

Nevada Public Library

SUMMER 2026

UnEarth a Story!



Register Here!

Tiny Tots

Babies, Toddlers,
and Preschoolers

Kids

K-5th grade

Teens

6th - 12th grade

Adults



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Hours:

M, W, F 9a - 5p

Tu & Th 9a - 7p

Sat 9a - 1p



Summer Reading Challenge

The 2026 Reading Challenge will be divided into four categories.

- Tiny Tots (Babies - Preschoolers) = Read-with-Me, 25 books
- KIDS (Kindergarten - 5th grade) = 500 minutes
 - OUTREACH = 500 minutes (Osage Prairie YMCA Camp)
- TEENS (6th - 12th grade) = 500 minutes
- ADULTS = Bingo-style Challenge card

The 2026 Reading Challenge is from June 1st through August 15th.

You can begin logging your reading minutes on June 1st.

Readers who complete the challenge and return their reading logs by August 15th will be entered into the **Prize Drawings** for their category. Prizes for the SRP 2026 program have been generously donated by local vendors and NPL Friends of the Library!

Register today!

Registration opens May 15!

Free Library Cards for KIDS!

FREE library access is available to ALL SRP26 youth participants.

Visit the library with a parent to get your card!

Summer Events at your Library



'TINY TOTS' EVENTS

Preschool Storytime 10-11:00 am

Fri., June 12

"Roar and Explore Dinos!"

Fri., June 26

"Little Explorers: Rock & READ!"

Fri., July 10

"Happy Birthday, U.S.A. #250!"

Fri., July 24

"Big Trucks, Little Readers"

No sessions in August

TEEN EVENTS (GRADE 6-12)

Teen D&D Club Thursdays 4-5:30 pm

June 4 July 2 Aug 6



More ways to earn PRIZES! And SNACKS, too!

Thurs., June 18

4-5:30 pm

**Spellasaurus
Showdown**

"Can you spell/pronounce prehistoric paleo words?"



Thurs., July 16

4-5:30 pm

**Red, White & Whoa:
USA Fact or Fiction?**

Trivia, myths, weird laws, surprising history, and "wait, that's real?" facts!



KIDS EVENTS (K-5TH)

Alternating Tuesdays at 3:00 pm

June 2 - Kick-Off event!

Izzy B. Storyteller, Author, Illustrator!

June 16 - Dinosaur Trivia & Games

June 30 - "DinoMagic" by Marty the Magician

July 14 - 'Dig Into History' Game Show
at the Bushwhacker Museum

July 28 - Dickerson Park Zoo presents:

"Observe and Preserve:

Unearthing secret stories in hidden habitats"

Unearth a Story: Explorer Challenges

Pop-In Passive Programs

Each week will feature an activity at the library with library skills, catalog, and collection searches!

Week of:

June 8-13

Dino Discovery Dash

June 22-27

Libraries Rock

July 6-11

Flag Finders - U.S.A. #250!!

July 20-25

Hard Hats & Hidden Clues

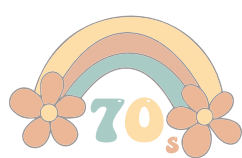
ADULT EVENTS

“Diggin’ Through the Decades”

TRIVIA TUESDAYS + BINGO

5:30 - 6:30 PM @ NPL MakerSpace

This summer, we’re rewinding to three iconic television favorites that defined their decades!



1970s TV Edition

June 9: M*A*S*H



1980s TV Edition

July 7: Cheers!



1990s TV Edition

August 4: Friends



Join us for trivia, bingo, prizes, and a nostalgic trip through the TV moments we all remember.

Other programs @ NPL | Adults & Families

1st Sat. 10a- noon | Gather & Games

NEW

Bring a friend (or meet a new one) to ‘test drive’ a board game or connect over a jigsaw puzzle

from our Library of Things collection!



2nd Sat. 10a- noon | Books & Bricks LEGO

MORE programs for adults

from our Community Partners!



Vernon Co. Genealogy Society

June 17, 2026 at 10 AM at NPL

“Build a Timeline on a Brick-Wall Ancestor”

July 15, 2026 at 10 AM at NPL

To Be Announced



Bushwhacker Museum

Summer Lunch & Learn series | \$20/ ticket

Tuesday, June 2 | 12-1 PM

“History of Cottey College through the Eyes of Jane Bewley”
by Paula Kraft Neal

Tuesday, July 7 | 12 -1 PM

“One Hundred Years of the Mother Road: The Story of Route 66 in Missouri” by Christopher Briley

Tuesday, August 4 | 12-1 PM

“Mokuhanga & Sumi Ink Painting” by Professor Kristi Arnold



FREE Programs at the Bushwhacker Museum!

Saturday, June 13th, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM |

Museum Open House | Bushwhacker Days Festival |

11 AM "Guardian Guerrillas" – by Tom Drennen, 1:00 pm

Sunday, July 12th, 2 PM | “May 26, 1780—Battle of

St. Louis: Missouri’s Only Revolutionary War Battle”