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**LIBRARY**

**NOVEMBER IS HEATING UP WITH LIBRARY PROGRAMMING**

Creston, Iowa — When a new month comes, so does new library programming. The month of November is chock full of programming and events taking place at the Gibson Memorial Library. A more detailed listing of events and programming taking place in November is as follows:

**Library Board Meeting**

The Library Board meeting will be on Monday, November 1, 2021, in the Library's Genealogy Room at 5 PM.

The next monthly Library Board meeting will be held on Monday, December 6, 2021, at 5 PM in the Genealogy Room. Library Board meetings are open to the public.

Patrons can always view upcoming Board meetings, and the library board's agenda on the Library's Facebook and online at the library's website at: <https://www.creston.lib.ia.us/about/library-board>

**Story Time with Sue**

Join Sue as she brings to life a few fun stories in her November Story Time with Sue at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, November 3.

**Crochet Group**

Come crochet with a casual group and learn tips, tricks, and techniques! This group meets every Wednesday from 1 PM - 3 PM in the Genealogy room.

**Magic: The Gathering**

Play a fun casual session of Magic the Gathering card game at the Library on Wednesday's from 5 PM – 8 PM.

Welcome decks donated to the Library from the Bookwyrms will be passed out, while supplies last, to those who do not have a starter deck and wish to join the group!

Due to the library closing early at 6 PM on Wednesday, November 24, Magic will NOT be meeting at the regularly scheduled time.

This event is NOT sponsored by Wizards of the Coast LLC.

**"What is on your nightstand?"**

What is on your nightstand will be on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at 5 PM through Zoom and face-to-face at the library in the Genealogy room.

Join us for a casual conversation about the books you are currently reading and the books you wish you had time to read or simply come to connect with other people.

Need help with ZOOM? Watch this useful tutorial:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7xXZxRDFUU&t=7s>

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Meeting ID: 852 420 7703  
Mobile:13126266799, 8524207703, # - US (Chicago)

Find your next read by looking at our compiled lists of previous nightstand events on our website at: <https://www.creston.lib.ia.us/services/programs/nightstand-lists>

### **National Novel Writing Month Writing Sessions**

Have an idea for a novel that you're wanting to write? Then you should be participating in National Novel Writing Month. During the month of November, writers are challenged with writing a complete 50,000 word novel. In order to help you achieve that, we are hosting four writing sessions on November 6, 13, 20, and 27 from 11 AM - 2 PM where writers will have an area in the library to work on their novels. Resources on how to help you achieve this task will be provided and writers are more than welcome to take advantage of them.

Writers are encouraged to come into the library any other time we are open to continue working on their novels if they would like. We are a novel writing friendly space!

### **Beginning New England Colonial Research**

The Union County Genealogy Society will hold a hands-on workshop during their First Saturday Seminar on November 6, 2021 from 12 PM - 3 PM in the Genealogy Room.

Returning popular speaker, Alice Hoyt Veen, CG of Prairie Roots Research will present, "Beginning New England Colonial Research". Many Americans trace their origins to colonial New England: New Hampshire, Massachusetts Bay, Providence Plantations, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. Discover your colonial New England roots! This workshop includes discussion of records and resources, both on and off the web, and strategies for a successful search.

The program, open to the public, will also be made available over Zoom. Registration and payment for the seminar can be made at the Society's website, <https://unioncgs.org> through the society's gift shop, The Roots Seller. If registering to attend the seminar over Zoom, be sure to include an email address to receive a hand-out of the presentation as well as the link and information on how to join.

### **Your Beginning to Genealogy**

Join Terry on Monday, November 8 at 6 PM in learning the basics on how to get started with genealogy and what resources are available for you to use in order to help guide you in your journey to discovering your family history.

Only 10 spots are available for this program. Pre-registration is required and sign up can be done through the SignUp Genius link provided on our website under the events tab, or by calling the library at 641.782.2277.

This program is sponsored by the library and not the Union County Genealogical Society.

### **Spend Smart. Eat Smart.**

Good Nutrition Does Not Need To Be Expensive! Join the library and the Union County ISU Extension on Tuesday, November 9 at 4:30 PM to learn strategies to save money on food expenses and incorporate new ideas into menu planning and food shopping while exploring the [Spend Smart. Eat Smart. website](#) and mobile app.

### **Quilts, Culture, Food! With Dennis Kuyper**

Quilts, Culture, Food! With Dennis Kuyper will be held on Wednesday, November 10 at 5:30 PM.

### **Zines Workshop**

Welcome to the wild world of zines! Zines (short for magazines) are a small circulation and self published work usually consisting of original and/or appropriated images and text. We are hosting a two day workshop on November 12 and 19 from 3:45 PM to 5:45 PM where you'll learn about their impactful and political past and actually make your own over the course of the workshop. You'll use cut up images, repurpose materials, incorporate your own drawings and sketches, create short form pieces of writing, and whatever else you see fit to create your own zine. The possibilities are endless! Pre registration is required and there are only 10 spots available. Registering for this program means registering for both days and attendance to both days is highly recommended. If you have materials at home such as paper, personal pictures, magazines, fabric, etc. that you could see being useful for your zine, please feel free to bring it. Materials will be provided by the library, but we may not have everything you will need to fully achieve what you envision for your zine.

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### **Friends of the Library Board Meeting**

The Friends of the Library Board will meet for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 5 PM in the library's genealogy room.

### **Online Dating Workshop**

Online dating has become the norm and it's not unusual to hear of long term/married couples that met through dating websites and apps. But if you're single and a little scared of online dating, that's completely understandable. It can be very overwhelming! In this online dating workshop taking place on Monday, November 16 at 4:30 PM, we will guide you through the process of finding which dating sites or apps are right for you out of the hundreds or even thousands it seems like there are these days and how to craft your dating profiles to truly represent who you are as a person and what you are looking for in a potential match. Topics will touch on information that you will need to navigate the world of online dating safely and successfully.

At the end of the workshop, attendees will have the option to have their photo taken for an online profile picture if they so choose. There will be zero pressure to take one if you just aren't feeling like it or comfortable with it.

### **Holiday Decor with Holiday Cards!**

Time to repurpose old holiday cards and make them into beautifully framed holiday decor. There are two programs scheduled for Tuesday, November 16 from 1 PM - 3 PM and Wednesday, November 17 from 5 PM to 7 PM.

Both dates are limited to 10 registered adults. You may register for one scheduled program only. Registration begins November 11.

All materials will be provided and samples can be viewed at the library upstairs.

### **Social Justice Book Club**

Social Justice Book Club will be held on Monday, November 22 at 5 PM in the library's genealogy room.

The book being discussed is, *All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds.

Copies of the books may be borrowed from the library or through OverDrive/Bridges the library's online eBook and audiobook platform.

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### **Union County Genealogical Society Meeting**

The Union County Genealogical Society will host their monthly meeting on Monday, November 22, 2021, at 6 PM in the library's genealogy room.

### **Adult Book Club**

Adult Book Club will be held on Tuesday, November 23 at 5 PM in the library's genealogy room.

The book being discussed is, *Fifty Words for Rain* by Asha Lemmie.

Copies of the books may be borrowed from the library or through OverDrive/Bridges the library's online eBook and audiobook platform.

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### **Movie in the Library - Charade (1963)**

The library will be hosting a movie night on Monday, November 29 at 5:45 PM. The movie being shown will be Charade (1963) starring Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant. Popcorn and movie candy will be available to snack on.

### **How to Self Publish Your Writing**

Have you completed a piece or two of writing that you're wanting the world to see, but don't know exactly how to do that? Self publishing your writing very well may be the answer. Join this informational session at the end of National Novel Writing Month on November 30 at 4:30 PM to learn how you can self publish your pieces of writing.

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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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