

LET'S BE FRIENDS

Friends of the Creston Public Library Newsletter

MEET THE YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN

In December 2021, Danielle Dickinson Thaden was hired to step into Sue Teutsch's role as Youth Services Librarian at Gibson Memorial Library. Danielle is a native of Greenfield, Iowa, and, as a kid, she loved visits to the old Carnegie library in her hometown, going up and down the aisles in search of her next book. Throughout her years of school and even today, libraries have been a haven in which to seek out new perspectives, be reminded of favorite characters, and experience the energy of a place devoted to personal growth. She credits her now-retired elementary school teacher parents for feeding her love to read by sharing lots of books and bedtime stories... and by letting her raid their classroom libraries.

Danielle attended Central College in Pella, Iowa, where she earned her bachelor's degree in English Education with minors in Spanish and music. She also studied abroad in London for a semester, which allowed her many awesome experiences, including a trip to the British Library, where she saw original pages from works ranging from Shakespeare's First Folio to John Lennon's scribbled notes of "In My Life." Danielle earned her master's degree from the University of Northern Iowa in Teaching English in Secondary Schools in 2018.

Before making her career switch, Danielle taught English for ten years. She looks forward to helping young people progress in their own literary journeys.

Ghost Towns of Union County

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

Dave has explored and written about communities in over three dozen Iowa counties since 2015 and is currently working on a book about Central Iowa 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

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

VALENTINE COOKIES

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Valentine Cookie fundraiser this year. This was our most successful one ever and it was because of the great bakers, decorators, deliverers and of course shoppers! Over 2000 cookies were made and the festive Valentine Boxes were delivered on February 14th!



PURSE AUCTION

January brought a unique fundraiser to help raise money for the library's activities. The Friends of the Library sponsored a Purse Auction. Nine purses were auctioned. The winners were Jennifer Misiwski (3), Barbara Zellweger (2), Mary Bishop, Cathie Hudson, Terry Madison and Carol Wallace. Thank you to everyone who donated purses, contents and bids!

The Friends of the Library Board meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 5:00 at the library.

Everyone is welcome to come.



