

Aric Bishop, a Creston native, began his role as Library Director at Gibson Memorial Library on August 1, 2020. In addition to serving as the Library Director at Gibson Memorial Library, Bishop worked as an adjunct business instructor at Southwestern Community College.

Prior to Gibson Memorial Library, Bishop worked as Library Director of the Osceola Public Library in Osceola, IA from November 2018 to July 2020. Before that he worked as a Library Assistant at SWCC's Learning Resource Center from 2015 to 2018 and as an intern at Shenandoah Public Library during the summer of 2018.

Outside of the library world, Bishop worked for the following organizations: Hibbett Sports, Greater Regional Medical Center, Kohl's Department Stores Inc., Helzberg Diamonds, U.S. Bank, TJX Companies and Wal-mart.

Bishop started his education at Southwestern Community College (SWCC) in Creston, where he received his Associate of Arts degree in 2009. He transferred to Northwest Missouri State University in 2009 (only staying one year), and later attended Grand View University where he finished his Bachelor of Arts in Journalism in 2011. He went on to receive his Master of Business Administration, with an emphasis in human resource management, at Upper Iowa University in 2016 and his Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Washington in 2020.

Bishop enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, his two dogs, five chickens, writing handwritten letters with close friends and gardening.