

LET'S BE FRIENDS

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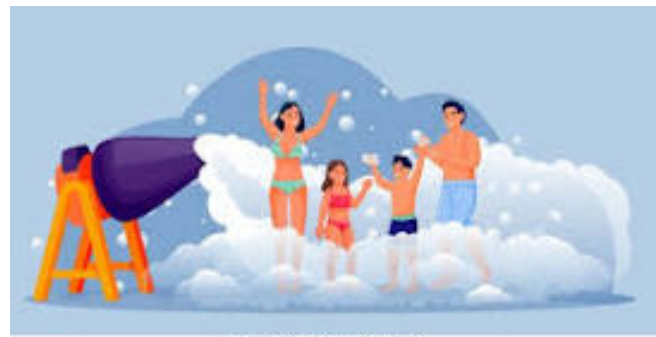
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*The Friends of the Library Board meet the
third Monday of the month at 1:00 at the
library. All FOL members are welcome
to attend.*



Summer Reading Program Kickoff Party!

Join us on Saturday, May 30, from 11:30 AM to 1 PM, for our third annual summer reading kickoff! Patrons of all ages can sign up for the summer reading challenge and enjoy food, outdoor games, and a foam party! We recommend wearing clothes that can get wet and bringing a towel for the foam. The foam party is scheduled from 12 PM - 1 PM.



USED BOOK SITE

The Used Book Site, located in the building which houses the Creston News Advertiser, is ready for Market on Maple with several new displays and features.

Market on Maple is Saturday, May 9th, 10:00 - 3:00.

Several antique quilts will be on display showcasing the various quilting books we have. In addition, canvas tote bags can be purchased. We will have plain as well as zippered bags - just the right size for transporting your books and other treasures. Patty Bolinger has created a Gibson Memorial Library Replica which will also be for sale.

May's featured author is Lisi Harrison. She is a Canadian novelist of young adult fiction. Other displays include series of Amish, Blue Hill Library, Lancaster, Wayfairs Inn, Savannah and Cat Mysteries.

Booked for the Day!

A magical afternoon of uninterrupted reading time in the library. Light snacks & refreshments provided.

Thursday, May 7th
1 PM - 3 PM

Mother's Day Cards Station for Kids

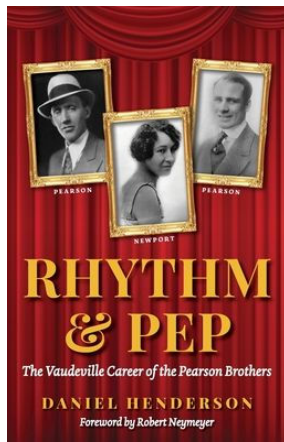
Children can come and make a Mother's Day card at our Mother's Day Card Station on Saturday, May 9th, 10 AM until supplies are gone.

Pinecone Bird Feeder Craft

Join us for a fun afternoon making a bird feeder out of pinecones, peanut butter, and bird seed.

Thursday, May 21, 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM in the Genealogy Room.

while supplies last



Rhythm & Pep

The Vaudeville Career of Clarinda's Pearson Brothers
A historical presentation by author Dan Henderson

Discover the story of two Clarinda natives, Earl & Carl Pearson, who rose to Vaudeville fame! They performed at New York's Palace Theatre and even for President Wilson. Author and relative Daniel Henderson shares their journey through rare scrapbook materials and rich cultural history. Enjoy a lively book talk and get your copy signed. Books are available for purchase at this historical presentation.

Rhythm & Pep is a true story of two Iowa coal miners who had a dream. They crafted a vaudeville acrobatic dance routine that took them out of the coal mines and into big-time vaudeville in the 1920s. It is an engaging, both sad and victorious, story that includes diligence, determination, love, hard work, and broken promises.

Set in the world of America's first mass entertainment industry, you will discover the talent of Earl and Carl Pearson, along with their partner, Cleo Newport, who danced their way to success in a highly competitive arena of entertainment. They reached the top just as the vaudeville industry was collapsing and giving way to radio and movies. You will learn much about the entertainment world of the early 20th century into the Great Depression and beyond.

"In Dan Henderson's biographical gem, *Rhythm & Pep: The Vaudeville Career of the Pearson Brothers*, the sounds of tapping feet, peppy music, and responsive applause and laughter become internal underscoring as the career of these celebrated artists comes to vibrant life. Filled with a bounty of images, newspaper clippings, and other documents, this immersive journey will stimulate the imagination about this bygone era." John Busbee, The Culture Buzz

Rhythm and Pep is a wonderful window into the rise and fall of a minor big-time act, from the mines...to the moon. For some beguiling but unknowable reason, the Midwest was particularly generative of top vaudeville performers. Dan Henderson's careful chronicle of the Pearson Brothers' career as acrobatic dancers doesn't miss a step and will be useful to show biz lovers and Iowa history buffs alike."

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.