



PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED FOR MOONSTONE BOOKSTORE IN RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA

THE MOONSTONE BOOKSTORE AND EMPORIUM in Red Cloud Nebraska is pleased to announce that it will be hosting two programs as part of its ongoing *A Conversation With . . .* lecture series. The programs are free of charge and open to the public.

The first program is entitled *An Evening with the Journals of Lewis and Clark* and will take place on September 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. This program explores the journals which Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark kept during their epic journey with readings by Peter Osborne, the presenter, along with photographs of the scenes described. This Power Point presentation includes handouts and other visual aids.

The Lewis and Clark Expedition (1803–1806), headed by Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, was the first American overland expedition to go to the Pacific Ocean and return. In 2008, the presenter spent twelve weeks following the trail of the most famous expedition in U.S. history. In addition, the bookstore's gallery space will include a display of photographs of some of the most notable places and landmarks the presenter saw on his trip.

The second program will take place on September 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. and is entitled *Having the Last Word: America's Obsession with Obits* and will be given by Sally Stich. Stich is a Willa Cather Foundation board member and will present an abridged version of her Denver-based adult ed class with the same title. Why's this a hot topic? In a word: Boomers—who are determined to have the final say about themselves. Come learn the history, the politics, and the ethics of obits (social media has changed the game!), how reading obits is good for your health and , finally, why the *New York Times* is the gold standard of obits. We will read and discuss Willa Cather's 1947 New York Times obituary.

The Moonstone Bookstore and Emporium is located at 345 Webster Street in Red Cloud and opened in 2018. Its name comes from the fictional Colorado town that Willa Cather used to describe her childhood hometown in the novel *The Song of the Lark*. The Moonstone Bookstore is a full-service independently owned bookstore that strives to serve the community not only as a retail store but as a place people can gather, have conversations, and feel at home. For additional information about the bookstore visit its web page at www.themoonstonebookstore.com or its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TheMoonstoneBookstore.

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