

# SEWARD MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

April 2021

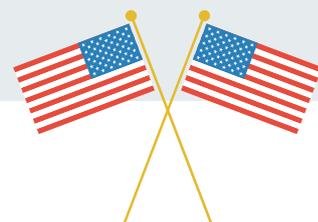


## SUMMER HOURS

*Starting May 1st*

Monday - Wednesday	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Thursday	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. - Noon
Sunday	CLOSED

The library will be closed on **Monday, May 31** to observe Memorial Day.



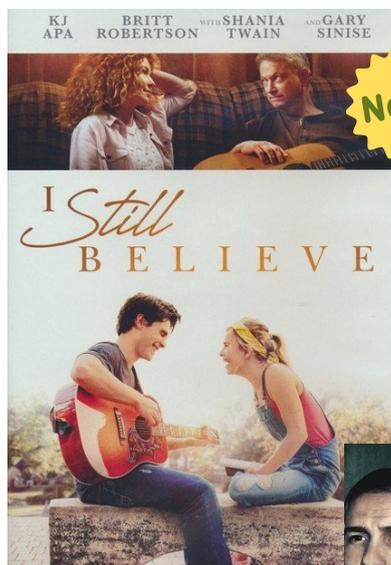
*The drive-up window opens at 8 a.m. except on Sundays.*

## MID-WEEK MOVIES

1 PM | LOWER LEVEL  
CONFERENCE ROOM

Come to Seward Memorial Library to enjoy two recently released DVDs in May. On Thursday, May 6 "I Still Believe," the inspirational biography of popular country musician Jeremy Camp, will be featured. Come back to the library on Wednesday, May 19 to watch "The Mauritanian," a suspenseful legal drama. Both movies begin at 1:00 p.m. in the lower level conference room. Bring a friend and relax. Masks and social distancing are encouraged.

[SEE MORE INFO ONLINE](#)



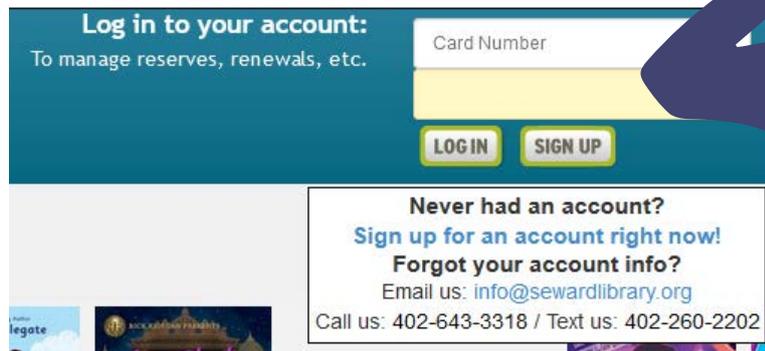
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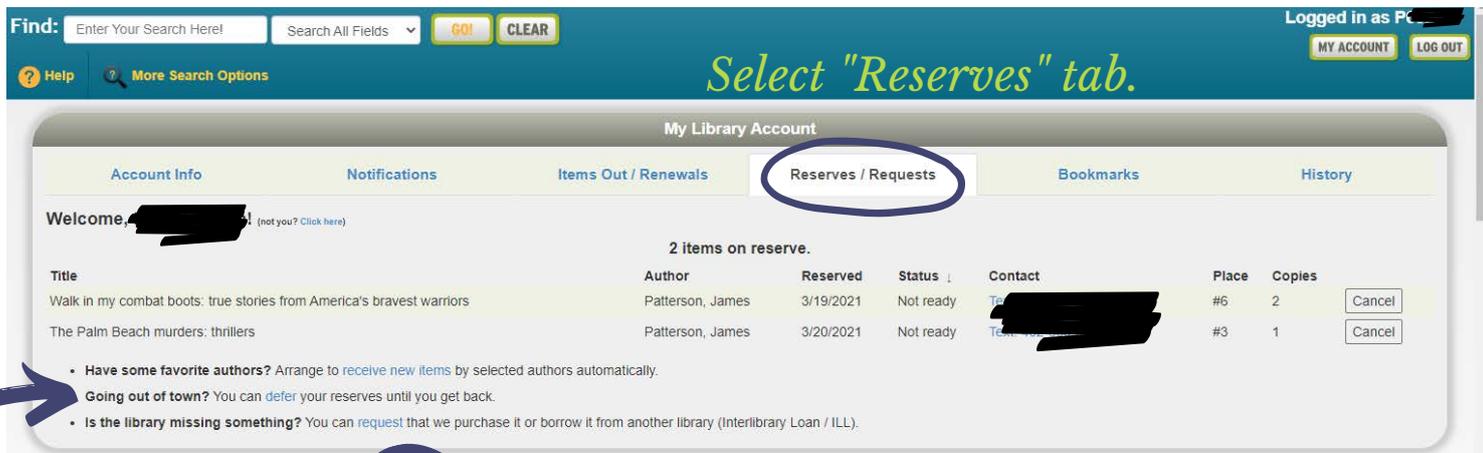
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# VACATION TIME RESERVES

Attention all avid readers who also enjoy traveling! Do you have an online library account with favorite authors selected for your reserve express? Don't forget that you can keep your place in line for a popular title by entering dates when you want to be deferred but not deleted.



*Sign in to your account.*



*Click to expand.*

*Enter dates.* From  through

You can enter the dates you are unavailable at the bottom of your reserve tab. The staff wants you to relax on your time away and look forward to the bestseller that will be waiting for you when you return to Seward.



## BOOKMARK CONTEST WINNERS

Kindergarten - Ivan Atkins

1st Grade - Macey Wynegar and William Morse

2nd Grade - Mya Boggs

3rd Grade - Charlotte Rucker and Kinley Daberkow

4th Grade - Madison Pliefke

# SUMMER KICK-OFF STREET PARTY

Save the date! On Saturday, May 22 the street and parking lots east of the library will be blocked off for our 2021 summer program family kick-off party. Weather permitting, activities will begin at 10 a.m. Staff has invited a variety of organizations to join in the event including NE Bounce. There will be food, fun and entertainment during the three hour party. Specific information will be found on our website and in both the May library newsletter and Seward County Independent.



## 2021 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

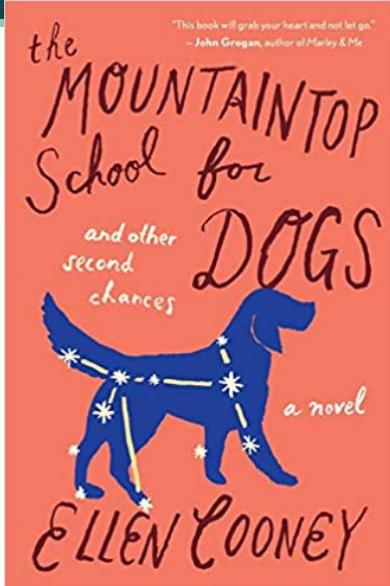
The theme for the 2021 summer library program is “Tails and Tales.” The staff at Seward Memorial Library is preparing activities to make the summer enjoyable. The 2021 summer program begins with the Kick-Off Party on May 22 and continues until the end of July.

- There are weekly Monday afternoon movies for kids.
- Special guest entertainers, speakers and educators will be visiting the library during afternoons in June.
- Story Times will be available in the mornings during June and there will also be weekly Pre-Three sessions these weeks.
- Family-friendly escape rooms will return this summer and will be available most of July.
- A finale party is being planned for July 31.

For specific dates and details, pick up information which will be available in May or check the library website. Story Time participation requires registration including email information for messages and reminders. Summer Reading begins on May 24 and the children’s summer reading logs will be available at that time.

## A SMACKDOWN CHALLENGE IN 2021

Kilgore Memorial Library in York, who challenged Seward Memorial Library to a “Smackdown” for several summers in the past, has decided to challenge the Seward readers again. After winning in 2019 the special trophy has been on display in Seward, but the readers in York would like to see it move west. Who will read more on Highway 34? The contest begins on June 5. Watch for details in the next newsletter and on the website.



## WHAT WILL SEWARD BE READING IN 2021?

The 2021 All Seward Reads Together title is Ellen Cooney's *The Mountaintop School for Dogs* and was selected to compliment the summer reading theme "Tales and Tails." Summer programs and activities related to the book are planned. Discover how life changes for rescued dogs as well as humans living together at a remote animal sanctuary. Pick up a copy - available in multiple formats - and start reading today! A fall community book discussion is planned.

## THE LIBRARY OF THINGS IS COMING

What is a "Library of Things?" Seward Memorial Library is investigating new ways of providing useful items for patrons. These "things" would not be traditional paper materials. Equipment, devices, gadgets and instruments are potential items for the special collection. Watch for details in the coming weeks. You do not want to miss out on this exciting development.

## BOOK REVIEW BINGO

The guest tables were full for the annual Book Review BINGO during National Library Week. Unfortunately some patrons were unable to be present for the staff reviews and the display of the 2021 RUSA Notable Books as well as titles from the Reading List. The 2021 Book Review BINGO list of titles can be found on the online library catalog. Look on the right side of the screen for Booklists (under What's Hot) and click. BINGO 21 will appear on the list and you can see the titles for this year. Enjoy reading some new materials and discover talented authors who may not be well known yet.

- *Check out the Fit4Seward collection this summer. Explore new ways to play outdoors with friends and family.*
- *See what new books are coming soon [here](#).*
- *The library has extended the checkout period for games to 14 days.*
- *Join our Book Clubs: See more [here](#).*
  - New York Times meets on the 2nd Monday*
  - R&R meets on the 2nd Thursday*
  - Midday Mysteries meets every 3rd Tuesday*
  - Random Reads meets every 4th Monday*

