's area and families can stop by anytime to participate. Parent participation required. No program in October.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

CHILDREN/FAMILY, TWEENS,
TEENS, ADULTS

REGISTRATION: Most programs are free or have a minimal fee for supplies only. Programs that require registration are labeled accordingly. To register for a program, contact us at **402.537.3900** or in person **at the Library's circulation desk.**



CHILDREN & FAMILY PROGRAMS

Monday Library Storytime

Mondays at 10 a.m.
9/18, 10/2, 10/16, 11/6, 11/20, 12/4, 12/18, 2/5

Learn new early literacy skills and practice fine motor skills by joining us for fun songs, crafts and stories!

Ideal for ages 0-6.

Tuesday Library Storytime

Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
8/29, 9/26, 10/31, 11/28, 1/9, 1/30, 2/27

Learn early literacy skills and practice fine motor skills by joining us for fun songs, crafts and stories!

Ideal for ages 0-6.

Music And Movement

First and third Fridays of the month at 10 a.m.
9/1, 9/15, 10/6, 10/20, 11/3, 11/17, 12/1, 12/15, 1/5, 1/19, 2/2, 2/16

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. **Ideal for ages 0-6.**

Creative Hands

Second Friday of the month at 10 a.m.
9/8, 10/13, 11/10, 12/8, 1/12, 2/9

Parents/caregivers and children ages 2-6 are invited to join us for fun and creative activities. Each week, participants will use their hands to discover something new. Activities include Play-Doh Fun, Shaving Cream Play, Discovery Bins, Noodle Necklaces, Parachute Playtime and more. **Ideal for ages 2-6.**

Crafternoon

Thursdays at 4 p.m.
9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14, 1/11, 2/8

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+.**

Homeschool

Twice each month on select Tuesdays at 11 a.m.
and Thursdays at 2 p.m.

Calling all homeschoolers! The La Vista Public Library offers homeschool programming throughout the traditional school year. These programs offer you and your family fun activities that emphasize community building, develop social skills and spark curiosity. For more information, contact Rachel Bachman at RBachman@CityofLaVista.org.

TWEEN PROGRAMS AGES 8-12

Crazy Crafty Club

Monthly at 2 p.m.
9/5, 10/6, 11/22, 12/21, 1/3, 2/24

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.

Choose Your Own Adventure

Tuesdays at 4 p.m.
9/5, 9/19, 10/3, 10/17, 11/7, 11/28, 12/5, 12/19, 1/9, 1/23, 2/6, 2/20

Help us decide what to do next! From visiting outer space to exploring the depths of the ocean, listeners will help choose what paths to follow to finish the story.

All ages are welcome, but this activity is particularly great for kids ages 8-12. Crafts and coloring pages will be available to do while you listen. We will read together for about an hour at each storytime.

TEEN PROGRAMS AGES 13-17

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Thursdays (typically) at 5 p.m.
9/14, 10/19, 11/16, 12/14, 1/18, 2/22

This group of 7th-12th graders plans Library events, suggests materials for the Library, participates in community service projects and decorates the teen area. We are always looking for new members and it's a great group to join for community service hours! TAB meets once a month, usually before game club. (Additional meetings beyond those listed above may be held for special projects.) For more information on how to apply to be on TAB, talk to Ms. Ashley at the Library.

Teen Game Club

Thursdays from 5-7 p.m.
9/14, 11/16, 12/14, 1/18, 2/22

Join Teen Game Club for fun all year long! We usually meet once a month on a Thursday night for games, pizza and fun! We play a variety of board games and video games. Occasionally the club will also schedule an online game session through the Library's teen Discord server to play online multiplayers together (must be 13+ to join Discord). Come to one of our in-person meetings or talk to Ms. Ashley to get an invite to the Library's teen-only Discord.

Teen Dungeons & Dragons Club

Dates/Times arranged with club members

Interested in learning how to play D&D or just 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. The current group meets once a month on a Saturday afternoon. However, if you are looking to start a new group at the library talk to Ms. Ashley. We may be able to set up another night of the week for you to come and play together.

Teen Craft Night

Meets Monthly, 9/26, 10/30, 11/20, 12/18, 1/30, 2/27

Every month you can join us at the library for a new art activity. From painting canvas to decorating clothes you won't want to miss it! Teen craft nights are usually held on a Monday or Tuesday evening. Check the monthly calendar for dates and times.

Zombie Survival Game

Thursday, October 19, 5-7 p.m.

It's a battle for survival where teens will try to live through the zombie apocalypse. If they get bitten? They become zombies themselves! Registration is required for this event. More information about this game will be released in October.





At Your Service

Meet Marjorie Shaw, Library Cataloger



Marjorie Shaw is an insightful and knowledgeable staff member at the La Vista Public Library. Read our interview with Marjie and learn about her and her experiences working in the Library.

LVPL: Tell us about yourself.

Marjie: Being from Ames, Iowa, I am a lifelong Iowa State Cyclone. I earned three Bachelor of Science degrees there, then entered enemy territory to attend the University of Iowa for my Master of Arts in Library Science. For a few years, I worked at a state institution for adults with special needs. Then, I taught Early Childhood Special Education.

Since I was a child, I have loved to travel. My favorite expedition was going to Iceland and other locations while we watched for polar bears, seals, dolphins and other creatures. A very special treat was sighting a small pod of blue whales. My cat is very spoiled. She has me well-trained as her staff.

LVPL: How long have you worked at the Library?

Marjie: 22 ½ years

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

Marjie: My role is that of the cataloger; I determine where most materials go on the shelves so everyone can find them. The information for each item is put into the catalog where customers can look for them. I love that many parts of this process are black and white with a single correct answer, while others are much more difficult to determine.

Since before kindergarten, I have been a voracious reader. When I was in junior high, I volunteered at my school library. After working in education for over 20 years, I returned to the library field. I believe in the ideals of librarianship and knew this would be a perfect fit.

LVPL: What do you value about the library?

Marjie: Open access to everyone of any age. The ability to use books and other materials on many subjects that cover different points of view. Customer service is a basic part of the library. The library supports the idea of intellectual freedom, that every individual should have access to age-appropriate materials.

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

Marjie: The Library is open to be used by anyone. People who don't own computers have access to them at the Library. The makerspace is open to the public and contains technology, including a 3D printer, laser cutter, heat press, sewing machine, button maker and other equipment. The Library provides programming for individuals from birth and up. There are book clubs, storytimes for children, teen activities, displays, guest speakers and other options including family events. Anyone who enters the Library will be treated with respect by friendly and competent staff.

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

Marjie: 1. It by Stephen King (again), 2. Under a Painted Sky by Stacy Lee, 3. The Winter Knight by Jes Battis



ADULT PROGRAMS AGES 18+

Book Binding

Learn how to make a small journal using the Coptic Stitch method of book binding. Makes a great gift. All supplies provided. Limited to 6 per class. Registration and valid library membership required. Watch the library calendar for specific details. **Ages 18+**

Cookie Sheet Memo Boards

Thursday, October 26, 6 p.m.

Make a magnetic memo board using a cookie sheet, Washi Tape and Duct tape. Limited to 20 participants. Registration required. **Ages 18+**

Coffee, Coloring and Crosswords

First Saturday of each month – 10 a.m.

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

Meets Monthly – 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/18, 1/11, 2/8

Calling all adults! Leave the kiddos at home and join staff for fun crafts, games, laughter and more! Some holiday-themed crafts will require registration due to the cost of supplies. Watch the Library's website and check our monthly calendar for specific activities, dates and times.

Fly-Tying Lessons

Thursdays, 6 p.m.

The Cornhusker Fly-Fishers are offering free lessons in fly-tying! They will be at the Library every Thursday night starting in October. 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!

GED Program

GED classes are offered at the library. This is a drop-in program where students can attend as needed in preparation for the official GED tests and receive basic computer training. Contact the Library for more information or to register, **402.537.3900**.



Random Acts of Crochet Kindness

Join the thousands of people worldwide who are creating small tokens of joy. Much like kindness rocks, small, crocheted hugs, worry worms, hearts and the like are left for others to find and enjoy. Supplies provided. All skill levels welcome. Watch the Library calendar for dates/times. **Ages 16+**

Adult Winter Reading

January 6-March 31

Library cardholders ages 18+ can participate in the annual winter reading program. Complete a line on the BINGO card to receive a prize. Complete a blackout to be entered into the grand prize drawing. Bingo cards available January 6.

Charting Our Path: Celebrating 50 Years of Black Studies

December & January

The La Vista Public Library is excited to be hosting this traveling exhibit. A cooperative project of the University of Nebraska Omaha Black Studies Department and UNO Libraries, double-sided panels offer highlights of the department's history using reproductions of archival materials. Charting our Path will be available for viewing for the months of December and January.



BOOK CLUBS

La Vista Public Library offers multiple book clubs. Copies of each month's book will be available to book club attendees at no cost. Contact Cedate Shultz to reserve a copy.

Not able to attend, but want to read along? Lists of the 2023 selected books are in the Library. The 2024 lists will be available in December 2023. Library membership is not required to participate.

HISTORY BOOK CLUB

Second Saturday of each month (*except Nov.), 2 p.m.

Join us for spirited discussion of historical fiction and non-fiction books. **Ages 16+**

SEPT 9: *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn

OCT 14: *Women in White Coats* by Olivia Campbell

***NOV 18:** *Shark Dialogues* by Kiana Davenport

DEC 9: *Fifty Miles from Tomorrow* by William L. Iggiagruk Hensley

JAN 13: *Death Comes for the Archbishop* by Willa Cather

FEB 10: *Master Slave Husband Wife* by Ilyon Woo

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Third Wednesday of each month, 2 p.m.

Our afternoon book club meets monthly, and a variety of genres are read throughout the year. **Ages 18+**

SEPT 20: *The 6:20 Man* by David Baldacci

OCT 18: *Killers of a Certain Age* by Deanna Raybourn

NOV 15: *The Dull Knives of Pine Ridge* by Joe Starita

DEC 20: *The Christmas Spirit* by Debbie Macomber

JAN 17: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

FEB 21: *A Lantern in Her Hand* by Bess Streeter Aldrich

EVENING BOOK CLUB

Second Monday of each month (*except Oct.), 7 p.m.

Our evening book club meets monthly in the Library's conference room and a variety of genres are read throughout the year.

SEPT 11: *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe

***OCT 10:** *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner (Meets on the second Tuesday in October due to Columbus Day)

NOV 13: *Inheritance* by Dani Shapiro

DEC 11: *A Boy Called Christmas* by Matt Haig

JAN 8: *TBD*

FEB 12: *TBD*

PAGE-TO-SCREEN BOOK CLUB

Third Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m.

The related movie will be screened on a later date.

Check the Library calendar for specific movie dates and times.

September 19: *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

September 23: Movie event at 12 p.m.

October 17: *Misery* by Stephen King

October 28: Movie event at 12 p.m.

November 21: *Nomadland* by Jessica Bruder

December 2: Movie event at 12 p.m.

December 19: *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens

December 16: Movie event at 12 p.m.

January 16: *The Monuments Men* by Robert Edsel

January 27: Movie event at 12 p.m.

February 20: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman

March 2: Movie event at 12 p.m.

FALL FAMILY BOOK CLUB

Select Mondays, October-November, 4 p.m.

Families can sign up to get a copy of the book and then attend book discussions and fun activities! All ages welcome.

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate Di Camillo

Register by September 30.

Christmas AT THE LA VISTA LIBRARY



Happy Holidays! Christmas is a special time at the Library. Get in the festive spirit with one of many programs offered between late November and December.

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER DECORATING

Wednesday, November 29

The library will provide all the decorations you need to create the perfect Ugly Christmas Sweater. You will need to bring your own sweater. Ages 15+

COUNT DOWN TO CHRISTMAS CRAFT

Thursday, November 30, 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

We are counting down the days to Christmas, and we hope you are too! Stop by the Library to make your own craft and begin counting today. Craft supplies will be available while supplies last. This self-guided craft is ideal for the whole family.

**HO
HO
HO**

GRAB & GO HOLIDAY CARD MAKING KIT

Monday, December 4

If this holiday season leaves you feeling crafty and glittery, stop by the Library and grab a Holiday Card Making Kit. Each kit will have enough supplies to make two holiday themed cards. Kits will be available while supplies last.

STORYTIME, PICTURES, AND CRAFTS WITH SANTA CLAUS

Wednesday, December 6, 10 a.m.

Ho, Ho, Ho! Santa is coming to the Library to read a story, sing songs and make a craft. Dress in your best holiday clothes and bring your cameras to take your own photos. Ages: 0-7

BUILD IT!

Monday, December 11, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Build Gumdrop Christmas trees and snack as you create. Materials are prepackaged. This is a self-guided program. Families can build trees at the Library or at home. Parental participation required.

PAJAMA STORYTIME AND COOKIE DECORATING WITH MRS. CLAUS

Monday, December 11, 6 p.m.

Listen to stories, decorate holiday cookies and visit with Mrs. Claus. Bring your cameras and take a photo or two.



GIFT WRAPPING STATION

December 18-23

Reduce your holiday stress and stop sneaking around at 5 a.m. to secretly wrap gifts. Just swing by the Library with the gifts you need to wrap and work in peace! We will have a gift-wrapping station open for all to use in the makerspace area. The Library will supply wrapping paper, bows, tape, scissors and wide-open table space while supplies last. The wrapping station is open during normal business hours.

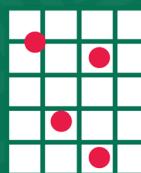
DISGUISE A GINGERBREAD MAN

December 20-22

Run, run as fast as you can to help the Gingerbread Man escape! Decorate him (or her) to look like your favorite book character.



We'll provide the supplies. Write the title of the book and character name on the back of your gingerbread man. Turn in your finished creation and we'll hang him on our holiday bulletin board in the Library.



KID'S NYE BINGO BASH

Friday, December 29, 10 a.m.

5...4...3...2...1...It's Bingo time! Win prizes, be silly, grab a New Year's Eve coloring packet and help us celebrate the new year early. Seating is limited. Age: For children in grades 6 and under.

CityofLaVista.org/2023events