

# Morton-James Public Library February 2020



## Upcoming Events

- **Children's Story Time**  
10 am Wednesdays  
February 5 & 19
- **One Community One Book Read-Ins at the Library**  
3:30 - 5:30 pm Thursdays  
February 6, 13, 20 & 27
- **Children's Valentine's Party**  
10 am  
Saturday, February 8
- **Board Meeting 1:00 pm**  
Wednesday, February 19
- **Community Story Time at River Country Nature Center**  
10 am  
Friday, February 14
- **Geri-Fit 11 am**  
Tuesdays  
February 11, 18, 25
- **Geri-Fit 2:30 pm**  
Thursdays  
February 13, 20, 27

**LIBRARY HOURS**  
Mon-Thu 9 am to 6 pm  
Fri & Sat 9 am to 5 pm

**Grace Moller Tech Center**  
Closes at 5:45 pm  
Monday - Thursday and  
Friday & Saturday  
at 4:45 pm

**Makerspace Closes**  
5:30 pm Monday - Thursday  
4:30 pm Friday & Saturday



## Library Innovation Studios Leaves Saturday, March 14

There are only **six weeks** left to use the Library Innovation Studios equipment.

### February 2020 - Innovation Studios Training Session Schedule

Laser Cutter - Wednesday, February 5 and 12 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm  
Saturday, February 15 and 22 from 9:30 to 11:30 am  
Monday, February 24 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Heat Press - Monday, February 10 and 17 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Vinyl Cutter - Tuesday, February 11 and 18 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm

3D printer - Saturday, February 8 from 10:00 am to noon  
Monday, February 17 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Embroidery Machine - Wednesday, February 12 and 26 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm  
Saturday, February 22 from 10 am to noon  
Tuesday, February 25 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Green Screen Presentation Program - Saturday, February 22 at 2:00 pm  
This program will offer a brief overview of how to use the green screen and cameras.

CNC Router - Tuesday, February 25 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm  
Saturday, February 29 from 10:00 am to noon

Please call the Library 402-873-5609 to sign up for a training session.

If you have already been trained on equipment you can reserve equipment by phone or in person. Equipment can be reserved for 2 hours at a time. Please plan to have your projects finished and paid for 15 minutes before makerspace closes.

The *Nebraska Library Innovation Studios: Transforming Rural Communities* project is supported in part by the Nebraska Library Commission, partnering with the University of Nebraska Lincoln Nebraska Innovation Studio, Nebraska Extension, and Regional Library Systems. The project is funded through a National Leadership Grant awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS grant #LG-95-17-0046-17).

# Story Time

## LITTLE BLUE TRUCK STORY TIME

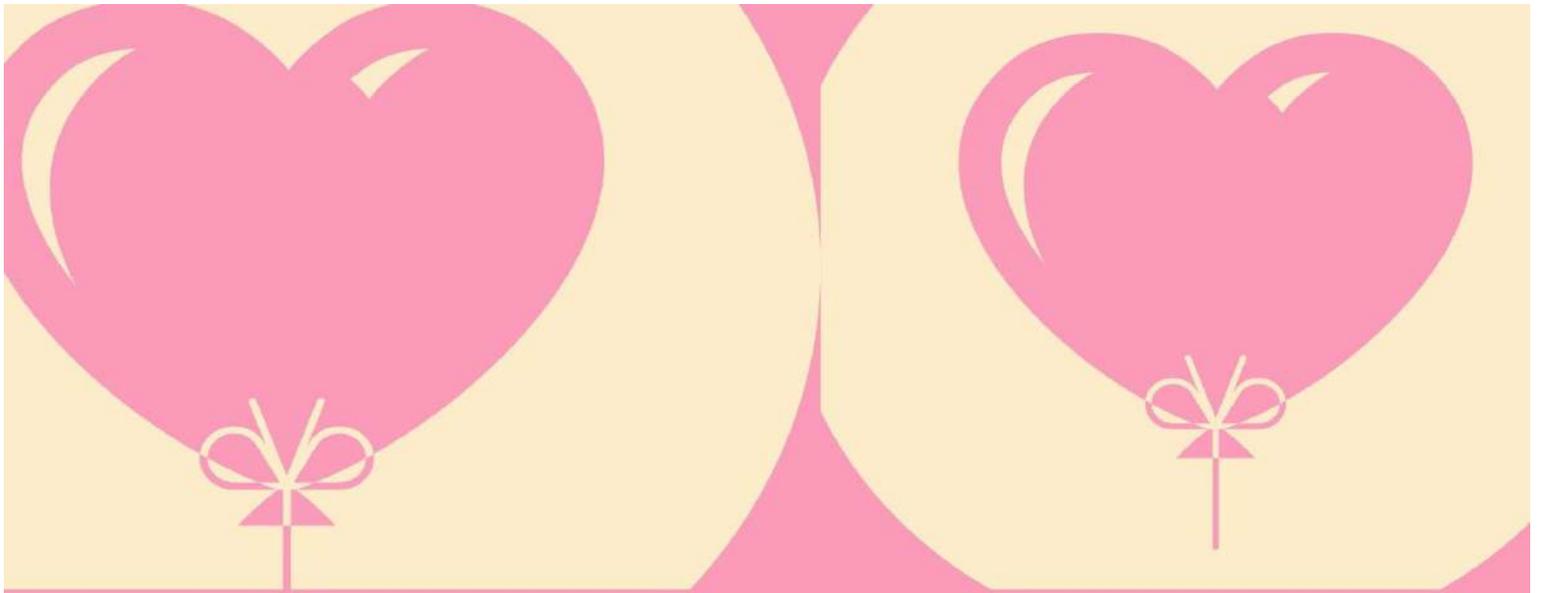
Wednesday February 5th at 10 AM  
at the Library  
Ages 2-6, families welcome.  
No registration.

## Cupcakes & Coloring Story Time

Wednesday, February 19th at 10 AM at the  
Library  
Ages 2-6, Families Welcome.  
No registration.



# Children's Library



## CHILDREN'S VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8TH AT 10:00 AM  
AT THE MORTON-JAMES PUBLIC LIBRARY

- \*MAKE VALENTINES
- \*BRING YOUR OWN BOX TO DECORATE
- \*SNACKS
- \*COLORING
- \*STORIES

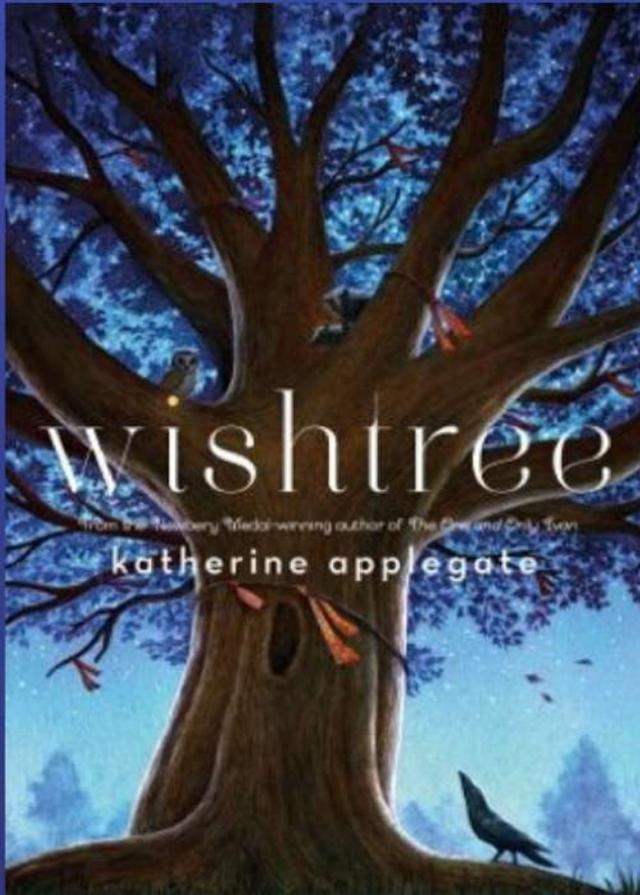
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# One Community One Book



School students in  
Nebraska City are  
reading Wishtree  
and we hope you  
will read it, too!

**February 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th**

Attend Read-Ins at the Library  
each Thursday in February  
any time between 3:30-5:30  
for snacks and a warm place  
to read Wishtree  
with someone you care about!

**Friday February 14th**

at the *River Country Nature Center*

10:00 AM

Community Story Time  
Reading from "Wishtree"  
All ages welcome!

**Tuesday February 18th**

Come to the  
Library for Book Club  
at 2:00 pm to  
discuss the book!

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# Book Club

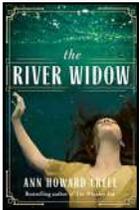
You are invited to join the Morton-James Public Library Book Club.

**NOTE:** Book Club meets the **3rd Tuesday** of every month at **2:00 pm**.

The following books will be discussed in the coming months. Some of the titles are available in both print and CD. They may also be available as an ebook through OverDrive.

Book Club does not meet during the month of December.

February 18, 2020



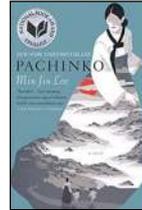
*The River Widow*  
By Ann Howard Creel

Discussion Leader:  
Judy Vann

In 1937, with flood waters approaching, Adah Branch accidentally kills her abusive husband, Lester, and surrenders his body to the raging river, only to be swept away herself. So begins her story of survival, return to civilization, defense against accusations of murder, and the fight to save herself and her stepdaughter, Daisy, from the clutches of her husband's notoriously cruel family, who have their sights set on revenge.

Essentially trapped, Adah must plan an escape. But when she develops feelings for the one person essential to her plan's success, she faces a painful choice: Will she choose to risk everything saving Daisy or take the new life offered by a loving man?

March 17, 2020



*Pachinko*  
By Min Jin Lee

Discussion Leader:  
Jan Allgood

In the early 1900s, teenaged Sunja, the adored daughter of a crippled fisherman, falls for a wealthy stranger at the seashore near her home in Korea. He promises her the world, but when she discovers she is pregnant--and that her lover is married--she refuses to be bought. Instead, she accepts an offer of marriage from a gentle, sickly minister passing through on his way to Japan.

Her decision to abandon her home, and to reject her son's powerful father, sets off a dramatic saga that will echo down through the generations. Richly told and profoundly moving, *Pachinko* is a story of love, sacrifice, ambition, and loyalty. Complex and passionate characters survive and thrive against the indifferent arc of history.



# GERI-FIT®

Strength Training Workout  
for Older Adults

WHERE: MORTON-JAMES PUBLIC LIBRARY

WHEN: February 2020

\*TUESDAYS @ 11:00 am - February 11, 18 and 25

**AND/OR**

\*THURSDAYS @ 2:30 pm - February 13, 20, and 27

*The sessions will last between 30 - 45 minutes in the North Meeting Room*

FEE: **FREE, ABSOLUTELY FREE!**

For more info on Geri-Fit visit [www.gerifit.com](http://www.gerifit.com)

# Morton-James Public Library Receives National Grant from American Library Association to Support 2020 Census Work



Morton-James Public Library (MJPL) has been named one of 59 libraries nationwide to receive a \$2,000 [Library Census Equity Fund grant](#) from the American Library Association (ALA), which awarded the grants to bolster library services to hard-to-count communities and help achieve a complete count in the 2020 Census.

Donna S. Kruse, MJPL Director said “We are very pleased to be the only site in Nebraska to receive this grant out of 500 applicants. The funds will help expand our plans for promoting census participation in our community. I think many would be surprised to find out the positive impact a good census count can have, especially at a local level.”

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, populations historically undercounted include young children, people experiencing homelessness, American Indians and Alaska Natives, and people of color. In the 2020 Census, which will have a new online option, people who lack internet access or online skills may also be at risk of being under counted.

Nebraska City proper, is part of two census tracts, the geographic region defined for the purpose of taking a census. Based on 2010 Census data, one of Nebraska City’s census tracts had a Low Response Score (LRS) over 20%, indicating that more than 20% of the local population residing in the tract did not respond to the census. The U.S. Census Bureau is targeting this tract and others across the country that had an LRS over 20% by allocating more resources to promote participation in 2020.

A key resource for our community is Clarissa Suárez-Russell, Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau. Ms. Suárez-Russell has been assigned to Nebraska City to help increase the local census response rate. The Library is partnering with Ms. Suárez-Russell to help educate community members on the importance of answering the 10 questions that comprise the 2020 Census questionnaire. This coordinated effort will enable the MJPL to be a “Questionnaire Assistance” (QA) site, an initiative for the 2020 Census that allows the public to get assistance in completing the questionnaire. Additionally, Denise Davis from the MJPL and Suárez-Russell are scheduling outreach events with U.S. Census displays and resources.

The results of the 2020 Census will affect communities across the country. More than \$1.5 trillion in federal funds are allocated each year to state and local governments based on Census data. **When residents are missed in the Census, their communities miss out on needed funding for services such as libraries, schools, healthcare, and transportation.**

The U.S. Constitution requires a census of all residents every ten years. In the 2020 Census, residents will have the choice to respond online, by phone, or by mail. The U.S. Census Bureau will send mailings to households prior to Census Day, which is April 1, 2020. To help achieve a complete count in the 2020 Census, America’s libraries are informing their communities and providing access to the online response option. To learn more, visit [ala.org/census](http://ala.org/census) and follow the conversation on social media with #CountOnLibraries.

The American Library Association (ALA) is the foremost national organization providing resources to inspire library and information professionals to transform their communities through essential programs and services. For more than 140 years, the ALA has been the trusted voice for academic, public, school, government and special libraries, advocating for the profession and the library’s role in enhancing learning and ensuring access to information for all. For more information, visit [ala.org](http://ala.org).

# Tax Time



## IRS Tax Forms

The Morton-James Public Library will once again be an IRS Forms Outlet.

Availability will be subject to IRS shipments. The public can visit [IRS.gov/orderforms](http://IRS.gov/orderforms) or call 1-800-829-3676 to order tax products to be delivered by mail.



**Free Tax Help @ the Library**  
**Wednesdays**  
**10 am to 2 pm**  
**By Appointment**  
**Call 402-873-5609**

The Library in conjunction with AARP, will be offering free tax preparation assistance and electronic filing for both federal and state tax returns.

The return preparation is not limited by age or income and is open to all. There are some restrictions on the types of returns that can be done. Returns that include things like rental property, business depreciation and farm income are not considered within the AARP volunteer scope by the IRS.

## Be a 2020 Morton-James Public Library Sponsor!

It is time to send in your annual sponsor donation and form for 2019. Annual sponsor donations will be used to fund Summer Programs for children and teens, special adult programs and educational exhibits. Fill out the form below and return it to the library with your donation. Your support of the library is always appreciated!

### Morton-James Public Library Annual Sponsor Form

Annual sponsor donations will be used to fund Summer Programs for children and teens, special adult programs and educational exhibits. Thank you for supporting your library!

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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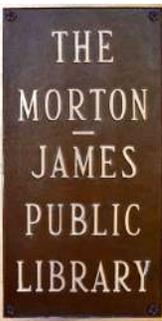
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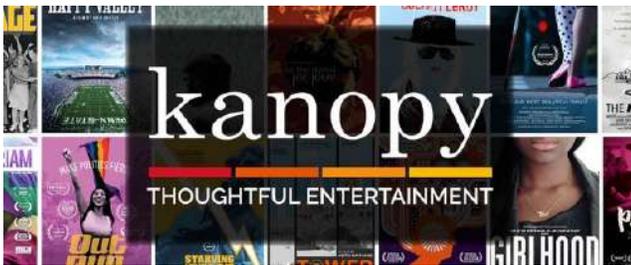
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The on-demand film streaming service *Kanopy* is now available for free through the Morton-James Public Library. Library card holders can access *Kanopy* and sign up to start streaming films instantly by visiting <https://nebraskacity.kanopy.com>. Films can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the *Kanopy* app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku.

The viewing period is 72 hours for most films with extended viewing times for The Great Courses and films for children. Patrons are given 10 credits each month (no rollover) and can always see how many credits they have left from their sign in screen. Your Viewing History (when accessing from a web or mobile browser) will show any video that is still available to view.

## GREEN SCREEN PRESENTATION PROGRAM

SATURDAY FEB. 22ND AT 2:00

FREE TO ATTEND

PLEASE CALL THE LIBRARY AT  
402.873.5609 TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT

Do you want to learn more about how a green screen works? Join us at the Morton-James Public Library on Saturday, February 22nd at 2:00 pm and we will show you! This program will offer a brief overview of how to use the green screen and cameras as part of the Library Innovations Studio makerspace.

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