

National Library Week 2021

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During National Library Week April 4-10, check out your library online

Creston, IA – This week, Gibson Memorial Library encourages all community members to visit their website to explore and access virtual services and programs. Gibson Memorial Library offers a wide array of online resources that are available from the comfort of home, including: [Credo reference](#) (an easy-to-use tool for research, homework and other reference needs), [Transparent Language](#) (learn over 100+ foreign languages for free with your library card), [Brainfuse](#) (live job coaching, resume lab, live Veteran assistance for VA benefits and community resources, unemployment assistance, career prep and job resources and test preparation for ACT, high school equivalency preparation, US Citizenship Test preparation, career resources and resume workshops), [Gale Resources](#) (access to Chilton Library – our online resource for car maintenance, databases and primary resources, as well as learning resources for school, K-12 and college age, and library users), Ancestry Library Edition (start searching billions of records and discover your family’s story) and Bridges [OverDrive](#) (access eBooks, audiobooks and magazines with your Library card online and be sure to download the [Libby app](#) for smartphones and tablets!)

April 4-10, 2021 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 “Welcome to your library,” which promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building and that everyone is welcome to use their services. Whether people visit virtually or in person, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging and community through learning, discovery and exploration.

During these challenging times, libraries of all types have been going above and beyond to adapt to our changing world by expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons. 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 is supporting the community with programs such as: take and make crafts for youth, STEM/STEAM festivals, virtual story times, adult and social justice book clubs on Zoom, What is on your nightstand? (a casual group discussing the books they are currently reading) and open virtual coffees on Zoom.

This National Library Week, the public can show their appreciation and support for libraries by

visiting their library's website, 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.

For more information, visit the library's website at <https://www.creston.lib.ia.us/>