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Get Involved in 2018
Volunteer

Help us welcome the world to Nebraska. Join the Archway Volunteers and meet and greet Archway visitors from all over the country and the world. Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Kellie Risk at 308.237.1000 today to find out how you can become an Archway volunteer.

Kids Join Archie’s Adventure Club!

This December, children who are touring the Archway are in for a special treat. Every child who tours our historical exhibit will be provided with a copy of the Archie’s Adventure Club activity booklet, free of charge.

The booklet contains 6 activities that are designed to help children look more closely at our exhibits, think about what they see, and share their ideas with others in their group. In this way, we seek to make our exhibits more meaningful for young visitors and more fun for everyone.

Like the pioneers on the Oregon Trail, children who use the booklet will be invited to think about what they might take on a long journey where space is limited, and the things that they might have to leave behind. They'll be encouraged to find and identify a number of tools that the pioneers used and think about how they have changed. Rolling pins haven't changed very much, but pocket watches sure have! We know they'll have fun with the activities and we hope they will better understand and appreciate the history that all happened right here.

This promotion is our way of saying “thank you” to everyone who brings their children on an Archway adventure during the month of December.
Ring in Christmas with Us!

Join us for a festive celebration to ring in the holiday season at the Archway. Enjoy music from a hand bell choir and a silent auction. See our annual Christmas tree lighting. Share in the holiday cheer with an hors d'oeuvres buffet and a cash bar. Proceeds from the event will support the Archway's educational mission to tell the story of the Great Platte River Road.

Our thanks to the event's underwriters, who, as of this writing, are Great Western Bank; Culligan; Hellman, Main, Coslor and Kathol, CPAs and Blessing Construction.

Tickets are $50 each. Please be sure to RSVP by mail or make your reservation by calling Mark Foradori at (308) 237-1000 by November 20.

Art at the Archway

Beginning in November, the Archway will exhibit the work of local artist John Lillyman. The exhibition, called John Lillyman: Platte River Series will feature prints of recent watercolor paintings of Platte River scenes.

Mr. Lillyman, who grew up in Australia, learned to paint by helping his father, who was an architect, to make watercolor renderings of building projects. He and his family moved to Kearney 13 years ago and his interest in the Nebraska landscape and the Platte River began.

"The ever-changing Platte River has been a constant fascination for me," says Mr. Lillyman, "and this series of watercolors reflects the many captivating vistas this lazy old river affords the viewer."

The 11" x 14" prints will remain on exhibition through the month of December and they are available for sale through the Archway Shop.

Join the Fight Against Hunger

Stop by the Archway anytime during our regular hours in the month of December and join in the food fight. It's not as messy as it sounds.

The Tri-City Food Fight is a contest between the Archway, The Stuhr Museum, and The Hastings Museum to see who can collect the most food for area food pantries during the month of December.

Last year, the Archway collected over 2,100 pounds of food. The big winners were our local food pantries.

Unique Gifts at the Archway

The Archway Shop is fully stocked for the holidays with unique, locally made gifts. You can also find local interest books, jewelry and a great selection of old fashioned, "unplugged" toys. We have the perfect gift for everyone on your "nice" list at the Archway.