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April Library Programs and Activities

Creston, IA – Gibson Memorial Library is offering several virtual programs and two make and take crafts for the month of the April. Below is a detailed listing of events:

National Library Week will be **Sunday, April 4, 2021 through Saturday, April 10, 2021**. National Library Week, a time to highlight the essential role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. This year's theme is, "Welcome to your library".

During the pandemic, library workers continue to exceed their communities' demands and adapt resources and services to meet their users' needs during these challenging times. Whether people visit in person, or virtually, libraries offer endless opportunities to transform lives through education and lifelong learning.

The Library will be hosting several programs and passing out a National Library Week word search, coloring pages, bookmarks and more! Be sure to stop up and see us!

Monday, April 5 - State of America's Libraries Report released, including top ten frequently challenged books of 2020. Check out a banned book at your library, pick up a coloring page, put a leaf on our poet-tree to celebrate #PoetryMonth too! Pick up your Ready, Set, Spring! STEM/STEAM connection bag ([pre-registration required by Monday, March 29, 2021](#) to participate). Attend a library board meeting!

Tuesday, April 6 - National Library Workers Day. NLWD is a day for library staff, users, administrators and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all workers. Celebrate on social media using #NLWD21 with words of gratitude for all library workers. [Nominate a stellar library worker](#), please visit Galaxy of Stars to see your nomination. Nominations may come from library users, students, children, colleagues, faculty, or management. Learn more: <https://ala-apa.org/nlwd/>

Come to the Library to see the Mayor's signed proclamation for Library Week.

Learn more and view the proclamation on our website:

<https://www.creston.lib.ia.us/events/national-library-week?occurrenceID=121515>

Wednesday, April 7 - Help celebrate the Library's 90th Anniversary! Write a birthday card to the Library, share your fondest memories and help us celebrate 90 years of

serving Creston and Union County! Attend a virtual open coffee! Learn more about our Library's history online: <https://www.creston.lib.ia.us/about>

Thursday, April 8 - Attend, "what is on your nightstand?" discuss the books you are currently reading and listen to other group members discuss books you have yet to discover!

Library Board Meeting will be on **Monday, April 5, 2021** in the Library's Genealogy Room.

The next monthly Library Board meeting will be held on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 5:15 PM in the Genealogy Room. Library Board meetings are open to the public.

Patrons can always view upcoming Board meetings, and the library board's agenda on the Library's Facebook and online at the library's website at:
<https://www.creston.lib.ia.us/about/library-board>

Open Coffee on **Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 10 AM through Zoom**. Join us for a casual coffee group online. We will chat, get to know one another and possibly learn what is going on in our community. Most importantly though, we will be able to connect during this time of social and physical distancing. Reminder – this is an online event!

Need help with ZOOM? Watch this useful tutorial:
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ZOOM Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8524207703>
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Mobile:13126266799, 8524207703, # - US (Chicago)

"What is on your nightstand?" on **Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 5:00 PM through Zoom**. Join us for a casual conversation about the books you are currently reading and the books you wish you had time to read or simply come to connect with other people.

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Find your next read by looking at our compiled lists of previous nightstand events on our website at: <https://www.creston.lib.ia.us/services/programs/nightstand-lists>

Social Justice Book Club will be held on **Monday, April 26, 2021 at 5 PM on ZOOM**. The book being discussed is *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. Copies of the book may be picked up at the library to be checked out.

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Adult Book Discussion will be held on **Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 5 PM on ZOOM**. The book being discussed is *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. Copies of the book may be picked up at the library to be checked out.

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2021 Public Library Association's Early Literacy Calendar beginning on **January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021**.

Each month stop into the Library and grab an activity-packed calendar! On one side is a calendar with a fun skill-building activity for each day and the other contains supplementary content like nursery rhymes, early literacy tips, song lyrics or suggested reading material. Get your copy today for FREE at the Library! These materials have been made available by the Public Library Association (PLA).

Beginning Genealogy Packets to Go! Terry Madison has compiled beginning Genealogy packets to go! These packets may be picked up in the Genealogy room at the Library. There are helpful tools and sheets in the packet to begin your genealogy journey!

Ready, Set, Spring! - Your Spring 2021 STEM Connection

Attention Preschool - 5th grade students! Pick up your bags for the 'Ready, Set, Spring' - your spring 2021 STEM Connection starting **Monday, April 5, 2021!** [Pre-registration required](#) by **Monday, March 29, 2021** to participate.

Receive an amazing bag filled with STEM activities for you to do at home along with all the materials you will need. Each week will have a different theme! Included in the bags are: experiments, activities, sheets, challenge cards, suggested reading lists, recipes, snacks and all the necessary materials to complete activities. There will also be a final survey for participants to complete and return.

This program is made possible by the Governor's STEM Council of Iowa in partnership with the Gibson Memorial Library.

Please plan to come into the Library for your bag or call us for curbside pickup.

The Library is open its regular business hours: **Monday & Wednesday 10 AM to 8 PM. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10 AM to 6 PM. Saturday 10 AM to 3 PM.**

For more information, please visit the Gibson Memorial Library website at: www.creston.lib.ia.us and the Gibson Memorial Library Facebook page.

If you would like to support the Gibson Memorial Library, you may volunteer your time by joining: the Library Board, the Friends of the Library Board, the Capital Campaign or consider making a contribution to the Library online at their website: <https://www.creston.lib.ia.us/>

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