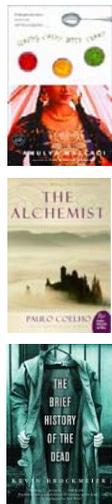


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Book Discussion Series Continues

 **The Fig Eater** by Jody Shields is the January selection for the Just Because We Like to Read IV program. Read it now and Join the discussion Wednesday, January 16 at the Converse County Library, 7:00 p.m.

Shield's novel is an intriguing story about the murder of Dora, a

young 18-year-old woman found dead in a park. The contents of her stomach at the time of death contained a half digested fig. She was also a patient of Dr. Freud. You see, the murder occurred in Vienna, Austria, 1910.

Serving Crazy with Curry by Amulya Malladi-February 20, 2007

The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho-March 19, 2007

The Brief History of the Dead by Kevin Brockmeier-April 16, 2007

Board hires architect

Randall Hein Associates of Casper, WY has been hired by the Converse County Library Board of Trustees to move forward with a site analysis of the present library building locations. The analysis will determine if present library sites will accommodate the needed expansion recommended to ease overcrowded conditions and future growth. The analysis is expected to be completed in February 2008.

How To Love Your Library

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February 11-16, 2008 is a week-long celebration of your library. This is a time to recognize the important role your library plays in the cultural and economic success of your local communities and the nation as a whole. Whether they depend on the library for bestselling books, children's story times, or access to computers and the Internet, Converse County residents are encouraged to show how much they love their library this week.

A number of special activities are being planned @ your library. Contests, prizes, rewards, refreshments, and more.

Below are some other ideas for how Converse County residents can love their library.

- Consider a tax-deductible gift to your library. The library foundation has an endowment and other opportunities to support

quality library services. Some other ways you can contribute are:

- Donate your time and expertise.
- Nominate your library as your community project for the year.
- Buy your library a subscription to a popular magazine.
- Honor a friend or relative's birthday with a book for the library.
- Donate a book or a whole shelf of books.
- Remember your library in your estate planning.
- Write a check to your library's Foundation.
- Donate your books for the annual book sale.
- Volunteer to work at the annual book sale.
- Nurture plants.
- Present an adult program.
- Read stories to children.

- Maintain local information or history files.
- Attend county commissioner meetings to urge them to invest in the library as a vital community resource, one that will save substantial tax dollars for helping people of all ages become more literate and productive.
- Support library referenda in elections.
- Write to your state and federal legislators and demand that library service be viewed and funded as a necessary public service.
- Share your concern with friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers. Many people are not aware of the funding problems libraries are experiencing nationally or in their own communities. Encourage others to get involved.
- Write a letter to the editor of your newspaper or call in to a radio talk show to express your support for the public library.

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Converse County Bank makes donation to Children's Department

Have you noticed the new educational toys for your children in the Children's Department? Thanks to a donation from our very own Converse County Bank the library was able to purchase a number of new fun, as well as educational, toys for children to use while visiting the library. If you are at the bank be sure and say thank you.

In September we explored the "jungle". Now it's the holiday season and in January we will discover the ocean in the children's area.

Programs:

Story time, 3-5 year olds, Wednesdays, 10:30 & 1:30. Each week has a different theme. We read stories and make a craft. Toddler Time is the 3rd Monday

of each month at 10:30. A special program just for 0-3 year olds and a parent or guardian. We will read some stories, do an easy craft, and play.

The Book Nook Club meets the first and 3rd Thursdays of each month, from 3:30-5:00 p.m., The club now has 16 members in grades K-5 who attend regularly. Holiday parties, games, crafts, lock-ins, and reading lots of new books are just some of the activities enjoyed by participants. Programs are free. Now on holiday break, programs start again January 14, 2008.

I have been at my job for 7 months now and I would like to thank everyone who has supported all of my programs and the many new friends I have made and meeting all of your great kids. I am always open to suggestions and new ideas, just come by and visit with me.

--Tara Brown, Children's Librarian

Douglas Library now accepts Credit Cards

As a convenience to our patrons, the main library in Douglas is now accepting credit card payments for those who may need to pay for copies, fines, or printouts. This is also a great way to make a donation to the Converse County Library Foundation. The Foundation is undertaking a three-year project to build a permanent endowment for the benefit of the Converse County Library System. Your help would be appreciated today.



Books Brought Me Back

Young Adult literature has always been known for its controversial books. *The Chocolate war*, *Fahrenheit 451*, *Doing It*, *Crank*, *The Sledding Hill*; all address subjects that go to the edge. Many of the books you find in the "YA" section of the library explore not only intense transitional moments in life, but also the complex emotions that accompany them. How wonderful is it that a teen can find something to identify with in their life through a well written book, rather than a thirty minute episode of something fast written for TV?

Jane Satrapi is now an award winning animated film that tells of the author's life growing up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution. These are just a few of my favorites.

So here are my words of thanks. To the authors, librarians, parents and educators who understand the value of an intense book. Namely, I am thankful to my late English teacher Pol Holt, who put a copy of *Siddhartha* by Herman Hesse into the hands of an angry seventeen year old. I stood on the brink with that book; and most importantly, I returned.

--Ian Lindeman,

Teen Librarian



Remember Teen Game Night, Thursday, 5-7:30 p.m.



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New releases include:

- *Book of the Dead* by Patricia Cornwell
- *Be the Pack leader; Use Cesar's Way to Transform Your Dog and Your Life*
- *I Am Legend: [And Other Stories]* by Richard Matheson
- *Love, Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli

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Ducks of the Season



If you think rubber duckies are only for the bathtub, think again. Now on display in the library's exhibit case through January is a collection of rubber ducks dressed in all their holiday finery. The collection is courtesy of Lisa Chadwick. Lisa currently has over 400 ducks in her collection, which she has been collecting for many years. Even her children will pick out ducks for her from the prize box at school.

A Little Thing Called Love

Match the Couple with the Book **Drop by the library. Win a prize. Drawing February 16, 2008**

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| 1. Elizabeth and Mr. Darcy | A. <i>Jane Eyre</i> |
| 2. Elinor and Edward | B. <i>Gone with the Wind</i> |
| 3. Jane and Edward | C. <i>Phantom of the Opera</i> |
| 4. Catherine and Heathcliffe | D. <i>The Once and Future King</i> |
| 5. Claire and Jamie | E. <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> |
| 6. Christine and Erik | F. <i>Dr. Zhivago</i> |
| 7. Ralph and Meggie | G. <i>The Bridges of Madison County</i> |
| 8. Rhett and Scarlett | H. <i>The Outlander</i> |
| 9. Yuri and Lara | I. <i>Ivanhoe</i> |
| 10. Eleanor of Aquitaine & Henry I | J. <i>Sense and Sensibility</i> |
| 11. Ivanhoe and Rowena | K. <i>Cyrano de Bergerac</i> |
| 12. Robert and Francesca | L. <i>The Thorn Birds</i> |
| 13. Lancelot and Guinevere | M. <i>The Queen's Man</i> |
| 14. Cyrano and Roxanne | N. <i>Wuthering Heights</i> |



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*Providing a wealth of resources to make a positive difference
in the lives of our patrons.*

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From the Rock in the Glen - Glenrock Branch Library News

Greetings! We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and is enjoying a fabulous New Year! With the weather that Wyoming typically has, that can be the greatest gift or the largest chunk of coal of the season.

Our new scheduling software is installed and running with staff and patrons alike getting used to the different way of handling public computer access. Kirk did an excellent job of getting the server setup, the scheduling soft-

ware installed and configured on the public computers, and instructing the staff on how to use it and what to watch for. Thank you Kirk.

Rita will be re-starting Story-Time in January on Wednesday the 2nd with a New Years Day party for the kids!

February will bring Love My Library festivities, so keep an eye open for future announcements in the Library and in the newspapers.

Tentative planning is going on for the summer reading program for this coming summer, watch for more information on "Catch the Reading Bug!" in future issues and in the papers.