## Gardening with Universal Class

It appears that Spring is finally here, and some of you may be itching to get outside and get your hands dirty! For those who might like a little guidance, the Vermillion Public Library offers several free online courses in gardening and related topics. Universal Class is a service available through the library that offers unlimited access to continuing education courses. Topics span across 30+ categories covering a wide selection of areas of study, including gardening and landscaping!

- **Introduction to Gardening** guides you step by step through the process of deciding what kind of garden you wish to start, where to place it, how to be certain that the soil is ready and good for growing, and how to know what to plant and where to plant it.
- **Vegetable Gardening 101** is a 12-part course that is designed for beginners to gardening. If you're interested in learning how to set up, design, and cultivate a vegetable garden, you will find the tips and advice in this course to be a helpful way to get started and to keep your garden growing for years to come.
- **Tropical Gardening 101** is designed for beginner gardeners who are looking to start or cultivate a tropical garden. It starts with the basics, such as choosing tropical plants and learning where tropical plants come from. It continues by helping you learn how tropical plants work and what their special needs are.

Other related courses include **Landscaping 101**, **All About Herbs**, **Floral Arrangement 101**, and **How to Can, Freeze, Dry & Preserve Food**. You can access Universal Class at any time with your Vermillion Public Library card by visiting [vermillionsd.universalclass.com](vermillionsd.universalclass.com).

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### Library Hours

**Monday - Thursday:** 8 am - 9 pm  
**Friday:** 8 am - 6 pm  
**Saturday:** 10 am - 5 pm  
**Sunday:** 1 pm - 5 pm  

### Special Closures:

- **Sunday, May 27th, 2018**  
- **Monday, May 28th, 2018 (Memorial Day)**
Summer Reading Program 2018

Summer is right around the corner, and with it arrives our yearly Summer Reading Program! The theme this year is “Libraries Rock!” Planned activities will include weekly entertainers for subjects such as juggling, Legos, science, puppets, animals, magic, and of course music! There will be workshops on yoga and nutrition, Lego Robotics, VEX IQ, art, chess, and even a Shakespeare Workshop with the USD Theatre Department. We are also partnering with the National Music Museum for the month of June! The Summer Reading Program is open to young people, preschool through young adult, with programs, prize drawings, Storytime sessions, reading clubs, and more. Registration for the Summer Reading Program will begin on Tuesday, May 15th. At that time, just visit the Vermillion Public Library website at vermillionpubliclibrary.org to register! Some activities will require additional registration. Adults will also be able to join in on the Summer Reading Program fun by participating in their own reading challenge. Details to follow!

Dances of Universal Peace

Join us Sunday, May 6th at 2:00 pm in the Kozak Room as Steve Miller introduces us to The Dances of Universal Peace. This will be spiritual practice in motion! Drawing on the sacred phrases, scripture, and poetry of many spiritual traditions of the earth, the Dances blend chant, music, and movement into a living experience of unity, peace, integration and healing. Brought to you by Om Sweet Om Studio.

The Life and Music of Badger Clark

Join us on Thursday, May 17th at 6:00 pm as we host Pegie Douglas, a South Dakota Humanities Council Speakers Bureau scholar and storyteller. Pegie will take us on a musical journey through the life of Badger Clark, South Dakota’s first Poet Laureate, who lived in Custer State Park for 30 years. This is a fast-paced program that includes a narration of Badger Clark’s life, along with his poetry set to music. Pegie will discuss Clark’s life, and sing one of his poems, while she plays on the guitar!

In the Kozak Room.

Thank You Navigant Volunteers!

Throughout April, the Vermillion Public Library was lucky enough to get volunteers from Navigant to help us around the building with cleaning and organizing. We just wanted to say Thank You to all of you for your generous gift of time and effort!

Adult Programming

- On Wednesday mornings the Chamber’s Vermillion UpNEXT Coffee Hour gathers in the Kozak Room for fresh coffee, wonderful speakers discussing interesting topics, and an atmosphere of community networking and involvement! 8-9 am
- Lutheran Social Services Center for Financial Resources offers free financial counseling sessions on the 1st Monday & 3rd Thursday of the month. To set up an appointment, call 800-568-2401 or email info@LSSSD.org. You may also visit their website at www.lsssd.org.
- Book Chatter: Friday, May 4th from 1:45 - 2:45 pm. Small Conference Room.
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Book Chatter

We are introducing a new “Un-Book Club” to the Vermillion Public Library! Do you need help choosing the next book you’ll read? Is there a specific book you want to rave about? This casual meetup is for anyone who wants to share what they’re reading, or to find inspiration for their next read! Bring a book you’ve recently read and share it with the group. Refreshments will be provided. Just gather around the table, get comfy, and talk about books! Listen, chat, and take home your next favorite book from the Vermillion Public Library. Starting Friday, May 4th at 1:45 pm in the Small Conference Room.

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“Libraries Rock!

“An library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.”

Henry Ward Beecher

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