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March 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 March. Below is a detailed listing of events:

Library Board Meeting will be on **Monday, March 1, 2021 at 5:15 PM** in the Library's Genealogy Room to discuss Phase II reopening of the library, which includes opening the library up to meetings and gatherings.

The next monthly Library Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 5, 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, March 3, 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:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7xXZxRDFUU&t=7s>

ZOOM Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8524207703>

Meeting ID: 852 420 7703

Mobile: 13126266799, 8524207703, # - US (Chicago)

“What is on your nightstand?” on **Thursday, March 11, 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>

Take & Make Crafts:

DIY Beaded Wind Chime.

Craft your very own wind chime that you will be able to enjoy in the garden! This is a take and make craft and supplies for the craft will be provided. Pre-registration is required.

Register online:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EABAA23A1F9CE9-diybeaded>

Brownie in a Mug.

Learn how to make your own delicious brownie in a mug! This is a take and make craft geared toward young adults (youth 12 – 18) and supplies for the craft will be provided. Pre-registration is required.

Register online:<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EABAA23A1F9CE9-brownie>

Both crafts will be handed out on: **Friday, March 26, 2021 from 10 AM – 5:30 PM.** A special activity will be included in all craft materials - be sure to check them out!

Adult Book Discussion will be held on **Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 5 PM on ZOOM.** The book being discussed is *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. Copies of the book may be picked up at the library to be checked out.

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Social Justice Book Club will be held on **Monday, March 29, 2021 at 5 PM on ZOOM.** The book being discussed is *There There* by Tommy Orange. Copies of the book may be picked up at the library to be checked out.

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2021 Adult Winter Reading Program will be ending soon on **Friday, March 5, 2021.** With a theme of, “It’s a Mystery”.

Participants must have read 8 Mysteries checked out from the Library: Books, Audio, YA, or InterLibrary Loan. Registration and book logs will be available at the Gibson Memorial Library. Please ask Merle Lee for more details or to register. Prizes will be handed out at the conclusion of the program.

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! Register for the 'Ready, Set, Spring' - your spring 2021 STEM Connection! 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!

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

The Spring STEM Connection is for all area children, preschool - 5th grade. STEM bags will be distributed per family unit. Each bag will contain a month's worth of STEM activities geared toward your child(ren)'s grade(s). They will be organized by week and 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.

[Registration forms](#) can be found on the Library website at: www.creston.lib.ia.us and can be printed off and mailed or interested participants may register in-person at the Library.

Registration form link:

https://www.creston.lib.ia.us/application/files/3016/1350/7682/Spring_Stem_Connection_Form.pdf

Return a completed registration form by Monday, March 29, 2021 to the Gibson Memorial Library, 200 W. Howard St. Creston, IA 50801. Participants can pick up bags starting on Monday, April 5, 2021.

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

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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