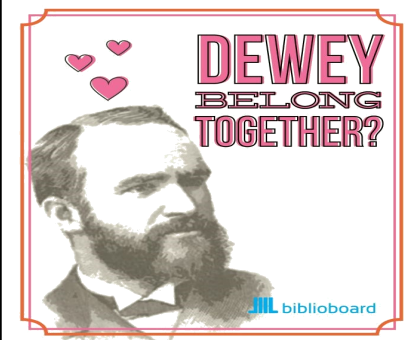


Crete Public Library
305 East 13th Street
Crete, Nebraska 68333
402-826-3809
www.crete.ne.gov/library

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



Crete Public Library

Founded 1878



February 2019



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**NET-PBS KIDS
Movies
and More**

Fun for the whole family!

ODDS AND ENDS

FREE
Open to the public!

Movie at the library!

February 11th at 1:00pm

FREE TAX PREP

PREPARACIÓN DE IMPUESTOS GRATIS

Volunteers will be available to assist in completing federal income tax form 1040 and Nebraska form 1040N.

This service is free for those earning under \$66,000 per household in 2018.

Sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings from 4:00 - 7:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, on an hourly basis, starting Wednesday, January 30.

Appointments need to be made with Crete Public Library at 402-826-3809 or crete.library@crete.ne.gov.

The new library is taking shape

The new library is on schedule and we still anticipate moving in at the end of 2019. If you drive by, you can see that most of the walls are up in the community room/storm shelter. If you look closely, you can also see the other walls of the library – they stand up about a foot above the ground. After the community room walls are completed, then look for the load-bearing pillars to be erected, then the remaining outer walls. If you want to see what some of the new furniture looks like, come to the library and we will show them to you.



Removing Barriers to Library Services

One of our core values at Crete Public Library is to provide barrier-free service and access to materials. One way that we are supporting this value is by eliminating all fines from youth print materials. Starting 1 January, 2019, the Crete Public Library will no longer charge fines for print materials returned after their due date for YA, juvenile and children's books – both fiction and non-fiction.

One might try to argue that the imposition of fines is one way to teach children responsibility – in this case to be responsible for returning their books on time. This is a view that does not hold up well as it is usually the parent, not the child, who has the means and makes the decision as to when to return the materials to the library.

Another argument against this policy is that patrons will no longer have an incentive to return their materials when they are due. Again, this argument does not hold water because libraries that do not charge fines tend to have higher overdue rates in the short run, but lower overdue rates in the long term.

The imposition of fines does act as a deterrent and is a barrier to literacy and learning – in particular for members of our low-income community. Additional results from other libraries who have instituted a fine forgiveness policy is an increase in the number of borrowers and in the number of items borrowed.

All other parts of the overdue materials policy remain the same, including fines on Adult print, all DVDs and AudioBooks. For more information about this new policy, please visit our website at: www.crete.ne.gov/library



Gold Medal Winter by Donna Freitas

Gold Medal Winter is one of my favorite books that I have read at least twenty times! The story is about a fictional Dominican ice skater and her trip to win the gold for the USA. Along the way she meets new friends, gets a boyfriend and experiences the drama that comes along with being famous.



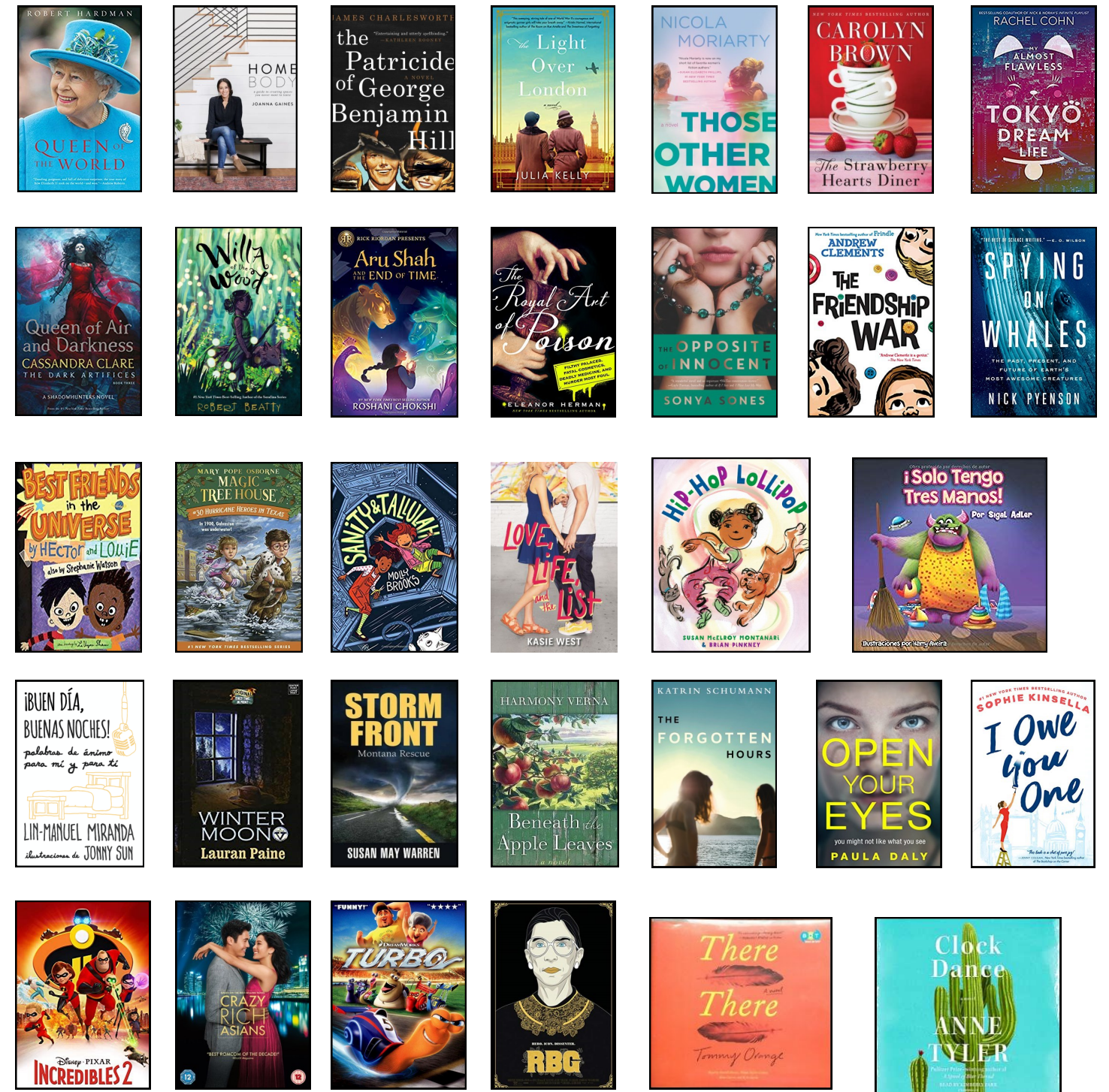
I think the reason I like this book so much is the fact that Esperanza chases her dream and accomplishes it. It encouraged me to dream big and follow my dreams.

As *Gold Medal Winter* says, "I've got to do whatever it takes. Be creative. Be daring. Be bold about it. No more being afraid and resistant." And it has encouraged me to do so.

Gold Medal Winter is an inspiring story that teaches you to dream big and follow those dreams.

Review by Sierra Bond, Middle School Student, CPS

Look What's New @ Your Library!



Thinking Ahead to Summer...

Although it's just February, we're busy planning our Summer Reading programs. The staff will introduce readers of all ages to "A Universe of Stories." We'll have space related programs, games and experiments. Children will be encouraged to read

stories and books for fun. We hope you join us this summer!

