

## Department News ~

### Wayne Public Library ~



If you haven't stopped by the children's room of Wayne Public Library, you've missed seeing our three new children's computers. Through a generous grant from the Nebraska Library Commission and gifts from The Friends of the Library and the Wayne Library Foundation, the library has acquired 3 Early Literacy Stations, each with a touch screen and a child-size mouse. These stations come complete with 50 pre-loaded educational games covering 7 curricular areas and are best suited for children aged three to nine (although in the month we've had them, children through early high school have enjoyed using them).



Kids of all ages are invited to stop by the library on Thursday, February 10th from 4-5 for a valentine craft.

The Adult Book Club is reading Main Street by Sinclair Lewis during February, and will meet to

discuss the book on Tuesday, February 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

The featured service this month is Overdrive E-Books. Many of you have used Overdrive in the past to download audio books. Last summer, that service expanded to include e-books that work with a variety (but not all) e-readers. The Amazon Kindle and Alurakek Libre do not officially work with Overdrive products, although some people have reported success. Devices that do interact with Overdrive are the Nook, the Kobo, the Literati, the Pandigital, and the Sony iReader series. For more information visit (<http://nebraska.lib.overdrive.com>)

#### EPUB book format

Can be downloaded to a PC or Mac and transferred to supported eReaders (e.g., Nook, Sony Reader, etc)

Can be downloaded directly to supported Android & Apple devices using the iPhone or Android app.

#### PDF book format

Can be downloaded to a PC or Mac and transferred to supported eReaders (e.g., Nook, Sony Reader, etc.)

Currently doesn't work with Android & Apple devices.

The library will host a show and tell information session on various types of e-Readers on Saturday morning, February 19th, at 10:30 a.m. These readers are on loan from the Northeast Library System and will be available for review in the library during the week of February 14<sup>th</sup>. If you would like more information about Overdrive or any of our other services, please contact the Library at 375-3135.

~Lauran Lofgren  
Director

### WISE WORDS

*"Long-term planning is not about making long-term decisions, it is about understanding the future consequences of today's decisions."*

~Gary Ryan Blair

### DID YOU KNOW

By turning your thermostat down to 68 degrees in winter, you can reap considerable energy savings. For every degree you lower your heat in the 60 to 70 degree range, you'll save up to 5% on heating costs. To reduce your energy bills more, set the temperature even lower when you're asleep or away from home. Together, these steps can reduce your heating costs by up to 15% a year — and that makes wearing a sweater to stay warm worth it!



### Wayne Senior Center ~



The Wayne Senior Center would love to see more 60 and over friends come and enjoy our February meals and activities. Check out what fun we will be having this month:

11:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 2nd: Ray Petersen will play polkas on his accordion for February Birthday party.

12:45 p.m. Thursday, February 3rd: Goldenrod Hills pre-

sents "Housing Weatherization" given by Anthony Lawrence. Individual applications will be filled out by Pam Browning, the Weatherization Specialist for homeowners and landlords of renters who qualify for financial funding.

1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 9th: Acrylic Quilt Painting by Natalie Endicott. From start to finish, make a beautiful painting for \$25.00 which includes all of the painting supplies.

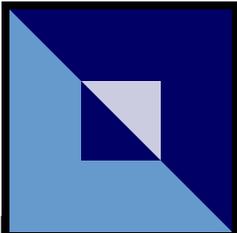
11:30 & 12:45 Monday, February

14th, Sheri Lundahl will provide musical entertainment for our Valentine's Day Dinner Celebration.

11:30 & 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 16th and Monday, February 21st: Cyril Hansen will perform organ music.

11:30 & 12:45 P.M. Friday, February 25th: Wayne State College Students will perform a variety of music

~Penny Vollbracht



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## LOOKING AHEAD ~

### Last Saturday's Strategic Planning Retreat:

The Mayor and Councilmembers met at the fire hall Friday night and all day Saturday and developed a 1 & 5 year plan with thirteen goals. Our retreats are open to the public. The top six goals in the plan are:

**Website:** Randy Cantrell, UNL Rural Sociologist, said that a five-year survey of residents moving to Wayne and other communities shows that 65% check out the community through its website first. The goal is to further upgrade our website with more visual and marketing information, communication with residents, links to other community websites and add other social networking to our communications

**WSC/Community Relationship:** Mayors Shelton and Chamberlain have initiated a series of on-campus forums open to students and faculty. Common issues raised are parking and availability of part-time jobs to help pay for college and full-time jobs here after graduation and local entertainment activities for students on the weekends.

**City Budget:** Nebraska schools, counties and cities will all feel the effect of permanently reduced funding from the state. Our choices will be to increase efficiency, reduce services or increase local taxes to make up the difference. The county and school start their new budget year in July. The city's budget year starts in October. We publish public notices of our budget

work sessions and hearings and look for input from residents. A copy of our existing budget is available on our website at waynene.org under Quick Links.

**Housing Stock in Wayne:** A constant focus of the Mayor and Council is school and community population stability and growth. The 2000 Census showed that about half the households in Wayne are rentals. People moving here to live and work seek a nice place to live. Nebraska was populated quickly in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Many of those original homes need work to make them energy efficient and attractive. Some aren't worth fixing up and are demolished. To maintain our population, they need to be replaced.

**Quality of Life/Marketing Wayne:** What do people like about living here? How do we look to others that are moving to the area? Are we affordable? Are we safe? Do we have quality services? How do we get the word out about what is good here?

**Future Lagoon Land Use:** The new treatment plant will start up next August, and the lagoon should have the sludge cleaned out by next winter. That would leave a clear water lake if we can find a water source and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality will allow it. If not, we will be working with the Planning Commission on options for future use of that 30-acre area once the lagoon sides are leveled back out.

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**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETINGS**

February 1st  
February 15th

## Free Weatherization Services ~

### DO YOU QUALIFY FOR FREE HOME WEATHERIZATION SERVICES?

Free home weatherization makes energy efficiency in your home. More information about these services is at <http://www.neo.ne.gov/wx/wxindex.htm>.

To receive free weatherization services for your home, your annual household income must fall within the income ranges listed at right. Households with per-

sons receiving either ADC (Aid to Dependent Children) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) are automatically eligible.

Household Size	Max. Household Income
1	\$21,660
2	\$29,140
3	\$36,620
4	\$44,100
5	\$51,580

6	\$59,060
7	\$66,540
8	\$74,020

For each additional family member, add \$7,480.

To apply for home weatherization services contact: Goldenrod Hills, Community Action at (402) 529-3513, [wx1@gpc.com.net](mailto:wx1@gpc.com.net); [www.goldenrodhillscommunityaction.org](http://www.goldenrodhillscommunityaction.org).