



## Spring 2022

### Spring Fling

After several years of not being able to host the Holiday Mingle and Jingle reception, the Friends decided to start the Book Sale with a Spring Fling get-together to celebrate the season and the lessening of Covid fears.

A table of refreshments was provided by the Friends and the public and library patrons were invited to share this event.

Of course, the highly anticipated opening of the Book Sale was part of the occasion.

The cookies left after the party were shared with the patrons who attended the Book Sale later in the week.

The Friends of the Gering Library thank all who volunteered at the Book Sale, the Spring Fling, and who brought goodies for the spring Fling and the receptions.



### Diane Downer Leaves the Library for Quieter Pastures

After 31 years employed at Gering Public Library and 16 years as director, Diane Downer retired.

A farewell reception was held on her last day of work and was attended by the public, library patrons and friends and family far and near.

We believe quilting, indulging grandchildren, and volunteering at the library are in her future plans.

Thanks, Diane, for all the years of planning and organizing and coordinating at the library.



#### Calendar

##### >Food for Thought

May 26  
*The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

June 23  
*Salt: A World History* by Mark Kurlansky

July 28  
*The Glass Hotel* by Emily St. John Mandel

##### Upcoming Events

>June 1 Summer Reading Sign-up day

Be watching for more summer events!

> Aug 25 Jonis Agee will be in Scottsbluff to talk about her One Book One Nebraska Selection

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## 2022 Is In the Books



*One of our younger shoppers*

The Gering Friends of the Library held the 2022 Book Sale in early April in the library's Community Room.

We didn't reach our goal of selling 15 boxes of books a day (that's what would be needed to empty the storage area) but we did get lots of books into new homes.

The totals were \$667.50 in book sales, \$425.50 in memberships, and \$91.00 in "keep the change" donations.

21 volunteers helped set up the tables and worked the sale.

A service started last year and continued this year was to hold titles or authors

requested by patrons if they were found while unpacking boxes during the sale, truly making the sale a "book buffet."

## New Director: Christie Clarke



Christie Clarke was appointed director of Gering Public Library to follow Diane Downer.

Christie has been an employee of GPL for 12 years, most recently as Children's Services Librarian.

She graduated from

the University of North Carolina and earned her MLS from Emporia State University.

She has 3 grown children, one granddaughter and one dog and three cats. Her favorite book is the Hobbit.

Welcome to your new position, Christie.

## Dues Due

Over half our receipts at the book sale were new or renewing memberships.

Many of the recipients of this newsletter do not have paid up-to-date dues.

Next time you're in the library, check at the

desk to make sure you're current with dues.

The money is used to produce the newsletter, sponsor library activities, and most importantly, support many of the Summer Reading Programs for

both children and adults.

FOL will pay for the Snowy Bus to attend children's summer reading programs sign-up in June, a very popular event last year.



## Gering Public Library Foundation

The Gering Public Library Foundation is continuing its efforts to provide Gering with a "Destination for Generations". To find out more about the Foundation, go to [www.GPLFoundation.org](http://www.GPLFoundation.org). There you can see videos and interviews of foundation members.

Currently the Foundation is coordinating with the City to examine how appropriate the DHHS building would be for the public library's needs.

The West Nebraska Family Research and History Center is interested in collaborating with GPL and sharing the building. Having a

genealogy library in the modern public library would be an added attraction to visitors to the Gering community.



## Welcome New Friends!

We made a lot of new friends at the book sale this year! Thank you for supporting the Friends of the Gering Library. Welcome to the Friends!

Jackie Holthus

Jamie Wallace

JD Anderson

Jeff Kelley

Karen McGowan

Karen Moench

Lili McGrath

Marilyn Held

Marlaina Seay

Mary Jane Dishman

Rose M Bey

Roxanne Engelland

Shari Peters

Spencer James Wood

Stephanie Curr

Timothy Frick

Wendy Wells

Berta White

Ernie & Judy Cuthbertson

Ethan Nelson



## No WyoBraska Gives Campaign This Year

The Oregon Trail Foundation has decided not to host the WyoBraska Gives fundraising campaign this year.

going to the "Donate" button on the foundation's webpage [www.GPLFoundation.org](http://www.GPLFoundation.org).

of the Gering Library. Both organizations are 501c3 qualified.

Anyone wanting to make a financial contribution to the Foundation to support its goals can donate by

You can also leave your donation check at the library. Please write the check to the Gering Library Foundation or the Friends



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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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## Trails Home Statue Comes Home

If this statue looks familiar, you might be thinking of the larger version of it at the Gering Civic Center.

In the early 1990s, Herb Mignery was commissioned to make a large bronze statue for the new Gering Civic Center. Eight limited edition miniature *Trails Home* statues were sold to raise money for the larger statue.

Ralph and Mattie Jones purchased this particular statue. They enjoyed it for many years, even after they moved to Arizona.

Their children, Ms Constance Jones Langston and Mr Webb Jones wanted to return the statue to the area, so they donated it to the Gering Library when their parents passed on.

Herb Mignery is from Bartlett, Nebraska. One of his statues is used as an award at the Academy of Country Music.

We are looking for a better home for this family, so if you happen to have a spare plinth you don't know what to do with, we could use it at the library.

