



Converse County Library Bridges

The Mission of the Converse County Library System:
*Providing a wealth of resources to make a positive difference
in the lives of our patrons.*

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Children's Summer Reading Kicks Off June 11th with Cody Landstrom

The library is thrilled to welcome back Cody Landstrom to kick off our Summer Reading program on June 11th, at 3:00p.m.

Cody will amaze us with his skills of comedy magic, masterful juggling and astonishing slight of hand.

Witness the teleporting balls, the knot that jumps, expert lassoing, amazing juggling, stunning mind

reading and much, much more. Coins change right in someone's hand; cards melt through the table top and reappear in a pocket. Poker demonstrations, ancient and modern gambling scams and the infamous 3 card monte swindle are all presented with a tongue-in-cheek, lead-'em-down-the-garden-path style that will leave the audience stunned, laughing, wanting

more. Cody's performance is suitable for any age so join us and experience a memorable time, filled with laughter, mystery, fun and audience participation.
www.codylandstrom.com



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Young Adult Summer Reading

YNK is the theme for the Converse County Library's 2007 teen summer reading program. There will be more programs, more challenges and more social events available for teens this summer. Game night will continue on Thursdays, crafts and artistic things will be flung on Tuesday, book discussion held on Wednesday, and a writers group will make sharp pencils sing on Fridays. You never know what might happen this summer; contests

of wit and will-power, parties of puzzling murder, and some plot-twist page turners to kick back with and enjoy are all awaiting teens at the library.



From the Rock in the Glen

As summer rapidly approaches, we are busily preparing for the 2007 Summer Reading Program – Get A Clue! Registration will commence in Glenrock on Monday, June 4th, with programming starting on Monday, June 11th, and continuing through Awards Day on Wednesday, July 25th. In between, we'll have a couple of Teen nights, a Family movie night, a Scavenger Hunt, some Storytime and craft/projects days

and other delightful events. All of this will be kicked off with a program by Cody Landstrom on Tuesday, June 12th, at 10:30 AM. Hope to see you all there.

A little more immediate in nature was the loss of Cheryl Hamilton to greener pastures in Colorado on May 4th. Best of luck down south Cheryl. To help fill in this summer, we are very fortunate to have Johnna Grant back. Welcome home for the

summer Johnna!!

On display in our Community Room for the months of May and June is artwork from Glenrock resident Harry Blantz. This will be followed by an exhibit from the University of Wyoming in the month of July.



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Adult Summer Reading

Mayhem... Murder... Mystery...?

Adult Summer Reading 2007 Starts June 11th!! Figure out who-dunnit...as you read and

then gather clues to solve the game. We will have weekly drawings for mystery prizes and a final drawing at the end of the program. Take a stab at our weekly trivia questions...see if you can detect an answer or two for added prizes.



Building Fund

Library officials plan to interview three architectural firms in early June, and to select one of those candidates for the Douglas and Glenrock construction projects. Once an architect is selected, plans should move forward quickly, although actual construction is likely still several years out. The architect will be tasked with evaluating the current library facilities in both communities, as well as potential sites for new construction. Library leaders need to know whether extensive remodeling will alleviate the space shortages, or if new structures will be necessary. If new structures are needed, the architectural firms will evaluate

several sites in each community, discuss strengths and weaknesses, including building and operating costs, and present those findings to the library board of trustees. While the options are difficult to define right now, one possibility is partnering with other community groups and agencies in Glenrock to make use of space in the old Glenrock Middle School, which was essentially closed down by the School Facilities Commission because the building had more space than necessary for the number of students enrolled. Glenrock Branch Manager Paul Pidde is attending meetings to discuss this option. While the library foundation has

some funds set aside to begin this architectural phase, the library board of directors is also anticipating a state grant administered through the Wyoming Business Council to cover the costs. Board Chairman Bob Shinmori volunteered his time to prepare the grant application, and is anxiously awaiting word from the funders.

Special points of interest:

- Game/Movie Night will be ending in May
- Story for preschoolers aged 3-5 years, Wednesdays 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m.
- Library closed for Memorial Day, May 27th
- Wyoming Reads- May 15th
- Summer Reading begins June 11th with Cody Landstrom @ 3:00
- Halo 2 LAN Party Thursday May 17th @ 5:00

Halo 2 LAN Party
Converse County Library
Thursday May 17th
5:00- 7:45
Sign up at front desk
Parental permission Required if under 17.

Limited space— Sign up now! Ages 12-19

For more Information contact Ian at 358-3644

Game Night Party

The Converse County Library will be hosting a Halo 2 LAN party. Those who are interested can sign up at the library, and those under 17 need to get a permission slip signed by their parents. This Game Night is guaranteed to go out with a Bang!

National Library Week

Enthusiasm for the National Library Week talent show on Saturday, April 21, 2007 at the Douglas library was wonderful. We had a total of 11 acts sign-up, with 7 present, to perform for a crowd of around 30. The acts varied from signing to music, singing and violins, to balloon animals and pig noises. All of the performers were wonderful and some even brought tears to the crowds' eyes. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes were awarded in each age category and there was one Grand Prize awarded. The prizes consisted of Chamber Bucks worth \$10,

\$15 and \$25. The Grand Prize was a donation of \$100 from "Life of the Party"- Karaoke/DJ Services of Douglas.

WINNERS

12 and under

- 1st place- Morgan Mariner
- 2nd place- Amanda Dority
- 3rd place- Camille Neuharth

13-18

- 1st place- Zachary Henderson
- 2nd place- Paige Jordan
- 3rd place- Sabrina Muncy

OVERALL GRAND PRIZE WINNER WAS MORGAN MARINER!

Congratulations to all of our winners and to all of the participants who entered. You were all wonderful and we look forward to seeing you in the future. Thank you to "Life of the Party" for your generous donation and to our judges Chris and Donovan Schirmer.



HeritageQuest Online

This online database is an essential collection of unique material for both genealogical and historical researchers, with coverage dating back to the late 1700s. Researchers can use HeritageQuest Online to find their ancestors, trace their paths across America, and learn what life was like in the areas where they settled.

HeritageQuest Online includes all of the images, and extensive indexing, from the 1790-1930 U.S. federal censuses. It offers more than 20,000 book titles, including nearly 8,000 family histories and over 12,000 local histories. Additionally, there are more than 250 primary-source documents such as tax lists, city directories, Probate records and more.

All of these resources are fully searchable through HeritageQuest Online's easy to use Web interface.

Go to conversecountylibrary.org and click on the WYLD CAT logo in the upper left corner. Under "Additional Databases" click on "more" and scroll down to the HeritageQuest Online link. For more assistance please ask a librarian.

