



November 2023

Library Hours: Monday & Friday 9 AM - 5 PM Tuesday - Thursday 9 AM - 7 PM Saturday 9 AM - 4 PM

Pinkalicious Party!

Join us for a morning of pinktastic fun! The party begins at 10 a.m. with scheduled activities for party goers. Attendees will enjoy decorating crowns and wands, making pink bracelets, decorating pink cupcakes, and playing lots of fun games.

Join us this Saturday, November 18th, in the Crete Carrier Community Room for a pinkerrific day! Feel free to wear pink!



Save the Date

Sunday, November 19, 2023 2:00 pm

Matt Mason

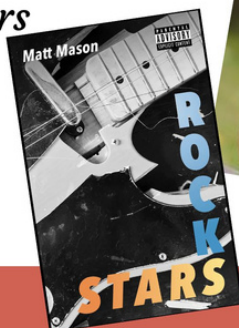
Nebraska State Poet

author of works such as

Rock Stars

will be in Crete for a presentation.

Be sure to mark your calendar NOW for this very special event.



Nebraska State Poet Matt Mason to Visit

Nebraska State Poet, Matt Mason, will be delivering poetry at Crete Public Library! Join us on November 19 at 2 PM.

Mason is the recipient of a Pushcart Prize and fellowships from the Academy of American Poets and the Nebraska Arts Council. His work has been featured in The New York Times, NPR's Morning Edition, American Life in Poetry and more.

Teen Nights: Ages 12-17



Exploration Studio: Ages 5-11



Join us for an afternoon of exploring how the world works.

1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

November 21st:
Awesome Animals - Feathered Friends

December 5th:
Human Body- Achoo Challenge

December 19th: Weather Lab - Snow

Crete Public Library - 1515 Forest Ave. - Crete, NE 68333

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Free Income Tax Preparation - VITA



Crete Public Library and Doane University are offering free tax preparation to the following community members:

- People who make up to \$64,000 or less
- Persons with disabilities
- Those with limited English-speaking skills
- All preparation will be done at the library and is by appointment only.
- At this time, the start date as well as the appointment days of the week and times have yet to be determined. Anticipated start date is towards the end of January.
- To learn when appointments can be made, check out our Facebook page, library website or the Crete News.



Crete Reads! 2023 Author Ellen Marie Wiseman Speaks at the Crete Public Library

The author of this year's Crete Reads! joined us via Zoom on Sunday, 22 October in the Crete Carrier Community Room. A wonderful lunch from Calabria was had for those who desired it, with cheesecake for all provided by the Friends.

Based on remarks from attendees, they thoroughly enjoyed her talk. She talked about her writing career, her writing process and research needed in order for her novels to be as historically accurate as possible. Ellen's down-to-earth manner was a breath of fresh air for such an accomplished author and this was something a number of people commented upon.

Eclipse Day at Crete Public Library

Saturday, October 14 was the date of the annular eclipse in North America, and many families in Crete were all set to (safely!) observe the spectacle from Crete Public Library. Unfortunately, the weather had other ideas, and the clouds stubbornly refused to part in time for the eclipse. Still, there was a great turn-out and kids were able to take part and enjoy a number of eclipse-related games and activities. The kids tested their astronomy knowledge (Which is hotter, the temperature of Earth's core or the surface of the Sun?), listened to the story of Shadow Bear and experimented with making shadows, bowled down space-invaders and colored a rocket playhouse. Outside, in the dripping rain, they tried to see how high they could launch stomp-rockets. They also took part in a couple of citizen science experiments, gathering data on the clouds and the temperature at the time of the eclipse.



The library had received a solar science kit and bi-lingual materials from NASA@ My Library, including solar spotters and a telescope with a special filter for viewing the sun during the eclipse. Though we weren't able to use these on the 14th, Nebraska will be in the path of another partial eclipse on April 8 of next year and we hope to make use of them at that time. The telescope will be part of astronomy programs the library is planning in the future.

Cribbage, Anyone?



Let us know if you would be interested in a cribbage tournament! We would like to offer programs/events in the cold months that bring people together. If you have an idea for a program or event, we would like to hear from you. Send us a note at crete.library@crete.ne.gov or stop by the library and talk to us.





Puzzle Race Fun!

The second Puzzle Race Party was held at The 1206 on November 14. Twenty-two teams participated in the fun. They were all good sports with the Puzzle Warriors winning after one hour forty minutes. Thank you to The 1206 for providing the venue and to the Friends of the Crete Public Library for their support. Watch newsletters and Facebook for information for our spring puzzle race.





Inspire a love of reading this holiday season.

Give a gift that truly matters.

Want to give a gift that will make a real difference this year? Honor your loved one by gifting one child in the Crete School district 12 free books through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library!

Your \$25 tax-deductible gift to the Friends of the Crete Public Library will send a child (ages 0-5) one age-appropriate book each month for a year to grow their personal library and cultivate a love of reading to last a lifetime.

Sponsor a child through Imagination Library!

First Name: Last Name:

Business Name:

Address: City: ZIP:

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☐ I would like to sponsor # child(ren) at \$25 each.

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