

Monthly Newsletter

CRETE PUBLIC
LIBRARY

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September 2026



Fall is in the Air

Fall is quickly approaching, and Crete Public Library is getting ready for an exciting season of programs for all ages! Our staff has been busy planning a variety of opportunities for patrons to learn, create, and have fun.

Mari, our Youth Librarian, has planned new Storytime Adventures for our youngest patrons. Join us on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM for Toddler Storytime and Fridays at 10:00 AM for Preschool Storytime.

We are also excited to introduce a new Pokémon Club for kids ages 6–11! The club begins October 14 at 3:30 PM. Kids can learn the Pokémon Trading Card Game in a fun, no-pressure environment. No experience is needed—we'll teach the basics! Participants can also enjoy other Pokémon-themed activities.

Teen programs will begin in October, so be sure to watch for upcoming dates and times!

Starting September 1, patrons of all ages can participate in our Tiny Art Show. Stop by the library to pick up a 4-inch by 4-inch canvas and create a masterpiece inspired by a literary reference. Artwork must be family-friendly and returned by September 30 to be included in the show.

Our Fall Puzzle Race will take place on October 21 at 5:30 PM at The 1206 on Main Street in Crete. Participants must be 21 or older. Gather your team and sign up by calling the library!

Finally, join Alejandra Mendez for a Día de los Muertos Painting Program on October 24 from 1:00–4:00 PM. Registration is required, so call the library to reserve your spot. We hope you will join us this fall for creativity, learning, and fun!

In this newsletter you can expect:

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September 8 & 21

Take Home Kits

Swing by and grab a to-go activity kit with everything you need (plus easy instructions) to make something fun at home.

New kits drop the first and third Mondays of each month.

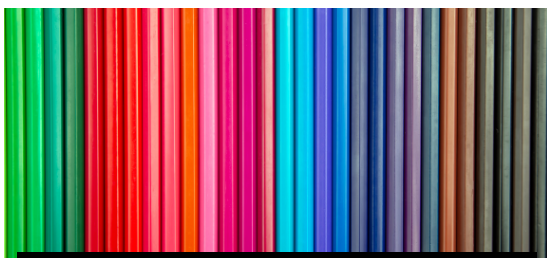
Quantities are limited, so grab one while they last—first come, first served!



September 1-30

Tiny Art Show

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September 10 @ 5:30 PM

Adult Craft Night

Join us for our next Adult Craft Night! On September 10th at 5:30 PM, will be a coloring night.



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2026 Reading Challenge

Welcome to the 2026 Book Reading Challenge! This challenge is all about pushing your reading habits, discovering new genres, and building a reading community.

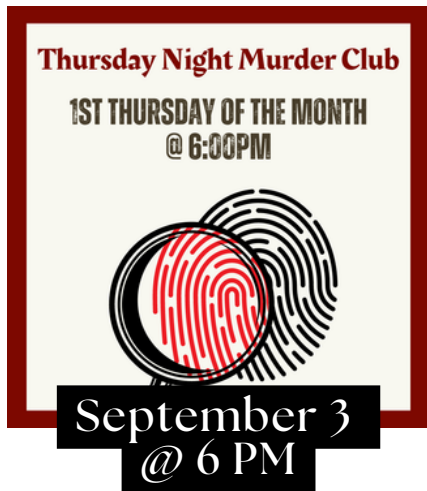
Learn more by grabbing a copy of the reading log at the front desk!

Book Clubs

Thursday Night Murder Club

Calling all mystery lovers! The Thursday Night Murder Club meets on the first Thursday of every month at 6:00pm for lively discussions about mystery and suspense books. Each month, we read a new title filled with twists and turns, then come together to share our thoughts, favorite moments, and best guesses about “who did it.”

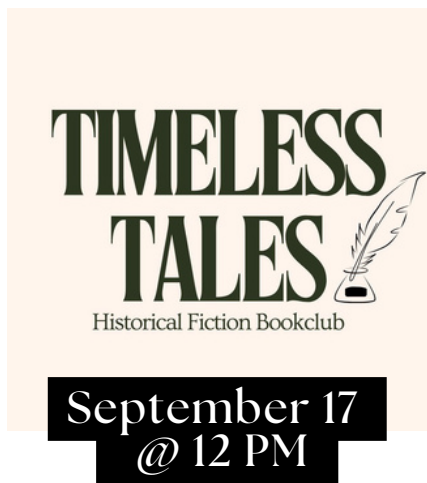
This is a relaxed and welcoming group—no pressure, just good conversation and great books. Whether you’ve solved the mystery halfway through or changed your mind a dozen times, we’d love to hear your take. Pick up a copy of the current book and join us!



Timeless Tales Book Club

Ready to step into the past? Our Historical Fiction Book Group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 12:00pm! Each month, we dive into a new story that brings history to life—full of rich details, unforgettable characters, and fascinating moments from another time.

Stop by the library to pick up a copy of this month’s book, then join us for a relaxed and engaging discussion. New members are always welcome, so bring a friend or come make some new book-loving connections!



Flights of Fantasy Book Club

Step into worlds of magic, myth, and imagination with our Fantasy Book Group! Held on the 3rd Thursday of every other month at 5:30pm, this book club is your gateway to epic adventures, unforgettable characters, and stories where anything is possible.

Each month, we’ll dive into a new fantasy title—ranging from timeless classics to exciting new releases—and gather to discuss the worlds we’ve explored together. Share your favorite characters, debate plot twists, uncover hidden meanings, and discover new perspectives as we journey through each story. No matter if you’re a lifelong fantasy fan or just beginning to explore the genre, all readers are welcome.



Sugar & Spice Book Club

Love stories that make your heart flutter—or skip a beat? Join our brand-new Sugar & Spice Romance Book Club, where we’ll explore everything from sweet, swoony romances to stories with a little extra heat!

Whether you’re into slow burns, dark romance, enemies-to-lovers, small-town charm, or dramatic plot twists, this book club is the perfect place to gush, laugh, and chat about all things romance.





Register Your Child for

**FREE
BOOKS**

Register your child in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and get a FREE BOOK every month until their 5th birthday.



If your child lives within the Crete School District, register for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library at the Crete Public Library or online at the link below.



This program is sponsored locally by the Friends of the Crete Public Library, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.



Learn more at [ImaginationLibrary.com](https://www.ImaginationLibrary.com)

Crete Public Library September Programs

Monday

Follow Crete Public Library on Facebook for all the latest news & updates

Tuesday

Tiny Art Show begins

Wednesday

Tai Chi (55+) 9am
Toddler Storytime 10am
Chair Yoga (55+) 1pm

Thursday

Thursday Night Murder Club 6pm

Friday

Preschool Storytime 10am

Saturday

Color Code Key

- Adult
- Ages 0-5
- Ages 6-11
- Teen
- All Ages

Library Closed


Pick up Take Home Kit

Tai Chi (55+) 9am
Toddler Storytime 10am
Chair Yoga (55+) 1pm

Adult Craft Night 5:30pm
Flights of Fantasy Book Club 5:30pm

Preschool Storytime 10am

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Tai Chi (55+) 9am
Toddler Storytime 10am
Chair Yoga (55+) 1pm

Timeless Tales 12pm

Preschool Storytime 10am

Pick up Take Home Kit

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Tai Chi (55+) 9am
Library Closed for Staff Training
Chair Yoga (55+) 1pm

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Tai Chi (55+) 9am
Toddler Storytime 10am
Chair Yoga (55+) 1pm

Website:
crete.ne.gov/Library

Phone Number:
402/826-3809

Library Hours:
Monday: 9am-5pm
Tuesday: 9am-5pm
Wednesday: 9am-5pm
Thursday: 9am-5pm
Friday: 9am-5pm
Saturday: 9am-4pm

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Programas de septiembre de la Biblioteca Pública de Crete

Lunes

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biblioteca cerrada


Martes

Recogida de kit para llevar a casa

Miércoles

taichí (55+) 9am
Tiempo de cuento 0-2 10am
Yoga en Silla 1pm

Jueves

Club de suspenso 6pm

Viernes

Tiempo de cuento 3-5 10am

Sábado

Clave de código de colores

- Adulto
- Edades 0-5
- Edades 6-11
- Jóvenes
- Todas las edades

biblioteca cerrada


Recogida de kit para llevar a casa

taichí (55+) 9am
Tiempo de cuento 0-2 10am
Yoga en Silla 1pm

Noche de manualidades 5:30pm
Club de fantasía 5:30pm

Tiempo de cuento 3-5 10am

14

15

taichí (55+) 9am
Tiempo de cuento 0-2 10am
Yoga en Silla 1pm

Cuentos atemporales 12pm

Tiempo de cuento 3-5 10am

Recogida de kit para llevar a casa

22

taichí (55+) 9am
La biblioteca está cerrada
Yoga en Silla 1pm

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taichí (55+) 9am
Tiempo de cuento 0-2 10am
Yoga en Silla 1pm

Horario de la biblioteca:
Lunes: 9 am-5 pm
Martes: 9 am-5 pm
Miércoles: 9 am-5 pm
Jueves: 9 am-5 pm
Viernes: 9 am-5 pm
Sábado: 9 am-4 pm

Sitio web:
crete.ne.gov/Bibliot
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Número de teléfono:
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Sigue a la Biblioteca Pública de Crete en Facebook para estar al día de las últimas noticias y novedades.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Make a Difference at the Library Today!



We are looking for dedicated volunteers who want to make a difference in the community.

Visit www.crete.ne.gov/Library and look at our Support & Volunteers page to learn more!

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

WHAT IS "1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN"?

The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is a nationwide challenge that encourages parents and caregivers to read 1,000 books before they enter kindergarten.

Research shows that the most reliable predictor of school success is being read to during early childhood. Reading to children from an early age can help close the vocabulary gap and prepare children to enter kindergarten with the skills they need to succeed. Most importantly, sharing books with children promotes a lifelong love of books and reading.

The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program is available to all families with children between the ages of birth and five years free of charge.

HOW IT WORKS

1

Register

1. Search for "Reader Zone" in your app store.
2. Install the app on your Android or Apple device.
3. Make an account and enter our Reading Program Code: [a63ad](#)
4. Begin Logging Reading

2

Select Books

Come to the library to check out books or read books from home. It still counts to read the same book more than once!

3

Collect Prizes

At each milestone, your child will receive a special prize, which can be picked up at the library!

- Milestone: 100 books
- Milestone: 250 books
- Milestone: 450 books
- Milestone: 750 books
- Milestone: 1,000 books

