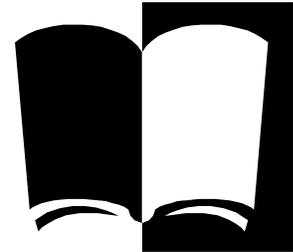


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READ @ your library!

Check out the posters of library patrons with their favorite books. They'll be posted in the library and at a variety of locations around town.

We thank all of these folks for helping us celebrate Crete Public Library!

Celebrate @ CPL throughout April!

by Lisa Olivigni

Every year, the American Library Association sets aside one week in April to celebrate all types of libraries and the important role they play in American society. For several years now, we've found that we just can't fit CPL's celebration into one week. That's why you'll find April @ CPL filled with library programs for all ages. Here's a schedule of upcoming events.

- There will be a coloring contest all month long. Kids can stop by the library desk for more details! We will also have drop in afternoon crafts on a variety of days throughout the month.
- Preschool story time will be held each Thursday at 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday 4/8, 3:30-4:30 p.m.: Kids can make an afterschool snack at the library.
- Saturday 4/11, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: There will be face painting and temporary tattoos for kids.
- Tuesday 4/14, 4:00-5:00 p.m.: Library staff will provide a joint program for CPS elementary students and residents at The Garden.
- Friday 4/17, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.: As part of CPL's celebration of our outreach program, Nebraska Author Stephanie Grace Whitson will speak at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Whitson's most recent novels include *A Captain for Laura Rose* and the *Daughter of the Regiment*.
- Thursday 4/23, 6:30-7:30 p.m.: April is also National Poetry Month. Crete poet, Greg Kuzma, will discuss Robert Frost's work. The poem *Mowing*, which is included in Kuzma's book *Robert Frost: Six Essays in Appreciation*, will be a focal point of his presentation.
- Take some time this month to explore some of the Library's resources you've been meaning to discover. For instance, learn a new language with Mango, download an audio or ebook with Overdrive, or use Freegal to listen to and download your favorite songs as well as new music. Ask library staff for assistance with these incredible resources. We're glad to help.

We're also in the process of updating our seed library for spring, so keep that in mind, too. Don't miss out on the celebration @ your library!

Upcoming Events

Preschool Story Time @ 10:30 a.m.



- 4/2 Bunnies
- 4/9 Gardening
- 4/16 Fishing
- 4/23 Picnics

Nebraska Author Visits Crete



As part of the celebration of our outreach program, Nebraska author Stephanie Grace Whitson will be speaking Friday, April 17 at 11:00 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 8th & Hawthorne. Stephanie is the author of more than 20 books and lives in Lincoln. She will present "Nebraska's Sod House Homemakers and Their Quilts."

Who Said I Couldn't Read This?

by Maridza Vasquez

I love the freedom that I am provided here at my local library of being able to read whatever my heart desires. If today I feel like reading *Tacky the Penguin* by Helen Lester, and tomorrow I decide I want to read *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote, I can. Which is why it baffles me that there are individuals who feel the need to ban a book because they don't agree with it. Now, I understand if some parents don't want their child reading books that they deem inappropriate for their age, but what about the rest of us? *Tacky the Penguin* is most likely not age appropriate for a 22 year old, but that doesn't mean I don't enjoy reading picture books from time to time.

Lately I've been devouring books, one right after the other, trying to fill this vast appetite for knowledge inside me. Last month I read multiple biographies and memoirs, including *The Devil In Pew Number Seven* by Rebecca Nichols Alonzo, in which Alonzo narrates the story of her childhood She watches her family be bullied by a specific individual until her mother is murdered in their home. I also read *Charles and Emma* by Deborah Heiligman, which is a biography about the Darwin family - yes, as in Charles Darwin. It was extremely interesting to see how Charles Darwin and his wife, Emma, kept their marriage together even though their individual views on God and creation extremely differed from each other. I can already feel my preferences for this month morphing into studies on religions and cultures. Maybe at the end of this month I'll decide I want to read historical romances or about astronauts and NASA. That's the beauty of freedom. It's something I will not take for granted. However I do not appreciate an individual or group telling me that I can't read a certain book. I was appalled to find out that a few of my favorite books have been banned or challenged in the past decade. Even more appalling were some of the ridiculous reasons why. Here are a few of the books that I have read and that have been banned or challenged. Further details can be found at www.ala.org/bbooks

- *The Hunger Games Trilogy* by Suzanne Collins
Reasons: anti-ethnic; anti-family; insensitivity; offensive language; occult/satanic; violence
- *The Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger
Reasons: sexual content, offensive language, unsuited to age group
- *Whale Talk* by Chris Crutcher
Reasons: racism, offensive language
- *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman
Reason: religious viewpoint
- *Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher.
Reasons: Drugs/alcohol/smoking, sexually explicit, suicide, unsuited for age group

Feel free to enjoy the book you are reading, even though someone at the same moment may be making a case against it. Enjoy your freedom to read whatever your heart desires.



Love Your Library

by Courtney Bashore

Libraries have always played an important role in my life. I've loved to read since I learned how! When I was in preschool, my class took a field trip to our local library and I found what my three-year-old self thought was paradise (not much different than my twenty-three-year-old self). At one point, I was so thrilled by the thought of being a librarian that I barcoded my own books and made up my own circulation system. My library had very few patrons, but I had a good time with my books anyway. Finally, when I was 16, I got an actual job at an actual library. Since then, I've worked in two other libraries, and I just can't get enough. I even plan to get my masters degree in Library Science in the near future.

National Library Month seems like the perfect time for everyone to stop by and enjoy the library. With treasures for all ages - books, dvds, audio books, graphic novels, digital books via OverDrive, music via Freegal, internet and wireless access, and Mango's language learning program. You might even discover some new things. Libraries have always been my go to spot for a great time and a good read. I hope everyone who loves their library stops in at CPL this month and takes part in all our fun activities to celebrate our love of libraries!



Remembering Carol

by Laura Renker

Here at the library we are saddened by the loss of our dear friend and coworker of more than ten years, Carol Aden. She loved her job as outreach librarian. She shared her love of books and life with her patrons. They became her friends. She always shared a bit of laughter when she was reading to them.

Carol also loved working with children. She had experience when it came to younger patrons. She ran a daycare business from her home for many years. Anytime I asked for help or ideas, she would always have some insight. Carol was a champion to any child she felt needed help, whether it was finding a book, assistance on the computer or just a kind word.

That was the thing about Carol; she was there for people--especially if she thought somebody wasn't receiving fair treatment or just needed help. She loved to share books that she thought illuminated these facts: *My Best Friend* by Mary Ann Rodman, *A Little Peace* by Barbara Kerley, *The House on Dirty-Third Street* by Jo S. Kittinger, *The Can Man* by Laura E. Williams, *Beatrice's Goat* by Page McBrier, *When Marian Sang* by Pam Munoz Ryan and *Mimi's Village And How Basic Health Care Transformed It* by Katie Smith Milway.

When we go about our day, inevitably, we think of something Carol said or did and we're instantly misty-eyed. We remember an event or just a funny moment with her and we're taken back in time. We see a book and hear her say, "Oh, that will fly off the shelf!" It makes our hearts hurt, but it also brings us joy to remember.

We've used memorials that we received to choose books and dvds that we felt Carol would have enjoyed. Stories and shows that would make her smile or laugh or invite a great discussion. Knowing that we aren't going to hear her laughter or get to have another rousing discussion is difficult, but we know it's part of the process of losing somebody.

Carol always had a way of surprising us with some aspect of her life or some tidbit of advice. Here's a quote her sister said to somebody, "I wish you had had a chance to know her. She was a fun, motorcycle-riding librarian!"

In case you or a child you know is suffering from a loss of somebody important, here is a list of books that might be helpful: (Children's Titles) *Saying Good-Bye to Uncle Joe: What to Expect When Someone You Love Dies* by Nancy Lowewen, *Lifetimes: The Beautiful Way to Explain Death to Children* by Bryan Mellonie and Robert Ingpen, *What on Earth Do You Do When Someone Dies?* by Trevor Romain, *Bear and Bird* by James Skofield and *The Day Tiger Rose Said Goodbye* by Jane Yolen. (Adult Titles) *Understanding Loss and Grief: A Guide Through Life Changing Events* by Nanette Burton Mongelluzzo, *The Empty Room: Surviving the Loss of a Brother or Sister at Any Age* by Elizabeth DeVita-Raeburn, *The End-of-Life Handbook: A Compassionate Guide to Connecting with and Caring for a Dying Loved One* by David B. Feldman, PH.D. and Andrew Lasher, Jr., MD and *ABC's of Healthy Grieving: A Companion For Everyday Coping* by Harold Ivan Smith.



LWR on the Western Prairie

by Lindsey Weber Riskowski



If you pushed pins in a map of each place my ancestors lived, concentric circles would form, passing through Nebraska, Wyoming, and Montana. My great-grandparents lived in sod houses, my grandparents broke wild horses, my Dad was a marshal. He also recorded episodes of *Gun Smoke* onto the same worn-out VHS tape for me to watch while he was on patrol. *Lonesome Dove* glowed in the background every Christmas as Mom and I strung cranberries and popcorn onto long red threads. The Western was in my DNA; *Shane*, *The Good the Bad and the Ugly*, *The Magnificent Seven* and its forbearer

The Seven Samurai. For many years these classics were really my only choices. When I was growing up, the Western, as a genre, had already hung up its hat and was out to pasture.

Luckily, some of the best westerns were disguised as Science Fiction. *Star Trek* was pitched by its writer as a "wagon-train to the stars". *West World* starred Yul Brynner as a maniacal mechanical sheriff. The ill-fated television show *Firefly* was the best Space Western. Beginning in 2000, Westerns once more began to stir the public imagination. Neo-Westerns were born; *Brokeback Mountain*, *No Country for Old Men*, and the reimagined *True Grit*. Television began to redefine and push the boundaries of the Western with *Breaking Bad*, *Justified*, *Deadwood*, and *Hell on Wheels*. I am reveling in the Western's resurrection! Check at the library to see what we have available. This genre harbors the most luscious villains and flawed heroes and in many ways, my own family's history.

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or check out our web site at
www.crete-ne.gov/library



The Library will
be closed
Saturday, April 4 through
Monday,
April 6.



Grilled Cheese, Anyone?

by Susan Church

Grilled Cheese: it's what's for dinner. Oh wait. That's beef. But grilled cheese really is a quick, easy go-to for dinner. April 12 is "Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day." So how did the simple grilled cheese sandwich come about?

Variations of cheese and bread have been around for centuries, but toasting the two together is a fairly recent innovation. An open-faced version gained popularity in the 1920's. The sandwich gained even more popularity during the Great Depression as rations grew slim. Grilled cheese went from functional staple to deluxe thanks to help from Kraft Singles, which debuted in 1949.

During World War II, the grilled cheese was a favorite of the Allied Armed Forces. It wasn't long before school cafeterias and housewives were making the lowly sandwich a regular part of meal planning. Today, Americans consume more than two billion grilled cheese sandwiches a year!

The sandwich has even garnered it's own website: www.grilledcheese.com. Here you will find accessories for the grilled cheese fanatic, recipes and a more in-depth history of the sandwich. A Lincoln restaurant features soup and grilled cheese sandwich variations: try Tom+Chee at 1317 Q Street.

The library has one book devoted to recipes for this delectable, ooey-goey treat: *150 Best Grilled Cheese Sandwiches* by Alison Lewis. The collection contains versions of the sandwich for breakfast, meatless, meat and fish and dessert (can we say yum!). Here is one of my favorite versions of this sandwich: Monte Cristo Sandwich.

2 lg. eggs	4 slices Texas toast thick white bread	4 oz. thin deli ham
1/2 c. milk	2 Tbsp. butter	8 Swiss cheese slices
1/2 tsp. salt	4 Tbsp. raspberry or strawberry jam	powdered sugar
1/4 tsp. pepper	*Whisk together eggs, milk, salt and pepper. Dip both sides of bread into batter mixture. Melt butter in large skillet over medium heat; add battered bread slices and cook 2-3 minutes on each side till golden brown. Spread 1 Tbsp. jam on each bread slice. Add turkey, ham and cheese on top of 2 bread slices and top with remaining slice to make sandwich. Place on baking sheet and broil on middle rack 3-5 minutes, flipping halfway through. Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Enjoy!	

