



MORTON-JAMES PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCTOBER 2021

Upcoming Events:

Open House Celebration

Tuesday, October 5th
2:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Let's Get Moving Story Time

Wednesday, October 6th
10:00 AM

Senior Topics: Power of Attorney

Tuesday, October 12th
10:00 AM

Library Closed for Staff Training

Wednesday, October 13th

Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 13th
4:00 PM

Book Club

Tuesday, October 19th
2:00 PM

Let's Go Batty Story Time

Wednesday, October 20th
10:00 AM

Community Conversation

Late October
Three sessions throughout day

Chess Club

Thursdays
5:00-6:00 PM

LIBRARY HOURS

Mon-Thu 9 am to 6 pm
Fri 9 am to 5 pm

CLOSED

Saturday & Sunday

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS OF SERVICE 1896-2021

Join us at our
Open House Celebration
on Tuesday, October 5th from
2:30 pm - 5:00 pm at the Library!



Enjoy refreshments, view the Library history exhibit in the Kimmel Gallery and meet Mollie Cornutt, our first Librarian from 1897!

This event is free and open to the public.
No reservation needed.

Preserving the Past...Serving the Future
honoring Morton-James Public Library's
125th Year of Service

October 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Enjoy a short program, our exhibit on the Library Building, and then progress through the stacks to find your dinner and puzzle clues! Tickets available for \$50 each by contacting the Library at 402-873-5609 or emailing dkruse@nebraskacity.com

Proceeds benefit the MJPL Building Preservation Fund.



Morton-James Public Library

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www.mortonjamespubliclibrary.com

October Story Times!



Let's Get Moving Story Time
Wednesday, October 6th
at 10:00 am



This Story Time will get you moving!
We'll read some interactive stories then
make a dance ribbon craft!



Let's Go Batty Story Time
Wednesday, October 20th
at 10:00 am

At this bat-themed Story Time
we will meet fun bat characters
in our stories and make a bat
using our handprints!



Story Times are geared toward ages 2-6.

Families are welcome!

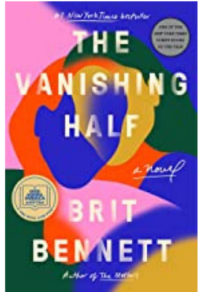
Free to attend, no registration.

Masks at this time are optional.

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

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 or audiobook through OverDrive. *Book Club does not meet during the month of December.*

Book Club is currently meeting in person in the Kimmel Gallery! Zoom is an option for members who would like to join the group from a remote location. Monthly Book Club details will be emailed and posted on Facebook.



October 19, 2021

The Vanishing Half
By Brit Bennett

Discussion Leader:
Jan Buda

The Vignes twin sisters will always be identical. But after growing up together in a small, southern black community and running away at age sixteen, it's not just the shape of their daily lives that is different as adults, it's everything: their families, their communities, their racial identities. Many years later, one sister lives with her black daughter in the same southern town she once tried to escape. The other secretly passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past. What will happen to the next generation, when their own daughters' storylines intersect?

Looking well beyond issues of race, **The Vanishing Half** considers the lasting influence of the past as it shapes a person's decisions, desires, and expectations, and explores some of the multiple reasons and realms in which people sometimes feel pulled to live as something other than their origins.



November 16, 2021

The Exiles
By Christina Baker Kline

Discussion Leader:
Sue Bennett

In this gorgeous novel, Christina Baker Kline brilliantly recreates the beginnings of a new society in a beautiful and challenging land, telling the story of Australia from a fresh perspective, through the experiences of Evangeline, Hazel, and Mathinna. While life in Australia is punishing and often brutally unfair, it is also, for some, an opportunity: for redemption, for a new way of life, for unimagined freedom.

Told in exquisite detail and incisive prose, **The Exiles** is a story of grace born from hardship, the unbreakable bonds of female friendships, and the unfettering of legacy.

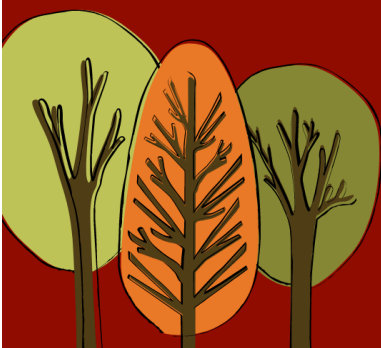
Senior Topics: Know It Before You Need It Power of Attorney Overview: processes, wills, and trusts

with Ryan McIntosh
Brandt, Horan, Hallstrom, and Stilmock Law Firm

Tuesday, October 12th at 10:00 AM

This program is free to attend and open to the public.
No reservation needed.

This series is sponsored by Morton Place Senior Living as a free, educational series for seniors and their families to learn about important topics that will benefit individuals and families in the later seasons of life.



Stop by our table
at this year's
Trail of Treats
downtown and
pick up supplies
for a fun
Halloween craft!

Friday, October 29th
On Central Avenue






MANGO

Mango Languages is an online language-learning system that teaches actual conversation skills for over 70 languages from around the world.

Free to use through the Morton-James Public Library catalog with your Library card!

Join us in community conversation!

The Library welcomes both newcomers and seasoned residents to these sessions, in the spirit of encouraging everyone to learn and share more about the community they call home.

-  Meet new people
-  Learn and share in a casual setting
-  Enjoy apple treats and art in the gallery



The next conversation will be held at the end of October. Stay tuned for date and times!

*Presented with the support of NCTC, NC Museum Alliance,
Nemaha Valley Board of Realtors and the NC Community Foundation Fund*



The Library will be
closed all day on
Wednesday, October 13th for
Nebraska Library Association training.

LIBRARY HISTORY EXHIBIT KIMMEL GALLERY

See how much has changed in 125 years!



1896-2021



Library Director
Corabelle Thornby
and children in 1957



Upper level, late 1990's



(Left) Children's Book
Week in 1951.
(Right) Strawberry
Patch Children's Library
in 1998.



**This exhibit is open to the public
during regular Library hours during the month of October.**

Be a 2021 Morton-James Public Library Sponsor!

Annual sponsor donations will be used to fund Summer Programs for children and teens, 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

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

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!

Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

Remit Check To: The Morton-James Public Library
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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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CHESS CLUB

JOIN THE NEBRASKA CITY CHESS CLUB!

**ALL AGES AND SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!
MEETING ON THURSDAYS AT 5PM
IN THE KIMMEL GALLERY AT THE
MORTON-JAMES PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT
KYLE MADISON:**

**TEXT: 712-520-0859 or EMAIL:
KYLEMADISON2009@HOTMAIL.COM**

The Harry and Grace Moller Library Endowment Fund & Morton-James Public Library

Present



What Is It?

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a 60 volume set of books beginning with the children's classic *The Little Engine That Could*™. Each month a new, carefully selected book will be mailed in your child's name directly to your home. Best of all it is a **FREE GIFT**! There is no cost or obligation to your family.

Who Is Eligible?

Preschool children ages birth to five who are residents of Nebraska City.

What Are My Responsibilities?

1. Be a legal resident of Nebraska City.
2. Submit an official registration form, completely filled out by parent or guardian. (Form must be approved and on file with Morton-James Public Library.)
3. Notify Morton-James Public Library any time your address changes. Books are mailed to the address listed on the official registration form. *If the child's address changes, you must contact the folks at the address on this card in order to continue receiving books.*
4. Read with your child.

When Will I Receive Books?

Eight to ten weeks after your registration form has been received, books will begin arriving at your home and will continue until your child turns five or moves out of Nebraska City.



Dolly Parton's IMAGINATION LIBRARY Official Registration Form

Privacy Statement: This information will not be used for any purpose other than that related to the Imagination Library. PLEASE PRINT

1st Preschool Child's FULL Name _____

Child's Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ Sex: M F Phone _____

2nd Preschool Child's FULL Name _____

Child's Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ Sex: M F Phone _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Child's Home Address _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

Mailing Address _____

(if different) ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

Email Address _____

"This child is a resident of Nebraska City" _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Received: _____ Group Code: _____ SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

Sign up your child today!

Simply fill out the above form and mail to:

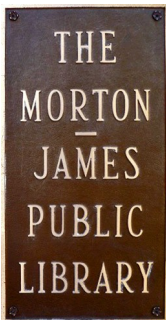
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INHABITED BY
SPIRITS THAT
COME OUT OF THE
PAGES AT NIGHT.”
– ISABEL ALLENDE

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CLOSED
ON SATURDAYS

Until Further Notice

Library Hours
Monday-Thursday
9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Friday
9:00 am to 5:00 pm