



Winter 2021

Zoom Author Panel March 13

Join us on Zoom March 13 at 1:00 p.m. to hear from four local authors about what goes into the writing and publishing process.

Our panel includes:

Bernard Burgess, author of the “Bert and Norah series,” mysteries with a touch of paranormal, set in Wyoming.

L.T. Varner, author of the “Danni to Pieces” series about a romance entwined in a mystery, set in South Dakota.

Jen Ponce, fantasy author of several

books. She specializes in fantasy and steamy romance.

Jonathan Cripke, author of “Murder House: a modern ghost story.”

After brief introductions, we will discuss the writing process and then move to the publishing process. After the questions, we will leave a short time for each author to talk about their books, specifically.

If you have a question for our author panel, let us know at the library and we will include it if we have time. Here is the infor-

mation you need to join the audience of our Zoom Author Panel:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86343666174?pwd=VDI0cHRBZm0ya0VaNzF5MINVcjE3UT09>

Meeting ID:

863 4366 6174

Passcode: 090434

If you need help Zooming call the library the week before and we can help!

The link is also posted on the library calendar at:

www.gering.org/library

Storytime is Online This Spring

We are continuing to record storytime and post it on our website each week.

“We post it on Wednesday mornings,” says Youth Services Librarian, Christie Clarke. “We also have craft kits that go with the theme. You

can pick them up from the library Tuesday through Saturday, while supplies last.”

Stephen and Megan Kaminski from Little IT House have been helping record and produce storytime, adding music and making us look good.

“While it’s fun to do storytime online, I am really looking forward to having it in person again.” says Clarke, “I miss seeing the kids.”

You can find storytime at gering.org/library then click on the video tab to the left.

Calendar

>Food for Thought

Feb. 25
Gilead by Marilynne Robinson
March 25
The Lager Queen of Minnesota by J. Ryan Stradal
April 22
Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

>Zoom Author Panel
March 13 1:00-2:00

>National Library Week
April 4-10, 2021

>Friends Book Sale
April 5-17

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FRIENDS AND FOUNDATION CORNER

WyoBraska Gives Campaign set for May 4

WyoBraska Gives is a 24 hour, online giving event organized by Holliday Families and the Oregon Trail Community Foundation. The purpose of the event is to spotlight local non-profit organizations in order to stimulate philanthropy.



Foundation Gets a Website

The Foundation board liked the mock-up they received from Little IT House so they are building a website for the foundation. The new website will help get the word out about the Gering Library Foundation, and be a place to learn about our purpose and goals.

Gering Friends Tree Places Third

Thanks to everyone who came out to vote for our tree at the Legacy of the Plains Museum! The Friends got a third place check for \$62.50.

The Friends received an additional \$20 in January for sales of newer donated books.

Are You Tired of the Same Puzzles?

Gering Library has a number of donated puzzles we are willing to lend out.



“These puzzles were donated, so we make no promises that they aren’t missing pieces, but we are happy to lend them out!” said Director Diane Downer.

The puzzles are displayed by the front desk, just tell the staff behind the desk you are taking a puzzle so the library can keep track of how many are loaned out.

We are including a color copy of each puzzle’s box cover so you can make a mark to show where pieces

might be missing. This will save folks from looking all over for a missing piece.

Miss Christie has new Storytime Backpacks

Youth Services Librarian, Miss Christie, spent this winter putting together some fun new backpacks. “Each backpack has books, games, learning activities and lots of fun surprises centered around a theme. These are targeted for kids aged 3-6 but



some parents tell me their whole family loves them.”

We now have a total of 12 Storytime Backpacks available for checkout:

- In the Garden
- Down on the Farm
- Pirates

- Bugs
- Music
- Fun with Food
- Pets
- Prince & Princess
- Superheroes
- Under the Sea
- Blastoff
- Dinosaurs

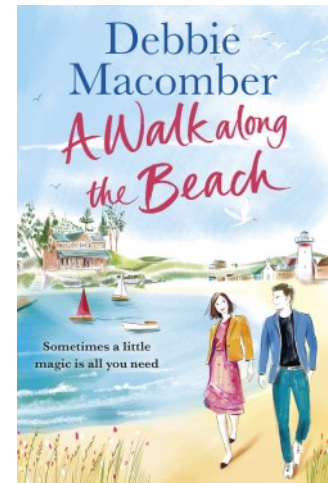
Book Review: "A Walk Along the Beach"

Debbie Macomber's newest book, "A Walk Along the Beach" is not sweetness and light. Leukemia and other forms of cancer are intensely portrayed. It was a difficult book to read because she involves the reader in the battle to save the young woman who is so ill.

After reading Debbie's newest, I now know in a tiny way how awful cancer is. The book pulls at your heart-strings and wants you to become involved in helping those who are so ill. Tears are part of reading this novel. Those who enjoy Debbie's books will feel the pain of relation-

ships complicated by illness.

~Review by Bunni Slater



Meet the Staff: Tammie Gitschel

Tammie Gitschel has been with Gering Library for five years. She has several pets including Nala, her cat.

- Tammie's superpower: great patience

- Dream job: To be a veterinarian
- Most interesting thing she's learned recently: How Vikings carried fire when traveling
- Celebrity crush: the late Sir Sean

Connery

- Hobby: Tammie is a bibliophile and bibliolater
- Weirdest thing eaten: Alligator
- Surprising fact: She enjoys writing



Domestic Thrillers

Did you love "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn? Domestic Thrillers are full of plot twists based on the characters' relationships and generally involve women. Try these new books!

"The Push" by Ashley Audrain

"The Perfect Guests" by Emma Rous

"The Wrong Family" by Tarryn Fisher

"The Other Mrs" by Mary Kubica

"The Wife Upstairs" by Rachel Hawkins

"The Family Upstairs"

by Lisa Jewell

"The Mother-in-Law" by Sally Hepworth

"Forget You Know Me" by Jessica Strawser

"The Nanny" by Gilly MacMillan

"Someone We Know" by Shari Lapena



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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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Friends Library Book Sale April 5-17!

This year we are having a small book sale April 5 - 17 during library hours. We are having a smaller sale to keep things safe for our members. Once again, the tables will be refreshed as space becomes available.

Masks will be required.

This year's theme is "Welcome to your 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.

