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FRIENDS OF THE GERING LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

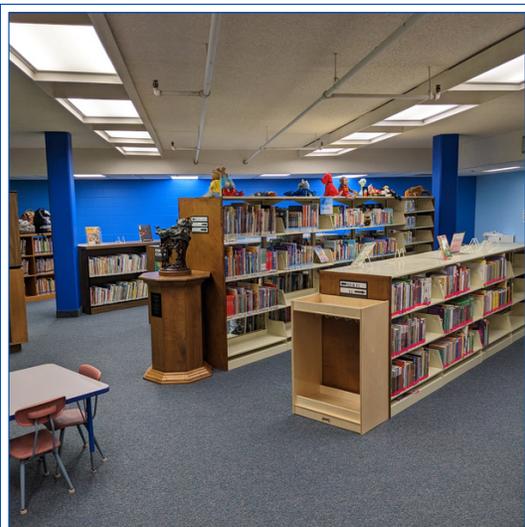


CH-CH-CH CHANGES AT THE LIBRARY

Come see what the library looks like now! We moved the children's section and the community room. We created a teen and tween space, painted walls, and re-arranged furniture. Stop by to see the re-imagined space and check out a book, or host a play date in our children's area. We have a play kitchen, doll house, and many other educational toys to play with in the library.

Our teen space also got new furniture! Teens are invited to relax in one of the new chairs sponsored by the local McDonald's. McDonald's also worked with Youth Services Librarian Kira Perez and the Gering Library Foundation to purchase a new rug and a coffee table with a charging outlet. We want to give a huge thank you to Johnson Entities and our local McDonald's for making our new teen space possible!

While these changes make a huge difference, more changes are coming including a mini maker space with a Cricut and new technology for the community room, like a video conference camera and an electronic screen.



CALENDAR

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

BOOK DISCUSSION 1:30

GENTLEMAN IN MOSCOW

JAN 26

THE DEVIL IN THE WHITE

CITY

FEB 23

ANXIOUS PEOPLE

MARCH 23

STORYTIME 10:00

WEDNESDAYS

CHESS CLUB 6:30

JAN 26, FEB 23, MAR 23

FRIENDS MEETING 7:00

FEB 14

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FRIENDS AND FOUNDATION CORNER

The Gering Friends could use more board members. If you have been wanting to get involved, now is your chance! Stop by the library to fill out a membership form and come to the next meeting.

The Gering Library Foundation is having a raffle for a quilt made by Diane Downer, a white prayer shawl made by Judy Meter and a blue afghan made by New York Times Bestselling Local Author Victorine Lieske. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5, and \$20 for a wingspan, so bring in your friend with long arms to get the best deal. Drawing will be held in April.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT:

JAN JOLLIFFE



We have some new faces at the library. As a library Assistant, you will find Jan at the front desk many mornings and weekends. We asked her some get-to-know-you questions.

Do you have any pets? Norman and Rusty - mini goldendoodles and Leo - a Bengal cat.

Do you have a hobby? Learning to groom my dogs. Next I'd like to learn dying techniques like they do on the Pooch Perfect TV Series .

Who is your celebrity crush? Rip (Cole Hauser) from Yellowstone.

What is the weirdest thing you have eaten? I'd never eat anything weird, I'm a meat and potatoes girl.

Who should play you in the movies and why? Abigail Breslin from Little Miss Sunshine- she reminds me of my 9-year-old self.

What is one thing about you that might surprise people? I was headed to Peru right out of college to become an archaeologist, but fate intervened. I have been a librarian for 30 years.

What is your superpower? I've got professional organizational skills!

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

The Gering Public Library is now a proud participant in the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program! Adults are encouraged to read 1000 books to their children before they begin kindergarten. For every 100 books read, participants will get to add a milestone marker with their name on it to our wall. When they reach 1000 books, they'll get their photo added to our wall and a certificate for completing the program! You can count books you checked out from the library and also books you already own.



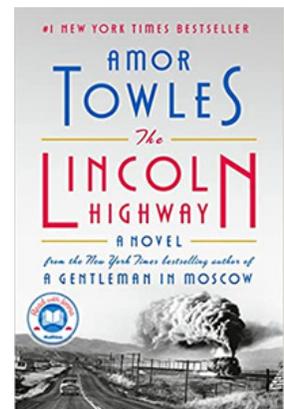
FRIENDS PURCHASE SENSORY KITS

The Friends of the Gering Library recently purchased sensory kits for the library. Filled with fidget toys, weighted items, and noise cancelling headphones, these kits are available for use in the library. Sometimes people can be overwhelmed when the library is either too noisy or too quiet. These kits have tools that may help some patrons focus. Talk to any of the front desk staff to use a kit.



THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY BY AMOR TOWLES

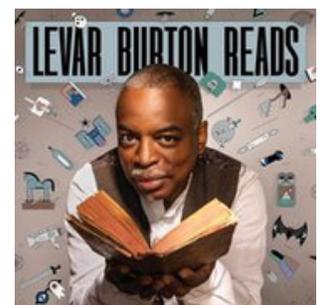
“The Lincoln Highway,” which, by the way, is the first intercontinental highway in the US, by Amor Towles, begins in the unlikely state of Nebraska. Emmett, just released from a youth detention center, is determined to pick up his younger brother, Billy, and begin life anew in Texas. However, two of his detention pals, Duchess and Wooly, have escaped from the center and their destination is New York. A car theft, riding the rails in a box car, meeting unlikely strangers that help them (and sometimes deter them) moves the story along the way. The climax of the journey is the arrival of the four at Wooly’s family camp in the Adirondack Mountains of New York. Towles, once again, has created a tale of interesting characters intersecting, and relating to one another in interesting ways. You must read to the end of the book to find “The Lincoln Highway.”



TAKE A LOOK, IT'S IN A... PODCAST?

The podcast, *LeVar Burton Reads* features actor and host LeVar Burton sharing short stories and selected fiction from his favorite authors. You may remember LeVar Burton from his time hosting the TV program *Reading Rainbow*. Now, he reads aloud stories he thinks adults will enjoy. From thought-provoking speculative fiction, to heartwarming tales from diverse and varied authors, LeVar reads it all.

If you like short stories, or miss having someone read to you like when you were a kid, you'll love this podcast. But you don't have to take my word for it... Check out books he's featured on the podcast like Lesley Nneka Arimah's *What it means when a man falls from the sky*, or *The bazaar of bad dreams* by Stephen King at the library.



Gering Public Library offers programs and activities for everyone. Our online calendar and blog can be found at www.gering.org/library. We post upcoming activities on Facebook and Instagram as well.



FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LIBRARY

- Would you like to donate money to library projects? 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.
- We also have an account with Amazon Smile- a no cost to you donation.

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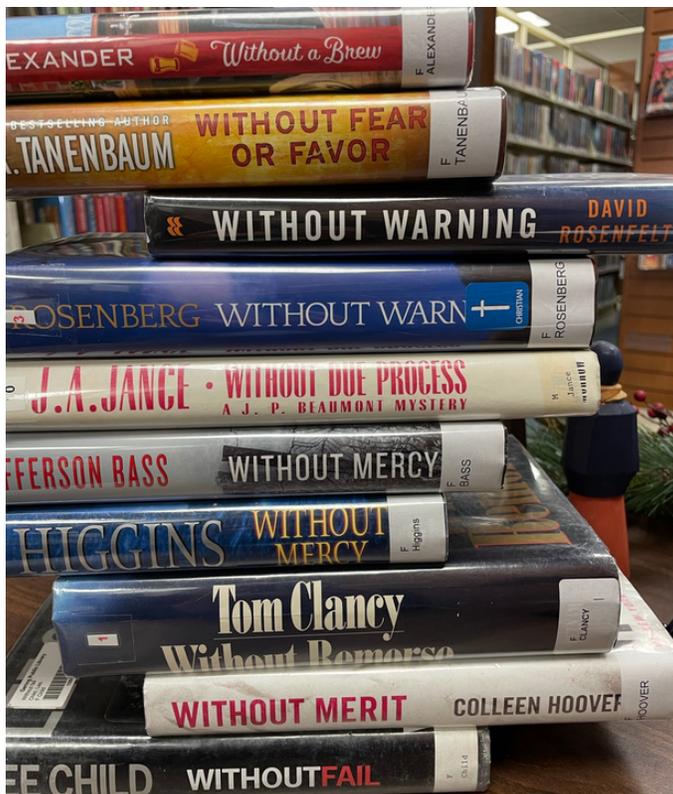


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