

# LET'S BE FRIENDS

## Friends of the Creston Public Library Newsletter

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*The Friends of the Library Board will  
meet December 15 at 1:00 at the  
library. All FOL members are  
welcome to attend*

### THE LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE

Thursday, December 4  
Restored Despot



The Friends of the Library will be serving hot chocolate, apple juice and donut holes from 5:00-7:00. Mr. and Mrs. Santa will be there ready to have their pictures taken with the children. Santa will be giving out candy treats

### MERRY MARKETPLACE

The Used Book Site will be open during Merry Marketplace on December 6th from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. The Site is located in the rear part of the Creston News Advertiser building located at 503 W. Adams St. Please use the east door to enter.

The Used Book site has been replenished after the Balloon Days Used Books Sale. The Friends Board Members have been working hard to make the site a welcoming and useful place for community members to find books, puzzles, CD's to enjoy at an affordable price. The Used Books donations are an important part of the Friends of the Library fundraising efforts. Please donate generously.



Be sure to register for the door prize -  
A Book Lover's Basket!

### Uptown Story Walk

In conjunction with Merry Marketplace taking place on Saturday, December 6, 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 *The Snow Thief* by Alice Hemming will be placed in the windows of businesses throughout uptown Creston starting at House of Pain. It is a fun story that teaches kids about winter, adapting to change, and the seasons. The story will be up and available for viewing on the day of Merry Marketplace until the second week of December.

## HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

December 19, 2025

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM or sold out

Join the Friends of the Library for a delicious bake sale (just in time for the holiday). Many candies, cookies, pies and other speciality treats will be prepared for you to choose.

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Please call Peg Anderson if you can donate goodies and/or work a shift to sell items. Her phone number is 641-782-4000. Please bring your items already priced to the library by 5:00 on December 18th or between 9:00 and 10:00 on December 19th. All proceeds go for programs and other support of the Creston Public Library



### **Gift Bags**

The Legacy Committee is selling these cute bags decorated with a book themed fabric. They are perfect for a gift bag especially for your favorite book lover. Available at the Creston Public Library - just in time for Christmas - gift giving. Funds earned from this project will be used for capital improvements at the library.

**Noon Year's Eve Party!**  
**Wednesday, December 31st**  
**11:15 AM - 12:15 PM.**

Welcome the new year with a dance party, crafts, and activities culminating with a dramatic countdown and balloon drop at noon. Celebrate the new year as a family without missing bedtime!



*The library staff have been busy planning lots of fun activities for you and your family to enjoy, learn and experience. If you 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.*