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GWW Books, February 12, 2018: **Ipswich Library Hosts Hometown Author, Gary Wietgreffe**

When was the last time you were in the historic Markus P. Beebe Memorial Library in downtown Ipswich? It is time to return, February 21!

Hometown author, Gary Wietgreffe, will present his latest two hardcover books to long-time librarian, Ruby Bosanko at 2:30 pm. His two books, *Relating to Ancient Culture*, and *Relating to Ancient Learning* will join nearly 20,000 publications available in the historic building.

Founding of the Ipswich Library date back before South Dakota statehood. After burning to the ground twice, the widow and children of Ipswich businessman and philanthropist, Marcus P. Beebe, had the present, fireproof stone structure built in 1931—the heart of the Great Depression.

Returning often to Ipswich the last few years to assist his ailing mother, the late Bernice Wietgreffe, Gary enjoyed the local library to write and research his latest two books.

Bernice Wietgreffe, also was born in 1931 and passed away a year ago, February 21, 2017.

“This return is like an honorary memorial to my mother. Bernice and the Ipswich Library were under-appreciated gems,” commented Wietgreffe. “Several references in my books were from her personal library and the Ipswich Library dating back to the 1800s.”

“Some of those library books haven’t been checked out for over sixty years,” continued Wietgreffe. “Mine are easy to read books with many interesting stories.”

With no home, no apartment and usually without a vehicle, Gary and his wife Patricia, have traveled the last five years observing developed and undeveloped cultures and learning systems. Gary found many undeveloped areas of the world similar to his family background.

Intrigued by similarities, he began comparing stories of childhood, school, sports, work, and pleasure. What he began to realize is that the modern tech-savvy culture is returning to ancient family structure, leaning systems, and social activity.

Starting in Ipswich, Wietgreffe will deliver over twenty presentations in the next month with his book signing kickoff in Sioux Falls February 26 (his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday). From there he presents at the internationally renowned Tucson Festival of Books on the University of Arizona Campus March 10 and 11 and finalizes his tour in La Penita de Jaltemba, Mexico March 25.

Intriguing topics he will present include: *Riddles of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Culture*; *Why the School System won’t last*; *21<sup>st</sup> Century Technophobia and Busiphobia*; and *Why are we losing our Memory? Its Impact on Society*.

To greet the returning author, stop by the Ipswich Library February 21 between 2:30 to 4:30 pm February 21. Vilas Pharmacy, Ipswich will have his books on hand. The author will donate \$5.00 to the Ipswich Library for each book sold through Vilas Pharmacy between February 21 and March 10.