



## Spring 2021

### Summer Reading Signup Party set for June 2

Gering Library has lots of fun-tastic programs planned for this year's summer reading program. Join us for Tails and Tales activities throughout the month of June, starting with our sign up event at Legion Park on **June 2** from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

We have tail-wagging fun for the whole family planned on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, including a furry friends meet and greet with the Panhandle Humane Society, as

well as activity stations with The Riverside Discovery Center, Skipper's Cupboard, Little IT House, and The Bird Conservancy of the Rockies. Rick Henderson will be providing horse-drawn hay rack rides around the block, and if that isn't enough, we have crafts for kids and teens and sign-up prizes too.

The Friends of the Gering Library have arranged for the Snowie Bus to provide treats for those who

sign up for the reading program.

Get your tail over to the Gering Library this summer and join the Tails and Tales summer reading program, we have something for everybody.

For program details, visit the library webpage at [www.gering.org/library](http://www.gering.org/library) stop by the library to pick up a flyer, or just trot on over to our sign up event on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Adult Summer Reading Program Events

Come build a porch swing bird feeder, enjoy a presentation by Raptor Recovery Nebraska, and join the One Book One Nebraska Book discussion for "Prairie Forge: the Extraordinary Story of the Nebraska Scrap Drive of World

War II". **June 21** is a family event at the Civic Plaza with a live ladybug launch and storytime at 7:30 p.m. At 9:00 The Midwest Movie Theater will show a free outdoor movie, "The Big Year" star-

ring Owen Wilson, Steve Martin and Jack Black (rated PG – and sponsored by the Wildcat Audubon Society). Free popcorn for the first 100 people and the Lemon Love food truck will be there too, with yummy drinks for purchase.

#### Calendar

>Food for Thought

May 27  
The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes and/or The Bookwoman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson

June 24  
Prairie Forge by James Kimble (One Book One Nebraska)

July 22  
A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabelle Allende

>June 2 Summer Reading Kick off Day

>June 21 Free movie in the Civic Plaza

>June 30 The Amazing Arthur: Summer Reading Ending Party

>June 28 Author James Kimble at Legacy of the Plains Museum

>July 3 Last day to turn in books for summer reading credit

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## Library Foundation Grows and Grows

→ The IRS approved the 501c3 status for the Gering Library Foundation in April. This means donations to the Foundation are now tax deductible.

→ During WyoBraska Gives, the Foundation received \$2767.40 in donations. The Friends received \$307.50.

→ Thank you to eve-

ryone who donated to the Friends and Foundation on May 3.

→ The Gering Library Foundation has a Facebook page now too, look for Gering Public Library Foundation. Please take the time to follow and share the clever posts from this page, to promote awareness of the Foundation.

The Foundation has a new website as well, <http://gplfoundation.org>

You can learn about the Foundation's mission here, as well as view an interview with the Foundation Board President Charles Lieske.



## Prairie Forge author at Legacy of the Plains June 28

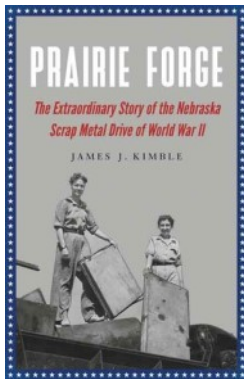
James Kimble, author of "Prairie Forge: the Extraordinary Story of the Nebraska Scrap Metal Drive of World War II" will be at the Legacy of the Plains Museum to speak about his book on June 28 at 6:30.

Kimble describes Nebraska's effort to collect and recycle

scrap metal for war munitions in 1942. The United States needed scrap iron to make everything from ships to bullets. Omaha World Herald Editor, Henry Doorley implemented a three week state-wide campaign that united Nebraskans in friendly competition with each other. Doorley's cam-

paign jump-started the rest of the United States to support the war effort through scrap iron drives as well.

Kimble's book was chosen as the One Book One Nebraska selection this year. Copies of "Prairie Forge" are available at area libraries.



## NLA Honors Kaminskis and Little IT House

Stephen and Megan Kaminski won the 2021 Nebraska Library Outstanding Volunteers for the time and effort they spent during the production of Storytime during the winter and spring months of 2020-2021.

Their production company Little IT House filmed and edited each week's program, resulting in professional, yet casual productions.

This couple has been an incredible resource for our library. The Kaminskis are Gering

residents and own a website design company, Little IT House. Their business serves customers across the country. Fortunately for us, they generously donated their time, talent, experience, and equipment to GPL just when we needed it the most.



## Friends Library Book Sale 2021 Results

The Friends of the Gering Library held the spring book sale in the Community Room during the first two weeks of April, keeping the sale within Covid 19 guidelines and avoiding the frequent snowstorm wipeout. "The Book Buffet-come as many times as you like" was popular with shoppers, many of whom made return visits to

check on the additions made daily.

The donated LP records sold very well, but there are some left. If anyone has an idea for the remainders, share it with library staff.

The 2021 book sale earned \$660.25 in books sold, \$132.50 in donations, and \$15 in memberships. If you

think your annual membership is expired, check with Sherry at the front desk.

A total of 18 volunteers worked 91 hours during the sale. If you would like to volunteer at the next sale (planned for April 2022) or for any other Friends program, notify Sherry and we'll be calling you.



## Meet the staff: Sherry Preston

Sherry's been working at the front desk of the Gering Library since 2016.

- The weirdest thing Sherry's eaten: rattlesnake, "I wouldn't recommend it"

- Her superpower: She read 160 books last year
- Celebrity crush: Tuff Hedeman
- Dream job: Belly dancer
- Hobby: gardening with native plants
- Sherry recently learned that there are different kinds of popcorn which pop in different shapes -some are good for movie theater popcorn others are good for making caramel corn



## StoryCorps: *Listen. Honor. Share.*

Do you know someone with an amazing story to tell? Do you want to record your parent telling stories about their childhood?

This summer Gering Library can help you do just this. We have a quiet room, a list of questions to choose

from, and recording equipment you can use to interview someone who made an impact on your life.

You can record your story through the StoryCorps app then you can keep the interview for yourself or you can submit it to

StoryCorps who will store it at the Library of Congress.

StoryCorps's mission "is to preserve and share humanity's stories in order to build connections between people and create a more just and compassionate world."



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

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## Financial Contributions to the Library

Would you like to donate money to the library? Gering Public Library welcomes donations.

To make a donation, please make your check out to "Friends of the Gering Library" or to the "Gering Library Foundation."

These partners are able to use the funds to support the library and our mission.

Even the money we get from "Just keep the change" goes to support the Friends.

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## Storytime Improvises During Covid 19

With Covid restrictions limiting indoor programming, Storytime went on hiatus last fall. After Miss Christie overcame her shyness about being onscreen "talent" she adapted storytime for YouTube.

Miss Christie tracked down book and music publishers to obtain legal permission to use their books and songs for storytime, (some publishers refused). To satisfy copyright laws, each program had to be removed from

YouTube after one week. Therefore, if you missed the original performances, they are no longer available.

Storytime viewers were treated to books, fingerplays, flannel board activities and songs based on a theme, just as in-person programs would be. (Miss Christie really gets a workout! And so do the boys and girls!) Miss Christie created themed take-home craft kits, correlating to every week's program,

for children to work on.

The first two weeks were filmed on a cell phone but most productions were professionally filmed and edited by Little IT House. The final theme was "camping" and featured local children as well. During the season, 348 folks viewed the programs.

Storytime will resume in-person programming for the summer in Legion Park during Summer Reading in June.

