



Winter 2020/2021

## Friends Library Book Sale a Success

The 2020 Gering Friends of the Library book sale ended successfully on several levels. We held the sale during the entire month of October to allow for Covid-19 compliance. With over 200 boxes of donated books and another 100 boxes weeded from the library collection to sell, we earned \$1240.14.

We also added 19 new Friends members and many members renewed their \$5 annual dues. Donations during the sale amounted to \$243, indicating huge support for the library. Twenty-five volunteers

worked 170 hours to make this effort successful.

Friends use money from the sale to support library programs and special projects not covered in the regular budget.

Recently, we supported an effort Youth Services Librarian, Christie Clarke initiated for our youngest library users. Clarke assembled six backpacks filled with educational toys, games, and of course books for checkout. The backpacks average \$150, and she has ideas for many more backpacks.

The Friends thank everyone who volunteered for this special sale and especially thank all our shoppers - some who returned several times to see what new merchandise was added to the sale each day.

We donated some left over books to Valley Youth Connections and to the Scotts Bluff County Detention Center, but we still have over 50 boxes of books which remain unopened so we are tentatively planning another huge sale in April 2021 during National Library Week.

## Storytime Goes Virtual

Miss Christie is excited to try Storytime online. Right now she is in her laboratory working out how to best put storytime online, but she plans to be up and running by mid December.

Along with Miss Christie's songs and sto-

ries, she is planning a craft you can pick up at the library and make at home.

Follow us on Facebook for more information on how to find Gering Library's Online Storytime, or you can contact us with your email address and we will let

you know when and where you can find Miss Christie's Storytime.



### Calendar

>Food for Thought

We are meeting on Zoom for the time being.

December 17  
The Dutch House by Anne Patchett

January 28  
Gilead by Marilynne Robinson

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If you are interested in the Teen Advisory Board, contact Kira at the library and she will keep you informed about the meetings.

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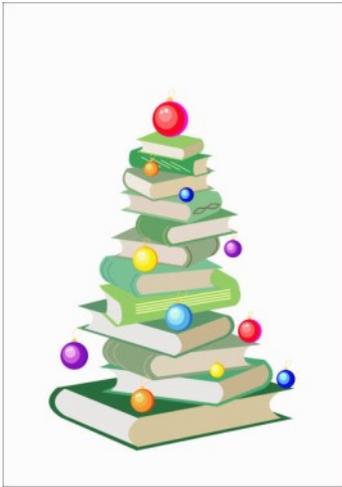
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## Trees on Display at the Legacy of the Plains



Gering Library Foundation and the Friends of the Gering Library have a tree displayed at the Legacy of the Plains Museum's Trees Along the Trail fundraiser.

Local groups put up themed trees in the lobby of the museum. People can view the trees and vote on their favorite starting December 5. Voting

tickets cost \$1 each. Part of this donation supports the museum and the other part supports the group that put the tree up.

While you are there, be sure to check out the Legacy of the Plain's main exhibit hall, which will be decorated as well.

### Books Make Great Gifts

Just in time for Christmas, you can pick up select nearly new hardbound books for \$2 and paperbacks for \$1 at the library, while supplies last. The proceeds from this sale go to the Friends of the Library.

## Gering Friends Annual Meeting

The usual Friends of the Library annual meeting was treated differently this year. The Friends Board decided to hold the election of officers at the regular September meeting and suggested the program to be the Humanities Nebraska public lecture by Doris Kearns

Goodwin on her most recent book, Leadership in Turbulent Times.

While that lecture is not longer available, you can watch Goodwin on the TED stage here: [Doris Kearns Goodwin](#).

The 2021 officers are:

- President- Lisa Walter
- Vice President- Kathi Yost
- Secretary- Karen Carrizales
- Treasurer- Carol Enderle
- Friends Board Members- Sandra Dyer, Judy Sharp, Liz Ossian



## Fresh Look for Library Webpage

Have you seen our [webpage](#) lately? We have been working hard to make it easy for you to find information.

\*You can access The Star Herald and the Gering Courier at home through the [Newsbank](#) link on our

card catalog- Ask someone at the library if you need help with this!

\*We have links to our Youtube Channel and some other locally produced fun stuff.

\*We also have collected a bunch of interest-

ing websites you can browse. We found everything from a tour of Versailles to Dolly Parton reading children's books. We also have a large collection of STEAM links for kids of all ages to learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.



## Library is Now Fine Free!

At the November meeting, the library board approved a policy change that the library will no longer collect fines on overdue items.

Our patrons are still responsible for returning items in a timely manner so others can use them.

Patrons will still be accountable for damaged and lost items on their account.



## Lexi Tallmon- Library Page

Lexi has been working at the library for 2 1/2 years. She uses her artistic ability to design some of our most eye-catching displays.

Fun Facts about Lexi:

- \* Not a peanut butter fan
- \* Has eaten frog legs

\*Celebrity crush: Mark Edward Fischbach- a YouTuber

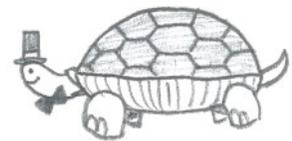
\*Lexi's superpower is adaptability

Lexi recently learned that elephant beetles, the largest beetle, are black but covered in fine hair that makes them appear yellow.

As a child, Lexi wanted to be a chef, but she found a place at the Gering Library and she plans to stay here for the foreseeable future.

When Lexi isn't at work, she likes to read Japanese comic books called Manga.

Lexi provided us with a self-portrait.



## Amazon Smile Donates Money to the Friends

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the

purchase price of eligible products to the Friends of the Gering Library.

Instead of going to Amazon.com, type in **smile.amazon.com** and log in with your Amazon information, when it asks, type in **Friends of the**

**Gering Library Inc** and proceed just like you are on Amazon. The 0.5% goes to the Friends. It's as easy as that!

In June-August, they donated \$13.62 to the Friends.



