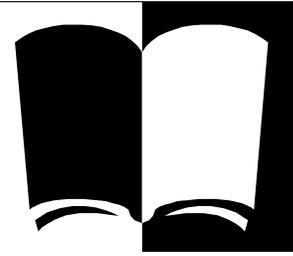


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## Happy Pi Day

by Laura Renker

It's time to celebrate pie! Oops, wrong pie. Pi Day is celebrated every March 14th (3/14). Pi is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. Pi (Greek letter  $\pi$ ) is a constant number. It is the same for all circles no matter the size of each circle. It is approximately 3.14159.

For people who love mathematics, Pi Day is a day filled with fun computations and jokes. This irrational and transcendental number will continue infinitely without repetition or pattern. Unfortunately, not so, with the jokes. That's fine; puns and math jokes are fun. Only a few digits are needed for typical calculations, but it is an interesting challenge to memorize and calculate more and more digits. Pi has been calculated to over one trillion digits beyond its decimal point!

We want to celebrate the day, here at the library, with pie. The person who can recite pi to the most digits will win a pie. How many numbers can you memorize? You can also celebrate Pi Day by reading any of these books:

THREE Little Dinosaurs by Charles Fuge  
Breaking POINT by C.J. Box  
ONE Cool Cat by Susannah Corbett  
The FOUR Seasons by Mary Alice Munroe  
ONE For the Money by Janet Evanovich  
FIVE Riddles for Robin by Michael Dahl  
NINE Dragons by Michael Connelly  
Just Right For TWO by Tracey Corderoy  
The Power of SIX by Loren Pittacus  
Slaughterhouse-FIVE by Kurt Vonnegut  
THREE Little Words by Ashley Rhodes-Courter  
The FIVE by Robert McCammon  
EIGHT Hundred Grapes by Laura Dave  
The Brooklyn NINE by Alan Gratz  
The Cat With SEVEN Names by Tony Johnston  
If the Catfish Had NINE Lives by Paige Shelton  
The Clockwork THREE by Matthew Kirby  
TWO Sisters by Mary Hogan



## What's Coming Up?

### Preschool Storytime

Thursday's @ 10:30 a.m.

3/3 My Friend is Sad  
3/10 Listen to My Trumpet  
3/17 Pigeon Needs a Bath  
3/24 Knuffle Bunny  
3/31 Today I Will Fly



### Computer Basics Class

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6 pm  
March 1 - March 24

### Adult Coloring Night

Thursday, March 3, 6:15-7:15 pm  
(Now regularly scheduled 1st Thursday of each month.)

March 24 - SAC Museum Science Show  
Open to public @ UCC Church @ 4 pm

## 2016 Books to Movies

by Susan Church

Is reading the book better or watching the movie better? This question will get you as many answers as people you ask. Of course, if you ask a librarian...

I had read Margaret Mitchell's *Gone With the Wind* in high school. It wasn't until three or four years later that I had the opportunity to see the movie (at the Joyo Theater in Lincoln!). I remember being SO disappointed. Yes, I know the movie was a blockbuster. Yes, I know it received thirteen Oscar nominations, winning ten. Yes, I know it's a classic. Disappointed. I had seen all the characters and scenes in my head. I'd heard their voices, the passion, the anger, the sadness. And, oddly enough, the movie in my head was not like the one on the screen! \*sigh\*

There are, however, movies that certainly do an admirable job of depicting the book. The year 2016 will see a large number of movies being filmed that are based on books. To be a fair judge of the movie, the book must be read **prior** to the watching of the movie. The following are just a portion of books being made into movies.

*The Great Gilly Hopkins* by Katherine Paterson is a chapter book. Gilly Hopkins is a wisecracking twelve-year-old who moves from foster home to foster home until she lands at the house of the weird Maime Trotter. This released February 19. *The BFG* by Roald Dahl is another chapter book. It tells the imaginative story of a young girl and the Giant who introduces her to the wonders and perils of Giant Country. This Disney Production is being directed by Steven Spielberg and will release on July 1.

*Through the Looking Glass* by Lewis Carroll is the sequel to *Alice in Wonderland*. Johnny Depp starred in the 2010 version of *Alice in Wonderland* and will again star in the sequel to release May 27. Again, Johnny Depp. Yup.

Young adult books include *Allegiant* by Veronica Roth. This is the third installment of the Divergent Series. This book will be divided into two parts: *Allegiant* in 2016 and *Ascendant* in 2017. You only have to wait until March 18 if you are a Divergent fan. *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs will be a Christmas Day release. A mysterious island. An abandoned orphanage. And a strange collection of very curious photographs. It all waits to be discovered in *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*. This is being directed by Tim Burton. Need we say more?

Jojo Moyes' *Me Before You* is the story of Louisa, who takes a job as an assistant to extreme sports enthusiast Will, who is wheelchair bound after a motorcycle accident. She struggles with his acerbic moods and tries to demonstrate to him that life is worth living. This releases June 3.

Two books long on the New York Times Bestseller list making their way to the big screen are *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins and *The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman. They will be in theaters October 7 and September 2 respectively.

Tom Hanks and Tom Skerritt, among others, star in *A Hologram for the King*, based on the book by Dave Eggers. After failing in America, a struggling businessman heads to a rising Saudi Arabian city for a last ditch attempt to stave off foreclosure, pay for his daughter's college tuition, and do something memorable. Release date yet to be announced.

Other books being made into movies: *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness; *Inferno* by Dan Brown; *The Circle* by Dave Eggers; *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman; and *Looking for Alaska* by John Green.

Between reading the books and watching the movies, you should keep very, very busy! Whether you are a bookaholic or a movie buff, you owe it to yourself to read the books. Perhaps you will find your own *Gone with the Wind* disappointment. Or you may find a delightful surprise!

## Monthly Surprises

by Yesenia Montejo

What does each month of the year bring to you? A surprise? A possible change? A party, perhaps? We've got that covered here at Crete Public Library.

For example, do you have wedding plans? CPL provides books that are filled with so much information. Lucky for me, I have a library card and I have full access to the following books: *Simply Beautiful Weddings: 50 Projects to Personalize Your Wedding* by Heidi Boyd is a book that I'm looking forward to checking out. If you don't have a library card and are interested in obtaining one, please stop by CPL and we'll help you set up an account. If you do have a card, introduce a friend or family member to your library and all of the resources you use.

Do you have any events or activities going on this month or this year? Well for me, I wish these months wouldn't fly by so quickly. In June, I have to plan my son's 1st birthday, which is on Father's Day, June 19. I also have to plan and prepare for a wedding by late August. I guess I should say I'm going to be the wedding planner. I have all the tools I need in order to get ready and prepare for this big event. "Books! Books?" you ask. Here at CPL there are a variety of books that help you prepare for any event. From planning a birthday party to coordinating a formal affair, you'll find what you need here. Just ask!



## Still the Best Deal in Town

by Lisa Olivigni

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During fiscal year 2014-2015, CPL patrons borrowed 97,946 resources. This included plain old printed books, digital ebooks, audio books and music, books on CD, DVDs, magazines, and the ever popular cake pans. Patrons paid \$58.53 per capita to support CPL's resources and programming.

On average, adult hardcovers cost \$30.00 each and children's picture books cost \$16.00 each. DVDs cost \$15.00 each, and digital ebooks and audios can cost up to \$90.00 each with access limited by time or number of uses. It's our most important goal at CPL to put your tax dollars to good use. Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to meet the information needs of the Crete community. We also appreciate those non-resident patrons who support the library through their annual fee.

That large number above is the amount CPL patrons saved by using their public library. I'm no gambler, but that appears to be a great return on investment. Do you suppose they have that kind of pay off in Las Vegas?

Here are some other numbers from the same time period that you might find interesting:

- ◆ 70,036 patrons were served by CPL
- ◆ 55,249 total resources were available, both at the library and online
- ◆ 3,587 resources were added to CPL's collection
- ◆ 3,157 resources were withdrawn from CPL's collection
- ◆ 6,697 children and young adults participated in programs throughout the year
- ◆ 1,935 elderly or homebound patrons were provided with book delivery and programs
- ◆ 7,036 patrons used CPL's desktops for Internet and software programs

Way back when, in 1997, CPL began to offer Internet access to patrons. The workstations were provided by a City wide federal grant. At that time, some people began predicting the demise of the public library. Their view was that if all the information in the world is available through a computer, then public libraries would most certainly go the way of the dinosaur.

In 2008, with the assistance of the Nebraska Library Commission, CPL began offering digital ebooks and audio books. The arrival of this technology was again used to predict the demise of the public library.

Well, here in 2016, I'd say that your public library is still relevant and still providing services to meet the community's needs. It's never been about the format, it's always been about the information. Whether it's recreational reading, homework and literacy resources, programs for all ages, or incredibly creative children's picture books.... As the shape of information changes, CPL will be there with you. Still here - still glad to serve the Crete community.

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

Two books that I am currently reading are very intriguing and will get you thinking about eight topics that affect us every day. The first book is entitled *The Gratitude Diaries* by Janice Kaplan. It asks the question if a person's feelings have less to do with events and more to do with one's own attitude and perspective. The value of appreciating what you have is a topic that she explores personally through a year's study; as well as with doctors, experts, Hollywood's stars and everyday people. I truly believe that gratitude can have a positive impact on people's marriages, friendships, health, etc. and this book supports this transformation with a lot of helpful examples.

The other book is entitled *7: An Experimental Mutiny Against Excess* by Jen Hatmaker. This book examines the excess of our culture in the areas of food, clothes, spending, media, possessions, waste and stress. Each month Jen and her family focused on one of the areas and simplified their lives by 7. How do you think they did with only 7 foods to eat or 7 clothes to wear each? Would eliminating 7 media sources or giving away 7 things each day really make an impact? I encourage you to read this book and see if materialism and overindulgence is pared down; what can fill one's life instead?

I hope that you get to read both of these books and daresay, maybe even challenge yourself to some of their experiments (for a shorter amount of time probably); but hopefully with some similar eye-opening effects.

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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  
Saturday, March 26  
and  
Monday, March 28.  
Happy Spring!



## Book Talk

by Maridza Vasquez

I may be a little biased, but I feel Crete has a great library! This past month I was complaining about suspense fiction not meeting my needs. I had just finished a book, and was disappointed because within the first 20 pages I had already figured out the ending. The last couple of suspense novels I'd read had left me with the same devastation. I had almost given up on my suspense reading days, but then the library once again saved me from making a tragic mistake! I was shelving books when *The Hypnotist* by Lars Kepler caught my eye. I decided to give suspense fiction one last try before throwing in the towel.

My adventure did not start with *The Hypnotist* but with *The Nightmare* by Lars Kepler. From the beginning I didn't know what hit me. There were basically two different stories that kept interweaving, but I couldn't figure out why or how they were connected, until the very end when everything was revealed. It was a relief to finally be surprised by the turn of events.

My next endeavor was *The Fire Witness* by Lars Kepler. The events were intertwined in a more organized fashion that I was able to fit pieces together better. Halfway through the story I was sure that I had figured out the plot twist and knew who had really committed the murders. Low and behold I was wrong!

The last book I read, which is actually the first in the series, was *The Hypnotist*. I don't want to say that this book was not as well written as the other two, but the style was different. It seems the author tried to fit too much into one plot line. It still managed to have me on the edge of seat until the end and I would still recommend it. Maybe just read it first before checking out the others.

So, if you are looking for a new psychological thriller or suspense novel, Lars Kepler is definitely at the top of my recommendation list. A little bird also told me that the next books in the series will soon be in our library collection. One never knows what treasures they will find hidden among their libraries shelves. So, take a chance and explore a new genre or maybe a new author. Most importantly, have fun and read!