

Giving Tuesday: Gibson Memorial Library

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Gibson Memorial Library Celebrates #GivingTuesday joining millions around the world participating in the global generosity movement on December 1, 2020.

Creston, Iowa

November 27, 2020 – Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement, unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and their world.

Giving Tuesday will kick off the generosity season this year by inspiring people to give back on December 1, 2020, and throughout the year.

Gibson Memorial Library is responding to meet the needs of Creston and Union County residents by adapting our vision to better serve our community during these difficult and challenging times.

We have recently gone through our own transformation by providing two take and make crafts every month geared toward youth and young adults. However, most of our crafts can be integrational allowing multiple age groups to work together.

The Library has created invigorating quality virtual programming, which allows us to connect with our patrons during these challenging times of social distancing while also looking out for the well-being of our community.

Current programming events that have moved to an online format include: our adult book club, what is on your nightstand (a casual group discussing books they are currently reading), special guest appearance videos with Union County

Supervisor Rick Friday for National Comic Book Day in September 2020, our open coffee's coming in December and there are so many more programs to come!

We have recently partnered with local organizations like Southwest Iowa Region Governor's STEM Advisory Council and Union County Extension and Outreach to bring to-go Learning and Literacy STEM Kits that are available for check-out to patrons with materials, resources and books provided in each kit!

The Library continues offering assistance and access to technology resources such as computers, printing capabilities, electronic document delivery, copying, and faxing of materials for patrons. As well as our other services such as: Bridges-OverDrive (access to online eBook and audiobooks), Ancestry Library Edition, Gale databases, Transparent Language (a free language learning software for patrons), Brainfuse (for career coaching, resume building and test preparation) and we continue to add new physical books to our collection.

People demonstrate generosity in many ways on Giving Tuesday. Whether it's helping a neighbor or stranger out, showing up for an issue or people we care about, or giving to causes we care about, every act of generosity counts.

That is why this year you can make a difference for our community by either volunteering, donating to a charity or community organization of your choosing, helping serve on the Library's Capital Campaign Committee, joining the Friends of the Library and its Board, or by providing a donation to the Gibson Memorial Library in support of its Capital Campaign.

The Library would also ask that as we make our holiday shopping gift lists, consider supporting our locally owned business owners, because they have already given so much to the library in years past by supporting our Capital Campaign fundraisers like the Wine Walk and St. Patrick's Day events.

For more information, or to make a donation, visit the Library website at:

<https://www.creston.lib.ia.us/capital-campaign>

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