

# LET'S BE FRIENDS

## Friends of the Creston Public Library Newsletter

### MEET THE PROGRAMMING SPECIALIST

The new position of Programming Specialist was established in September 2021 and Jordan Foote was hired shortly after. Jordan, a native of Afton, graduated from Drake University with a bachelor's degree in marketing. He has had multiple marketing internships and full-time positions after getting his diploma. He said Gibson Memorial's mission lines up with his values and philosophy.

The Programming Specialist position was created to develop, plan, coordinate, execute and evaluate library programs and workshops; and also, to lead small, medium and large-scale programs and events that involve multiple staff members, departments, community members and volunteers.

Jordan remembers coming to the Gibson Memorial Library as a child. He came for the summer reading program every year. Jordan says he is a person who believes in lifelong learning and becoming more cultured with arts, music and knowledge in many areas. He is dedicated to broadening the library's age demographics to better continue its legacy and increase its base of support. Jordan plans to provide programs for all ages: children, teens, adults and seniors. He hopes to get millennials back into the library to rediscover all the services available at the library. We welcome Jordan to the Gibson Memorial Library. We are glad you are here!

### VALENTINE COOKIES

The Friends of the Library are selling Valentine Cookies. This year the cookies will be packaged in attractive boxes because of the lack of availability of vases. The deadline for orders is 6:00 p.m. February 8. Delivery of the cookies will be between 9:00 a.m. and noon February 14 within the Creston city limits. Choices include: six regular cookies \$10, six gluten-free cookies \$12 and twelve regular cookies \$15. Order at Gibson Memorial Library, 200 W. Howard St. Order forms are available online on the library website at [creston.lib.ia.us](http://creston.lib.ia.us) and/or Gibson Memorial Library's Facebook page.



### Author Visit: Karla Hynes

On February 4, 2022 from 5 PM - 6 PM, learn about Karla's recently published book, *Pass it On*, and her experience publishing her book.

The author has hosted a weekly radio show for over five years and has been a registered nurse for over 35 years. She resides in Creston, Iowa with her husband, Jerry, and her dogs, Avery and Bella. She is inspired by "Romans 8:38-39".

### PURSE AUCTION

January brought a unique fundraiser to help raise money for the library's activities. The Friends of the Library sponsored a Purse Auction. This is a silent auction similar to a basket auction. However, the containers are themed purses filled with wonderful surprises! The auction ends on January 31 so you

### DONATION TO THE CHILDREN'S AREA

With the money raised from the Book and Bake Sale, the FOL Board has decided to donate the funds to children's books which are badly needed and a cart to house some of them. Be sure to check out the new books. \$1,100 was raised from this fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who helped.



