

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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GIBSON MEMORIAL  
**LIBRARY**

## **DECEMBER PROGRAMMING TO WARM UP YOUR WINTER**

Creston, Iowa — The weather is starting to get cold and the library will surely have some new programming coming your way in December to escape the wrath of Jack Frost. A more detailed listing of events and programming taking place in December is as follows:

### **Library Board Meeting**

The Library Board meeting will be on Monday, December 6, 2021, in the Library's Genealogy Room at 5 PM.

The next monthly Library Board meeting will be held on Monday, January 3, 2022, at 5 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>

### **Story Time with Sue**

Join Sue as she brings to life a few fun stories in her December Story Time with Sue at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, December 1.

### **Crochet Group**

Come crochet with a casual group and learn tips, tricks, and techniques! This group meets every Wednesday from 1 PM - 3 PM in the Genealogy room.

### **Uptown Story Walk**

In conjunction with Merry Marketplace taking place on Saturday, December 4, the Gibson Memorial Library will be placing a story walk throughout uptown Creston businesses for you and the people special to you to enjoy. The pages of *William's Winter Nap* by Linda Ashman and Chuck Groenink will be placed in the windows of businesses throughout uptown Creston starting at House of Pain. It is a wintery story about hibernation and the importance of sharing and making room for others. The story will be up and available for viewing starting on December 1 and will remain available throughout the rest of December.

### **Author Visit with J. Wilson**

Join local author J. Wilson on Tuesday, December 7 at 4 PM in this very special visit where he will be discussing his most recently published book *Elevation Gain: Life Lessons Above the Tree Line*.

*Elevation Gain: Life Lessons Above the Tree Line* is an exploration of the challenges and peace found in the Great Outdoors - and how they might salve the plight of daily life. *Elevation Gain:*

*Life Lessons Above the Tree Line* tracks J. Wilson's 17-day thru-hike of the John Muir Trail in 2019.

Running from Yosemite Valley (elevation: 4,040 feet) to the summit of Mount Whitney (elevation: 14,505 feet), the iconic John Muir Trail is a 210-mile, long-distance hike in the Sierra Nevada of California. With an elevation gain of around 46,000 feet and descent of approximately 38,000 feet, the trail lies primarily at or above 8,000 feet in elevation. The JMT passes through Yosemite, Kings Canyon, and Sequoia National Parks, as well as the Inyo and Sierra National Forests (including the John Muir and Ansel Adams Wildernesses), and Devils Postpile National Monument. Over the course of the journey, backpackers cross ten mountain passes, six of which lie above 11,000 feet in elevation.

Backpacker, brewer, and lifestyle expert J. Wilson is the author of *Elevation Gain* (Fahrenheit & Sons, 2020), *Diary of a Part-Time Monk* (Old Line Publishing, 2011; Fahrenheit & Sons, 2020), *Iowa Pints* (Gentry County Publishing, 2014), and *Pen Slinger* (Gentry County Publishing, 2018). He lives in rural Iowa. Follow J. Wilson on Instagram at @pablo\_fahrenheit, on Twitter at @pablofahrenheit, or visit [drinkingpantspageant.com](http://drinkingpantspageant.com) for more information on the Drinking Pants Pageant or Fahrenheit & Sons.

### **Beginner Space Alien Cross Stitch**

On Wednesday, December 8 from 5:30 PM - 8 PM, an introductory course will be held on cross stitching. Cross stitching has seen a renaissance as a quarantine craft due to the boredom the pandemic brought many folks. In this course, participants will learn the basics of cross stitching and begin their own cross stitch craft from a provided beginner cross stitch pattern of a cute space alien that will be appropriate for your own use as a wall hanging or as a gift for someone special in your life. Materials will be provided, just bring yourself! Pre registration is required as the program will be limited to 10 participants. Registration can be done through the Sign Up Genius link provided under the events tab on our website or by calling the library at 641.782.2277.

### **Psychostimulants: The Necessary Information for Iowa's Front Line**

Did you know that 1,713,000 persons in the U.S. aged 12 or older report using methamphetamine? On Monday, December 13th at 5:30 PM we will be welcoming Jessica Petter from ZION Integrated Behavioral Health Services who will be leading a training dealing with psychostimulants and the vital information needed for Iowa's frontline.

### **Sue Teutsch's Retirement Open House**

On Thursday, December 16 from 2 PM - 5:30 PM, an open house will be held to celebrate the retirement and honor the contributions of our beloved Children's Librarian and Assistant Director, Sue Teutsch. Teutsch has dedicated 32 years of service to the Gibson Memorial Library, residents of Union County, and local youth. All community members are encouraged to attend and to wish her luck on this new chapter in her life.

### **December Take and Make**

For the month of December, the library will be preparing take and make crafts for teens and children to take home and put together. Pre registration is required in order to pick up these prepared take and makes on December 17 from 10 AM - 6 PM. Sign up can be done through the Sign Up Genius link provided under the events tab on our website or by calling the library at 641.782.2277.

Please be aware that the pick up day for the take and make craft is a week earlier this month due to the library being closed on December 24. This means the window to register for the take and make craft is smaller.

### **Friends of the Library Bake Sale**

On Friday, December 17 the Friends of the Gibson Memorial Library will be holding a holiday bake sale from 10 AM - 6 PM. Come and pick up some delicious baked goods and support the Friends of the Library at the same exact time!

### **Magic: The Gathering**

Play a fun casual session of Magic the Gathering card game at the Library on Wednesday's from 5 PM – 8 PM.

Welcome decks donated to the Library from the Bookwyrms will be passed out, while supplies last, to those who do not have a starter deck and wish to join the group!

This event is NOT sponsored by Wizards of the Coast LLC.

### **Friends of the Library Board Meeting**

The Friends of the Library Board will meet for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 20, 2021, at 5 PM in the library's genealogy room.

### **Social Justice Book Club**

Social Justice Book Club will be held on Monday, December 27 at 5 PM in the library's genealogy room.

The book being discussed is, *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz.

Copies of the books may be borrowed from the library or through OverDrive/Bridges the library's online eBook and audiobook platform.

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

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### **Adult Book Club**

Adult Book Club will be held on Tuesday, December 28 at 5 PM in the library's genealogy room.

The book being discussed is, *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig.

Copies of the books may be borrowed from the library or through OverDrive/Bridges the library's online eBook and audiobook platform.

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For more information, please visit the Gibson Memorial Library website at <https://www.creston.lib.ia.us> and at the library's social media channels on Facebook and Instagram.

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 our website: <https://www.creston.lib.ia.us>.

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