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APRIL SHOWERS BRING LIBRARY PROGRAMMING

Creston, Iowa — April is chock full of new and familiar library programming. The rainy (and sometimes snowy) weather has brought about a bloom of library programming ready to be picked. A more detailed listing of activities and programming happening in April are as follows:

Library Board Meeting

The Library Board meeting will be on Monday, April 4, 2022, in the Library's Genealogy Room at 5:15 PM.

The next monthly Library Board meeting will be held on Monday, May 2, 2022, at 5:15 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>

Evening Adult Coloring

Join us at the Gibson Memorial Library for an evening of adult coloring on April 4 from 5 PM - 7 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!

Make Your Own Book Journal! - Adult Craft

On April 5 from 1 PM - 2 PM, join adult services librarian, Merle Lee, for an afternoon adult craft led by Teresa Foote. Participants will be making their very own book journals that can then be used to keep track of books you've read or want to read.

The craft is capped at 10 participants and registration is from April 1 - April 4. Registration can be done over the phone or in person. All materials will be provided.

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 Bookwyrms 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.

The Jesse James Gang in Iowa: How the James Gang Robbed a Corydon, Iowa Bank in 1871

On April 6 from 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM, join us at the Gibson Memorial Library for The Jesse James Gang in Iowa: How the James Gang Robbed a Corydon, Iowa Bank in 1871.

Brenda Devore has been the director of Prairie Trails Museum of Wayne County in Corydon for 20 years. She will share the story of how Jesse James and his gang robbed the Ocobock Bank in 1871 and a member of the gang was tried for the crime.

Author Visit with Dr. Ed V. Epperly - Fiend Incarnate: Villisca Axe Murders of 1912

Join us at the Gibson Memorial Library on Friday, April 8 at 4:30 PM to hear Ed Epperly who will speak about his book "Fiend Incarnate : Villisca Axe Murders of 1912" considered to be "The definitive written account of American's greatest unsolved mystery by the foremost authority on the 1912 Villisca axe murders."

Dr. Edgar Epperly has been researching the Villisca Axe Murder mystery for over 60 years. He has written dozens of true crime articles, scholarly papers and blog posts, and has appeared on dozens of television and radio programs, podcasts, symposiums and at film festivals.

He is a popular guest speaker at colleges, universities, historical societies, museums, libraries, and bookstores. He was interviewed and served as the key consultant on the award-winning documentary feature film VILLISCA: LIVING WITH A MYSTERY produced by Emmy-nominated Fourth Wall Films. He is the subject of the award-winning documentary short AXMAN. He resides in Decorah, Iowa with his wife, Joyce.

Spring Cleaning Clothing Swap

Swap! Don't shop!

Swap your gently used or even new clothing/shoes/accessories for other gently used items. Drop off your items on one of the drop off days and on Monday, April 11 from 2 PM - 7 PM, pick up new to you items that others are wanting to swap.

Drop off days and times:

April 6
10 AM - 8 PM

April 7
10 AM - 6 PM

April 8
10 AM - 6 PM

April 11
10 AM - 3 PM

When dropping off, please do not place swap items in the library drop box. Drop off inside and in person.

Prehistoric Union County, Iowa with Rick Friday

Join us at the Gibson Memorial Library on April 13 from 7 PM - 8 PM for Prehistoric Union County, Iowa with presenter Rick Friday.

Rick Friday is an enthusiast of anthropology and archaeology and was a participant in the Archaeological Excavation for the Great Oasis Maxwell Site in 2001.

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.

Community Journals Open House

Union County has many stories and ideas to tell and each one deserves a place to be told. To collect these stories and ideas, the Gibson Memorial Library will be adding community journals to the collection for community members to contribute to. These community journals will be available for checkout just like any other material in the library's collection. All that's required is a Gibson Memorial Library card. When checked out, community members can add to the journal however they see fit as long as it fits within a few rules and guidelines which are included with every journal.

There are 20 community journals in total with each journal having its own theme. Contributors are encouraged to interpret that theme however they would like. However, there are three journals in particular that are sketching or drawing focused where contributors are encouraged to sketch or draw their submission according to the theme.

To mark the addition of these community journals to the Gibson Memorial Library, an open house will be held on Friday, April 15th from 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM. The community journals will be available for checkout for the first time at the beginning of the open house and suggestions for possible future journals will be accepted. Jordan Foote, the library's programming specialist, will be on hand to answer any specific questions patrons may have about the community journals and the process.

Friends of the Library Board Meeting

The Friends of the Library Board will meet for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 5 PM in the library's genealogy room.

Arts and Crafts Guild

On April 18 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.

Adult Coloring

Join us at the Gibson Memorial Library for an afternoon of adult coloring on April 19 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!

All Day, All Ages Egg Hunt

Hop on over to the Gibson Memorial Library on April 25 for an All Day, All Ages Egg Hunt. Hunt for eggs placed throughout the library and return them to the front desk to receive your well earned prizes!

Evening Storytime

Join youth services librarian, Danielle, for an evening of stories and songs on April 25 at 7 PM.

Union County Genealogical Society Meeting

The Union County Genealogical Society will host their monthly meeting on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 6 PM in the library's genealogy room.

Adult and Social Justice Book Club

Adult and Social Justice Book Club will be held on Tuesday, April 26th at 5 PM in the library's genealogy room.

The book being discussed is, *Burnout: The secret to unlocking the stress cycle* by Emily Nagoski.

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)

Blackout Poetry

April is National Poetry month, and what better way to celebrate than to make your very own poetry. On April 27 from 5 PM - 6 PM, join us at the Gibson Memorial Library to create blackout poetry.

Random book pages will be available for participants to use along with markers to carve out the poetry they see in the book page they are using.

The Matilda Cinema Society

The Matilda Cinema Society will be held on Friday, April 29 at 5 PM in the library's genealogy room.

The movie being discussed is *Jesus Camp* (2006) directed by Heidi Ewing and Rachel Grady.

The movie is available to watch on OverDrive/Bridges, the library's online eBook and audiobook platform, which can be accessed with your Gibson Memorial Library card and other free to watch with ads apps such as Tubi. Participants are asked to view the movie before coming to discuss it on Friday, April 29.

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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