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Make and take crafts and STEM activities in partnership with Union County Extension and Outreach!

Creston, IA – Gibson Memorial Library is at it again this month, offering fun and exciting programming including two fun make and take crafts: a Monster Magnet Craft and a SLIME craft geared toward young adults.

“The staff and I are eager to keep providing make and take crafts for the public,” said Gibson Memorial Library Director, Aric Bishop. “the staff and I have decided we will continue to offer at least one or two crafts per month until the library gradually moves back to normal.”

Union County Extension and Outreach in Partnership with Gibson Memorial Library bring you To-Go Learning and Literacy Kits which are available at the library starting Thursday, October 8, 2020!

Each Kit provides a hands-on Art or STEM experience with multiple opportunities to write, read, speak or think about that experience. STEM-Lit and Art-Lit to go have been successfully implemented in both out of school and in-school settings for K-3rd grade. These kits have been specially adapted to meet the needs of a home and can be checked out to take home!

Kits at your local Gibson Memorial Library Include:

Blast Off – STEM Literacy
Activity for Ages 5-9

Children learn about being an astronaut and participate in space themed activities including creating a straw rocket and completing a mission challenge. Book included is *A is for Astronaut* by Clayton Anderson.

Shape-O-Saurus – Art Literacy
Activity for Ages 5-9

Children learn about shapes and use shapes to create artwork. Book included is *Never Let a Dinosaur Scribble!* by Diane Alber.

Color Creation – Art Literacy
Activity for Ages 5-9

Children learn about color theory by identifying primary and secondary colors through color mixing activities. Book included is Swatch, The Girl Who Loved Color by Julia Dentos.

Be the Designer! Fashion and Sewing Literacy Activity for ages 5-13

Children will learn about elements and principles of design by drawing and designing clothes. Book included is Along Came CoCo by Eva Byrne.

Colorful Chemistry – STEM Literacy
Activity for Ages 5-9.

Children investigate states of matter (solids, liquids and gases) through experiments. Book included is Joe-Joe the Wizard Brews Up Solids, Liquids and Gases.

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For more information about future events and programs at the library, please visit the Gibson Memorial Library website at: www.creston.lib.ia.us or call 641.782.2277

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