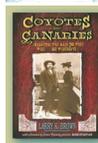


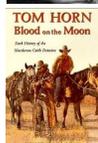
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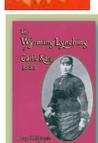
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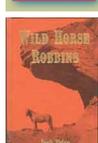
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Craig Johnson to Visit the Converse County Libraries

Craig Johnson, Wyoming author, who pens the Sheriff Walt Longmire novels, appears at the Converse County Library on Tuesday, September 28 at 6:30 pm and at the Glenrock Senior Center on Thursday, September 30 at 6:30 pm.

Johnson has received high praise for his Longmire titles with *Publisher's Weekly* naming *The Dark Horse* one of the best books of 2009 while *Another Man's Moccasins* received the Western Writer's of

America Spur Award for best novel of 2008 as well as Mountains and Plains award for fiction book of the year.

His novel *The Cold Dish* will be the topic of the September book discussion at the library.

Johnson lives in Ucross, WY, population 25.



Library Usage Looking Good

Even though buildings are "bursting at the seams, library statistics show county libraries continue to be busy places. Nearly 110,000 library users visited the Douglas and Glenrock facilities in 2009-2010. Almost 89,000 items were checked out and in-house use of computers and other equipment reached almost 32,000. After hours parking has become increasingly popular as people take advantage of the library's free Wi-Fi service. Adult and children's book circulation was down about 4%, offset by Books on CD usage up 10% and DVD usage growing 9%. Douglas' young adult department also showed another healthy 22% increase in book circulation.

Library Visits	109,986
Items Checked Out	88,883
Book Circulation	46,432
Audio materials Circulation	8,207
Video Materials Circulation	21,772
Magazine Circulation	2,579
Computer/Equipment Usage	31,960
Programs	335
Program Attendance	8050
Interlibrary Loans Lent	1,632
Interlibrary Loans Borrowed	446
County Tax Appropriation	\$750,085
Mill Levy	1.078

Library Celebrates Banned Books Week

Converse County Libraries will join in the national celebration of the freedom to read September 25 - October 2, 2010. Banned Books Week was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in challenged books. Since then more than 1,000 books have been challenged in every state and hundreds of communities.

People challenge books because they are too sexual, too violent, contain profanity and slang, or have what is considered offensive portrayals of racial or religious group--or positive portrayals of homosexuals. Targets range from books that explore contemporary issues and controversies to classic and beloved works of American literature.

The ten most challenged books in 2009 according to 460 challenges received at the Office of Intellectual Freedom of the American Library Association are:

- *Tyt, ttfn, 18r, g8R (series)* by

Lauren Myracle.

- *And Tango Makes Three* by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson
- *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky
- *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- *Twilight (series)* by Stephanie Meyers
- *Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger
- *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult
- *The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big, Round Things* by Carolyn Mackler
- *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker
- *The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier

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Chatter from the Children's Department



My favorite time of the year is just around the corner, "Fall". Autumn in the Children's Library means fun stories, crafts, and treats. There will be a few changes this year. Story time will now be taking place on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. beginning September 15. The story and activi-

ties will be the same both days.

Beginning in October we start our "Pajamarama" story time. It will happen once a month kicking off October 19 at 6:30 p.m. Children are encouraged to wear their PJs, bring a pillow or blanket, relax, and enjoy the stories and bedtime snack.

Movies afterschool also get going in October. Stay tuned for the start date.

September calendars are available in the Children's Department now. We look forward to seeing you soon.

— Erika Mariner,
Children's Librarian

F.R.A.N.K.'s Place -

Fun, Reads, Activities, Noise, Knowledge



**Game Nights
Thursdays
5:30-7:30 pm**

Converse County Library will celebrate Teen Read Week™ 2010, Oct. 17-23, with special events and programs aimed at encouraging area teens to read for the fun of it. Events center on the theme, Books with Beat @ your library®, which encourages teens to read a variety of materials, including poetry, audiobooks, books about music, and more.

Teen Read Week™ is the national adolescent literacy initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA).

"Teens have more activities to fill their free time than ever — web videos, social networking sites, video games, afterschool activities, athletics —and increasingly high expectations in the classroom," said Youth Services Librarian Ian Lindeman. "It's important that we show them that reading is something that's fun and relaxing that they can do for free. And that

reading for fun can translate into better performance at school."

In addition, Lindeman hopes to show parents and other concerned community members what the library can offer by hosting special programs and events during Teen Read Week™. "Many families have learned to make do with less as a result of the economy and have flocked to the library," Lindeman said. "Teen Read Week is a great time to make sure teens and their families know about all the free services the library can offer them and to reach out to teens who aren't regular users and encourage them to come see what they can find here."

Parents of teens are encouraged to celebrate Teen Read Week™ at home, as well. Lindeman offers these ideas:

- Visit the public or school

library with your teen to attend a program or to check out books.

- Set aside time each night for the family to read.
- Give books or magazine subscriptions to your teen as a gift or reward.
- Share your favorite book with your teen.
- Go online with your teen to learn about new books or authors. A good place to start is YALSA's Booklists and Book Awards page, www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists.
- Join a book discussion group at the school or public library.

Teen Read Week™ held annually during the third week of October.

— Ian Lindeman,
Teen Librarian

Book Discussion Features Wyoming Authors and People

The 2010-2011 Book Discussion at Converse County Library explores Wyoming's heritage with the famous and infamous, real and fictional characters, whose stories contributed to the Wyoming of today. Read and discuss a selection of Wyoming/western authors and their works.

Selected titles include: *The Cold*

Dish, Craig Johnson; *Coyotes and Canaries: Characters Who Made the West Wild...and Wonderful*, Larry K. Brown; *Frontier Madam: The Life of Dell Burke*, *Lady of Lusk*, *June Willson Read*; *Tom Horn: Blood on the Moon*, Chip Carlson; *Hearts West: True Stories of Mail-Order Brides on the Frontier*, Chris Enss; *Banditti of the Plains: or the Cattlemen's Inva-*

sion of Wyoming in 1892, A.S. Mercer; *The Wyoming Lynching of Cattle Kate*, George W. Hufsmith; and *Wild Horse Robbins*, Jack Price.

More information is available at the library or call 358-3644.

— Cinnamon Hopkins,
Adult Services



What's a Grzimek?

Pronounced "Chimmix", *Grzimek's Animal Life* is an online resource that includes information on more than 4,000 species, covering topics such as evolution, habitat, behavior, taxonomy, conservation status and more. Continuously updated, the image-rich content provides a true educational experience, where users can find answers to specific questions, discover new details about animals they are familiar with, and learn more about little-known animals in new and exciting ways.

Grzimek's Animal Life is a great tool for students returning to school who may need to prepare on animal life, or for any animal lover

who wants to learn more about our wildlife neighbors.

Residents of Converse County may access *Grzimek's Animal Life* at Converse County or Glenrock Branch libraries, or from any Internet-connected computer by going to the library's web site and entering their library card and PIN numbers.

The 17-volume print version, from which this online resource was created, *Grzimek's Animal Life Encyclopedia*, has long been regarded as a leading source of information on "everything animal." This new resource, designed as a one-stop knowledge portal, combines more than

12,000 photos, maps, videos, audio clips and interactive tools with popular periodicals such as *Audubon* and *Nature*, as well as real-time news and Web sites to create a full learning experience.

Grzimek's Animal Life is considered one of the best and most comprehensive animal reference sources available. The Converse County Library System is pleased that this resource has been made available through the Wyoming Libraries' Database (WYLD) which serves over 90 libraries in the state of Wyoming including county, academic, some school and special libraries, and the Wyoming State Library.

Online Resources of the Season



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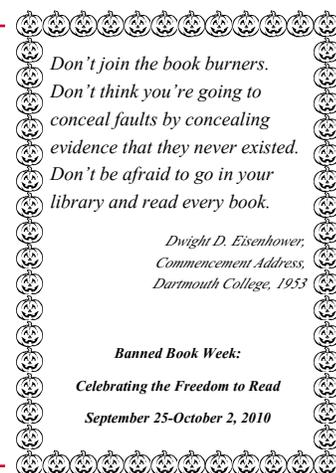
Douglas:

1. *Sizzling Sixteen*, Janet Eganovich
2. *So Cold the River*, Michael Koryta
3. *Spellmans Strike Again: A Novel*, Lisa Lutz
4. *61 Hours*, Lee Childs
5. *Authentic Wild West*, James David Horan

6. *Final Target*, Steven Gore
7. *Great Braids: The New Way to Exciting Hair Styles*, Thomas Hardy
8. *Girl Who Played With Fire*, Steig Larsson
9. *Live to Tell: A Detective D.D. Warren Novel*, Lisa Gardner
10. *Lost Symbol*, Dan Brown
11. *Nowhere to Run*, C.J. Box
12. *Off Track: A Superintendent Mike Yeadings Mystery*, Clare Curzon

Glenrock:

1. *Nowhere to Run*, C.J. Box
2. *Robert's Ridge: A Story of Courage and Sacrifice on Takur Ghar Mountain, Afghanistan*, Malcolm MacPherson
3. *Think of a Number*, John Verdon
4. *Alfred, Warrior King*, John Peddie
5. *Broken*, Karin Slaughter
6. *Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy*, Elizabeth Gilbert



Annual Book Sale Set for October

The annual book sale for Converse County Library is tentatively set for mid-October. Watch for time and place.

This year, in addition to a wide assortment books, audio, and video materials, the sale will feature a large assortment of rare and hard-to-find titles in the Silent Auction. Many of these titles feature regional, American, and world history. If you're a collector or a history buff, stop by often and place your bid so you won't miss out on that special book.



Wyoming Snapshot Day



Converse County Library is one of more than 35 Wyoming libraries that will be celebrating Wyoming Snapshot Day

October 19, 2010.

Stop by on the 19th and tell us what your library means to you, your family, and the community. What would your life be without your local library? What do you find most valuable about your library? Tell us your story so we can share your library's story with Wyoming and the world. See you then.

Foundation News

The Converse County Library Foundation's next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, September 13 at the Glenrock Branch Library.

If you haven't picked up your copy of the Foundation's *Library Cookbook*, do it today. Copies available for sale at both library locations.

Have you made a donation to the Library Foundation Endowment Challenge for the year? There's still time available. We're about 85% short of our goal to reach the 2:1 match set for the June 30, 2013 deadline. Don't look back and say, "I meant to do that!" Every penny helps.

Library Foundation Endowment Challenge



Send your donation to CCLF, 300 Walnut St., Douglas, WY 82633. Matched 2 to 1 by the Wyoming State Legislature.

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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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From the Rock in the Glen - Glenrock Branch Library News



Greetings from Glenrock! Since school has started, we could say summer is over! StoryTime starts Wednesday, September 8 with Rita reading theme-related stories and performing activities based on *Old McDonald Had a Farm!*

Craig Johnson, Wyoming author, will be here on Thursday, September 30th, 6:30

PM, at the Glenrock Senior Center. Craig is the author of a number of books – the most recent being *Junkyard Dogs*.

October starts and ends with parties. Join us on Saturday, October 2nd for our annual Winnie the Pooh birthday party! Wednesday, October 27th will see the StoryTime crowd enjoying an early

Halloween party! In between, there are several StoryTime sessions continuing the farm theme begun in September with Old McDonald.

In the midst of all this fun with farms and partying, don't forget to pick up a book or magazine and enjoy some reading!

