2026
Nebraska History
Lunch Series

(A collaboration of Aging Partners and Gere Library)

Gere Library, 2400 S. 56th St. (meeting room)
$5 fee for sack lunch (maximum 30)
12:15 to 1:30 p.m.

City of Lincoln
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Before Nebraska became the 37th state, the land was wild and populated by indigenous people thousands of years before settlers, the fur trade and slavery made its mark. This season we will explore Nebraska Before Statehood with a line-up of distinguished Nebraska scholars.

Rob Bozell   Kevin Abourezk   Gabriel Bruguier   Paul Hedren   Gail Blankenau   Jeff Barnes   David Bristow

Monday, April 6

"Below Nebraska: Archeology and Our Ancestors," retired State Archaeologist Rob Bozell
Reservations are due Monday, March 30.

Monday, May 4

"The Impact of European American Settlers on the Indigenous Peoples of Nebraska," Kevin Abourezk and Gabriel Bruguier (contributors to *Roots of Justice: A History of Race and Racism in Nebraska*)
Reservations open Tuesday, April 7.

Monday, June 8

"The Life of Francis Boucher, Fur Trader," Paul Hedren (author, *Sitting Bull's War*)
Reservations open Tuesday, May 5.

Monday, July 6

"Slavery in Nebraska," Gail Shaffer Blankenau (author, *Uncovering the Grayson Sisters' Escape from Nebraska Territory)*
Reservations open Tuesday, June 9.

Monday, Aug. 3

"The 'Mad' Queen of the Prairies: The Frenzied First Years of the Nebraska Territory: 1854–1860," Jeff Barnes (author, *Forts of the Northern Plains and Cut in Stone, Cast in Bronze*)
Reservations open Tuesday, July 7

Monday, Sept. 14

"Nebraska Before Statehood," David Bristow, (editor, *Nebraska History Magazine*)
Reservations open Tuesday, Aug. 4.

Sack lunch: chicken salad, turkey, or roast beef sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie, bottled water
Reservations and lunch payments are due by noon the Monday before each event.
Reservations are required even if you are not ordering lunch. *Seating is limited!*
Call Annette at 402-441-7158 to make your reservations.