



Spring 2020

National Library Week April 19-25

National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming communities and improving lives.

The library is a place where all people are welcome regardless of age, interests or background. From audio-books and job-seeking resources to Lego Club and storytime, the library has something for everyone.

Today's libraries strive to develop and maintain technology, programs and collections

that are as diverse as the populations they serve. Gering Library offers a varied array of resources to meet the community's needs.

Gering Library will celebrate National Library Week with several giveaways and fine forgiveness all week. (This does not apply to lost or damaged items.)

Monday come in and get a scratch-and-sniff bookmark. *Tuesday* you can make 5 free black and white copies or prints. *Wednesday* you get one free

faxed page. *Thursday* is free lost card replacement, *Friday* is one free color copy.

We will give away a basket of goodies too, so come see what we have planned.

The Friends will be selling raffle tickets for an autographed Lisa Scottoline book, "Someone Knows."

"I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card." ~Laura Bush

Library Book Sale April 22-25

You can't buy happiness, but you can buy books, and that's kind of the same thing.

With a Friends Membership, you get a sneak peek at the booksale Wednesday from 5:00-7:00!

Regular book sale hours are:

Thursday 9:00-7:00
Friday 10:00-5:00
Saturday 10:00-12:00

"We always need volunteers to set up and run the book sale, so if you are interested in helping April 20-25, let someone at the

library know and we will contact you," said Friends member Carol Enderle.



CALENDAR

>Food for Thought

Feb. 27
 Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

March 26
 Miss Julia Speaks Her Mind by Ann B. Ross

April 23
 The Woman in the Window by A.J. Finn

>National Library Week
 April 19-25

>Book Sale
 April 22-25

ONGOING

>Toddler Storytime
 Weds at 10:00

>Preschool Storytime
 Thurs at 10:00

>Lego Club
 Weds at 3:00

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Library Foundation Annual Meeting

January 14 the Foundation Board held their annual meeting.

Highlights: a library building timeline explaining which locations have been considered and the library needs at this point.

Considerations: pros and cons of remodeling the building versus

building elsewhere.

Plans for the Future: designate a site and plan for a new library facility in collaboration with the City of Gering.

A slide show and the report are available on the library website. www.gering.org/library then go to "about" and scroll to the bottom of the page for the links.

Lisa Scottoline Book Drawing

Author Lisa Scottoline gave the Friends an autographed copy of her new book "Someone Knows" for a raffle.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

We will sell tickets through April 25.



Is your Friends Membership Up To Date?

The Friends of the Gering Library are advocates for the library. Their mission is to build membership, promote and assist with library programs, encourage donations and raise funds for the library.

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

If your Friends membership has lapsed, be a "re-member" and pay your dues today.

1. Dues are \$5 annually
2. You get first dibs at the annual book sale
3. It's a great way to support the library



New Kid by Jerry Craft is the 2020 Newbery Winner

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where

Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade.

Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds—and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school while keeping his neighborhood

friends and staying true to himself?

The Newbery Medal is awarded to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children each year. This is the first graphic novel to receive the award.



2020 One Book One Nebraska Selection

The One Book One Nebraska book for 2020 is *All the Gallant Men: An American Sailor's Firsthand Account of Pearl Harbor* by Donald Stratton (with Ken Gire).

Nebraska native and Seaman First Class, Donald Stratton was stationed on the USS Arizona in 1942. He survived the Pearl

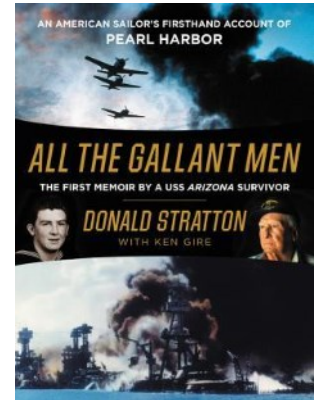
Harbor attack by crossing to another ship hand over hand on a rope stretched across the oily flaming water of the harbor. His is the only memoir written by an Arizona survivor.

The Navy discharged Stratton to recover from his wounds after his escape from the Arizona. After a year

he re-enlisted and served until the end of the war.

Stratton, age 97 lives in Colorado.

Food for Thought Book Discussion Group will be reading *All the Gallant Men* this summer. If you would like to discuss it with us, be watching the newsletter for more information.



Gering Library Goes to Goodreads

One of our favorite tools is Goodreads. It works as a website or as an app, and allows readers to easily track the books they have read, write book reviews, join book clubs, and interact with other readers.

The Library has a Goodreads account, where you can find staff reviews and see the books we're currently interested in reading.

If you already have an account on Goodreads, you can add us

by searching for www.goodreads.com/gering_library

If you need help setting up an account with Goodreads, ask a librarian for help.



Explorer Backpacks

Youth Services Librarian Christie Clarke is building a collection of Little Explorer's Backpacks (6 to start) that will contain books and educational materials focusing on sensory play in a unique learning experience.

Each backpack will have a theme. For example, the dinosaur bag will contain dinosaur books including one with buttons that play dinosaur sounds, finger puppets and real fossils.

These backpacks will be checked out for two weeks at a time.

The backpacks and the materials included in them will be paid for by the Friends of the Gering Library.



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Book Riot's Best Books of 2019

Ninth House
by Leigh Bardugo

Normal People
by Sally Rooney

On Earth We're Briefly
Gorgeous
by Ocean Vuong

Natalie Tan's Book of
Luck and Fortune
by Roselle Lim

The Dutch House
by Ann Patchett

Know My Name
by Chanel Miller

Fleishman is in Trou-
ble by Taffy
Brodesser-Akner

Furious Hours
by Casey Cep

Will My Cat Eat My
Eyeballs?
By Caitlin Doughty

Queenie
by Candice Carty-
Williams

Daisy Jones & the Six
by Taylor Jenkins
Reid

Once More We Saw
Stars
by Jayson Greene

Recursion
by Blake Crouch

Gingerbread
by Helen Oyeyemi

Red At the Bone by
Jacqueline Woodson

The Bride Test
by Helen Hoang



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