



Summer 2020

Children's Summer Reading Program

Imagine Your Story summer reading program for Early Childhood, and Elementary students.

Kids can use the Reader Zone app (see page 2 for more info) to log their reading and get awards throughout the summer. All age groups can participate. Families can be on one account for easy management.

Other activities will include:

Virtual Summer Reading program with *Page Turner Adventures*.

Enjoy eight weeks of videos, author talks, crafts, recipes and more for kids, pre-school through 5th grade.

Park Pilgrimage This quest can be accessed through Reader Zone. The whole family can join this quest to visit and read in every public park in Gering. Track your progress in Reader Zone and earn

awards.

Early Childhood Game Card Use a printable game card and corresponding activities for infants, toddlers, and pre-schoolers. Game card and activities can be found on the Gering Library website.

The 2020 summer reading program starts June 8 and runs through July 31.

Check out the Gering Public Library website:

www.gering.org/library

Teen Summer Reading Program

Library Assistant Kira Wysocki will be leading the teen program this summer. Kira is attending college while she works at the library. She is full of great new ideas for the teen program.

We have been hard at work creating a summer reading program with crafts, quests, and prizes that can be completed primarily online.

Teen readers can use the Reader Zone app. They will also be able to participate in interactive activities with Kira and each other on Google Classroom (the code to join is **fwuvzhl**). Activities include crafts, a scavenger hunt through Gering, book clubs and a writing contest.

Teens earn an entry in the prize drawing and

trips to the *Imagine Your Story* treasure chest.

Winners from the writing contest will have their stories published in a special edition of this newsletter.

Despite this year's challenges, we are excited to present the 2020 Teen Summer Reading Program and we look forward to working with you!

Calendar

>Food for Thought 1:30

June 25
One Book One Nebraska pick All the Gallant Men by Donald Stratton

July 23
Have You Seen Luis Velez by Catherine Ryan Hyde

Aug. 27
The Botany of Desire by Michael Pollen

> Summer Reading Program

June 8-July 31
See newsletter for more information

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Gering Library Foundation Corner

Gering Library Foundation members are continuing to garner support for the library and are looking at what can be done with the current facility.

If you would like to make a donation to the Gering Library Foundation, you can make the check out to the Friends of the Gering Library and

then write "Foundation" in the memo area.

Donations may be mailed or dropped off at the Gering Public Library.



Raffle drawing for signed book

Wanda Mowry won the autographed copy of "Someone Knows" by Lisa Scottoline. We also have a copy in the collection, if you want to read it yourself.

Food For Thought Book Group

Food For Thought will be meeting at our regular time, but in a different place the next few months. We meet June 25 to discuss the 2020 One Book One Nebraska selection, All The Gallant Men: the first memoir by a USS Arizona survivor by Donald Stratton.



We have reserved the canopy area at the Gering Civic Plaza (1450 11th St) for our next two meetings. Bring your lawn chair so we can socially distance ourselves. We may break into two groups, depending on attendance.

July 23's book is Have You Seen Luis Velez? By Catherine Ryan Hyde. It's the story of an outcast young man who befriends a feral cat and an old neighbor woman.

Contact the library to reserve a copy of the book if you want to join the discussion.

Reader Zone App

We are using the Reader Zone app in our summer reading program this year.

To use the app, download it (it's free!) from your app store and sign up. If you have children in the summer reading program choose Parent Ac-

count because you can use it for the whole family, otherwise choose Reader Account. The app will ask you for a code which is: **b011b** (that's a zero) then select your reading group.

It's a snap to sign up,

but we have handouts that walk you through the process.

If you are not able to use an app, don't worry, you are welcome to come in and we will do it the old fashioned way, on paper.





Adult Summer Reading Program

We are taking things a little different this summer. The adult programs will be either videos you can watch online or activities to do on your own. These activities include a socially distanced Wildflower Walk, two book discussions and YouTube videos we put together for programs as well as an online scavenger hunt.

All of our Summer Reading program information will be available online at gering.org/library as well as at the library. Because so many local businesses are hurting right now, we didn't ask them to donate prizes this year.

All our programs are free and open to the public. For more information

please call the library at 436-7433 or check out the library website at gering.org/library.

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YOUR STORY

Socially Distanced Wildflower Walk

June 6– 20 Enjoy a socially distanced Wildflower Walk in the Wildcat Hills.

Nebraska is home to some gorgeous wildflowers! Stop by the library for a flyer then pick a beautiful day for a gravel-travel road

trip and plan to wander through the prairie learning about the marked plants.

We have maps to the area and a list of flowers at the library as well as online at our web page. This info is also on a QR code

you can scan at the site.

Thanks to Platte River Basin Environments for providing the location for our wildflower walk.



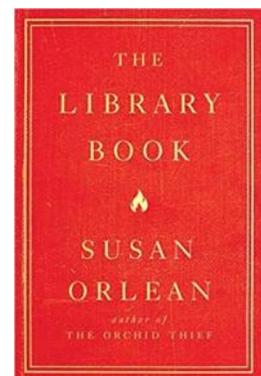
The Library Book ~ Friends Book Review

The Library Book, by Susan Orlean, examines the 1986 fire in Central Library in Los Angeles that destroyed a large part of the collection—books, donated collections, films and many irreplaceable items—and did huge damage to the building itself. This book traces the development of the Central Li-

brary, weaves in the history of other destroyed libraries and describes the current trends the modern library is facing.

Ms. Orlean also traces the procedures firefighters use to fight fires and discover causes of fires. It turns out arson fires are not easy to determine as was once

thought. Originally the arson investigators thought the fire was the work of an arsonist, and identified a suspect, but actual proof was never determined. Or was it? Read The Library Book and see what you think.



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Gering Public Library offers programs and activities for everyone. Our online calendar is located at www.gering.org/library. We post upcoming activities on Facebook as well.

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Annual Book Sale

The annual Friends book sale was scheduled during National Library Week in April, but Covid 19 threw a wrench in our plans.

We have a lot of books waiting and we are excited to have our sale, but until the governor lifts restrictions, we are waiting to reschedule the sale.

In the meantime, we are taking donations of gently used books again.

If you are interested, we have some newer books for sale at the library.



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Gering Library Covid 19 Measures

As Governor Ricketts opens up the state, Gering Library is working to be available to the public while keeping our patrons safe. Currently, the library is open to the public by appointment.

This isn't to keep people away, but to keep our numbers down.

If you need to use the library computers or copier, or if you would like to come in and browse, call 436-7433

and we will set up a time for you to come in.

If you would rather have us select items and deliver them to your car door, we would be happy to do that for you too.

Our book drop is open. As books are returned we let them wait 48 hours then we wipe each of them down with bleach wipes before checking them in and shelving

them.

Many items were due June 1. While we won't be assessing fines on late items for the time being, bring your items back when you can so we can get them back on the shelf.

