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**During National Library Week April 3 – 9, “connect with your library”**

Creston, Iowa — This week, the Matilda J. Gibson Memorial Library encourages all community members to visit their library in person or online to explore and access services and programs. Gibson Memorial Library offers a wide array of programs, classes and resources that are available in person or from the comfort of home, including Bridges Overdrive (online eBooks, magazines, and audiobooks), Brainfuse (online tutoring 24/7, writing assistance, test preparation like ACT and HiSet, and self-study tools), Foundation Directory Online (a research tool to help libraries and nonprofits find grant opportunities), Ancestry Library Edition (Ancestry helps you understand your own genealogy) and so much more!

April 3-9, 2022, is National Library Week, a time to highlight the essential role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. The theme for this year’s National Library Week is “Connect with Your Library,” which promotes the idea that libraries are places to get connected to technology by using broadband, computers, and other resources. Libraries also offer opportunities to connect with media, programs, ideas, and classes, in addition to books. Most importantly, libraries also connect communities to each other.

Libraries of all types continue to go above and beyond to keep their communities connected by expanding resources and embracing inclusion in their programming, resources, and collections. Libraries across the country are making a difference in people’s lives by providing electronic learning resources like online homework help and wi-fi access for students and workers who may lack internet access at home. Gibson Memorial Library is supporting the community with services and programs including crochet, Magic the Gathering, resume workshops, technology assistance, free notary services, free meeting room space for the public to use, printing and faxing services, adult coloring, story time, Jesse James the bank robbery (Wednesday, April 6, 2022), Native American Culture Program with Union County Supervisor – Rick Friday (Wednesday, April 13, 2022), Lego labs, adult and social justice book clubs, and so much more!

This National Library Week, the public can show their appreciation and support for libraries by visiting their library in person or online, following them on social media and using the hashtag #NationalLibraryWeek.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each April.

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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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