

FALL/WINTER 2024



 **LA VISTA**  
**COMMUNITY** *Guide*



# Celebrate it all.

You don't have to look far to find small and large celebrations happening around La Vista this fall and winter. We have book clubs celebrating their love of reading at the Library and soccer teams celebrating victories at the Sports Complex. We have seniors celebrating friendship at the Community Center and families celebrating the holidays with us at Santa's Workshop.

In La Vista, we're proud of our community, and we celebrate it every chance we get. This guide is proof of that. Take a look inside and join us in celebration this upcoming season.

**Love, La Vista**

## YOUR GUIDE TO LA VISTA

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## 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.



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@LaVistaPolice



@cityoflavista  
@lavistapolice



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@lavistalibraryyouth



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# ELECTED OFFICIALS

## Mayor



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## City Council Ward 1



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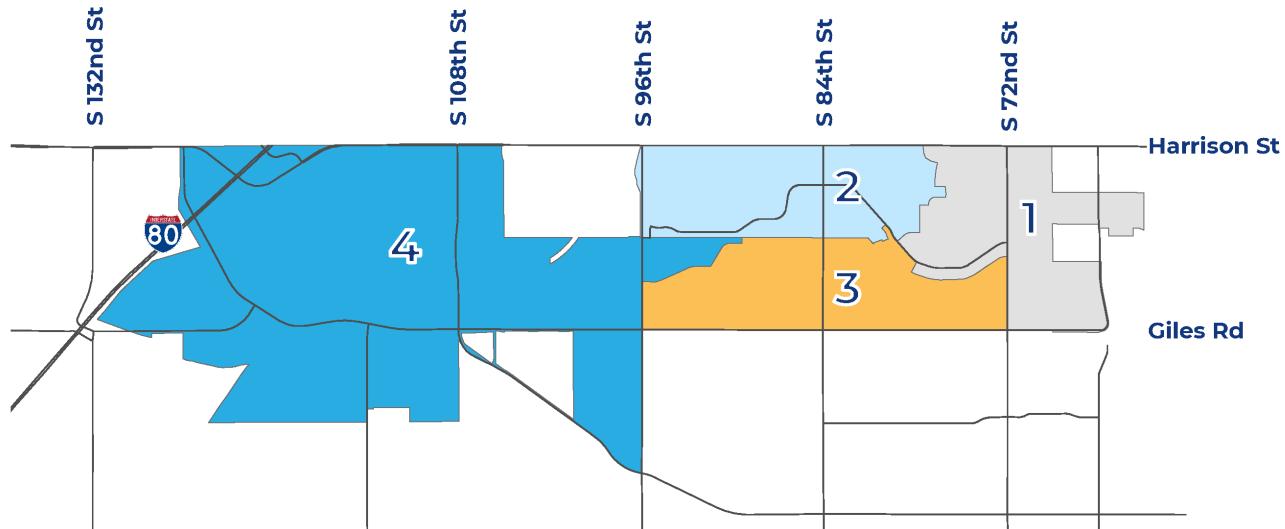


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## City Council Ward Map



## 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](http://CityofLaVista.org/Agenda) after 4 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting. City Council Ward Maps can be found at [CityofLaVista.org/WardMaps](http://CityofLaVista.org/WardMaps).



# GENERAL 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.

Saturday (May–August): 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday (September–April): 1 - 9 p.m.

Sunday (May–August): CLOSED

# 2024-2025 HOLIDAY OBSERVANCES & CLOSURES

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

- New Year's Day
- Juneteenth
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Independence Day
- President's Day
- Labor Day
- Memorial Day
- Columbus 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
Food Pantry and Food Resources	
Food Bank for the Heartland Food	
Resources Hotline.....	855.444.5556
NeighborGood Community Pantry.....	402.552.7061
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 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](mailto:CityClerk@CityofLaVista.org) or **402.331.4343**.

### Did we goof?

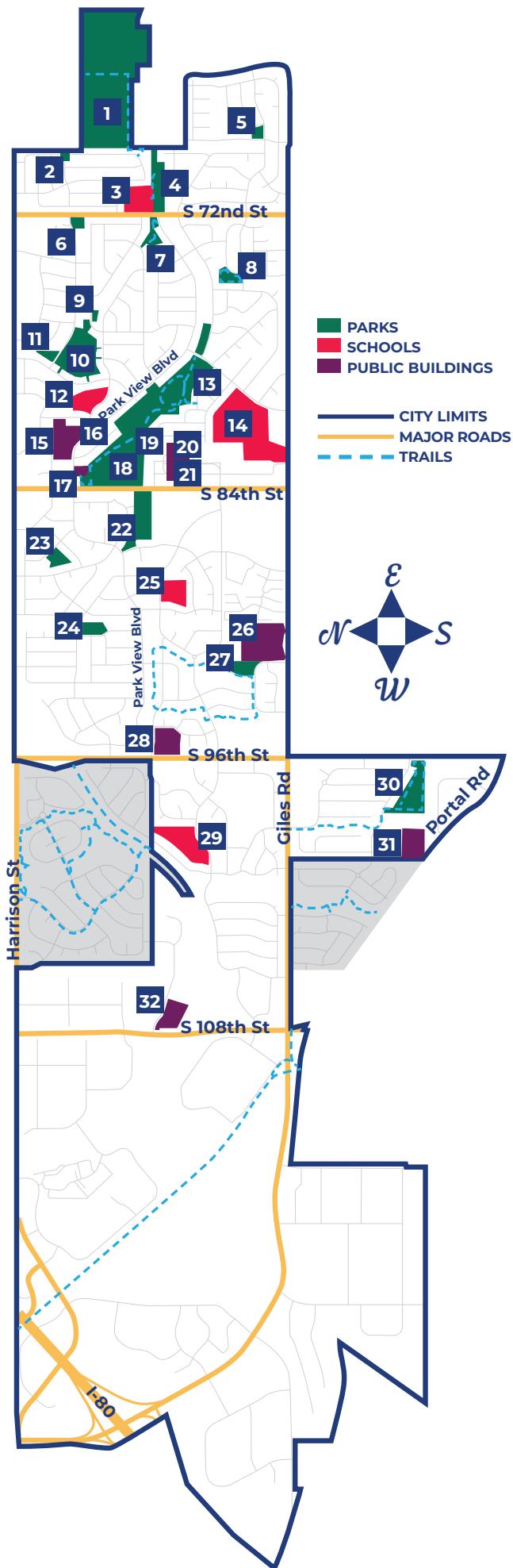
The programs in this guide were scheduled several months in advance. The City of La Vista reserves the right to change program schedules to accommodate demand or for facility use conflicts. We will correct any changes in locations, times, dates and fees online at [CityofLaVista.org/EventGuide](http://CityofLaVista.org/EventGuide).

# 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 Street
22. Central Park West	7601 S. 85th St.
23. Camenzind Park	7120 Wood Lane Dr.
24. Jaycee Park	7105 Harvest Hills Dr.
25. Parkview Heights Elementary	7609 S. 89th St.
26. Public Library/MCC Sarpy Center	9110 Giles Rd.
27. Southwind Park	8120 S. 92nd St.
28. Police Department	7701 S. 96th St.
29. Portal Elementary	9920 Brentwood Dr.
30. Val Verde Park	9807 Centennial Rd.
31. Public Works	9900 Portal Rd.
32. 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](http://CityofLaVista.org/Active) or contact the Recreation Department at **402.331.3455**.



# PARK AMENITIES

PARK	AMENITY	BASEBALL FIELD	BASKETBALL COURT	BENCHES	COMMUNITY GARDEN	DOG PARK	ELECTRICITY	FOOTBALL FIELD	GAGA BALL PIT	GAZEBO	GREEN SPACE	GRILLS	HORSESHOE PIT	OFF-STREET PARKING	LAKE	LITTLE LIBRARY	PICKLE BALL COURT	PICNIC TABLES	PICNIC SHELTER	PLAYGROUND	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.																												
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](http://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](http://CityofLaVista.org/Employment).



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# EVENTS





## LA VISTA LOOP - 2K FUN RUN

*Presented by La Vista Recreation*

**Saturday, September 14**

Run starts at 10 a.m.

Costume judging 9-9:55 a.m.

Awards at 11 a.m.

*The Nines Plaza at The Link*

The second annual Fun Run returns! Run (or walk) the trails in Central Park and have fun doing it during the 2K Fun Run. Costumes are encouraged and prizes will be awarded amongst different categories. Advanced registration is encouraged, although walk-ups will be allowed. The first 100 to register receive a free La Vista water bottle. *Please note: Registration prior to September 6 is required to be a part of the costume contest.*

Register at [CityofLaVista.org/LaVistaLoop](http://CityofLaVista.org/LaVistaLoop)

Check-in for the fun run and race will be at the The Nines Plaza at The Link (adjacent to The Astro Amphitheater). Parking is available in the City Centre parking garages or streets, in Central Park East and at the Central Park Clubhouse. (Note: The trails from the Clubhouse parking lot to the check-in at The Nines Plaza will be closed at 9:30 a.m.)



## COMMUNITY CENTER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & OPEN HOUSE

**Thursday, September 26, 4-7 p.m.**

*Community Center*

The La Vista Community Center is celebrating its 30th anniversary this fall. Drop by for an open house complete with free games, activities and cupcakes. There will be an opportunity to learn about the history of the Community Center and get information about current classes and offerings.

Food will be available for purchase from Santiago's Mexican food truck. Bring your family and friends for a fun evening at the Community Center.





FREE ENTRY

# PROST!

## OKTOBERFEST SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

11 a.m.-9 p.m.  
City Centre

Experience some traditional Oktoberfest fun with a modern twist in City Centre! Main Street will be closed to make way for an 11 a.m. kickoff for an outdoor Nebraska vs. Purdue football watch party on the big screen, live music, games and activities, food trucks, and of course, a beer garden.

Festival themed fun includes an Oktoberfest costume contest, beer stein holding contest, pretzel tossing game, and cornhole for good measure.

Local bands include:

- **Evans & Moore** 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Kenny Janak Orchestra** 2:30-5:30 p.m.
- **Funk Trek** 7-9 p.m.

\* Food and beverage available for purchase.

Families/all ages are welcome, but you must be 21 or older to consume alcohol.

[CityofLaVista.org/FallEvents](http://CityofLaVista.org/FallEvents)

 **LA VISTA**



LA VISTA  
CITY  
CENTRE

- **HUSKER WATCH PARTY**
- **BIER GARDEN**
- **LIVE MUSIC**
- **FOOD TRUCKS**
- **STEIN-HOLDING CONTEST** 6 p.m.
- **COSTUME CONTEST** 6 p.m.
- **PRETZEL TOSS**
- **CORNHOLE**



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FREE EVENT

## MOONLIGHT MOVIE GHOSTBUSTERS: FROZEN EMPIRE (PG-13)

**Saturday, September 28, 5-9 p.m.**

*The Astro Amphitheater & The Nines Plaza at The Link*

Join us outdoors for a free fall film on the big screen where we will help celebrate 40 years of Ghostbusters and the newest franchise release!

**5 p.m.** **The Nines Plaza — Movie Characters, Photo Ops**

**6:30 p.m.** **Astro Amphitheater opens**

**Dusk** **Movie begins (movie runs 1 h 55 min)**



### MOVIE CHARACTERS/ PHOTO OPS

Before the movie, visit us at The Nines Plaza (adjacent to The Astro Amphitheater) for a ghostly good time as Nebraska's version of an ectomobile will be on display alongside movie characters in costume. Don't be afraid of no ghost, dress in your best costume and snap photos with our large selfie frame. **Come hungry!** The Astro's concessions will be open inside the gates. The first 100

arrivals will receive a free small kettle corn from the City's welcome booth.

*Please note, The Astro Amphitheater has a clear bag policy and personal chairs are not permitted. Blankets are permitted on the lawn, and limited chairs will be available on a first-come first-served basis.*

FREE EVENT

## FIRE STATION 4 OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday, October 6, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

*Fire Station 4*

The Papillion Fire Department, which services La Vista, will host an open house at Station 4 in La Vista to celebrate Fire Prevention Week. You're invited to tour the fire station, chat with local firefighters, climb inside vehicles and enjoy some light refreshments.

For more information, call **402.339.8617**.

FREE EVENT

## PUBLIC WORKS EXPO

**Saturday, October 5, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
*La Vista Public Works (9900 Portal Road)*

Drop by La Vista's Public Works Expo Day and see first-hand what the Public Works Department does for the community. Visitors can view and operate equipment, see live demonstrations, talk with staff and ask questions. Free hot dogs and chips while supplies last.

FREE EVENT

## FALL KITE FESTIVAL

**Sunday, October 13, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
*La Vista Soccer Complex*

Let's go fly a kite! Families are invited to join us for a free day of kite-flying fun. See some of the world's largest and most creative kites and bring your own kite to fly.

This is one of many events happening globally on this date that are part of the One Sky One World International Kite Fly for Peace.

FREE EVENT

## FALL CLEANUP DAYS

**Date TBD, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. daily**  
*Papillion Public Works Facility  
(99th Circle and Portal Road)*

The Public Works Department will co-host a fall cleanup event with the City of Papillion this fall. La Vista and Papillion residents are welcome to drop off unwanted household items and yard waste for disposal.

The event will be located on the south side of Portal Road, just east of the Papillion Public Works Facility. The cleanup event is open to Papillion and La Vista residents only and proof of residency is required. The Cleanup Days dates are pending because storm debris must be removed before more waste can be accepted.

For more information, visit [CityofLaVista.org/CleanupDays](http://CityofLaVista.org/CleanupDays).



## LET'S TALK, LA VISTA

**Saturday, October 12, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (Pancake feed begins at 10 a.m.)**

Community Center

You may have heard of the online “Let’s Talk” forums and you may have even heard about last year’s in person event. Well, we’re moving the conversation offline again this year.

Join us at the Community Center for a free pancake breakfast.

The one and only Pancake Man will be serving up flapjacks, and Mayor Kindig, members of the La Vista City Council and City staff will be available to answer questions and discuss what’s happening around La Vista. Come chat with elected officials and fill up on pancakes.



### HOWL-O-WEEN

**Thursday, October 17, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

Dog Park at Southwind Park

Dress your dog in a Halloween costume and register onsite at the event to take part in a costume competition. Snap a photo of your furry friend by our fall themed backdrop. Visit various community booths and make sure to stop by the City’s booth for a giveaway and treat for your dog. Treat yourself to a free beverage, too.



### HALLOWEEN SAFE NIGHT

**Thursday, October 31, 4-6 p.m.**

La Vista Community Center

The City’s annual safe trick-or-treating tradition continues with some new surprises that will make this Halloween one to remember for La Vista’s residents! There is an all-new outdoor trick-or-treat experience planned along with the traditional hayrack rides and incredible photo backdrops. Indoors, visitors will find the familiar free hot dogs from our local sponsors.



## TRAVELIN’ TRIVIA NIGHTS

**December 11, January 8, February 12, 6 p.m.**

Various Locations

You asked for it, so we delivered! We are taking Trivia Night on the road this winter and stopping at some of La Vista’s favorite hotspots.

**Wednesday, December 11 – Pint 9 Brewing Company (10411 Portal Rd.)**

**Wednesday, January 8 – Heights Draft Room (7861 Main St.)**

**Wednesday, February 12 – Lucky Bucket Brewing Company (11941 Centennial Rd.)**

Form a team with your friends and test your wits playing trivia with La Vista City staff on the second Wednesday of the winter months. Top teams will win prizes. A food truck will be on site (except at Heights where you can order delivery from City Pub) and the host locations will offer a full range of beverages for purchase. Teams of 2-4 people are welcome to play. Pre-registration is not required.



## SANTA'S SLEIGH RIDE AND TREE LIGHTING

**Sunday, December 1**

- 1 p.m. Sleigh Ride begins
- 6 p.m. Tree Lighting

City Wide Streets and  
Santa's Workshop at Central Park

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.

**1 p.m.** Santa's Sleigh Ride (across City streets)

**4 p.m.** Santa's Workshop opens (free cookies, cocoa and glow necklaces, caroling, scavenger hunt and live animal petting and pictures)

**5:45 p.m.** Santa arrives (via sleigh through Central Park trails to Santa's Workshop)

**6 p.m.** Lighting of the tree and Santa's Workshop (at Central Park) followed by a singalong and selfie with Santa

## LETTERS TO SANTA

**November 25-December 13**

Santa's Workshop outdoor mailbox  
(8305 Park View Blvd.)

La Vista Public Library indoor mailbox  
(9110 Giles Rd.)

Have you been good this year? Send a message to the big man himself! Write a letter to Santa and send it off to the North Pole. You can ask Santa questions, share a story, draw a picture and tell him what you want for Christmas, of course. Drop your letters in one of the special mailboxes 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 13 to receive a reply by Christmas.

## WALKIN' IN LA VISTA WONDERLAND

**December 1-31**

Central Park (near Santa's Workshop) and  
The Nines Plaza

Walk through the Winter Wonderland in the park, see the lights and take photos with the holiday decorations. There will be fun, new additions to the park this year!



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

## WINTER WONDERLAND CRAFT AND VENDOR MARKET

**Saturday, December 7, 12-4 p.m.**

The Nines Plaza at The Link

*Free admission*

Join us for a festive afternoon at the Winter Wonderland Craft and Vendor Market! Explore an array of handcrafted goods, unique gifts, and artisanal treats in a festive outdoor setting. This family-friendly event promises goodies for everyone, with local food and drink vendors there to make sure no one leaves empty-handed.

Do you own a boutique, bakery, or have a booming side-hustle business you'd like to showcase at our first-ever Winter Wonderland market? If so, apply to be a vendor at [CityofLaVista.org/WinterMarket](http://CityofLaVista.org/WinterMarket).

Bundle up, bring your friends and family, and enjoy a fun day of shopping. This is the perfect opportunity to support local businesses and find unique gifts for your loved ones!

## VISIT SANTA AT HIS WORKSHOP

- **Friday, December 6, 4-7 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, December 10, 4-7 p.m.**
- **Friday, December 13, 4-7 p.m.**
- **Saturday, December 14, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**  
*(PET FRIENDLY on 12/14 only. Open to people and their animals; leashes required for pets)*

Santa's Workshop at Central Park

*Free admission*



You're invited to visit Santa at his workshop in La Vista this holiday season! Come walk through the La Vista Wonderland in Central Park, enjoy some free cookies, cocoa and activities while you wait to see Santa and then enter Santa's magical workshop to meet him! 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.



## GENERAL INFO



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# RECREATION



We have so much to celebrate! Over the past months, we've dedicated ourselves to engaging with you to understand what you want from our Recreation offerings. From pickleball town halls and focus groups to community surveys, we hit the streets to gather your feedback. And we listened. Here are some of the improvements we've made:

- Fresh paint and new floors in the Community Center
- Resurfaced and painted new lines on the basketball court
- Installed two art walls to showcase local artistic talent
- Created more gym time for our youth
- Expanded our pickleball program, adding a third court at the Community Center
- Enhanced senior programming with classes like sign language, ballroom dancing and CPR training
- Hosted a fantastic La Vista Days, bringing new energy to the city
- Bid farewell to the original La Vista pool, making way for exciting redevelopment on 84th Street

But our journey doesn't stop here. As we move into the fall/winter season, we're focusing on creating moments that bring families and friends together to make lasting memories. Look forward to upcoming events like trick-or-treating, zombie challenges, youth volleyball and basketball leagues, Santa's annual visit and much more!

**Stay tuned for more exciting updates and opportunities for community engagement.**

**Heather Buller, Recreation Director**

## 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

## YOUR RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The La Vista Recreation Department plays a vital role in enhancing the quality of life within our community by providing opportunities for social interaction, physical activity, skill development, cultural enrichment, and overall enjoyment.



## LA VISTA RECREATION DEPARTMENT

8116 Park View Blvd., La Vista, NE 68128  
 402.331.3455 | [CityofLaVista.org/Recreation](http://CityofLaVista.org/Recreation)  
[Recreation@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:Recreation@CityofLaVista.org)

## 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.



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# FACILITIES

## COMMUNITY CENTER

The La Vista Community Center offers a variety of ways for you and your family to stay fit and enjoy recreational time together. The Community Center features five meeting rooms for rent and programming, a fitness center, racquetball & wallyball court, basketball court with three pickleball courts, and a game room. The Community Center is home to seniors and recreation programs offered daily and weekly. There are daily fees to utilize the basketball court and fitness center, and rental fees for the use of meeting rooms, pickleball courts, and racquetball & wallyball court.

### REGISTRATION PROCESS

To access the Community Center, every individual must register for free and receive a unique identification number. This number will be used for check-ins each time you visit.

For youth aged 10-15 years old, registration must be completed by a parent or guardian before they can use the facility independently.

Please note that children aged 9 and under will not be issued an identification number and must always be accompanied by a parent or guardian who is at least 16 years old.

We're committed to ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone at our Community Center. Thank you for your cooperation in following these guidelines.

### DAILY DROP-IN FEES

These costs are for use of open gym and fitness center.

Resident adult (19+)	Non-resident adult (19+)	Resident senior (55+)	Non-resident senior (55+)	Resident & Non-resident youth (under 19)
\$3	\$4	FREE	\$2	FREE

### FITNESS CENTER

**The Fitness Center is open to ages 12 & up and is equipped with basic cardio and strength equipment.** Ages 12-14 must have a responsible parent or adult guardian present during all workouts. Including dual cable station, Smith machine, dumbbells, treadmills, upright and recumbent bikes, row machine, and therapeutic cardio for rehabilitation. Daily drop in fees applies.

### OPEN GYM

The Recreation Department is committed to coordinating Open Gym Time to provide a variety of opportunities for all ages and abilities to enjoy recreation, socialize and have fun. Each month we program the basketball courts at the Community Center with offerings like Preschool Playtime, Adult Basketball, Youth & Teen open gym time and pickleball court rental opportunities. Daily drop in fees applies.

View the open gym schedule online at [CityofLaVista.org/OpenGym](http://CityofLaVista.org/OpenGym). (Hours subject to change.)



### GAME ROOM

The Game Room is a hub of fun and entertainment for all ages and is open during the Community Center's hours of operation. From classic board games to pool and ping pong, there is something for everyone. The Game Room is the perfect place to unwind, socialize and have a blast. **There are even some exciting updates coming in 2025.**

Come join us and let the games begin! There are no fees to utilize the game room.

### MEETING ROOMS

The Community Center offers five meeting rooms for residents, visitors, businesses and non-profits to rent for meetings, birthday parties, wedding showers and much more. Rooms are available during the Community Center's hours of operation and must be booked and paid for at least three days in advance.

### COURT RENTALS

The Community Center has a racquetball/wallyball court and three pickleball courts that are available to rent. Racquetball/wallyball is available during normal hours of operation and pickleball courts are available during designated open gym times. Courts may be reserved up to seven days in advance. Participants must bring their own equipment. Reservations may be made in person or over the phone at **402.331.3455**.

Racquetball/Wallyball Court		Pickleball Court	
Resident adult (19+)	Non-resident adult (19+)	Resident senior (55+)	Non-resident senior (55+)
\$7/hour	\$10/hour	FREE	\$2/hour





## 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. These fields are available through permit only from the Recreation Department. To request a field or if you are interested in hosting a tournament, please contact Denny Dinan at **402.331.3455** or **DDinan@CityofLaVista.org**. All field requests must be submitted at least 24 hours in advance. Please note: Field requests for the following year begin in October of the current year.

For more information, visit [CityofLaVista.org/Fields](http://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**.

## PARK SHELTERS

The La Vista park system offers park shelters to host your next outdoor gathering. Shelters are available at the following parks: Ardmore, Camenzind, Central Park East, Children's, Giles Corner, Jaycee, Val Verde and Southwind. Reservations for all park facilities are taken on a first-come, first-served basis through the Recreation Department. To make a reservation, call the Recreation Department at **402.331.3455**. When not reserved, shelters are available for public use.

Resident	Non-resident
<b>\$15/3 hours</b>	<b>\$25/3 hours</b>



# CHILDREN'S CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

## AGES PRESCHOOL-12

*Unless listed otherwise*



### PICKLEBALL CLASSES

Sunday afternoons and evenings

Are you wanting to learn the basics of pickleball or take your game to the next level? Contact Jess at [Jessouza33@gmail.com](mailto:Jessouza33@gmail.com) or **402.957.4022** to set up a class.

**Cost:** \$10/person

**Age:** All ages

### 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 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](mailto: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.

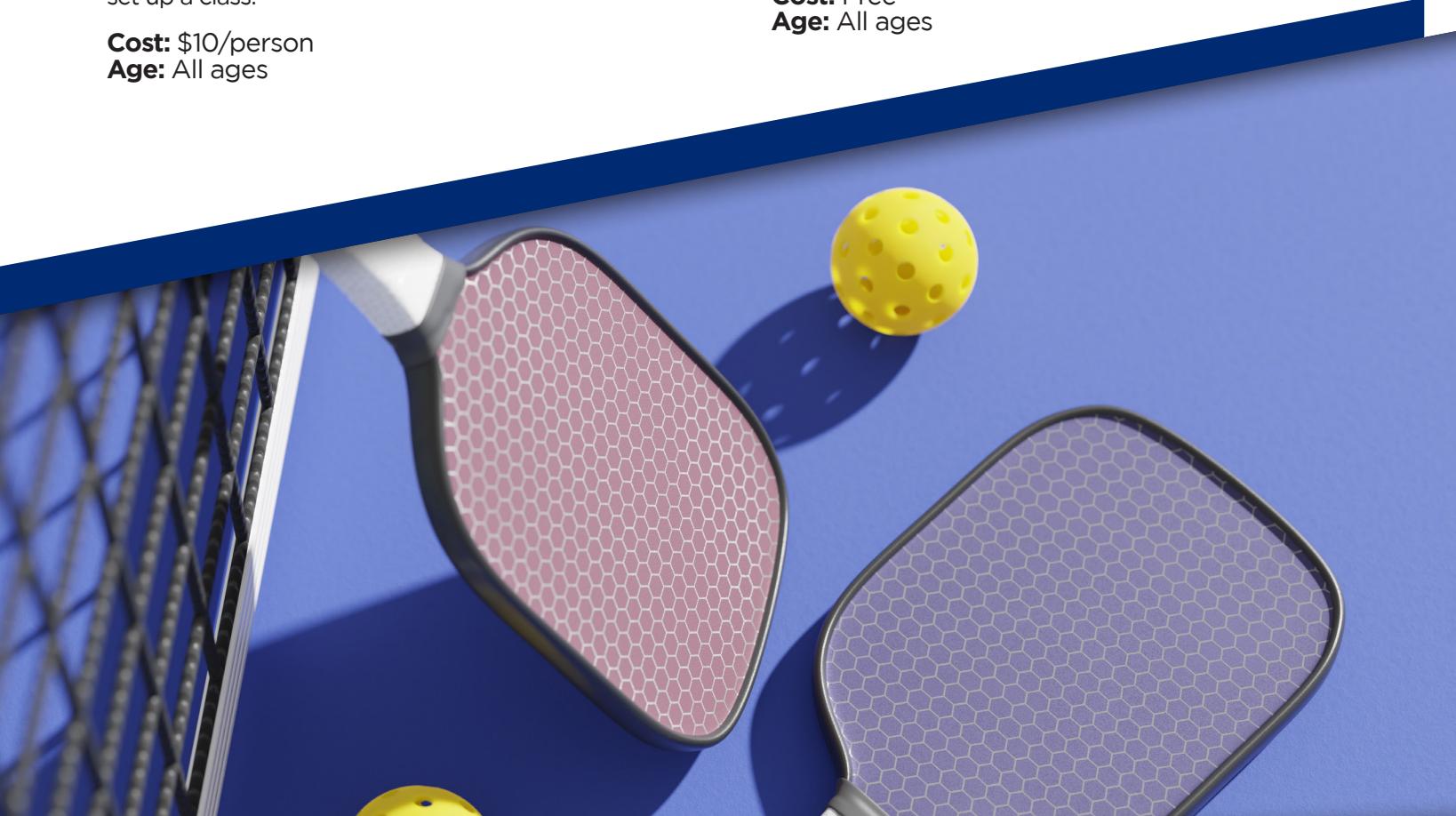
### FAMILY FUN BINGO NIGHTS

September 20, October 18, November 15,  
December 20, and January 17  
6:30-8 p.m.

Join our "Bingo Kings" Connor and Keegan for monthly family bingo nights.

**Cost:** Free

**Age:** All ages



## PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME

Tuesday & Thursday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Open free play is offered every Tuesday and Thursday morning. No registration is needed. Please do not bring your own bikes, tricycles or scooters.

**Cost:** Free

**Age:** Walking-5 years (with Adult)

## SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

Sunday, 2-5 p.m.

The 8-week fall session starts on Sunday, September 29 at 2 p.m.

The 8-week winter session starts on Sunday, January 5 at 2 p.m.

Allemande Left and Do Si Do with these lessons from the River City Square Dance Club.

For more info and registration, contact Ken at **402.690.3020**.

**Cost:** \$50 per person (ages 18+);

\$25 per person (ages 9+ with paying adult)

**Age:** Ages 9+

## TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Saturday, 10-11 a.m.

Please email or call Matt at [matthewziegler907@gmail.com](mailto:matthewziegler907@gmail.com) or **402.680.2937** to let him know you plan to join.

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

**Age:** Ages 8+

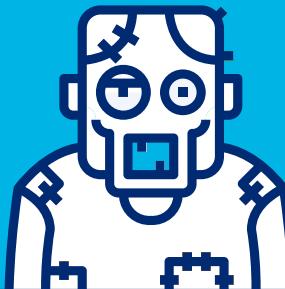


## ZOMBIE CHALLENGE

Friday, October 25, 6-7 p.m.

Try to outrun our Zombies through the obstacle course without being caught.  
Pre-registration required space is limited, call **402.331.3455** or visit [CityofLaVista.org/Zombie](http://CityofLaVista.org/Zombie) to register and reserve your spot

**Cost:** Free    **Age:** 6-12



# TEEN & ADULT CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

## AGES 12+

Unless Listed Otherwise



### AIKIDO

Monday & Thursday, 7-8:30 p.m.

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**Cost:** (Resident): \$40/month;  
(Non-resident): \$45/month

**Age:** 12+ and adult

### BALLROOM DANCE

Wednesday, 7-8 p.m. (Private lessons available by appointment.)

Join as a single or couple, minimum of six people per class. In each session two or three dances will be taught. To register contact Terry Vargas at **402-639-2209**.

**Cost:** \$40/4-week session

**Age:** 18+

## BELLY DANCING LESSONS Mondays & Tuesdays

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

**Age:** Adult 19+

Please reserve your spot with Elianae on her website at [AccelerationBellydanceFitness.com](http://AccelerationBellydanceFitness.com), call **402.370.9021** or email Elianae at [elianaethebellydancer@gmail.com](mailto:elianaethebellydancer@gmail.com).

## BEGINNER BELLY DANCING Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m.

Learn fundamental hip, torso and arm movements in a low-impact and fun way. No experience is required, and all 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 7**

## WORKSHOP

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Cost:** \$35 before November 1,  
\$40 after November 1

## RECITAL

2-5 p.m.

**Cost:** \$10/person or free entry with workshop admission; children under age five are free with paid adult admission.

This annual recital is a chance for the Belly Dance students at the La Vista Community Center to shine, and for the community to participate in a belly dance workshop and show! This family-friendly show is open to the public. Enjoy light refreshments, cheer on our dancers and have fun participating in a workshop.



**Cost: FREE**  
**All ages**

# Family Bingo Night

**Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20, Jan. 17**

**6:30-8 p.m.**

La Vista Community Center  
8116 Park View Blvd.

Join our "Bingo Kings" Connor and Keegan for a fun family bingo night.

For more information, visit [CityofLaVista.org/BingoNight](http://CityofLaVista.org/BingoNight) or call 402.331.3455



## FAMILY FUN BINGO NIGHTS

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Join our "Bingo Kings" Connor and Keegan for monthly bingo nights.

**Cost:** Free

**Age:** All ages

## FIT FLEXIBLE AND STRONG: THE COMPLETE EXERCISE CLASS

Tuesday & Thursday, 5-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10-11 a.m.

This class focuses on:

1. Flexibility exercises that stretch and lengthen muscles (Includes yoga poses and forms)
2. Resistance training activities (Includes body weight resistance, bands or light weights)
3. Aerobic activity (Such as walking, body movement cardio or cardio machines)

For info and registration, contact Frank at  
[FrankPFerrante@gmail.com](mailto:FrankPFerrante@gmail.com)

**Cost:** \$5 per class

**Age:** Adult



## KENPO KARATE

Wednesday, 6-7:30 p.m.

Kenpo Karate is an art for the individual, allowing each person to achieve full control over his or her mind and body. Kenpo develops balance, speed, power, breathing control and self-defense skills.

For info and registration, contact Tony Foster at **402.297.3773** or Thomas Canick at **402.990.2485**.

**Cost:** \$40/month

**Age:** 14+

## LABLAST

Tuesday & Thursday, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

LaBlast is a revolutionary dance fitness program based on all the dances you see on Dancing with The Stars. Take your mind, body and soul on a journey through ballroom-based dances from different countries and cultures.

LaBlast is a workout in disguise and designed for all skill levels. Join your Omaha-based ballroom dance professional Alex Pacheco for your LaBlast experience.

For info and registration, call **402.714.4938** or email [dancewithpacheco@gmail.com](mailto:dancewithpacheco@gmail.com) or [simply.ballroom@gmail.com](mailto:simply.ballroom@gmail.com).

**Cost:** \$40/month or \$15 per drop-in class

**Age:** 18+

## MINIATURE CLUB

Third Sunday of the month, 1:30-3 p.m.

Miniature diorama enthusiasts meet at the Community Center. Guests are always welcome. For more information, contact Sandy Sokoloski at **402.708.1177**.

**Cost:** Free

**Age:** All ages

## OMAHA 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 all levels of interest and skill.

For more information, contact Cat Souliere at [omacagreenknights@gmail.com](mailto:omacagreenknights@gmail.com).

**Cost:** \$5/class drop-in or \$20/month

**Age:** All ages

## PICKLEBALL CLASSES

Sunday afternoons and evenings, various times

Are you wanting to learn the basics of pickleball or take your game to the next level? Contact Jess at [Jessouza33@gmail.com](mailto:Jessouza33@gmail.com) or **402.957.4022** to set up a class.

**Cost:** \$10/person

**Age:** All ages

## SQUARE DANCE LESSONS

Sunday, 2-5 p.m.

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Allemande Left and Do Si Do with these lessons from the River City Square Dance Club.

For more info and registration, contact Ken at **402.690.3020**.

**Cost:** \$50 per person (ages 18+);  
\$25 per person (ages 9+ with paying adult)

**Ages:** Ages 9+

## TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Saturday, 10-11 a.m.

Please email or call Matt at **matthewziegler907@gmail.com** or **402.680.2937** to let him know you plan to join him.

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

**Ages:** Ages 8+



## YOGA

Saturday, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Tuesday & Thursday 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 information, contact Frank at **FrankPFerrante@gmail.com**. Pre-registration prior to first class is required.

**Cost:** \$7/class; \$3/class for seniors 55+

**Age:** Teens 13+ and Adults

# ATHLETICS

## COED VOLLEYBALL

October-December

Final registration deadline: September 21

Register online at [CityofLaVista.org/Active](http://CityofLaVista.org/Active).

The purpose of the Coed Youth Volleyball league is to provide a fun instructional opportunity for both girls and boys to learn and enjoy playing volleyball. Teams participate in the Bellevue Junior Sports Association Youth Volleyball League.

Practices are held at the La Vista Community Center.

Games are played on Saturdays and some Mondays at the Bellevue Junior Sports Association Center.

Practice starts: Week of September 29

Games start: November 2

AGE	Fees	
	Resident	Non-resident
Grades 3rd - 8th	\$65	\$75

## BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUES

January-March

Early-bird registration deadline: November 10

Final registration deadline: November 30 (or until leagues are full)

Register online at [CityofLaVista.org/Active](http://CityofLaVista.org/Active).

The La Vista Youth Basketball League emphasizes learning and improving skills, teamwork, sportsmanship and fun. The Recreation Department offers youth basketball for boys and girls in grades 3-8. Players are separated into 3rd/4th, 5th/6th and 7th/8th grade divisions.

Practice starts: Week of January 1

Games start: January 18

AGE	Fees	
	EARLY-BIRD OCT 1 - NOV 10	FINAL NOV 11 - NOV 30
Grades 3rd - 8th	Resident: \$55 Non-resident: \$65	Resident: \$65 Non-resident: \$75

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; therefore, players are not allowed to participate if they play on another team that is a select or competitive level.

Coaches will reach out approximately one week prior to the season starting to provide information about specific practice days, times and locations.

**Volunteer coaches are needed!**





## COED BASKETBALL CLINIC

January 4-February 1; Saturdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Early-bird registration deadline: December 11  
Final registration deadline: December 22

**Register online at [CityofLaVista.org/Active](http://CityofLaVista.org/Active).**

The La Vista Recreation Department offers a coed Youth Basketball Clinic for first and second 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 five 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	Fees	
	EARLY-BIRD OCT 1 - DEC 11	FINAL DEC 12 - DEC 22
Grades: 1st-2nd	Resident: \$17 Non-resident: \$22	Resident: \$27 Non-resident: \$32

## COED FLAG FOOTBALL

April 26-June 24

Early-bird registration deadline: February 12  
Final registration deadline: February 28

The Recreation Department offers a coed youth flag football program in the spring and the fall for boys and girls in grades PreK-6. 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 safe and fair environment.

**Register online at [CityofLaVista.org/Active](http://CityofLaVista.org/Active).**

Games are played on Saturday mornings/afternoons at the La Vista Sports Complex, Papillion Landing, Spirit Monarch and BJSA Fields. Start/end dates are subject to change.

**Spring practice starts: April 1**

**Games run: April 26 - June 21**

AGE	Fees	
	EARLY-BIRD JAN 2 - FEB 12	FINAL FEB 13 - FEB 28
Grades PreK - 6th	Resident: \$33 Non-resident: \$53	Resident: \$43 Non-resident: \$63



## COED SOCCER ACADEMY & LEAGUE

April 8-May 17

Early-bird registration deadline: March 4  
Final registration deadline: March 19

Register online at [CityofLaVista.org/Active](http://CityofLaVista.org/Active).

La Vista Recreation's Soccer Academy and League are run in 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. Training is on Tuesdays with game situations/scrimmages on Saturdays. Start and end dates 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 and League sessions.

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

Spring session runs April 8 – May 17

LEAGUE AGES	ACADEMY AGES	Fees	
		EARLY-BIRD JAN 2 – MAR 4	FINAL MAR 5 – MAR 19
6-7 years old	4-5 years old	Resident: \$33 Non-resident: \$53	Resident: \$43 Non-resident: \$63

## 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 living in and around the La Vista area. 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 Academy in a more competitive atmosphere. 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. Individual development is the focus at this age but learning to play as a team is important as well!

## COED 3-YEAR-OLD SOCCER CLINIC

April 5-May 10, | Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Early bird registration deadline: March 4  
Final registration deadline: March 19

Register online at [CityofLaVista.org/Active](http://CityofLaVista.org/Active).

This clinic is designed to introduce the fundamentals of soccer in a fun way. The clinic is comprised of five 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 fall and spring. Clinic is limited to 16 participants. Start/end dates are subject to change.

Spring clinic runs: April 5 – May 10

AGE	Fees	
	EARLY-BIRD JAN 2 – MAR 4	FINAL MAR 5 – MAR 19
3 years old	Resident: \$17 Non-resident: \$22	Resident: \$27 Non-resident: \$32

## BASEBALL & SOFTBALL VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED!

Please consider volunteering your time to coach.

### BASEBALL

SEASON BEGINS IN APRIL

**Early-bird registration deadline: February 12**

**Final registration deadline: February 28**

The La Vista Recreation Department offers youth baseball for boys ages 7-14. The baseball season runs from April through early July of each year. La Vista's youth baseball program is a partnership with the Ralston Area Baseball Association.

LEAGUE	AGE (as of April 1)	COST	
		EARLY-BIRD BEFORE FEB 12	FINAL FEB 13-28
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

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 information about your child's specific practice day, time and location. Start/end date is subject to change. Register online at [CityofLaVista.org/Active](http://CityofLaVista.org/Active).

### GIRLS SOFTBALL

SEASON BEGINS IN APRIL

**Early-bird registration deadline: February 12**

**Final registration deadline: February 28**

The La Vista Recreation Department offers youth softball for girls ages 7-18. Teams play in the Papillion Softball League. Players are not allowed to play in this league if they participate on a "select" or "competitive" team.

LEAGUE	AGE (as of May 1)	COST	
		EARLY-BIRD BEFORE FEB 12	FINAL FEB 13-28
MINOR/KID-PITCH LEAGUE	7-10	Resident: \$65 Non-resident: \$85	Resident: \$75 Non-resident: \$95
JUNIOR LEAGUE	11-13	Resident: \$75 Non-resident: \$105	Resident: \$85 Non-resident: \$115
SENIOR LEAGUE	14-18	Resident: \$110 Non-resident: \$140	Resident: \$120 Non-resident: \$150

Practice will tentatively start the week of April 1. Practices are held at coach's discretion during the week. Games run April 27 through July 2. 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. Register online at [CityofLaVista.org/Active](http://CityofLaVista.org/Active).

### COED T-BALL

SEASON BEGINS IN MAY

**Early-bird registration deadline: April 1**  
**Final registration deadline: April 16**

The La Vista Recreation Department offers coed T-ball for children ages 5 & 6 in the summer of each year. 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.

Practice will tentatively start the week of May 5. Practices are held at the coach's discretion during the week. Games will be played on Saturday mornings at the La Vista ballfields from June 7 through July 12. You will receive a call from your child's coach approximately one week prior to the season starting to provide information about your child's specific practice day, time and location. Start/end date is subject to change. Register online at [CityofLaVista.org/Active](http://CityofLaVista.org/Active).



# SENIORS

# SENIOR PROGRAM

## AGES 55+

The La Vista Senior Program, located within the Community Center, is designed to enhance the lives of those 55+ by providing high quality services that offer wellness, leisure, life-long learning and social opportunities.

La Vista residents and non-residents who are 55 and older can join the Senior Program and become part of its thriving community free of charge. Become a member by visiting the front desk at the La Vista Community Center.

For more information about Senior Program classes, activities and special events listed in this guide, see the monthly Senior Newsletter at [CityofLaVista.org/Seniors](http://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 Community 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 other activities. View the monthly lunch menu at [CityofLaVista.org/Seniors](http://CityofLaVista.org/Seniors).

**Suggested Donation:** \$5 for those 60 and older

**Required Fee:** \$9.50 for those younger than 60

### 55 AND UP ONGOING ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DAY	TIME	FEES
<b>Golden Ballroom Dancing Exercise</b>	Mondays	9 a.m.	FREE
<b>Senior Pickleball Class</b>	3rd Monday of the month	3:30 p.m.	FREE
<b>Tai Chi For Balance</b>	Tuesdays & Thursdays	10:45-11:30 a.m.	Age 60+; \$0.50 suggested
<b>Various Card Games</b>	Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays	Tues: 12 p.m. or 2 p.m. Wed & Fri: 2 p.m.	FREE
<b>Movie Showings</b>	Every other Tuesday	1 p.m.	FREE
<b>Drop-In Quilting</b>	Wednesdays	9-11:30 a.m.	FREE
<b>Chair Volleyball</b>	Wednesdays & Fridays	10:15-11:15 a.m.	FREE
<b>Hand &amp; Foot (Cards)</b>	Wednesdays	1 p.m.	FREE
<b>Pitch (Cards)</b>	Fridays	1 p.m.	FREE
<b>Bingo</b>	Fridays	1 p.m.	\$1 total for 5 games



## At Your Service

### Meet Don Kimminau, Special Services Bus Driver

As the bus driver for the City's Special Services Bus, Don Kimminau helps people get around town. Learn more about Don and the important service he provides to people within our community.

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

**Don:** I'm proud to say that I've worked for the City of La Vista for nearly five and a half years. I was hired and started in March of 2019.

#### LV: Describe your role and what you do on a daily basis.

**Don:** As a driver for the Special Services Bus, I serve the community by providing transportation to individuals who need rides to doctor appointments, the grocery store, work and many other places.

#### LV: What is your favorite part of your job?

**Don:** I enjoy meeting new bus riders and getting to know them. I get to have a lot of good conversations and learn about people and their needs. And it's nice to know that I can help bus riders by providing a service they need.

#### LV: Why is the Special Services Bus important to the community?

**Don:** Not everyone owns a car or can drive one. We help people who need transportation and don't have a relative or someone else to assist them.

#### LV: What is something you wish more people knew about the transportation service?

**Don:** I wish more people knew how easy it is to use the Special Services Bus and that it costs very little to use.

#### LV: What do you enjoy doing when you're not working?

**Don:** I like to cook. I'm no threat to Emeril, but it is something I enjoy doing.

#### LV: What is a fun fact people might not know about you?

**Don:** I'm a huge fan of football.

#### What do you love about La Vista?

**Don:** That's easy, La Vista is a small city with a big heart.

# 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  
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For more information, visit  
[CityofLaVista.org/Seniors](http://CityofLaVista.org/Seniors)  
or call 402.331.3455.

## 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)  
See website for a  
detailed map.

*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 PROGRAM EVENTS



## SENIOR CARNIVAL

Wednesday, October 16, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
La Vista Community Center

Come one, come all! Relive your childhood at the Senior Carnival hosted by the La Vista Senior Program and Papillion Landing 55+ Club. Join us for a fun day of games and prizes. We'll have spin art, balloon animals and even carnival treats.

- **Carnival games start promptly at 10 a.m. and end at 12 p.m.**
- **Lunch is provided and will be served at 11:30 a.m.**
- **The entertainer will begin at 12 p.m.**

**Cost:** \$10. Sorry no refunds.

**Registration:** Register by October 8 at the La Vista Community Center or Papillion Landing. Space is limited. Maximum 100 registrations.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 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 watch for the December Senior Newsletter.

**Cost:** Free





## MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Monday, December 16 at 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.

**Cost:** Free

**Registration:** RSVP in advance by calling **402.331.3455**. Reserve your spot by Monday, December 9.

## VALENTINE'S DAY SENIOR LUNCH

Friday, February 14

Papillion Landing

**Doors open at 11 a.m.**  
**Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.**  
**Musical entertainment to follow.**

All adults ages 55+ are invited to the Valentine's Day Senior Lunch. Menu is to be determined.

**Cost:** \$8 per person. Payment due at time of registration. Sorry no refunds.

**Registration:** Register by Wednesday, February 5 at Papillion Landing or the La Vista Community Center front desk. Space is limited. Maximum 150 registrations.





# LIBRARY



**Rose Barcal,  
Library Director**

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Library improves your point of view here in La Vista. For example, did you know the Library is home to a GED program?

The Library's one-on-one educational GED sessions run Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. A GED Instructor and community volunteers guide each student through the four subjects (social studies, science, math and writing) needed to obtain high school competencies. The only cost to students is the actual test. All other support and materials are provided by the Library. Stop by to talk with Stephanie Holbus, the Library's GED instructor, to see how this program can meet your needs in getting your certificate!

## 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

Welcome to your Library!  
9110 Giles Road | La Vista, NE 68128  
402.537.3900 | 531.622.3900 (fax)  
[CityofLaVista.org/Library](http://CityofLaVista.org/Library)

## HOURS

**Monday-Thursday:** 8 a.m.-9 p.m.  
**Friday-Saturday:** 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 1-5 p.m.



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## LIBRARY 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	10¢ per day
DVDs	7 days	\$1 per day
Jigsaw Puzzles	3 weeks	\$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 member in a La Vista public school, or 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 or outside the city limits) may obtain membership by paying a fee as set forth in the City's Master Fee Ordinance. Due to an agreement between the City and SID 237, the City agrees to provide an annual library membership for access and use of library services of the La Vista Public Library to residents of SID 237 who satisfy applicable requirements to obtain a library membership.

Military personnel: There is no charge for a library card for active military personnel who live in Sarpy County. Active military personnel who are not residents of La Vista must present a military ID to obtain a library card.

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 check out an iPad, cardholders must be 18 years old or older and fill out the iPad Usage Agreement form. iPads can be borrowed for 60 minutes at a time with time extension options available.

## GABBLE: 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 will not be shared through Gabbie.

## ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

The La Vista Public Library offers databases, electronic books, magazines, streaming media and streaming music that can be accessed at the Library or 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 electronic resources.

## TECHNOLOGY HELP

Need help using your laptop, phone or tablet? Book a free one-on-one technology help session with Jean Hurst. Jean can assist you with:

- Using Library's electronic resources including ebooks, audiobooks and 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**.

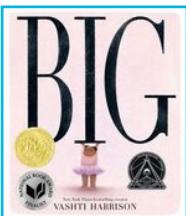
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## UNATTENDED CHILDREN

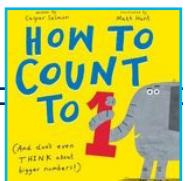
Children ages 10 and under must always be supervised by a parent or adult caregiver. Please be aware that this is a public facility, and the safety and security of children are the responsibility of the parents or adult caregivers.

# STAFF BOOK PICKS

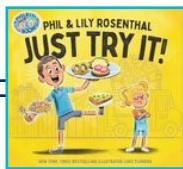
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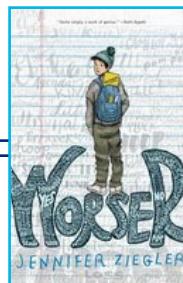
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by Caspar Salmon



**Just Try It!**  
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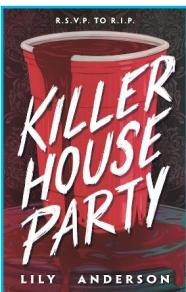


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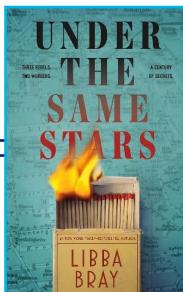
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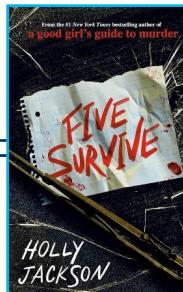
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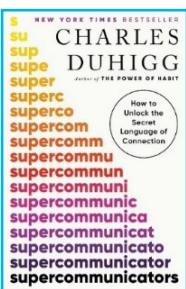


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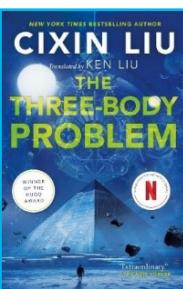


**Five Survive**  
by Holly Jackson

## ADULT



**Supercommunicators:  
How to Unlock the Secret  
Language of Connection**  
by Charles Duhigg



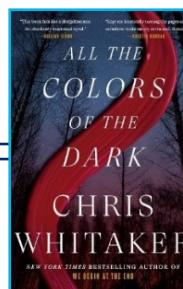
**The Three-Body Problem**  
by Cixin Liu



**Not in Love**  
by Ali Hazelwood



**The First Ladies**  
by Marie Benedict and  
Victoria Christopher  
Murray



**All the Colors of the Dark**  
by Chris Whitaker





## At Your Service



### Meet Cedate Shultz, Interlibrary Loan/Public Services Librarian

Cedate Shultz is La Vista Public Library's Interlibrary Loan/Public Services Librarian. She plays a crucial role at the Library, assisting patrons with their information needs, how to locate and use the Library's resources and providing research assistance. Cedate promotes literacy, designs and implements adult programming and facilitates book clubs and other community events.

#### LVPL: Tell us about yourself.

**Cedate:** I was born and raised in Portland, Oregon. I moved to Nebraska in 2018, first living in Bellevue before settling in La Vista. I live with my very spoiled tabby cat named Ururu (Rue for short) and enjoy spending time with my mom, reading (of course), watching movies and visiting my favorite local attraction, Lauritzen Gardens.

#### LVPL: How long have you worked at the Library?

**Cedate:** Just over 6 years.

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

**Cedate:** I wear a couple of different hats at our library. I am in charge of Interlibrary Loans. Interlibrary Loan is where we borrow from and lend books to other libraries. I also coordinate programs for members of our community over the age of 18. These programs include multiple book clubs, craft nights and bringing in guest speakers. In addition to this, I am the supervisor during our evening and weekend hours.

My primary reasons for applying to work at La Vista Public Library are a love of service and a love of libraries. From a young age, I have always viewed libraries as safe and welcoming spaces where a person can pursue a love of learning. I have fond memories of my mom taking me to our local library so I could choose something exciting to read. The librarians were always friendly and helpful. I worked as a library assistant through middle school and high school and knew that the library was where I was meant to be!

It is my absolute privilege to serve the La Vista community as a librarian, and I'm excited to help others discover the joy that libraries can provide.

#### LVPL: What do you value about the library?

**Cedate:** I value the Library's sense of community. I also value the resources offered and the fact that you can find something to suit everyone's interests. Libraries are an important and safe space where all members of the community are welcome.

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

**Cedate:** Libraries are a crucial part of every community. I like to think of them as "The Great Equalizer." Here, barriers are overcome through access to technology, availability of print and electronic materials and free activities for all ages. The Library also offers a place for community members to spend time, fill information needs, learn new things and play (no matter your age).

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

**Cedate:** I always have several things going at once! Right now, I am reading *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See, *Challenger* by Adam Higginbotham and *At Home on an Unruly Planet* by Madeline Ostrander.

# DID YOU KNOW?

Public libraries offer a lot more than just books and magazines! You can check out DVDs, CDs and audiobooks for entertainment. Many libraries have digital items too, such as e-books and online classes. With so many different things to check out, libraries are great places for exploring new hobbies and learning new skills.

Below is a list of items beyond books and computers that are available to the community.

## AROUND TOWN PASSES

La Vista Public Library partners with Fontenelle Forest, The Durham Museum and Henry Doorly Zoo to provide Around Town passes to cardholders. Around Town passes offer a convenient and cost-effective way to explore the city and surrounding area. To use these passes, your library card must be active and in good standing. Contact the Library for pass requirements and availability.

## CAKE PANS

Planning to host a birthday party or want to get creative in the kitchen? Check out our cake pan collection. Patrons can borrow specialty pans for birthdays, holidays or other special occasions without the need to purchase them. Pick up a cookbook for some recipe inspiration, too, or visit our Library blog to get inspired.



## EDUCATIONAL KITS

Educational kits provide a fun and interactive learning experience for all age groups from young children to adults. These kits include hands-on materials and instructions for various subjects like science, art, literacy and math. The purpose of having these kits is to support lifelong learning and help families explore new interests and skills in an accessible and affordable way.



## JIGSAW PUZZLES

Besides board games, educational kits, Playaways and Vox books, the Library now offers jigsaw puzzles for checkout. You'll find our puzzle collection filled with many new and gently used puzzles. Puzzles may be borrowed for three weeks and must be returned to the La Vista Library's circulation desk. Please avoid using the book drop.

## LA VISTA FLAG

Show your community pride through your vacation photos! Take a La Vista flag with you and share a picture to earn a gift! Flags are available at the Library and can be checked out for three weeks. Send us your vacation photos when you return.



## MAKERSPACE

Unleash your creativity and bring your ideas to life with access to cutting-edge tools and technology. From 3D printers and laser cutters to tinker boxes and a sewing machine, our Makerspace has everything you need to explore, invent and collaborate. Visit us today and join the maker community at the Library.

## TELESCOPE

Learn about astronomy, identify celestial objects and make the night sky come to life when you borrow the Library's high-quality telescope. Your library card must be active and in good standing to check out the telescope.



# ALL AGES SPECIAL EVENTS

## DROP-IN DAYS

Drop by the library on various occasions to complete or participate in a self-directed program. These programs will be set up in the Children's area and available during the specified time or until supplies are gone. Ideal for all ages. Parental participation is required.

### **Squirrel Scavenger Hunt** September 24-October 1, Anytime open to close

Squirrels have invaded the library and left several acorns in the children's area. How many did they leave? Count and submit your answer to the circulation desk for a chance to win a small prize.

### **Origami October** October 21, 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Make Halloween inspired origami creations.

### **National Game & Puzzle Week** November 20-26, Anytime open to close

Play a board game, complete a puzzle, read an I Spy book, or work on mind benders. The Library will have a variety of different game/puzzle themed activities available throughout the week. Stop by anytime to participate.

### **Christmas Ornaments** December 12, 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Stop in the Library and make two Christmas ornaments. You can leave one on our Christmas tree or take both home.

### **Lunar New Year Crafts** January 29, 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

It's the Year of the Snake! Celebrate Lunar New Year with holiday-inspired crafts and learn about the holiday traditions.

### **Valentine's Day Cards** February 11, 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Make a Valentine's card for someone you like or LOVE!!

## **David Wells, Independent Historian and Storyteller, presents Vietnam: Why We Went There and Why We Couldn't Leave**

Saturday, September 21, 10 a.m.

Mr. Wells gives a brief history of the war, explains how we became involved in it and how it grew from a few military advisers to 500,000+ American soldiers and over 58,000 deaths. Special attention is given to Nebraskans on the "Wall of Remembrance" and those still listed as POW/MIA. Includes a special display. Free and open to the public.

## Preschool Halloween Party

Thursday, October 24, 10 a.m.

Celebrate Halloween a few days early at the Library! This party, designed for children six years old and younger who are not in kindergarten, will feature a Halloween storytime, songs, a costume parade, crafts and more. Costumes are encouraged! If you'd like to donate a bag of candy for this program, please do so by Monday, October 21.



## Buy Local Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday, November 9, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Library's Buy Local Craft and Vendor Fair is a fantastic event that brings together local artisans, crafters and small business owners to showcase and sell their products. This year, we'll have a wide variety of handmade goods, such as jewelry, journals, pottery, candles, and artwork, as well as locally baked goods. The community is invited to shop at our Buy Local Craft and Vendor Fair, and admission is free!

If you are interested in being a vendor, contact Jodi Norton at **402.537.3900** or [JNorton@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:JNorton@CityofLaVista.org) to register. Vendors should be 16+ and offer high-quality, unique items that reflect their creativity and craftsmanship. Small businesses and direct sales companies are welcome but will be limited. All vendor booth spots are FREE and not preassigned. Each spot includes one 6-foot table and two chairs. If you prefer to bring your own tables, and have larger items that need additional space, we'll do our best to accommodate. Vendor deadline to register is Friday, November 1. All vendors must adhere to the Library's guidelines, ensuring that their products are safe, ethically produced and appropriate for selling.

## Parachute Playtime

Friday, November 1, 10 a.m.

Stir children's imaginations, build teamwork and develop motor skills while playing easy parachute games. Ideal for children eight and under. Adult participation required.



## \*Adult Winter Hack the Painting

Tuesday, January 7 – 6 p.m.

Calling all artists or those that just like to paint! What kind of winter art can you create with a pre-painted canvas? It's up to you to change the painting and turn it into something special, winter style! Registration required. **Ages 18+**

*\*Program requires advance registration.*

## Obstacle Course

February 6 (6 p.m.) and February 7 (10 a.m.)

Crossing a balance beam, crawling through a tunnel and jumping through the bounce house are just some of the activities in this obstacle course. Join in the fun! Children must be under 48 inches tall to participate. Registration is not required.

# LIBRARY PROGRAMS

CHILDREN/FAMILY, TWEENS,  
TEENS, ADULTS

**REGISTRATION:** Most programs are free or have a minimal fee for supplies only. Programs that require registration will be denoted like this:

**\*Program requires advance registration.**

To register for a program, contact us:  
• **By phone:** 402.537.3900  
• **In person:** At the Library's circulation desk

## CHILDREN & FAMILY PROGRAMS

### Library Storytime

Second & Fourth Tuesdays of the month at 10 a.m.  
9/10, 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/10, 1/7, 1/21, 2/4 & 2/18

Learn new early literacy skills and practice fine motor skills by joining us for fun songs, crafts and stories!  
**Ideal for ages 0-6**

### Friday Friends

Second & Fourth Fridays of the month at 10 a.m.  
9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 11/8, 11/22, 12/13, 1/10, 1/24, 2/14 & 2/28

Friday Friends is designed for children to play, learn and make new friends. Come play at Southwind Park or in the Library as the weather changes. This is a great opportunity for children to develop social skills and build new relationships. **Ideal for ages 0-6**



### Music And Movement

First & Third Fridays of the month at 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.  
9/6, 10/4, 10/18, 11/15, 12/6, 1/17, & 2/21

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**

No class on September 20, November 1 or January 3.

### Afternoon Playtime at the Library

Select dates at 3:30-4:45 p.m.  
9/25, 10/23, 11/27, 1/22, 2/26

We are opening the Library's storytime room in the afternoon. Play with the toys, color, build with blocks and more! **Ideal for children ages 8 and under**

### Lego Club

Fourth Tuesdays of the month at 4 p.m.  
9/24, 10/22, 11/26, 1/21, & 2/25

We're excited to bring back this fun, monthly activity! Kids ages 4+ can come to build anything they can imagine using Legos. We'll have challenges, activities and/or free building time. Please note, Lego Club does not meet in December. **Ideal for children ages 4+**

### Homeschool

Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and Thursdays at 2 p.m.

Did you know that the La Vista Public Library offers Homeschool programming throughout the traditional school year? Our homeschool programs happen twice a month on select Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and Thursdays at 2 p.m. The Library wants to offer you and your family fun activities that emphasize building community, developing social skills and sparking curiosity. For more information, contact Rachel Bachman, [RBachman@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:RBachman@CityofLaVista.org).

### Crafternoon

Second Thursday of the month at 4 p.m.  
9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12, 1/9 & 2/8

Do you love to draw, paint or create? Then La Vista Public Library is the spot to be! We will meet once a month to do 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+**

# PRE-TEEN & TEEN MONTHLY PROGRAMS AGES 8-18

## Library Youth Council (Grades 5-12)

First Monday of the month, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

9/9, 10/7, 11/4, 12/2, 1/6, 2/3

Students in 5th-12th grade are invited to join the Library's Youth Council. Pre-teens and teens earn community service hours for attending meetings and volunteering for Library projects. From decorating the Library to helping with seasonal events, you can support your Library by joining! (September's meeting is the second Monday due to Labor Day).

## Anime Club

Various dates and times

9/10, 10/23, 11/14, 12/9, 1/16, 2/18

Do you love reading manga or watching anime? Then join the Library's anime club! We meet once a month to watch some anime and do cool crafts. We typically meet after school 4-5 p.m., or on a Saturday 1-2 p.m. Check the Library's calendar for more details. **Ages 10+**

## \*Crazy Crafty Club

Monthly at 2 p.m.

10/5, 11/1, 12/14, 1/6 & 2/8

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 and registration is required. Meeting dates vary each month. **Ages 8-14**

## \*Teen D&D (Ages 12+)

Monday group – Meets twice a month, 4-6 p.m.

Saturday group – Meets once a month, 1-3 p.m.

Want to learn how to play the popular fantasy roleplaying game Dungeons & Dragons? Join a game at the Library! Space is limited to 6-8 players at each table, so registration is required. We also encourage teens to volunteer to be a dungeon master and learn how to run a table themselves. (The dungeon master serves as the storyteller of a game). The number of dungeon masters will determine how many spots are open for players. **Ages 12+**

## \*Library Sizzle Squad

First Wednesday of the month

9/4, 10/2, 11/6, 12/4, 2/5

Pre-teens and teens are invited to come to the Library to learn a new recipe! We typically meet after school from 4 to 5 p.m. (sometimes longer depending on what we are making). Homemade pancakes, gourmet ramen, loaded nachos and pumpkin spice cookies are just some of the foods we will be diving into this year. Registration is required for these programs. There will be no meeting in January. A minimum of 6 participants are needed to hold this event. **Ages 10-18**

## NEW PROGRAM ALERT

### Library Games (Ages 8+)

Each month the Library will be playing a new board game! This is a great activity for pre-teens and teens to come and do with their friends.

In addition to the featured game, participants are welcome to make use of the Library's full board game collection. Snacks provided!

### Superfight: A Game of Absurd Arguments

**September 17, 5-6 p.m.**

A debate-style card game where players must argue what fictional character they think would win in an epic battle. Like Apples to Apples in that players take turns judging and choosing the winner.

### One Night Ultimate Werewolf

**October 30, 5-6 p.m.**

The village has been overrun with werewolves! This deductive reasoning game has you try and figure out which of the players is the werewolf. At the end of each round, you vote a player out of the game until either you catch the wolf, or you all get eaten. Alternatively, you can play the alien version of the game.

### Ticket to Ride/Ticket to Ride Jr.

**November 20, 5-6:30 p.m.**

All aboard! This board game has you try and expand your railroad company to be the best.

### Mario Themed Games/Mario Kart 8

**December 19, 5-6:30 p.m.**

Save your Mario life tokens in the Super Mario Bros. Card Game or challenge someone to a game of Mario Chess. You can also take a turn playing Mario Kart 8 on the Library's Nintendo Switch.

### Monopoly

**January 22, 5-6:30 p.m.**  
What's better than starting off the new year by winning in a game of Monopoly? The Library has several different versions of the game for players to pick from.

### Unstable Unicorns/Happy

**Little Dinosaurs February 22, 10-11 a.m.**

Build a unicorn army greater than any other! Or, try and survive the extinction of the dinosaurs. Both card games make you think strategically about what cards to play and what to save for an emergency.

# PRE-TEEN & TEEN SPECIAL EVENTS

## AGES 8-18

### Furry Fandom Meetup: Fursona Lanyards

Thursday, September 19, 6 p.m.

Want to make a laminated lanyard of your fursona? Join us at the Library as we draw, glitter and decorate lanyards. You'll have a pick of various colored lanyards to hang your finished piece of art on. **Ages 13+**

### Chocolate Sampling

Thursday, February 13, 6 p.m.

It's time for some fine dining. Pre-teens and teens are invited to RSVP to this chocoholic event that has them taste test various chocolates, make hot cocoa, create a chocolate pudding trifle and indulge in far too many sweets. Registration required. A minimum of eight foodies are needed to hold this event. **Ages 10-18**

# ADULT PROGRAMS

## AGES 18+

### Crafter-Dark

Third Monday of each month at 6 p.m.  
9/16, 10/21, 11/18 & 12/16

Leave the kids at home and come to the Library for crafts, games, laughter, socialization and more! All supplies provided. January and February dates TBD.

### Relaxation Station

First Saturday of the month at 3 p.m.  
9/7, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7, 1/4, & 2/1

Need some "me" time away from the normal hustle and bustle of life? Stop by the Library for peaceful music and a cup of tea. Bring a book to read, a craft project to work on or even play a game of solitaire. The Library will provide light refreshments, decks of cards, coloring supplies and other fun (but quiet) activities.

### \*Watercolor Tips & Tricks

Learn some tips and tricks for creating watercolor masterpieces. All levels of experience welcome. Supplies provided. This program will be offered once a month. Check the Library calendar for specific dates. Space is limited. Registration is required.

### Watercolor Club

Fourth Saturday of the month at 11 a.m.  
9/28, 10/26, 11/23, 12/28, 1/25 & 2/22

Bring your watercolors, your current project, and spend time painting along with other artists. Share ideas and enjoy some quiet time for art creation. This is not a class, and artists must bring their own materials.

### \*English as a Second Language (ESL)

By appointment only.

One-on-one tutoring is available for members of our community learning English as a non-native language. These sessions are geared toward individual students and are not held as part of a larger class. Contact the Library or Cedate Shultz at [CShultz@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:CShultz@CityofLaVista.org) for more information.

### ESL Volunteers Needed

LVPL is seeking volunteers for its English as a Second Language tutoring program. Minimum weekly commitment is one hour. Schedule is set by tutor and student. Supplies and materials provided.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Cedate Shultz at **402.537.3900** or [CShultz@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:CShultz@CityofLaVista.org). All volunteers are required to complete a background check.





## \*Winter Reading

**January 6 – March 24**

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

## Title Talk

**Tuesday, January 28 at 6 p.m.**

Do you want to talk about books with fellow readers and not be limited to a book group's selection? Join Library staff for an informal discussion as they share what they've been reading and talk about the books that are currently getting all the buzz. Pick our brains! Want to share some of your favorites, we will provide time for attendees who want to present. Bring your own drinks. Snacks will be provided.

## Adult Card Club

**Fourth Thursday of the month at 3 p.m.**

**9/26, 10/24, 12/26, 1/23, & 2/27**

Meet for socialization and a good game of cards. Playing cards will be provided as well as other card games such as Fluxx, UNO, Exploding Kittens and more! Come in a group or as a single player. Light refreshments will be provided. This club does not meet in November. **Ages 18+**

## GED Program

**Drop-in times available**

The La Vista Public Library offers a free GED Program for all adult students wishing to complete their GED exams. Our drop-in program allows students to work at their own pace as their schedule allows, and is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Evening hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 5-8 p.m. Contact Stephanie Holbus for more information.

## Community Partners: American Red Cross

Partnerships in the community are essential for fostering a sense of unity and collaboration. The La Vista Public Library often partners with different organizations to provide innovative programs and services, joint events, educational workshops and resource sharing. Currently, the following groups meet at the Library and always welcome new members and participants: The Cornhusker Fly Fishers, the Greater Omaha Genealogical Society, American Red Cross, Midwest Historical Detects Club and the Omaha Organization for Purpose of Storytelling (OOPS).

Our featured community partner is the American Red Cross, which prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

In partnership with the American Red Cross, the La Vista Public Library hosts a community blood drive two to three times each month. We are committed to strengthening our community and helping meet hospital and patient needs through blood donations. These blood drives are our way of giving staff, colleagues and neighbors an opportunity to help save lives.

**If you are interested in donating blood, contact the American Red Cross at 1.800.733.2767 or [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).**

# BOOK CLUBS

Contact Cedate Shultz at [CShultz@CityofLaVista.org](mailto:CShultz@CityofLaVista.org) to reserve a copy. Not able to attend book club meetings but want to read along? Lists of the 2024 selected titles are available in the Library and on our website. The 2025 lists will be available after December 1. Library membership is not required to participate.

## Monday Book Club

Second Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

9/9, 10/15, 11/11, 12/9, 1/13, and 2/10

This book club meets monthly in the Library's conference or meeting room. A variety of genres are read throughout the year. Note: The Library is closed on Columbus Day, so the October meeting will be held on Tuesday. December meetings are usually held at the home of a book club member. **Ages 18+**

**SEPT:** *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

**OCT:** *The Broken Girls* by Simone St. James

**NOV:** *The Mother Tongue* by Bill Bryson

**DEC:** *The 13th Gift* by Joanne Huist

**JAN:** TBD

**FEB:** TBD

## Wednesday Book Club

Third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.

9/18, 10/16, 11/20, 12/18, 1/15, and 2/19.

This book club meets monthly in the Library's makerspace area. A variety of genres are read throughout the year.

**Ages 18+**

**SEPT:** *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson

**OCT:** *The Cold Dish* by Craig Johnson

**NOV:** *All the Sinners Bleed* by S.A. Cosby

**DEC:** *Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham

**JAN:** *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan

**FEB:** *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley

## Coffee House Book Club

Third Friday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

9/20, 10/18, 11/15, 12/13, 1/17, 2/21

Adults, teens, and preteens can join us at a local coffeehouse/local restaurant to discuss popular young adult book titles. Participants who attend will be entered into a gift card drawing for the local business where we meet. Meeting locations will change each month, so keep an eye on the calendar to see where we'll be next! **Ages 12+**

**SEPT 20:** *Challenger Deep* by Neal Shusterman

**OCT 18:** *The 5th Wave* by Rick Yancey

**NOV 15:** *Pumpkinheads* by Rainbow Rowell

**DEC 13:** *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan

**JAN 17:** *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

**FEB 21:** *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green

La Vista Public Library offers multiple book clubs that are free to the community. Copies of each month's book will be available for participants to borrow.

## History Book Club

Second Saturday of the month at 2 p.m.

9/14, 10/12, 11/16, 12/14, 1/11, and 2/8

Join us for spirited discussions of historical fiction and non-fiction books. Meets monthly in the Library's makerspace area. Please note: Due to the Buy Local Craft Fair, the November meeting will be held on the Third Saturday. **Ages 16+**

**SEPT:** *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich

**OCT:** *A Fever in the Heartland* by Timothy Egan

**NOV:** *The House is on Fire* by Rachel Beanland

**DEC:** *Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World* by Jack Weatherford

**JAN:** *The Women* by Kristin Hannah

**FEB:** *Truevine* by Beth Macy

## Page to Screen Book Club

Third Tuesdays of the month at 6 p.m.;

Movies are screened later

9/17, 10/15, 11/19, 12/17, 1/21, and 2/18

Meets monthly in the Library's makerspace area. The related movie will be screened later. Check the Library's calendar for specific movie dates and times. Movies are open to everyone. It is the responsibility of parents and/or guardians to check ratings and content of movies shown. **Ages 18+ for book club.**

**SEPT:** *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café* by Fannie Flagg

**OCT:** *Interview with the Vampire* by Anne Rice

**NOV:** *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker

**DEC:** *The Green Mile* by Stephen King

**JAN:** *Angels and Demons* by Dan Brown

**FEB:** *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman

## SILENT BOOK CLUB

Second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.

9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12, 1/9, 2/13

Bring whatever book you are currently reading. Attendees spend the first 30 minutes discussing what they are reading before spending an hour reading silently.

# Christmas AT THE LA VISTA LIBRARY

Happy Holidays! Christmas time is a special time at the Library. Get in the festive spirit with one of many programs offered in late November and throughout December. Registration is required for those programs with an asterisk (\*).



## Adult Ugly Christmas Sweater Decorating

**Thursday, November 21, 6 p.m.**

Get ready to win the Ugly Sweater Contest! The Library will provide all the decorations you need to create the perfect Ugly Christmas Sweater. You will need to bring your own sweater to decorate.

**Ages 15+ welcome**



## \*Adult Christmas Countdown Calendar Baking Sheet Craft

**Saturday, November 30, 1:30 p.m.**

Use a baking sheet and a few simple craft supplies to create a reusable Christmas Countdown Calendar. All materials will be provided. Registration is required and space is limited.



## Adult Holiday Card Making

**Tuesday, December 3, 6 p.m.**

Use library provided supplies to create holiday greeting cards for your upcoming celebrations. Each participant can make two cards. **Ages 18+**



## Grab & Go Holiday Card Making Kit

**Tuesday, December 3, all day**

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. **Ages 17 and under.**

**One kit per child.**



## Pre-Teen/Teen Christmas Movie Watch Party

**Wednesday, December 11, 6 p.m.**

Destress before finals week by coming to watch a Christmas movie at the Library. Our movie party will feature special activities for you to do as you watch. Make an elf hat, try some maple syrup spaghetti cookies, have an intermission snowball fight and more! Based on these activities, can you guess what we'll be watching?  
**Ages 10-18 welcome**



## \*Princess Tea Party

**Saturday, December 21, 10 a.m.**

Come for a festive tea party and meet a magical princess with ice-powers. Don't forget to dress up for this royal occasion. Cocoa, tea and cookies will be served. There's snow-way you can miss this! Registration required. Space is limited.

**Ages 8 and under**



## Kid's NYE Sticker, Stamp and Stencil Party!

**Tuesday, December 31, 10:30 a.m.**

Help ring in the new year with stickers, stamps and stencils. Complete various activities using these tools. Ink stamp pads will be used during this program, so please dress accordingly. Parental participation appreciated.



## Family Gift Making

**Monday, December 9, 6 p.m.**

Families can create Gifts in a Jar. Participants will place dry ingredients in a jar and attach instructions to the gift tag for adding wet ingredients and baking/cooking the final product. Each family can make one gift for FREE. Additional jars can be made for \$5 each. Bring your cameras for this event and take pictures with Mrs. Claus as she passes out her favorite cookies.

[CityofLaVista.org/2024events](http://CityofLaVista.org/2024events)