

LET'S BE FRIENDS

Friends of the Creston Public Library Newsletter

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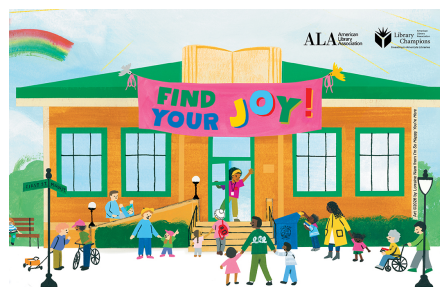
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The Friends of the Library Board meet the third Monday of the month at 1:00 at the library. All FOL members are welcome to attend.



Celebrate
**NATIONAL
LIBRARY WEEK**
April 19-25, 2026

The theme for 2026 is Find Your Joy! Libraries are filled with books, ideas, programs, people, community and so much more. Libraries are spaces for connection, creativity, and lifelong learning. National Library Week is the perfect time to rediscover your library and see how it can support you every day.

First sponsored in 1958, **National Library Week** is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated and talented staff at the Gibson Memorial Library. The Friends of the Library will be recognizing them for their wonderful service during National Library Week with special gifts and goodies.

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USED BOOK SITE NEWS

The Used Book Site located in the building which houses the Creston News Advertiser is ready for Spring with several new displays. The monthly feature is the *Hardy Boys* with many books on the circular display case near the front.

The Used Book Site will be open on May 9, 2026 for Market on Maple. Be sure to stop by to see a special display and shop the Used Book Site.

The Friends of the Library are accepting donations of books (especially non-fiction), puzzles, CD's and DVD's. Please make sure the items you donate are clean and in good shape. Use the east door near the parking lot to donate your items and put them on the carpeted area of the site. The Used Book Site does not accept encyclopedias or periodicals.

You may shop when the Creston News Advertiser (503 W. Adams Street) is open which is usually Monday through Friday, 9:00-3:00.



THANK YOU! Our third annual PI Day was a big success! Thank you to everyone who baked pies, bought pies and worked at PI Day. We had 70 pies donated and 33 different kinds! We plan to celebrate PI Day again next year! So mark your calendar for 3.14.26!

Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

4:30 - 5:30

Genealogy Room

"A Public Health Approach to Alzheimer's and Dementia"

Alzheimer's disease is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States, and its prevalence is growing. More than five million Americans are affected by Alzheimer's, but that number is expected to triple by 2050. Is there hope on the horizon? This program highlights the growing focus of Alzheimer's and dementia in public health; what causes memory loss; what the latest research shows in our fight against these conditions; what can be done to decrease one's risk; what resources exist and what Iowa Department of Health and Human Services is doing to help.

Ruth Suckow Traveling Exhibit

Ruth Suckow is Iowa's "Willa Cather," but, sadly, not as well known. In 9 novels and 43 short stories—most set in Iowa—Suckow captured the lives, passions, and struggles of ordinary people in their small towns and farms. She offers tales of Iowa love and loss, of farm couples retiring and moving to town, of women and men striving to be independent, of going away and coming home.

Suckow's works include *Iowa Interiors* (short stories) and the novels *Country People*, *The Odyssey of a Nice Girl*, *The Folks* (a Literary Guild selection and best seller in 1934), *A Part of the Institution* (based on Grinnell College), and *The John Wood Case* (which draws on an actual northwest Iowa embezzlement tragedy).

This Traveling Exhibit is particularly appropriate for Ruth Suckow, for, as the daughter of a Congregational minister, she lived in 12 Iowa communities across her 68 years: Hawarden (birth place), Paulina, LeMars, Algona, Fort Dodge, Manchester, Earlville, McGregor, Cedar Falls, Grinnell, Des Moines, and Davenport.

The Suckow Association has added a "Book Club" set of 12 copies of Ruth Suckow's first novel, *Country People* (set in Iowa), which patrons will be able to check out. We will make an announcement on Facebook once we receive the copies.

This traveling exhibit will be here at the Gibson Memorial Library from Sunday, April 12, 2026 through Sunday, May 17, 2026.

The library staff have been busy planning lots of fun activities for you and your family to enjoy, learn and experience. If you are a FOL member and have email, O.J. Fargo sends a complete listing of all of the offerings each month. The Friends of the Library newsletter highlights some of the activities, but for a full list, please check O.J.'s email or pick up a monthly calendar at the library.