



Connecting people with possibilities

Winter 2019/2020

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Starts in January

Teens in 6th—12th grade can get together for food, fun, and an opportunity to help plan teen events at the library. Our first quest is to work on teen summer reading activities.

Ann Anderson, a lover of science fiction, horror movies, and puppies, will be the “adult” supervision for this adventure. She is a lifelong avid reader and enjoys working with teens. Be prepared for references from King Arthur to Doctor Who whenever she speaks.

Come with ideas for TAB—book club, game nights, movie nights—anything that sounds fun! Be prepared to share your opinion about what the club should do and about some activities the library can offer for teens.

An informal and non-binding poll is available to get a feel for what movies, books, and TV series are popular with teens that frequent the library. We will use this information when planning some events.

We want to hear what

you would like to do, so ask Ann or another library staff member for more details.



Friends Mingle & Jingle December 13

The annual Mingle and Jingle is on the calendar for December 13 from 3:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

Share some holiday cheer at the Gering Library and catch up with your neighbors too!

We invite the community to drop in and enjoy refreshments, holiday merriment and a chance to win fabulous door prizes.

If you would like to volunteer to bring goodies, or become a member of the Friends of the Gering

Library, ask at the library front desk and we can get you the information. Memberships are \$5 annually.



Calendar

>Food for Thought

Dec. 19

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne

Jan. 23

The Library Book by Susan Orleans

Feb. 27

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

>Mingle and Jingle Dec. 13 from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

>National Library Week April 19-25, 2020

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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 7. 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 Library Facebook

Fewer and fewer people are using the newspaper as their only source of information. If you are one of those, you are in luck. Gering Library maintains a lively Facebook page with upcoming programs as well as interesting and amusing posts.

By liking us on Facebook, you can keep up to date with what is happening at the library and you can "share" us with your Facebook friends too.

* Did you know the City of Gering also has a Facebook page too? Follow them to

stay on top of what is going on in our fair city.



Library Gets Keno Grant for Digital Signs

We will soon be on the big screen at the library. Thanks to a grant from Gering Keno, we were able to purchase two new digital signs!

Sometimes even our regular patrons are not aware of the

services the library provides, these signs should help spread the news about upcoming programs and keep people in the know about what's going on at the library.

One screen will be located behind the

circulation desk and the other in the lounge area. We hope to have them installed before our annual Holiday Mingle and Jingle on December 13. Stop by and see our new displays.



New Library System Offers More Features

In March Gering Library switched to a new computer system. The new system, Apollo, has a lot of great features we have been rolling out to our patrons, including the popular Gabby texting option.

One new feature is email or text notices. Not only do e-notices save on paper, they

save the library postage expenses as well. Next time you check items out let us know if you prefer text or email notices.

After we verify your current email address and cell number, Apollo will send your notices in the form that works best for you. It can even send a reminder text a cou-

ple of days before your items are due.

To use our text to renew feature, Gabby, add 308-888-8596 to your contacts. Ask a librarian for more information, we are happy to help.



Homebound Book Delivery

Do you love to read but can no longer make it to the library? Gering Library offers a free personal book delivery service to Gering residents.

You can use this service if you are

unable to come to the library because of advanced age, long-term illness, temporary or extended physical disability.

When you fill out an application for Homebound delivery, you

can let us know what kinds of book you would like to read, or listen to.

A library volunteer will deliver a selection of books to your home every two weeks.



Shop Amazon Smile this year & 0.5% goes to the Friends

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donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the Friends of the Gering Library.

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Friends Library Book Sale

People often ask us when we are having our annual book sale. Traditionally we hold it during National Library Week, which is April 19-25 in 2020.

This year's theme is "Find your place at a library."

You can leave book donations at the library all year round. We accept books in good condition. This means books that are

not yellowed, stained, falling apart or have missing covers. We do not accept text books, encyclopedia sets or Reader's Digest condensed books. Magazines may be left in the lobby.

A great rule to follow is if you wouldn't loan it to a friend, it should probably be recycled.

We love books as much as you do, but they don't last forever.

If you want to recycle your books, take them to the Scottsbluff Recycling Center located behind Ideal Cleaners.

