



## Fall 2020 Vol. 2

### Calendar

>Food for Thought

Oct. 22  
I'm Down by Mishna Wolff & This One Summer by Mariko Tamaki  
Nov. 19  
If You Lived Here by Christopher Ingraham  
Dec. 17  
The Dutch House by Ann Patchett

>Sep 13 Local Author Showcase with Larry Gibbs and Doug Chamberlain

> Sep 16 Storytime is back!

>Sep 21 Governor's Lecturer, Doris Kearns Goodwin Friends Annual Meeting replacement

>Sep 28 Fact or Fable? Fairytale Trivia with Scottsbluff Library

>October 1-31 Book Sale, during regular library hours

## Friends Book Sale Scheduled!! October 1-31

Everyone has been asking about the book sale, and now we have answers!

The Friends of the Gering Library have scheduled a book sale, modified to be in compliance with Covid 19 state mandates.

The sale will begin October 1 and run through the month of October during regular library hours. The books will be displayed in the community room on tables spaced at the recommended distance.

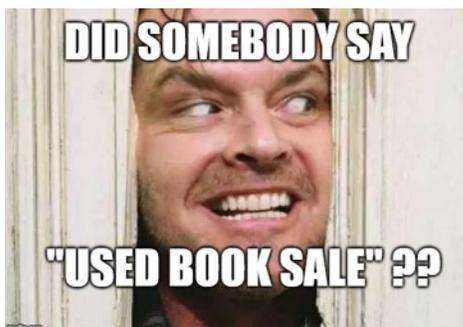
You can take your book selections to the library staff upstairs

who will collect the money. Our prices are the same as last year.

Since the "volume" of books is more than we can display at one time, we will periodically add books to keep the tables filled. We encourage more than one trip through the buffet as the month goes on.

If you are unable to access the library at this time, or unable to go down the stairs, you

may call the main desk, and have someone make selections for you. This way you will get a basket of surprises. We want to accommodate as many folks as we can.



## Local Author Showcase September 13 2-4pm

Join Gering author Lawrence Gibbs and La Grange author Doug Chamberlain at the library on September 13 from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Gibbs and Chamberlain will be visiting with readers and signing copies of their new books.

Gibbs' book "Nebraska Sweet Beets: A history of Sugar Valley" was published in 2020.

Chamberlain's book, "Bury Him : A memoir of the Viet Nam War" was published in 2019.



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## Foundation and Friends Board Openings

Gering Library Foundation and the Friends of the Gering Library expect openings on their boards in the upcoming months.



This is a chance to work with like-minded people to further the goals of the library.

The Foundation develops enduring sources of capital for strategic projects and support through conceptual ideas and partner-

ships that enhance and advance literacy, lifelong learning and community activity.

Friends are enthusiastic supporters, whose mission is to help provide library services of the highest quality to our community.

If you are interested in serving on a board, let Diane Downer know, and she will pass your name along.

### Friends Membership

Many Friends memberships have come due since the last membership drive in April, 2019. Also, several members' dues come due during the annual meeting.

The book sale will be a good time to continue your membership in the Friends of the Gering Library.



## Haunted Terrariums

Join us on **Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1 – 4 p.m.** to create a haunted terrarium!

This spooky craft involves creating grave-stones from polymer clay and building a terrarium that will support live moss.

All the necessary materials will be provided for free. We recommend registering before the event but it is not required.

This event is open to anyone age 12 and up, and will be held at the Gering Library.

Masks are recommended and social distancing measures will be in place.



## Library Gets Grant for Newsbank

While our doors were locked, we had several calls from folks wanting to read the Omaha World Herald.

Now you can read the OWH from home or from our computers at the library using the NewsBank Database.

NewsBank provides full image access to the Omaha World Herald and the Denver Post, along with selected articles from the Star-Herald, Gering Courier as well as Lincoln Journal Star, North Platte Telegraph, Kearney Hub and many others.

If you want to learn how to access these papers online, ask someone to help, we will gladly show you how to use the computers to read the papers.

The link is posted at [www.gering.org/library](http://www.gering.org/library)



## Teen Advisory Board September 21

The Gering Public Library Teen Advisory Board is holding its first meeting on **Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** at Gardner Park.

The Teen Advisory Board, or TAB, is open to teens in 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and will meet regularly following the first meeting. Members will have the opportunity to help

plan and organize events, choose books for the library, and give back to the community.

Upcoming events for teens include a Haunted Terrariums craft, a middle grade book group, and a Dungeons & Dragons Adventure.

Kira Wysocki will be leading TAB. She is currently a student at

the University of Nebraska at Kearney. In her free time she enjoys reading, hiking, playing in the dirt, and going to rock concerts (when there are concerts to go to).

Pizza and snacks will be provided at the first meeting. Masks and social distancing measures are recommended.



## Fact or Fable? Fairytale Trivia September 28

Gering Library's Sherry is teaming up with Lied Scottsbluff Librarian Jana to bring you *Fact or Fable? Fairytale Trivia*. To comply with Covid guidelines, this event will be presented live on Zoom at 7:00 on September 28. Find a partner, think up a fairytale

team name and sign up at the Scottsbluff Library in person or by phone. Prizes for the winning team will be awarded at the wrap-up party at the Skyview Theater on October 2 at 6:30. For more information call the Scottsbluff Library at 630-6250.



## Friends Meeting Cancelled, Enjoy Humanities Nebraska Governor's Lecture Instead

The annual meeting of the Gering Friends of the library has been canceled, but we encourage the Friends to enjoy the Humanities Nebraska Governor's Lecture on **September 21, 2020 at 6:30 Mountain Time**.

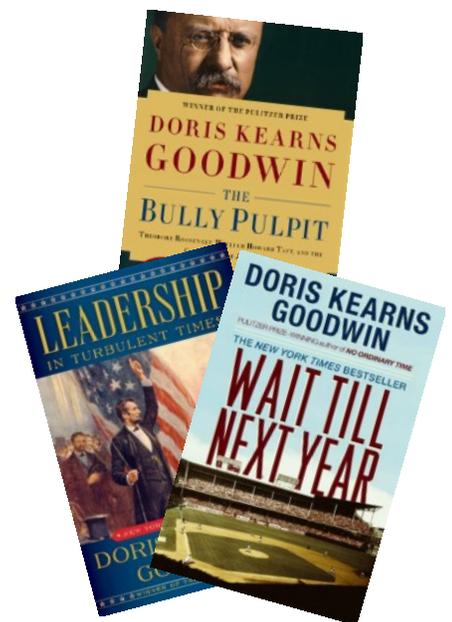
Pulitzer Prize winning author, Doris Kearns

Goodwin, is the featured speaker. She has written about several presidents, including Teddy Roosevelt, Abraham Lincoln, Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, as well as Lyndon Johnson. She's also a huge baseball fan. Her memoir is, "Wait Till Next Year" about growing up in the 1950s baseball era. Her

most recent book is "Leadership in Turbulent Times"

You must pre-register at this address to view the live streamed event:

<https://tickets.liedcenter.org/events/2270>



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## What's New? Storytime Backpacks!

What are the newest, hippest, and hotter than hotcakes items in the Gering Library? Storytime Backpacks that's what! With the help of the Friends of the Gering Library, six themed Storytime Backpacks are now available for checkout.

Each backpack contains 5-6 books and a combination of hands-on educational activities, games and/or items for play such as costumes, puppets, and toys. The items address early literacy, math, and fine-motor skills all centered on

an early childhood, popular theme to make for your own storytime at home. The backpacks are geared toward ages 3-6 but can be enjoyed by the entire family.

The current backpacks are Prince & Princess, Under the Sea, Superheroes, Pets, Fun with Food, and Dinosaurs, but we plan to add three to six more in the coming months.

Storytime Backpacks can be checked out one per family for two weeks at a time. The

pictures illustrate the contents of the Superheroes and Fun with Food backpacks.

We encourage patrons to suggest future backpack themes by contacting Youth Services Librarian, Christie Clarke, at [cclarke@geringlibrary.org](mailto:cclarke@geringlibrary.org). Also, consider lending your support by becoming a member of the Friends of the Gering Library. For more information contact us by calling 308-436-7433 or emailing [gpl@geringlibrary.org](mailto:gpl@geringlibrary.org).

