



Converse County Library Bridges

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Providing a wealth of resources to make a positive difference*

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From the Rock in the Glen

Our Summer Reading is off to a flying start. It kicked off with the Sled Dogs with Pam Dunn, Jo and Trebor Teel and Darryl Williams. Last weeks events included Lester & Norma Grant bringing their horses and buggy down from Turtle Rock Ranch for children to see and a wonderful story time with Clifford the Big Red Dog activities.

For most of the month of July, we will have an art exhibit on display in our Community Room from the University of Wyoming's Art Museum Traveling Exhibit Program.



We would also like to welcome Johnna Grant to our staff for the summer. Johnna will be working in the li-

This exhibit is titled "Days of Yesteryear: Prints by Hans Kleiber". This set of 23 prints in northeastern Wyoming in the early 20th century. We will be holding our annual book sale during the month of August. Available during the sale will be older selections removed from our collection, donations from our patrons, and some older used computers.

brary until early August when she heads off to college. If you have a free minute, stop in and meet her and see how the library has changed!



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Summer Reading has Begun!



Summer Reading kicked off on June 20th with an artistic flare! While the sidewalks were decorated with designs from the Sidewalk Art Contest, the teens tried their hands at some Monstrous Construction.

This year's theme is Paw's Claws, Scales and Tales for the children's program.

Throughout each week there will be extra fun programs, crafts, games and a book discussion for the older children. We have a musical group "Double Play" coming to share their talents on July 7th at 3:30 and Chad Lore will be joining in the final celebration on Saturday, July 29th from 12:00 to 2:00 P.M.

The theme for the teen summer reading program is Creature Feature. Some of the teen programs will feature Wild Animal Jeopardy, Creepy Sock Puppets, and a book discussion on Christopher Golden's *Prowlers*. Every week there will be a random drawing from tickets the teens turn in for attending programs, reading a book, listening to music CDs and other such activities for a chance at a prize.

Summer Reading is not just for kids and teens! We are inviting everyone to join this year's Adult Summer Reading program. There is still plenty of time to sign up and join the fun!



Gregerson Completes Library Media Practicum at the Library

Laurie Gregerson completed her six weeks practicum objectives mid-May through June at the Converse County Library. She is pursuing her Library Media Specialist Degree from the University of Montana. Gregerson is currently the Library Media Specialist at Douglas Intermediate School. She has been employed by CCSD#1 for the past ten years as a rural school teacher, second and third

grade teacher, before moving to the school library in 2004. Gregerson, originally from Montana, resides in Douglas with her daughter Shealynn. She also has an older daughter Vanessa who is married and resides in Fort Riley, Kansas.

Laurie Smathers, Children's Librarian said, "She was a big help with sign-up for the summer reading program and we couldn't have done it without her." Other staff

reported that Gregerson filled a big gap by filling in during busy periods at the circulation desk and helping patrons.

Gregerson said she enjoyed working with the staff and that her time here was much too short!

The library staff wish Gregerson the very best with her career goals and extend our appreciation for all the help while Laurie was with the library.



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National High School Rodeo's Photo Exhibit at Converse County Library



are doing things which are interesting, worthwhile, and a little bit unusual. While teaching math and government in the public schools of Michigan in the 1960s-1990s, Kisken developed an interest in photography. As he puts it, "I got serious about photography 18 years ago when I first started traveling out west during the summer. With his retirement, he was able to devote more time to his hobby. Regarding his photos he said, "I'm not very focused. I have no responsibilities and I wander around taking photos of whatever I want." He now lives in Casper, Wyo-



ming. His photo collections range from scenery to hobos, to brandings and rodeos. Really, anything that strikes his fancy. Kisken's work has been published in the South Dakotan Magazine and in the Wyoming Livestock Roundup.

A display of photos from past National High School Rodeo performances photographed by local photographer Bob Kisken is on display at the library through July 7th. The exhibit will return following the Kleiber exhibit July 10-28. Kisken is one of those people who

Special points of interest:

- July 4th-Library Closed for Independence Day
- July 6th-Murder Mystery Party for teen summer reading
- July 7th-Double Play @ 3:30
- July 11th-Dog Obedience with Jenni Mittleider @2:00
- July 18th-Roy Gordon with Serendipity Fibers @2:00
- July 24th-Julie Evans Program on Habitats @ 3:30
- July 29th-Summer Reading Awards with Chad Lore @12:00

Wyoming Reads



Mesa Theatre and was also read to by a "Celebrity Reader" who so generously volunteered their time. Just a few of the "Celebrity Read-

With the cooperation of the Converse County School District who provided transportation and lunches the day was a big hit with the children. Converse County Library hopes to help bring many more 1st graders the joy of great literature and a fun day here at the library for the next "Wyoming Reads" program.

Thanks to the "Sue Jorgensen Library Foundation", May 16th was the first state wide Wyoming Reads program, and it was an enormous success. A total of 180 1st graders from Converse County, including Douglas, Glenrock, home school children and rural school children attended the program. Each child received a book of their choice, watched a short film at the

ers" were Dennis Switzer from KKTY, Police Chief Lori Emmert, Superintendent of Schools Dan Espelend and Converse County Bank President Tom Saunders. The Cat in the Hat and Clifford the Big Red Dog also stopped by to visit with the children, which they all enjoyed very much.



Book Discussion with a Twist

Whether you stop a friend on the street, gather in a living room or at the local library, pick up a copy of Oprah's latest pick, or join an online discussion, people love to share a good book.

The library's 2006-07 book discussion program leads off with a free online book discussion this July. Featured is Octavia Butler's novel *Parable of the Sower*. Registration is available on the Wyoming Council for the Humanities' website at www.uwyo.edu/humanities. Limited copies of the book are available for loan at the library.

The first annual Converse County Reads program set for October features *An Unfinished Life* by Wyoming

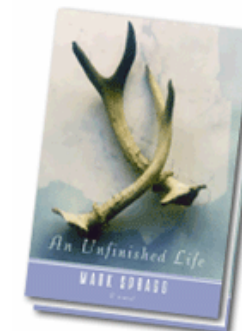
author Mark Spragg. Books will be available in September at both the Douglas and Glenrock libraries. A number of activities are scheduled with a library led discussion set for October.

Also selected for this year's Just Because We Like to Read Read-And-Discuss series are: *The Lost Mother* by Mary McGarry Morris, *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards, *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini, *Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague* by Geraldine Brooks, *Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon, and *The Curious Incident of the Dog at Nighttime* by Mark Haddon.

The read-and-discuss group meets on the third Wednesday of each month. A complete schedule, guide, and copies of the first book will be available at the library in mid-August.

Coming this fall the library will be preparing an assortment of book club kits ready for checkout. Included in these kits will be eight to ten copies of a selected title, a discussion guide to help the discussion leaders and tips for a successful book group.

Now all that is left to do is find a time that is convenient for you, your friends and neighbors to meet!



NoveList K-8 Offers a Guide to Great Summer Time Reading

In a previous issue NoveList, the guide to fiction for adult readers was highlighted. NoveList K-8 now joins its sister database and allows young readers to discover the fiction titles that are popular with other booklovers.

If you found a favorite book while reading for the Paws, Claws, Scales, Tales summer reading program at the library, you can find more books to read with NoveList K-8. You can find stories about animals, books that are set in a

particular country, books about different cultures and relationships, as well as titles to develop your appreciation of literature. NoveList's full-text book reviews from trusted sources such as *Booklist* and *School Library Journal* let you determine whether or not a particular title is right for you.

Users can also browse hundreds of theme-oriented book lists for readers at all grade levels through Explore Fiction, and look for award-winning and recommended

titles in Best Fiction. Many title records have direct links to web sites with information about the author.

Check out NoveList at www.conversecountylibrary.org or stop by the library and browse the database on one of the library's public access computers. NoveListK-8 will help you find not only a summer's worth of great reading, but titles to enjoy all year 'round.

Check out NoveList K-8 today at www.conversecountylibrary.org

Kleiber's Avian Wildlife of the Northern Rockies Prints at the Converse County Library

Drawn from the University of Wyoming Art Museum's collection of more than 400 works by Hans Kleiber (1887-1967), Hans Kleiber: Avian Wildlife of the Northern Rockies conveys Kleiber's love of wildlife and birds in particular.

Born in Germany, Kleiber immigrated to the United States in 1900 when he was thirteen years old. In 1907 he relocated to Dayton, Wyoming when he took a job with the newly-formed U.S. Forest

Service. His work with the Forest Service took him all over the Northwest, from eastern Washington to the international boundary of northern Minnesota. This was a diverse and beautiful region that would eventually inspire his artwork.

Kleiber did not have any formal art training, however, in the 1920s he learned printmaking to earn extra money for his family. His imagery of nature and wildlife was popular among outdoor enthusi-

asts in the United States and England. In 1924 he resigned from the Forest Service and devoted all his time to art. By 1929 Kleiber was exhibiting widely and developing a reputation as an important Wyoming artist.

This display will be at the Douglas Library from July 10-28th and the Glenrock Branch will be displaying Kleiber's "Day's of Yesteryear" exhibit in July.



Pheasants III by Hans Kleiber