



## Summer 2021

### Calendar

>Food for Thought

-Aug 26  
Circling the Sun by  
Paula McLain

-Sept 23  
The Day The World  
Came to Town by Jim  
DeFede

>Aug 30 LEAP Registra-  
tions opens

>Sept 1 Lego Club 3:00-  
4:00, Weekly on Weds.

>Sept 8 at 10:00 The  
Young and the Restless  
Storytime & Playtime  
resumes weekly on  
Weds

> Sept 24 Teen Book  
Club Bridge to Tera-  
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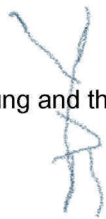
>Sep 25-Oct 2 Red Tag  
Days

> Oct 24 Friends Annual  
Meeting featuring Jeff  
Barnes at Legacy of the  
Plains Museum

## Children's Fall Programming



The Young and the Restless



*A storytime for wigglers and gigglers.*

Storytime has moved to Wednesday at 10:00 starting on September 8. It is designed for both toddlers and preschoolers, incorporating books, music, movement and exploration. After storytime, parents can visit and children can play with our educational toys. Older children may participate in a craft.



LEAP is a free early childhood literacy, STEAM and school readiness program for children ages 3-5. Some activities include easel painting, finger painting, sand/water table, light table, puzzles, building and construction, math and literacy games, science experiments, dramatic play and more! Registration for the fall session opens August 30.

We are excited to have Lego Club on Wednesdays this fall from 3:00-4:00 starting September 1. Remember you must be 8 years old, or bring a caregiver 13 years old or older to participate.



## Library Foundation Red Tag Event Sep 25-Oct 2

On October 2, 1920, a red tag sale was held to celebrate the Gering Library becoming a public library. Red tags were worn by people upon their "manly or womanly front" to make themselves safe from holdups and charming young bandits. We

have no bandits but we are going to commemorate the 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the library becoming public. We will be selling red tags from \$1.01 to \$101 to hang with your name on it. They can be purchased at the library or at the

Gering Public Library Foundation website. [www.gplfoundation.org](http://www.gplfoundation.org) from September 25<sup>th</sup> thru October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The money will be used for the library building, whether it is expanding, remodeling or building. Who knows what the future will bring?

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## Friends and Foundation Corner

The Friends Annual Meeting is coming up October 24. If you want to be part of a group that supports the library (and gets a sneak peek at the Friends book sale) we might be the group for you!

Friends volunteers help at library programs, staff the book sale, deliver books to homebound folks and

many other things that support the library's mission. Ask at the front desk for more information about the Friends.

Welcome to the two newest members of the City Library Board: Jeff Kelley and Mary Robinson. Thanks for filling out our board, we look forward to working with you.




Check out the Foundation website and follow the Foundation on Facebook-help us get the word out!

<http://gplfoundation.org>

## Jeff Barnes to speak at Friends Meeting

The Friends of the Gering Library Annual meeting will be at the Legacy of the Plains Museum this year on October 24 at 2:00. After a short business meeting, Humanities Nebraska speaker Jeff Barnes will give a talk entitled "Marking Nebraska: Our (Mostly) Hidden

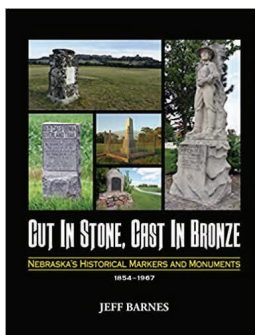
Historical Monuments."

Barnes is a popular speaker, full of interesting stories and surprising information. His new book, "Cut in Stone, Cast in Bronze" is about Nebraska's Historical Markers and Monuments.

The Nebraska State

Historical Society Foundation donated a copy of the book to the Gering Library.

Barnes will have copies of his book for sale at the meeting, with part of the proceeds going to the Friends and the Museum.



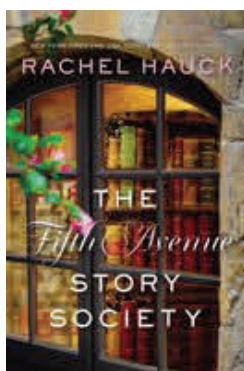
## The Fifth Avenue Story Society by Hauck

"The Fifth Avenue Story Society" by Rachel Hauck is detailed and lengthy but it moves along very nicely, and soon the reader is eagerly waiting for the next meeting of 5 special people. There's warmth,

love, humor, love of the Lord, interesting other characters in the background, creating settings for a twist to the main plot. You can't help becoming involved in these lives. Hauck's characters are well-drawn

and easy to relate to. She includes lots of detail in this book, set in New York City.

\*Review by Bunni Slater



## Shelf Awareness Teen Book Group

Librarian Lexi Tallmon is starting *Shelf Awareness, a teen book group* every other month from 5:00-6:00 in the library community room.

According to Lexi, "We had so much fun at our summer reading book discussions, I wanted to continue them throughout the year. We can supply books and reminders.

Snacks are provided and ideas are welcome!"

Books can be checked out at the beginning of the month and kept a week after the discussion.

September 24 "Bridge to Terabithia" by Katherine Paterson

November 19 "A Wrinkle in Time" by Made-

leine L'Engle

January 28 "The Phantom Tollbooth" by Norman Juster

March 25 "The Schwa Was Here" by Neal Shusterman

May 27 "Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus" by Dusti Bowling

July 22 "The Invention of Hugo Cabaret" by Brian Selznick



## Meet the staff: Myra Dillman

Myra's been working at the front desk of the Gering Library since 2015.

- The weirdest thing Myra's eaten: vegemite, "I wouldn't recommend it"
- When she's not at

the library: Myra enjoys working in her flower garden

- Who should play Myra in the movies: Dustin Hoffman -he did a great job playing an older woman in Tootsie

- Celebrity crush: Post Malone
- Pets: Myra had a sweet grand-dog named Ruby who didn't like to walk in the grass



## 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."



Find us on online:

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Instagram @gering\_library

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.

The logo for Gering Public Library features a blue and yellow geometric design on the left, with the text "Gering Public Library" in white on a blue background to the right.

**Gering Public  
Library**

Connecting People With  
Possibilities

## 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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## Gering Public Library Celebrates 101 Years

One hundred and one years ago on October 2, two private libraries joined forces to become the Gering (City) Public Library. In 1895, the Gering Women's Literary Club formed a library for its members and housed it in a variety of homes and businesses. Until 1917, library membership was limited to 18 people. It's unclear what the other private library might have

been, but it could have been a lyceum.

In 1920, the library became part of the city and Mrs. Ida Ripley was hired as a librarian. The library was to be open Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and evenings. We started out with around 600 books, and they expected to add 75 new books every few weeks. The original building was located

on Main Street on the block where the Civic Center is now. It was then moved to the Swan Building, where Allo is now. In 1962 the city built a modern building, the one we are now located in. The east addition was added in 1980.

The library still houses a handful of books from the Women's Club and 1920 purchases in our locked cabinet.