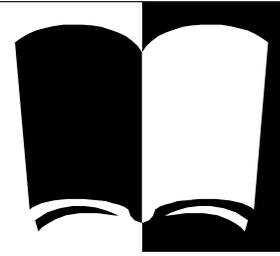


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## February Celebrate Library Lovers' Month

by Susan Church

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Popular MP3 Music  
from your library website



February is *Library Lovers' Month* and we all know there is much to love about your Library!

On any given day you may find a patron being assisted with navigating an online job application or immigration or passport applications. Patrons might need help enlarging images in a computer program or enlarging objects on the copier to make their special project possible.

One patron might need a recommendation for another book until the next Patterson read is out. A younger patron needs assistance finding which shelf the next Dork Diaries is filed.

A caller requests a phone number for a business. The next call is from a patron with limited mobility. She would like books delivered to her home. Somebody is new to Crete and needs directions to the Doane campus. Another patron asks how he can acquire a family library card while his children excitedly start to hunt for the perfect book to take home.

A group meets in the basement for a bilingual basic computer class, where a lively group of preschoolers also meet (not at the same time!) for story time. The basement also is host to a group of students from CCLC (an elementary after school program) each Tuesday afternoon, as well as St. James preschool twice a month.

Computers are being used, magazines and newspapers read, children read to, board games played, and crafts being assembled.

All this and much more takes place @ your library on a regular basis. Yes, it is a busy place. Yes, some days seem more chaotic than others. And yes, that's the way we like it. It means that the Library is providing the services that this community needs. It means that despite space limitations, there is a place for all who come.

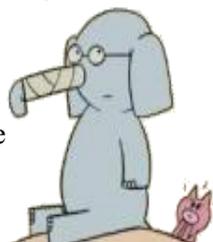
In a blog written by Mary Stennes Wilbourn on February 25, 2013, she stated "Libraries are so much more than a collection of resources. They are community anchors and can offer individuals a quiet refuge or bring people together." The idea of being an anchor is appealing and seems appropriate.

Albert Einstein said "The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library." You'll find your library at 305 East 13th, Crete, Nebraska.

## What's Coming Up?

**Preschool Story Time**  
**Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.**

- 2/4 - I Broke My Trunk!
- 2/11 - The Duckling Gets a Cookie
- 2/18 - Pigeon Wants a Puppy
- 2/25 - Elephants Cannot Dance



- 2/2 - Crete Community Learning Center students @ Tabitha 3:30 p.m.
- 2/3 - Library Board Special Meeting at 5:00 p.m. (Representatives from Alley Poyner Machietto will discuss the feasibility study process for a new facility.)
- 2/8 - Regular Library Board Meeting at noon.
- 2/15 - Library Closed for Presidents Day.

# Let Girls Tinker

by **Laura Renker**

Ellen Ochoa, the world's first Hispanic female astronaut, became the director of the Johnson Space Center in 2013. She invented optical systems, including a system that inspected space objects, one that identifies objects and a system that made images taken in space clearer. She's been a NASA astronaut since 1990.

What a great role model for females everywhere. Seeing females as scientists out in the field or in the lab sends a powerful message to girls that all subjects and careers are open to them. Maybe you will know the next Grace Hopper. Don't know what she did? Grace Hopper created compilers that allowed people to make computer programs with words instead of complicated strings of numbers. She gave speeches to audiences throughout the country trying to convince people her invention would work. People finally started to see that computers could be used for all types of businesses.

National Engineers Week is February 21-27 this year. Engineering is typically a male dominated field. It shouldn't be though. Engineers are critical thinkers. They are resourceful, inquisitive, cooperative and have good communication skills. They are perpetual learners and adapt to change. Engineers are creative and have an eye for details. All of these attributes seem like they could belong to women just as much as men.

According to Dame Professor Ann Dowling, President of the Royal Academy of Engineering, "Young children are natural engineers, constantly seeking to understand the properties of materials as they engage with the world around them." She was given a chemistry set one year and a magnetic set the next. She was always trying to figure out how things worked.

Let the girls in your life tinker with things, break toys and get dirty and fail. Let them know that adversity is common in scientific fields. Learning from failure and moving past those failures is part of the design process. There are numerous toys to encourage exploration and creativity. Let girls play with them. K-nex, Legos, gear sets, erector sets, chemistry kits, electronic snap circuits, marble runs, hexbug playsets and magnatiles, just to name a few.

Want to encourage girls' interest in science, technology, engineering and math fields? Share books that star girls and women in science and technology. Read a story that shows a girl who has an idea for the most magnificent thing. She, along with the help of her sidekick puppy, collects the pieces she needs to build it. But the results aren't what she expected. She tries again and again. This book sends a wonderful message to future inventors about perseverance. It's titled *The Most Magnificent Thing* by Ashley Spires. Another book about dreams of inventing is *Rosie Revere, Engineer* by Andrea Beaty. Rosie's invention of a flying machine for her aunt doesn't quite work like Rosie wanted. She feels like it was a failure. Her aunt reassures her that it wasn't. It's only a failure if you quit.

We have so many more great fictional stories showing science-loving girls. Share them with your budding scientist or engineer. We also have a series of books that celebrate female heroes and explore their achievements in science, sports, music and leadership. Stop by and see a list of books that highlight girls who love science, engineering and math.

For the first time in NASA history, half of the newest astronaut class is female! Maybe you have the next female astronaut in your family.

# Love My Library

by **Yesenia Montejo**

The Library..... the first thing that comes to mind is books. I used to think that being a librarian was an easy job. All you would have to do is put books away and keep shushing noisy kids around. But I was wrong. I was definitely wrong. I'm part of their world now. Some of the duties are to put books away, process and catalog new books and DVDs, help patrons with the Internet computers and other technology issues, provide fun and engaging programs for all ages, and more!



Librarians will even suggest books you could read. How awesome is that? Being able to come to the library and having the privilege to check out one of your favorite books of all times is awesome, too. I guess I was too quick to judge when I was a youngster. But I have learned my lesson. Don't judge a book by its cover. A book can have an ugly boring cover. But once you open that book, it can be full of surprises. Trust me I know. That's why I love my Library. Not just the Library but also the books, staff and other resources that come included with the package.

Valentine's Day is so close. I can almost smell the roses that I'm going to get. Well I hope so anyway! If you don't have many ideas for this holiday, stop by the library and check out one of our Valentines Day books that we have on display. You could also use one of the Library's computers to search for a lovely poem. Want a feel good movie? Check out the DVD *Puppy Love* produced by the Hallmark Channel.

# Falling in Love with Tragedy

by Maridza Vasquez

One of my goals for this year is to read as many classic novels as possible. Surprisingly, I am enjoying the majority of the books that I read. Some are a little harder to understand, but thank God for spark notes! Those little chapter summaries saved me when I read *As I Lay Dying* by William Faulkner. So in the tradition of February and Valentines Day, here are some love stories that made my love list.

*The Painted Veil* by W. Somerset Maugham is a story I first fell in love with as movie a few years ago. I hadn't read the book until this past month. I fell in love with this story all over again. The story is set in 1920's China in the midst of the cholera outbreak. A wife is caught by her husband in an adulterous affair. Will he leave her? Will he forgive her? You will just have to read the book or watch the movie to find out.

*Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens is a book I attempted to read in middle school. At the time I was an avid reader and had the time to devour books in a matter of a couple days or less. Unfortunately, I only made it through the first couple of chapters and called it quits. But the opening scenes of a little boy alone in a graveyard stuck with me all of these years. Now 10 years later, I decided to try it again. The story follows a little boy, Pip, through his childhood into adulthood. Along the way he meets a girl, Estella, and he is sure that she is the one. But will they end up together or will she reject him?

Though I have so far only read the following book by Thomas Hardy, I have watched *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* and *Far From the Madding Crowd* which are both based on a couple of his other novels. *Return of the Native* is his first classic novel that I read and it was so tragic but beautiful. Lead by blind love, a former couple finds themselves married to other people only to realize later they have made a horrible mistake. Halfway through the book I didn't know whose side to take. I wanted them to take responsibility for their neglected spouses and make the best of their "mistake" but at the same time I wanted them to be happy. Though the plot line was tragic, Hardy had a wonderful skill of making me fall in love with every single line. This is a book I could not let go of until the very end. I can't wait to read his other novels.

Oh, Nathaniel Hawthorne. What can I say? *The Scarlet Letter* still speaks truth to this day. Hester Prynne, a woman accused of adultery for having a child out of wedlock, is sentenced to wear a bright red letter "A" on her clothes, everyday for the rest of her life. But where is her lover? She obviously didn't create this child on her own. But Hester will not reveal who her partner is. Then unexpectedly someone from Hester's past shows up and threatens to discover her secrets. It is an analysis on life, how we use others as scapegoats for our own transgressions, and what lengths we will go to protect those we love.

So whether you fancy romance novels, historical fiction, tragedies, or just enjoy reading classical literature, these books offer something for everyone. And if none of these sound appealing, that's ok. Crete Public Library has a book to meet your reading needs.



## But Wait...There's More to Love!

The Library provides many services to the community. Of course, the most obvious ones are good old fashioned printed books, digital audio and ebooks, and computer access. Here are a few of the services you might not know about:

- Outreach services for the elderly and home bound in the community include weekly programs at The Garden and Tabitha. In addition, books and other resources are delivered to those patrons unable to attend the library. The library also provides curbside pick up for elderly and disabled patrons who find access to the library physically challenging.
- Weekly story time for students from Crete Community Learning Center
- Intergenerational activities at The Garden and Tabitha with CCLC students.
- Bi-weekly story time for St. James preschool students.
- Monthly book talks at Crete Middle School.
- Spanish language fiction and non-fiction for adults and children.
- English language learning resources, including books with CDs and the online program Mango.
- Annual community wide reading event *Crete Reads*.



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**CRETE, NEBRASKA 68333**  
**402-826-3809**

Library Hours  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday  
10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday  
10:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sunday - Closed

Please call us for information about story times,  
or check out our web site at  
[www.crete-ne.gov/library](http://www.crete-ne.gov/library)



**The Library  
will be closed  
Monday, February 15  
in observance of  
Presidents Day.**

## Impossible Choices

by Lisa Olivigni

*The Light Between Oceans* was published in 2012. Written by J.L. Stedman, it was recently made into a movie. It has been on my "To Read List" for sometime, and I recently was able to read it. Stedman's novel is set in Australia after World War I. Tom Sherbourne spent four horrific years on the Western Front and returns home with his own set of inner scars. He signs on to be a lighthouse keeper, craving the focused and solitary life required for such work. After the terror of war, he wants only to be alone to come to terms with his experiences.

On shore leave, he meets a bright young woman named Isabel. She is unlike any woman he has ever known, and she easily wins his heart. With the approval of her parents, the couple marry. Tom takes Isabel home to Janus, the small and isolated island where he maintains a lighthouse.

They are blissfully happy for some time. Isabel enjoys exploring the rocky island, and Tom enjoys her cheerful attitude. They begin to look forward to becoming parents. But after two miscarriages and one still birth, Tom struggles to shake Isabel from her depression.

While visiting the grave of her most recent loss, Isabel hears a baby crying. Already overcome with grief, she momentarily thinks that her baby is calling to her from the grave. Then she realizes that a boat has come on shore, with what appears to be a man and a baby. When Tom investigates, he finds the man is dead. Isabel takes the crying baby to the cottage to calm her.

What follows next will eventually place a heavy burden on both Isabel and Tom. It asks the question -what would you be willing to do for the one person you love above all others? Could you redefine your strong sense of morality to accommodate what you know to be terribly wrong in your own heart? Can a wrong action be justified by those it helps? Could anyone truly be hurt by a single secret? This is one of those books that is going to stick around with me for awhile.

Here are some recent arrivals that might also interest you:

*Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline; *The Danish Girl* by David Ebershoff; *What She Knew* by Gilly MacMillan; *The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend* by Katarina Bivald; *After the Crash* by Michel Bussi; and *The Burned Bridges of Ward, Nebraska*. For these and other great reads, stop by the Library!