

LET'S BE FRIENDS

Friends of the Creston Public Library Newsletter

Meet Our Library Director

In August, 2020, Aric Bishop became the Library Director of the Gibson Memorial Library. He is a Creston native, graduating from Creston High School and Southwestern Community College. Some of his fondest memories of growing up in Creston are spending time at the Gibson Memorial Library. Aric completed his undergraduate degree at Grand View University and his MBA at Upper Iowa University. He also has a Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Washington and holds a Level VI State Library of Iowa Director Endorsement.

Previous to accepting his role at Gibson Memorial Library, he served as the library director of the Osceola Public Library for nearly two years. He also has experience working at SWCC as a library assistant and professor.

Aric is aware of the importance of a library to the community. He serves on several community boards including Union County Family Support Council, Creston Human Rights Coalition, Update Creston and Discover Union County. He is also a member of the Kiwanis Club.

Thank you Aric Bishop for all you do!

BOOK AND BAKE SALE

Thank you to everyone who helped with our first Holiday Book and Bake Sale. It was a big success and we are so grateful for all the wonderful bakers and workers who made the event possible. Many candies, cookies, brownies, cakes, pies and other speciality treats were available for the people to purchase. In addition there were gently used or new books, puzzles and audio books already wrapped for gift-giving for the shoppers. All proceeds go for library programming needs.



PURSE AUCTION

January will bring a unique fundraiser to help raise money for the library's activities. The Friends of the Library are sponsoring a Purse Auction. This will be a silent auction similar to a basket auction. However, the containers will be themed purses filled with wonderful surprises! The auction will run January 10-31,



Lessons of the Holocaust

On January 26 from 5 PM - 8 PM, the Gibson Memorial Library will be welcoming Brad Wilkening to present "Lessons of the Holocaust". Wilkening is a member of the Iowa Holocaust Council and has been presenting and enacting programs within schools and libraries since 2015.

Wilkening's main purpose is for us all to realize that decisions we make have consequences and not making decisions has consequences as well. The goal of the program is to help all become better people.



This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

