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GIBSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY RECEIVES ACCREDITATION FROM THE STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA

DES MOINES—The State Library of Iowa has announced that the Gibson Memorial Library has met the conditions for state accreditation as outlined in “In Service to Iowa: Public Library Standards Sixth Edition.”

Achieving accreditation requires a significant, ongoing local commitment to high quality library services. The Gibson Memorial Library has been recognized for its efforts in all areas of library operations including governance and funding, staffing, library collection, services, public relations, access, and facilities. The accreditation is valid through June 30, 2023.

“The director and board of trustees of the Gibson Memorial Library and the city of Creston are to be commended for this achievement and their commitment to excellence in public library services for their community,” said State Librarian Michael Scott.

Of Iowa’s 542 public libraries, 377 – including the Gibson Memorial Library – are accredited. Iowa’s accredited public libraries are recognized for being responsive to their communities and for exhibiting excellence in their provision of library services. More than two-thirds of all Iowans have active public library cards. Iowa libraries play key roles in workforce and economic development, lifelong learning and e-government activities. Iowans use their libraries to find jobs, do homework, locate a good book to read, research medical conditions, access government information, and more.

Accredited libraries receive a higher rate of compensation through the State Library’s Enrich Iowa program. They also receive a Certificate of Accreditation signed by Governor Kim Reynolds, Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg, State Librarian Michael Scott, and Iowa Commission of Libraries Chairperson Joe Lock.

For more information on the State Library’s accreditation program, and to view the Public Library Standards, go to www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/a-b/accr-and-standards.

About the Gibson Memorial Library

In 1930 Mrs. Frank Phillips of Bartlesville, Oklahoma gave Creston \$25,000 in memory of her mother, Matilda Gibson, who had been very active in church and charity work.

This money was used in buying the grounds and erecting a beautiful joint clubroom and library. The Matilda J. Gibson Memorial Library was formally opened on April 7, 1931.

The Gibson Memorial Library provides a welcoming place to meet and gather, offering staff skilled in providing access to the collection of materials and electronic resources to satisfy recreational and lifelong learning needs. <https://www.creston.lib.ia.us/>

About the State Library of Iowa

The State Library of Iowa actively champions libraries. Our two roles are improving library services in Iowa and delivering specialized information services to state government and to Iowans. www.StateLibraryofIowa.org

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