

MEET OUR NEW LIBRARY ASSISTANT

Judy Johnson is the library's newest employee, although she is not new to the library. She has filled in when needed in the past. Judy's title is library assistant and includes a hodgepodge of duties, but her main ones are primary shelver and upstairs manager. She has also been instrumental in helping with a variety of administrative projects.

Judy was born and raised in Walthill, Nebraska, a little town south of Sioux City, Iowa. She moved to the Creston and Afton area in 1984. She has two children, seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

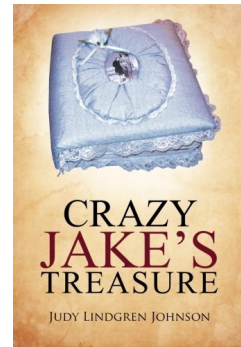
After her family was raised, she went to SWCC and earned her accounting degree. She moved back to Nebraska and was a bookkeeper for the Salvation Army for several years. Judy missed her family so she returned to Creston and worked in food service for the Creston schools. She also was the superintendent's secretary at Orient-Macksburg for five years before she retired.

Judy loves to read and is currently reading *The Bookman's Tale* by Charlie Lovett. Her favorite author is Richard Paul Evans. She likes Amish stories and stories about bookstores and music. Her current endeavor is to read books in the Creston Library that only have one book by an author. As she shelves books, she keeps notes on these books so she can read them.

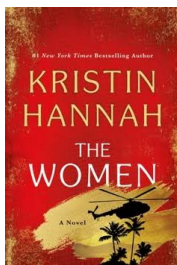
Have you read *Crazy Jake's Treasure*? It is available at the Creston library and was written by Judy Johnson. She promises a sequel sometime in the future.

Judy likes to do jigsaw puzzles, sew (she is making memory quilts for all seven of her grandchildren), collect giraffes and spend time with Cyclops, her one-eyed cat of 14 years.

You'll generally find Judy upstairs in the library. Be sure to say hello to this very interesting new employee at the Creston Library.



GOOD READS



Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path.

As green and inexperienced as the men sent to Vietnam to fight, Frankie is over-whelmed by the chaos and destruction of war. Each day is a gamble of life and death, hope and betrayal; friendships run deep and can be shattered in an instant. In war, she meets—and becomes one of—the lucky, the brave, the broken, and the lost.

But war is just the beginning for Frankie and her veteran friends. The real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America, to angry protesters, and to a country that wants to forget Vietnam.

The Women is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten. A novel about deep friendships and bold patriotism, *The Women* is a richly drawn story with a memorable heroine whose idealism and courage under fire will come to define an era. *The Women* written by Kristin Hannah is available at the Creston Library in regular print, large print and audio.

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