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MARCH INTO NEW LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

Creston, Iowa — March is bringing a whole new season and along with that, a whole new month of library programming. A more detailed listing of activities and programming happening in March are as follows:

Library Board Meeting

The Library Board meeting will be on Monday, March 7, 2022, in the Library's Genealogy Room at 5 PM.

The next monthly Library Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 4, 2022, 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

Arts and Crafts Guild

The first and third Monday of each month from 5 PM - 8 PM, the library will be hosting an evening of arts and crafts where the public is welcome to come and work on any kind of arty or crafty project they may be currently working on. Attendees are encouraged to show off what they're working on and to share any crafting and skills or tips they may have. You may come and go as you please in this relaxed and casual programming.

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 and 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 Bookwyrm will be passed out, while supplies last, to those who do not have a starter deck and wish to join the group!

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

Is It Spring Yet? - Adult Reading Program

In this adult reading program that started January 6, participants must read or listen to 8 of our many library books revolving around spring. Eligible non-fiction books must be about gardening, flowers, or plants. If non-fiction isn't your cup of tea and fiction is, the book title for eligible fiction books must contain one of the following words: Flower(s), flowering, name of a

flower, tree or a name of a tree, garden, gardener, gardening, planter, plants, planting, spring, rain, or raining. Readers may select from adult fiction, young adult, e-books, and inter-library loan. All titles must be checked out through the Gibson Memorial Library and titles and authors are required on your book log which must be completed and returned by 6 PM on Friday, March 11.

Registration is required and can be done through the Sign Up Genius link provided under the events tab on the library website or in person at the Gibson Memorial Library on the second floor.

Three prizes will be awarded. NO incentives.

Coding for Adults: Newbies Only

Have you been curious about learning how to code? Feel a little overwhelmed about where to start? Join us at the Gibson Memorial Library for an evening of Coding for Adults: Newbies Only where you will learn the basics of coding in HTML on March 14 from 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM.

This program will be capped at 6 participants and all participants will need to bring their own laptop to work off of. Laptops or desktop computers will not be provided by the library. If your laptop's battery is known to not last long, make sure to bring your laptop charger as well. Laptop chargers will not be provided by the library either.

No previous coding knowledge will be needed, but a moderate understanding of computers is highly recommended.

To sign up, call the library at 641.782.2277 or follow the SignUpGenius link found under the events tab on our website.

Adult Coloring

Join us at the Gibson Memorial Library for an afternoon of adult coloring on March 15 from 1 PM - 3 PM! Coloring materials will be provided but feel free to bring your own if you have a set of colored pencils or a coloring book you like and feel comfortable with. Stay for a few minutes or stay the whole two hours! Don't feel the need to arrive on time either. This is a come and go as you please type of gathering!

Friends of the Library Board Meeting

The Friends of the Library Board will meet for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 21, 2022, at 5 PM in the library's genealogy room.

LEGO Lab

Use your creativity and architectural instincts to build your next masterpiece with LEGOs in the Gibson Memorial Library LEGO Lab. The second and fourth Thursday of every month from 4 PM - 5 PM, LEGOs will be available for participants to build whatever their building savvy minds lead them to. If you feel like your brain isn't hardwired that way, building challenges will be available to lead you in a more guided approach to your build. This is a come and go activity and is open for ages kindergarten through 12th grade. The library will provide LEGOs and we ask that participants not bring additional LEGO pieces from home.

Effective Research with Ancestry

Join the Union County Genealogical Society for their monthly seminar on Saturday, March 5 from 12 PM - 3 PM in the genealogy room at the Gibson Memorial Library. Partake in Effective Research with Ancestry presented by Theresa McCormick Liewer.

Union County Genealogical Society Meeting

The Union County Genealogical Society will host their monthly meeting on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 6 PM in the library's genealogy room.

Evening Storytime

Join Youth Services Librarian, Danielle, for an evening of stories and songs on March 21 at 7 PM in the children's room. This month's storytime will be packed with special guests!

Ghost Towns of Union County - UNincorporated & UNinhabited in UNion County
On Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM, Dave Baker, essayist and photographer for lowa: The 29th State will be here to talk about Union County ghost towns, railroad stations and communities of yesterday.

Dave has explored and wrote about communities in over three dozen lowa counties since 2015 and is currently working on a book about Central lowa history. He will be bringing an all new program to Union County featuring his photographs, fascinating maps and interesting stories about places of the past.

For more information please visit: www.facebook.com/the29thstate or contact Dave at the29thstate@gmail.com.

The Matilda Cinema Society

The Matilda Cinema Society will be held on Friday, March 25 at 5 PM in the library's genealogy room.

The movie being discussed is Melancholia (2011) directed by Lars Von Trier.

The movie is available to watch on free with ads streaming sites Pluto TV, Tubi, and Vudu. Participants are asked to view the movie before coming to discuss it on Friday, March 25.

Adult and Social Justice Book Club

Adult and Social Justice Book Club will be held on Tuesday, March 29 at 5 PM in the library's genealogy room.

The book being discussed is, *The Moment of Lift* by Melinda Gates.

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

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

ZOOM Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8524207703

Meeting ID: 852 420 7703

Mobile:13126266799, 8524207703, # - US (Chicago)

Improve Your Resume with Practical Strategies

Feeling like your resume may not be standing out? Or maybe it is standing out but for all the wrong reasons? Join us at the Gibson Memorial Library on March 30 from 5 PM - 6 PM to learn some practical strategies as to how you can improve your resume so that possible employers will take notice of your skills and experience.

March Take and Make Craft

For the month of March, the library will be preparing take and make crafts for teens and children to take home and put together. Pre registration is required in order to pick up these prepared take and makes on March 25 from 10 AM - 6 PM. Sign up can be done through the Sign Up Genius link provided under the events tab on our website or by calling the library at 641.782.2277.

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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