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Prairie Forge Author James J. Kimble at Kearney Public Library

The Kearney Public Library invites you to an evening with James Kimble, author of "*Prairie Forge: The Extraordinary Story of the Nebraska Scrap Metal Drive of World War II*". His presentation will be in-person on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

What did Henry Doorly, Cornhusker football, and the patriotic spirit of Nebraskans have to do with the Allied victory in World War II? Find out in this talk from James J. Kimble, who will go behind the scenes of his research for *Prairie Forge*, the 2021 One Book One Nebraska title. You'll step back into the dramatic home front in 1942, witness the scrap metal disaster that nearly derailed the Allied war effort, and see for yourself just why Nebraska was so central to winning the greatest war in history.

James J. Kimble is an associate professor in the Department of Communication and the Arts at Seton Hall University. He is the co-producer of *Scrappers: How the Heartland Won World War II*, a feature documentary on the 1942 scrap drives. This program is free and recommended for ages 16 and up.

Kearney Public Library is located at 2020 1st Avenue, Kearney, Nebraska.

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