



Converse County Library Bridges

The mission of the Converse County Library System is to uphold the public's freedom of access to information by providing educational, informational, cultural, and entertainment services and materials in a variety of technologies and formats.

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Just Because We Like to Read III: Top Book Group Favorites

The Converse County Library hosts the annual read-and discuss book series. Participants have an opportunity to read and discuss some of the best available fiction novels. The series is comprised of seven books for 2006-2007. The programs are free and open to all. Prior to the discussion, books are available for checkout at the library. The group, usually 10-12 in number, then return monthly to discuss the book. For more information, please contact the library at 300 Walnut Street or call (307) 358-3644.

Just Because We Like To Read III: Top Book Group Favorites

- *The Curious Incident of the Dog at Night-time* by Mark Haddon—November 15th
- *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon—January 17th

- *The Lost Mother* by Mary McGarry Morris—February 21st
- *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini—March 21st
- *The Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague* by Geraldine Brooks—April 18th

All book discussions will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Converse County Library.

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The Look of a Future Library

What should a new library look like? That's the question staff, trustees, foundation members and supporters will consider soon, hoping to develop a picture for the future. With the needs assessment in hand, we're all clear more space is needed. But where we can find that space, how it can be developed and the layout of a new library to meet the community's needs are still topics un-

der discussion. Meanwhile, Director Karen Hopkins is sending out letters to architects and engineers, asking for their interest in our projects. Board President Bob Shinmori is pulling together a funding request for a Wyoming Community Development Block Grant, which would cover the costs of hiring an architect to take us forward in the process. That grant request will have to be approved by

local government as well, and the board will approach the county commissioners for their go-ahead soon. The board is planning at least one meeting before the end of the year to bring staff, interested citizens, library trustees and foundation members together. Ideally, this meeting will help better delineate what exactly we're looking for in a new library.



From the Rock in the Glen

For your visual edification, we will have a set of prints from Hans Kleiber titled "Avian Wildlife of the Northern Rockies" on display from November 3 through November 20 in the Community Room. This set conveys Kleiber's love of wildlife, and birds in particular. He had a special fondness for ducks, which he depicted more often than any other bird. Drawn from the University of Wyoming Art Museum's collection of more than 400 Hans Kleiber works, this exhibition is organized by the University of Wyoming Art Museum and toured through its Regional Touring Exhibition Service.

December will see the second of three book distributions for the RIF program. The actual dates have not been set, but I'm sure we can plan on them being sometime in the first half of the month!

This being the time of year for giving, we thought we'd give everyone a little easier time getting to a computer. We are anticipating the arrival of two additional laptop computers for use by our patrons. They will be setup for operation on the table currently hosting our two present laptops giving us a total of eight full access public computers, one PC

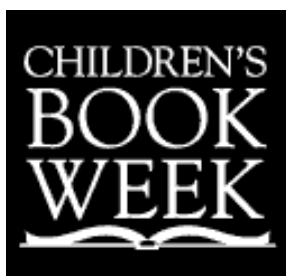
dedicated to serving as a card catalog/microfiche machine, and one computer in the Children's department dedicated to the education/enjoyment of our youngest library users.

We had a wonderful birthday party for Winnie the Pooh this past Saturday, October 28. Quite a few of our young patrons stopped in for stories, Winnie the Pooh facts and interesting tidbits, and of course, cake and punch! Happy Birthday Winnie!



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Celebrate Children's Book Week November 13th-19th



This year, Children's Book Week is November 13th-19th, and the theme is "More Books Please!". To celebrate this annual event, the Converse County Library's main branch will be promoting the written word through regular Story Times, school visits and Head Start programs. We will be introducing children to new authors, great stories, and we will be having tons of fun the entire time!

Libraries, educators, book vendors and families have been celebrating Children's Book Week since 1919. Initially the Boy Scouts of America developed the program, for the desire to give



boys new direction in their reading. As the program spread it gained the official approval of the American Library Association and has been celebrated ever since with growing popularity.

So remember that November 13th-19th is Children's Book Week, and there are so many great children's books to celebrate and share with a child.

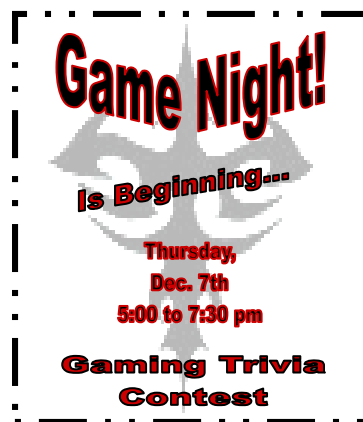
Special points of interest:

- Story Time continues on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and again on Fridays at 10:00 a.m.
- Story time breaks the week of Thanksgiving and December 13th through January 2nd. It begins again January 3rd!
- November 13th-14th Children's Book Week
- Book Signing by Betty Schmidt and Lorena Deimer November 14, @ 3:30 p.m.
- Conservation District presentation on Native American Foods Nov. 28th @ 3:30 p.m.
- Game Night Begins Dec. 7th
- The Converse County Libraries will be closed the following days for the Holidays. November 23-25 for Thanksgiving, December 25th for Christmas and January 1st for New Years Day.

Game Night Returning for Teens at the Library

Game Night begins Thursday, December 7th with a Gaming Trivia Contest from 5 pm to 7:30 pm. Young adults have opportunity to put their knowledge to work by answering questions about popular games both mental and physical. The top three contestants will win

prizes ranging from a \$2 Get Out of Fines Free card, collectable cards, gift certificates, and books. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Game Night continues all winter on Thursday nights. This level of fun is only at your local Converse County Library.



Teen Read Week



"Get Active" was the theme for Teen Read Week of 2006. The Casper/Glenrock/Douglas chapter of the

SCA (Society for Creative Anachronism) was here to demonstrate their enthusiasm for medieval recreation. Talks about crafting armor, period clothing, and battle reenactment safety were given. The crowd of thirty participants of all ages then went outside to watch a demonstration of armed combat in the falling snow. Afterward the teens were allowed to try out their new sword fighting skills with padded, safety boffers.

The teen department of the Converse County Library thanks the Plattefordham Shire members of the SCA for sharing their passion for medieval history and giving us another great avenue to be active and creative in.

For more information about the SCA visit them on the web at www.sca.org, or for local information go to www.plattefordham.com.

MedlinePlus Database available to Converse County Library Patrons

The Converse County Library was present at the Converse County Health Fair on October 28th. Staff at the booth gave demonstrations of the online medical database MedlinePlus.

MedlinePlus is an online database available at Wyoming libraries and provides up to date, quality consumer health information. Ad-free and well organized, the site is easy to use and does not endorse any company or product. Unlike other ad-

free websites, this database is free to the public.

MedlinePlus is a goldmine of good health information from the world's largest medical library, the National Library of Medicine. Health professionals and consumers alike can depend on it for information that is authoritative and up to date. MedlinePlus has extensive information from the National Institutes of Health and other trusted sources on over 700 diseases and conditions. There

are also lists of hospitals and physicians, a medical encyclopedia and a medical dictionary, health information in Spanish, extensive information on prescription and nonprescription drugs, health information from the media, and links to thousands of clinical trials.

Take a look at MedlinePlus at medlineplus.gov



Wyoming Author's Book Signing at Converse County Library

The Converse County Library will be hosting authors Betty Schmidt and Lorena Deimer on November 14th beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Betty Schmidt is the author of *Meeteetse The Start of Big Horn County*. This book was released on November 2nd. In her book she discusses the making of Wyoming, the reason and formation of how Meeteetse became the first shopping center in the basin, the town leaders that helped Meeteetse become the top com-

munity in the area from 1880-1930 and much more information about the area. The book has stories, pictures and homestead information. A map accompanies the book to let you watch the ranches grow, relocate and change the type of livestock production they are doing.

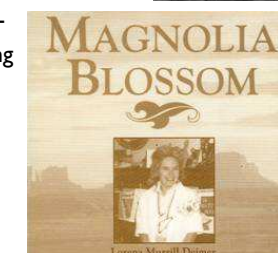
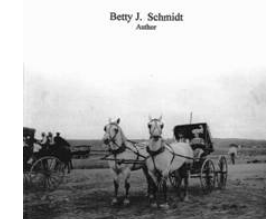
Lorena Deimer is the author of *Magnolia Blossom*. She wrote this book about her mother's life and how she became a resident of Wyoming. "I wrote this book,

because I felt that her story should be told." she said. She feels that only with a fascination with her ancestry and through research and study, she could obtain the background for writing this book.

Betty Schmidt's next project is a book on Fort Fetterman and Lorena Deimer is currently working on her next book *Roots of Evil*.

Both authors are current residents of Douglas, Wyoming.

MEETEETSE The Start of the Big Horn Basin 1880-1930 Early Pioneers and Their stories



Shopping Spree Raffle Offered By Converse County Library Foundation

Like a little help with your holiday shopping needs? The Converse County Library Foundation is sponsoring a holiday raffle to benefit the Converse County Library System Building Fund. Two shopping sprees for \$750 and \$250 will be awarded in a drawing on December 10, 2006. Pur-

chases may be made at any Douglas or Glenrock business. Tickets are available for a \$10 donation and only 250 tickets will be sold. All donations are tax-deductible. Tickets are available from any foundation member, at the Douglas or Glenrock library, or look for them around the town at your

favorite businesses too. Foundation members to contact in Douglas are Jane Werth, Art Baldrey, Donna Baldrey, Jane Hinz, and Stephanie McCawley. Glenrock members are Susan Henry, Richard Cannady, and Mary Cannady.

