NEW CAKE PANS AVAILABLE FOR CHECKOUT

CHECK OUT A CAKE PAN
7 DAY CHECK OUT
Painting and Re-Carpeting in the Children’s Area

The children’s library will be painted and re-carpeted September 19-22, so staff will be moving all children’s materials and shelving into the auditorium September 16-18 and moving it back September 23-24. During this time, there will be no access to children’s materials and no story times.

Thanks to the many donors who made this possible!
FUN-TASTIC FRIDAYS

Join us on the fourth Friday of the month for adult fun.
Next event, September 30.

Pottery Painting, August 26

Many thanks to Debi Baumert from Colour Art Studio for a wonderful class.
Thank you to the Friends of the Library for their donation to offset the cost to the participants.

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**Fiction**
The black widow by Silva, Daniel
The bones of paradise by Agee, Jonis
The city baker's guide to country living by Miller, Louise
The couple next door by Lapena, Shari
Crackers by Logan, Patrick
Curious minds by Evanovich, Janet
Damaged by ScottoLine, Lisa
Dark matter by Crouch, Blake
Driftwood Point by Stewart, Mariah
The fall of the Governor by Kirkman, Robert
Falling by Green, Jane
Family tree by Wiggs, Susan
Fatal identity by Force, Marie
First star I see tonight by Phillips, Susan Elizabeth
Flesh by Logan, Patrick
Fraying at the edge by Woodsmall, Cindy
Good as gone by Gentry, Amy
A great reckoning by Penny, Louise
Harry Potter and the cursed child by Thorne, Jack
Insidious by Coulter, Catherine
Into dust by Daniels, B. J.
Killer look by Fairstein, Linda A.
The last coyote by Connelly, Michael
Lord John and the Brotherhood of the Blade by Gabaldon, Diana
Lord John and the private matter by Gabaldon, Diana
Night and day by Johansen, Iris
Nothing short of dying by Storey, Erik
Once upon a mulberry field by Hoang, C. L.
Parasite by Logan, Patrick
Rise the dark by Koryta, Michael
Robert Kirkman's The walking dead : descent by Bonansinga, Jay R.
Robert Kirkman's The walking dead : invasion by Bonansinga, Jay R.
The sixth idea by Tracy, P. J.
Sting by Brown, Sandra

**Large Print**
The Cavendon luck by Bradford, Barbara Taylor
Charcoal Joe by Mosley, Walter
The charmers by Adler, Elizabeth
Missing by Harris, Lisa
Mothering Sunday by Swift, Graham
Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Gray by Love, Dorothy
Riverbend Road by Thayne, RaeAnne
The second half by Snelling, Lauraine
The second life of Nick Mason by Hamilton, Steve
Stepping to a new day by Jenkins, Beverly
Zero K by DeLillo, Don

**Audiobooks**
The couple next door by Lapena, Shari
Curious minds by Evanovich, Janet
Damaged by ScottoLine, Lisa
Falling a love story by Green, Jane
Family tree a novel by Wiggs, Susan
First star I see tonight by Phillips, Susan Elizabeth
Killer look by Fairstein, Linda A.
The Martian by Weir, Andy
Nothing short of dying by Storey, Erik
Smooth operator by Woods, Stuart
Sting by Brown, Sandra
Sweet tomorrows by Macomber, Debbie
Truly madly guilty by Moriarty, Debbie

**Non-Fiction**
The 15:17 to Paris by Sadler, Anthony
150 best sustainable house ideas by Mola, Francesc Zamora
Always on target by Endorf, Charlotte
Armageddon by Morris, Dick
Artist's painting techniques
Brunch @ Bobby's by Flay, Bobby
By honor bound by Norris, Tom
Coloring books for adults
Crippled America by Trump, Donald
Evicted by Desmond, Matthew
The field of fight by Flynn, Michael T.
Freedom by Dugard, Jaycee Lee
Health revelations from heaven and earth by Rosa, Tommy
Liars by Beck, Glenn
The making of Donald Trump by Johnston, David
Rise of the rocket girls by Holt, Nathalia
The skinnytaste cookbook by Homolka, Gina

**Nebraska Collection**
Last days of Red Cloud Agency by Buecker, Thomas R.

**Teen**
Betrayed by Carthage, Lynn
The darkest part of the forest by Black, Holly
Haunted by Carthage, Lynn
Rift by Cremer, Andrea R.
Rise by Cremer, Andrea R.
Yellow brick war by Paige, D. M.

**Video**
10 Cloverfield Lane
Adventures in babysitting
The angry birds movie
Barbershop : the next cut
Criminal

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Defiance. Seasons 1-3
Demolition
Fathers & daughters
God’s not dead 2
Hell on wheels. Season 5, volume 1
Jericho. The complete series
Marley & me. The puppy years
Miss Fisher's murder mysteries. Series 2 and 3
Mother's Day
Mr. Selfridge. Season 4
Orange is the new black. Season 3
Remember
The young Messiah
Zoo. Season 1

Non-Fiction Video
Requiem for the American dream

Board Books
Dinosaur dance! by Boynton, Sandra
EEK! Halloween! by Boynton, Sandra

Easy
A is for angry by Boynton, Sandra
Bear is not tired by Gavin, Ciara
The Berenstain Bears under the sea by Berenstain, Mike
The bot that Scott built by Norman, Kim
Chicken, chicken, duck! by Krilanovich, Nadia
Chicken dance by Sauer, Tammi
Crash! the cat by McPhail, David
Emerson barks by Woodruff, Liza
Fly Guy vs. the fly swatter by Arnold, Tedd
The grouchy ladybug by Carle, Eric
Halloween good night by Cushman, Doug
A Halloween scare at my house by James, Eric
Have you seen my cat? by Carle, Eric
Henry wants more! by Ashman, Linda
Hooray for kids! by Lang, Suzanne
How to behave at a dog show by Rosenberg, Madelyn
How to behave at a tea party by Rosenberg, Madelyn
How to read a story by Messner, Kate
If I had a gryphon by VanSickle, Vikki
Little Rabbit's new baby by Horse, Harry
Mr. Chicken goes to Paris by Hobbs, Leigh
Mr. Chicken lands on London by Hobbs, Leigh
Never follow a dinosaur by Latimer, Alex
A new home for Lolo by Peters, Chris
Nick and the Nasty Knight by Krause, Ute
Old Tom, Man of Mystery by Hobbs, Leigh
Peanut Butter & Cupcake! by Border, Terry
Prince Fly Guy by Arnold, Tedd
Puppy! by Graves, Keith

Juvenile Fiction
The All-Star joker by Kelly, David A.
Big game by Gibbs, Stuart
Boomer by Miles, Ellen
The boy project by Kinard, Kami
The brazen bride by Laurens, Stephanie
The charmed children of Rookskill Castle by Fox, Janet S.
The distance to home by Bishop, Jenn
The final kingdom by Northrop, Michael
The first last day by Cirrone, Dorian
Friday Barnes, under suspicion by Spratt, R. A.
Grayling’s song by Cushman, Karen
Gus by Miles, Ellen
Intruders at Rivermead Manor by Reiss, Kathryn
Jack & Louisa. Act 1 by Keenan-Bolger, Andrew
Jack & Louisa. Act 2 by Keenan-Bolger, Andrew
The kidnap plot by Butler, Dave
Knights of the Borrowed Dark by Rudden, Dave
The legend of the rift by Lerangis, Peter
The luckiest girl by Cleary, Beverly
Lucy by Cecil, Randy

Juvenile Non-Fiction
Mountain chef by Pimentel, Annette Bay

A complete list of new titles can be found on our website, www.plattsmouthlibrary.org, under New Titles.

Adopt-a-Book
Damaged by Scottoline, Lisa
Good as gone by Gentry, Amy
Killer look by Fairstein, Linda
Night and day by Johansen, Iris
The sixth idea by Tracy, P.J.

In Memory of Gertrude Brittain-Miller Audiobooks
Daughters of the bride by Mallery, Susan
Bullseye by Patterson, James
My grandmother asked me to tell you she’s sorry by Backman, Fredik
Smooth operator by Woods, Stuart
Sweet tomorrows by Macomber, Debbie

Children’s Books
Bear is not tired by Gavin, Ciara
Hooray for kids by Lang, Suzanne

Nebraska
Last days of the Red Cloud Agency by Buecher, Thomas R.
In last month’s issue, we described how the Plattsmouth Rifle Range came into being in 1912-1913. In addition to the Army troops stationed at Fort Crook, other groups used the range: the Nebraska National Guard, Omaha high school cadets, and even the Iowa National Guard. Members of the Plattsmouth and Omaha rifle clubs also held matches there.

But the primary purpose of the rifle range was to train regular Army soldiers in marksmanship. At first, that was the 4th Regular Infantry, until the regiment was transferred to the Mexican border in support of Blackjack Pershing’s “poncho” Villa expedition in 1913. Left vacant, Fort Crook was essentially closed for four years with only a skeleton caretaker crew under Quartermaster Sergeant Herman Coffman, until the United States declared war on Germany. During the war years, the 41st and 20th Infantry were stationed at Fort Crook. But it was in April 1922 when the 17th Infantry arrived and stayed during the inter-war years. The 17th would march between the fort and the range, tramping across the Platte River Bridge until the fall of 1936, when it became motorized.

Those were tight-budget years for the War Department. It wasn’t until 1923 that a permanent mess hall and kitchen replaced the mobile field kitchens in tents. Finishing touches came slowly; water pipes were not run to the rifle range camp until 1928.

A local man, Frank Bashus, was hired as the civilian caretaker of the range. It wasn’t unusual for him to publish a notice in the Journal before the range would be used by the Army:

Shooting will be started at the government rifle range north of this city Monday, June 13th and all parties are warned to keep off the range and over the river in Sarpy county in range of fire. Parties in boats on the river are also warned of the danger from injury. All trespassers are warned to keep off the range at any time while the shooting is being conducted.

Frank Bashus, Caretaker

It might have been after one of those announcements that the World-Herald reported tongue-in-cheek that “Sergeant Major Hall declared the story that farmers will gather in their cows … a base and malicious slander.”

As partial compensation for watching after the government property year-round, Bashus was permitted to raise crops and graze cattle on the rifle range when it was not being used as such. On one occasion, this lead to conflict with a neighbor. One Saturday afternoon in 1926, neighbor Lawrence Stull angrily appeared in Cass County District Court demanding that cattle seized by Bashus be returned (they worked six days a week back then).
Investigation by Sheriff E.P. Stewart confirmed that upwards of 200 of Stull’s cattle had broken through his fences and began feasting on Bashus’ crops. Bashus rounded up the cattle, and notified Stull that he would hold them until the amount of the damages he felt due was paid. Stull believed the amount claimed exceeded the actual damages and refused to pay up.

Sheriff Stewart and deputy W.C. Schaus were ordered by the court to reclaim Stull’s stock. Late that Saturday, the two officers attempted to perform their duty. As dark settled over the rifle range, the bovines stampeded, forcing the roundup to be suspended. By Sunday morning, the livestock had lodged themselves in every out-of-the-way place on the government property. Fortunately, the rifle range was not in use that weekend – at least by the Army – Stewart and Schaus were able to complete their chore, but not before nearly missing Sunday dinner. Bashus and Stull settled their dispute out of court for an undisclosed sum.

Over the years, the range property grew in size, the Missouri and Platte washing sand and soil onto the range (mostly sand – The original 600-acre rifle range would grow to 1,500 acres by 1980). In 1931, Stull laid claim to some of the river-added land by fencing it for pasture. The government brought suit in Federal District Court. Judge Thomas Munger ruled in the Feds’ favor stating that Stull never had the “open, notorious and exclusive possession” that he claimed, adding that Stull was knowingly putting his cattle in danger.

Overall, the range troops were well behaved, but one incident stands out. On an evening in 1924, Cass County Deputy Sheriff W.R. Young received a phone call from range headquarters asking him to be on the lookout for one Private Koehnke “gone over the hill.” Young consulted with Plattsmouth Officer Clyde Jackson, and the two decided to stake out the Burlington yards. Freight train #14 was scheduled to pull out late that night, so the officers paid particular attention to its coming and going. The pair saw no one attempt to sneak onboard, however. Nonetheless, they decided to search the yard, and Koehnke was soon found. He had indeed intended to hop #14, but saw the officers and didn’t dare. The range commander was notified just after midnight, and an armed escort sent into town to take the young man back to camp to be cared for according to military regulations.

The range had an excellent safety record with one notable exception. Private Henry L. Smith was fatally wounded while he was scoring targets in 1930. “Smith was shot through the abdomen by an automatic rifle bullet that apparently ricocheted into the [six foot deep] pits below the target after striking some metal on the target frame.”

The proximity of the troopers would benefit Plattsmouth on several occasions. The soldiers came to the rescue of the Burlington shops in 1924. Shortly after 8 o’clock one evening, watchman M.L. Buttery entered the building used to store the finished, fancy woodwork used in the construction of coaches. He was met with a blast of hot air and flames. Moments later, the exterior of the building went up, showering the rest of the shops with sparks. Buttery wasted no time sounding the alarm. As the Plattsmouth Journal noted, “Members of the 17th Infantry who are encamped at the rifle range north of the city, were also down town and hastened to the scene of the fire and did some very effective work in battling the flames and several were water soaked from their efforts to check the flames that for a time seemed to threaten the whole of the lumber yard.” Burlington officials complemented the soldiers on their “excellent work.”

The rifle range existed for about 35 years before acquiring a new purpose. Next month, we will look at how the Plattsmouth Army Rifle Range was transformed into Schilling Wildlife Management Area.

Figure 2: This concrete medallion rested for many years near the Plattsmouth Rifle Range headquarters building. Today, it is in Rhylander Park at the base of the flagpole.
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