



Changes in library policies

Check Out and Renewal Policies

In the past, all books, magazines, audio books and DVDs have been checked out for two weeks, with a seven-day grace period that follows their due date during which no fines accrue. The new policy states that all books, audio books, cake pans and DVDs may be checked out for three weeks. There will not be a grace period. Patrons will continue to receive a text or email reminder after two weeks as well as three days prior to when the material is due.

Magazines may be checked out only for one week. This change was made so more patrons to be able to check out magazines as many are weeklies.

Use of Library

To borrow materials from the library, patrons must obtain a library card. Patrons residing within the following areas will not be charged for a library card:

- Saline County residents
- Rural Crete addresses that reside outside of Saline County

Patrons who do not live within the two areas listed above will be required to purchase an annual non-resident library card for \$30.00 per year. Cards may be obtained on an individual basis or as a family.

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What's Coming Up?

Preschool Story Times

January 23 – Silly S
January 30 – Tall T
February 6 – No Storytime
February 13 – Valentine's Party
February 20 – Useful U
February 27 – Victorious V

Month of February—Blind Dates with Books

February 19th—Library closed for Presidents Day

February 26th—early May—second round of equipment for the Innovation Studio available

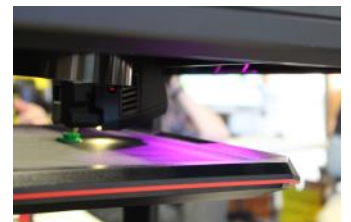
March 1st —Second community input meeting for new library

Innovation Studio updates

The first round of the equipment will be in the library until February 20th. Call the library to arrange a lesson in how to use a 3D printer, CNC router and an embroidery machine.

Starting February 26th, the second round of equipment will be available for the Crete community. The three main stations will include:

- Laser cutter – engraves onto marble, glass, wood, acrylic, and other materials. It also offers a vector mode, which allows the user to cut material such as cloth, plastic, leather, wood, and more.
- Heat press – design and apply a design that can be affixed to a t-shirt, apron, mousepad, bag or other fabric.
- Vinyl cutter – choose from a variety of colors and create art that can be cut out of vinyl for wall or window decorations.



Blind Dates with Books

by Lupe Lopez Lopez

Love is in the air. Better yet, love is in your library! Dare to try to swipe right to match with a book? If it seems that mystery novels are the only books you pick up from the shelves, a blind date might just be the answer to all your problems. Blind dates can be a nightmare, but occasionally, dreams come true. Too scared to walk up to the shelves for a random match? Do unknown authors or titles scare you off? Are covers all that you focus on? Well, we ask you to take a breather and go on a blind date at your local library. We have a blind date for you...without the pressure!



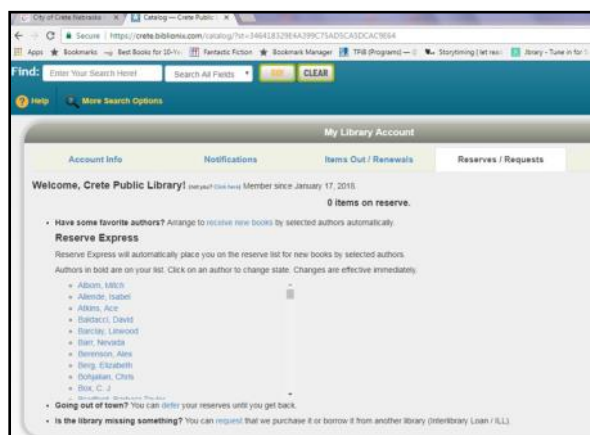
It's a "Blind Date With a Book!" Here's how it works. On the display in the main hall of the library, you will find a selection of brown paper wrapped books. Each book will have a pick-up line; the first line of the book or one sentence to catch your eye. Take a chance and check out the book. Make dinner and start up a small reading session over your favorite meal, or brew up a steamy cup of coffee and discuss plot twists over savory pastries. Show it your favorite spots to read. Maybe you'll want to show it off to your friends too! Then bring THEM into the library for a blind date as well. The possibilities of matches are endless!

If you don't like the book, no harm, no foul. On the other hand, if you fall in love with a new author or a new genre there are many new doors open! Well, actually...there will just be more titles to add to the endless "To Be Read" list. When you unwrap your book, you will find a "Rate Your Date" form. Please take a minute or two to fill this out. And please be honest. You won't hurt our feelings. We know that not all blind dates work! When you return the book, drop your rating form in the designated container for a chance to win a prize.

What about the kids you may ask. How about a "Blind Playdate with a Book?" On the shelves at the west end of the circulation desk you will find a display of chapter books and picture books. They will also have a pick-up line, and/or an age range for that title. Check out and rating of books will be the same as for the adult books. And we know kids; they will definitely be honest in their evaluation! Blind Date With a Book will run through the month of February.

Reserve Express! The world of tomorrow, today!

By Tad Shubert



Do you wake up in the middle of the night wondering when the next James Patterson book will be out? Have your friends expressed concern over your long-winded rants about the lack of automated book notification? Do you long for a day, sometime in the future, when new books from your favorite author will be placed on reserve for you with a few simple clicks of a mouse? Well rest easy, friend! That day is here! From your account with Crete Public Library, new books from your favorite authors can be automatically reserved for you! Here is all you need to do...

1. Go to the Crete Public Library website at: www.crete.ne.gov/ library and click on the "library catalog" box.

2. Log-in at the top, right of the page using your library card number and phone number.
3. Click on My Account.
4. Then, under My Library Account, click on Reserves / Requests.
5. Where it says, "Have some favorite authors?" click on "receive new books".
6. You'll see a list of authors that you can choose from. Click on any of them (you can choose more than one) and the text will turn bold. Now, anytime the library gets a new book by one of the authors you selected, it will automatically be placed on reserve for you. The library will contact you when it's available (by text, email or phone call) and you'll be able to come in and pick it up at the front desk.
7. Tell all your friends you got the book through Reserve Express!
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Computer Classes

By Zoraida Ramos



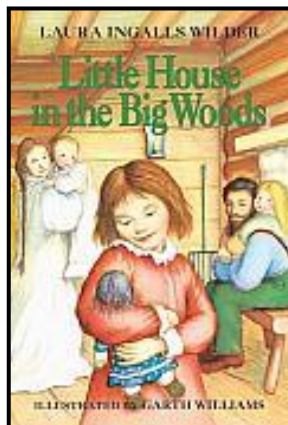
Have you ever turned on your computer looking for answers and end up with more questions instead? Crete Public Library will be offering two different classes on computers: 1) basic email setup, online forms, privacy settings, 2) Microsoft office programs (Word, Excel, etc.). We have a sign-up sheet at our circulation desk for these classes. The days for instruction will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 pm.

So before your computer becomes a lawn ornament, let us help you operate, maneuver and understand your computer. Give us a call or visit your library where we offer more than just books, we offer knowledge.

¿Le gustaría tomar clases de instrucción para entender mejor su computadora? Su Librería Publica de Crete ofrecerá 2(dos) clases de computación sobre: 1) correo electrónico, como llenar formularios y su privacidad mientras que está en la red y 2) programas Microsoft (Word, Excel y más). Tenemos una lista donde se puede anotar para estas clases. Los días de las clases serán los Martes, Miércoles y Jueves a las 5:30 pm. Favor de ponerse en comunicación con nosotros por teléfono o en persona aquí en su Librería Publica de Crete.

Little House in the Big Woods

Review by Avery Claire Wilsman – 2nd grade



One of my favorite books is *Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder. I discovered it when my Grandma Jill showed it to me. The Little House on the Prairie books were her favorite when she was a kid. One of the reasons my mom is named Carrie is because there is a baby Carrie in the book. *Little House in the Big Woods* is the first book in a series by Laura Ingalls Wilder.

The story takes place in the Big Woods a long time ago – like when my Grandma Lucy was my age. Almost 100 years ago. There was a single log cabin and the nearest town was miles away. Mary, Laura, Ma, Pa, and baby Carrie lived there. Pa faces many dangers in the woods when he goes hunting – like finding bears and deer and even sometimes panthers. It's funny to listen to Laura think about how much luckier Mary is than she is.

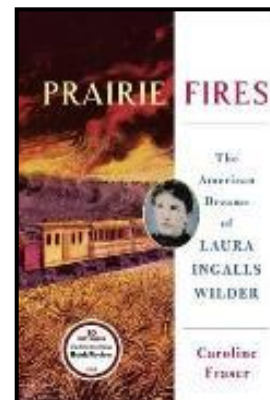
You should read *Little House in the Big Woods* yourself if you like books about history, adventures, and families. That's why this is one of my favorite books.

And for the grown-ups who grew up reading the Little House books, the library just acquired another book about Laura Ingalls Wilder - *Prairie Fires*. It was listed as one of the best books in 2017 by the *New York Times*.

Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder, by Caroline Fraser

The sesquicentennial observance of the birth of the author of the celebrated Little House books (65 million copies sold in 45 languages) has been the catalyst for the more recent publication of a number of books, now including this magisterial biography, which surely must be called definitive. Somehow, Laura Ingalls Wilder survived incredible childhood travails and grew up to record her experiences in the pages of her Little House books, which—as Fraser documents—are a genial mixture of truth and fiction.

Prairie Fires is a marriage of biography and history—the latter providing such a rich context for the life—that is one of the great strengths of this indispensable book, an unforgettable American story.—*Booklist Review*



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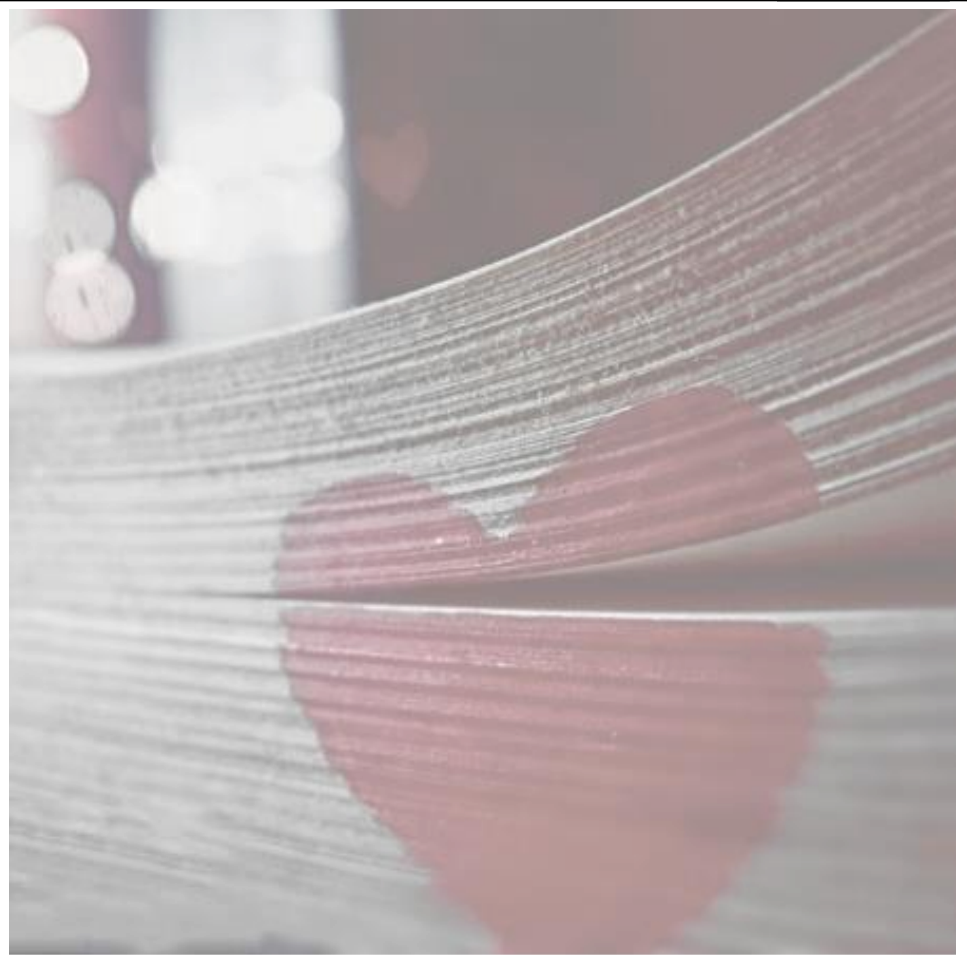
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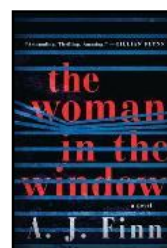
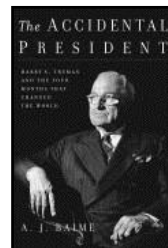
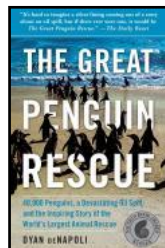
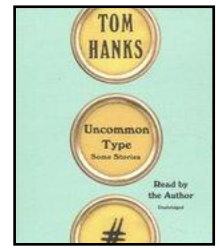
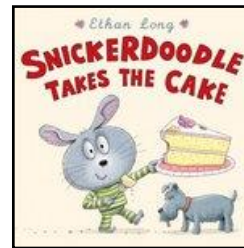
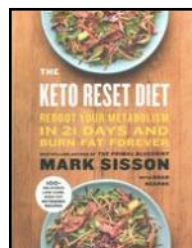
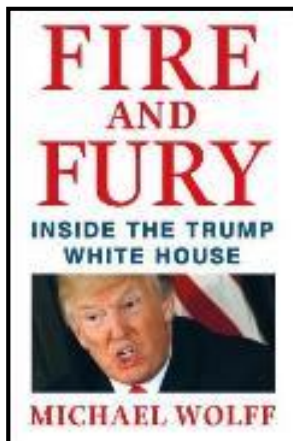
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