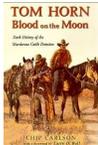




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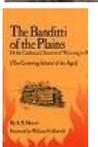
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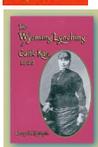
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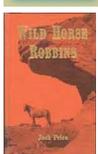
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## Library Foundation Receives \$100,000

On Thursday, December 9, 2010, Governor Dave Freudenthal congratulated Wyoming's 23 county libraries for raising a cumulative \$2.3 million to meet the Public Library Endowment Challenge. Upon reaching this goal, each public library received \$100,000 for their foundation. Freudenthal commented that this endeavor has been remarkably successful and commended the libraries for working together.

This incentive was a segment of the Public Library Endowment Challenge Program initiated in 2008. This bill provides an endowment of \$9.1 million to the state's public library foundations. And additional \$3 was appropriated by

the legislature in 2010.

A tier system based on county valuation placed Converse County in the 2:1 category, which means our county will receive two dollars for each \$1 raised by the library foundation.

Funds earned as interest from this endowment can be used by the library's foundation for any purpose: collection development, programming, equipment, staffing, and beyond.

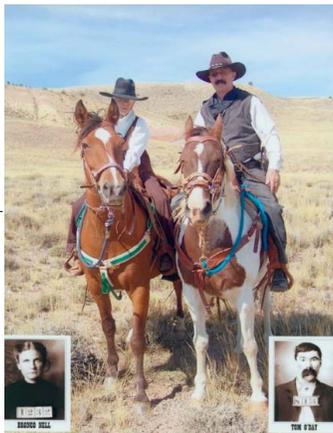
For more information about the Endowment Challenge, go to the Wyoming Library Association website at [www.wyla.org](http://www.wyla.org) and click on "Endowment Challenge" at the top of the page, or contact WLA

Communications Chair Tina Lyles at 307.777.6338

Our local foundation has raised over \$35,000 towards the \$213,000 total needed to receive the balance of the funds provided for the endowment. Pledges and donations can be mailed to CCLF, 300 Walnut St., Douglas, WY 82633.



## Tom O'Day & Bronco Nell Ride Into Douglas



Tom O'Day, as portrayed by Ray Maple, rode with the infamous Hole-In-The-Wall Gang under Butch Cassidy. Bronco Nell (Ella Smith, alias Jackie Maple, was an early day freighter drover and horse thief from Meeteetse, WY.

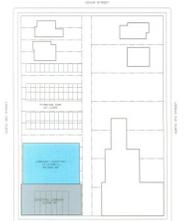
Maple and wife Jackie, living in Park County, WY, will present an entertaining 1 1/2 hours on the lives and times of O'Day and Bronco Nell. In their ninth year traveling as Tom O'Day and Bronco Nell, the Maples have visited 11 states and covered well over 60,000 miles bringing these historical characters to life.

Two colorful characters of Wyoming's early outlaw days are taking over the Converse County Library on Tuesday, February 15 at 6:30 pm.

## Looking for a Few Good People

The Library Board of Trustees is looking for civic-minded residents who love our libraries and who would like to have a voice in the future of Converse County libraries to serve on the Building Committee and the Media Committee.

If you're interested, please submit a letter with your contact information and a brief resume of your experience, interest, and talents to Karen Hopkins, 300 Walnut St., Douglas, WY 82633.



CONVERSE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DOUGLAS, WY  
PRELIMINARY SITE AREA NEEDS

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## CHATTER FROM THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT



2011 promises to be an exciting year. The Children's Library is stocked with tons of new books. There's something for everyone.

The holidays were a magical time as almost 50 children and adults attended the Christmas party. Thanks to the adults who made treats for the party.

Winter is here and we'll be learning more about the animals who survive freezing temperatures. January 12, 2011, Colleen Tate of the Converse County Conservation District will talk to us about

penguins and their habitat. We'll enjoy a penguin craft and treats afterwards. The Conservation District makes learning a lot of fun.

The January calendar of events is available now at the library. Pick one up and don't miss out on the activities.

Story Time returns on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am. Pajamarama comes back Tuesday, February 22 at 6:30 pm. This monthly nighttime event has been a big success. Who doesn't enjoy

a story and a bedtime snack. Don't forget to wear your pajamas. We'll also celebrate Valentine's Day in February with a focus on friendship and what it means to be a good friend.

Summer Reading is just around the corner. "One World, Many Stories" is this year's theme as we explore our world and its peoples. We'll have story tellers, entertainment, crafts, movies, games, and more. Plus, there are always prizes to be won. See you there.

— Erika Mariner, Children's Librarian

## F.R.A.N.K.'s PLACE - FUN. READS. ACTIVITIES. NOISE. KNOWLEDGE.

**YALSA's Teens' Top Ten** is a "teen choice" list, where teens nominate and choose their favorite books of the previous year!

More than 8,000 teens voted in the [2010 Teens' Top Ten](#), with *Catching Fire* by Suzanne Collins topping the list.

The Teens' Top Ten 2010 is:

**Catching Fire** by Suzanne Collins

**City of Glass** by Cassandra Clare

**Heist Society** by Ally Carter

**Shiver** by Maggie Stiefvater

**Hush, Hush** by Becca Fitzpatrick

**Beautiful Creatures** by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl

**Along for the Ride** by Sarah Dessen

**If I Stay** by Gayle Forman

**Fire** by Kristin Cashore

**Wintergirls** by Laurie Halse Anderson

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TEEN TECH WEEK [yalsa](#) MARCH 6-12, 2011

—Ian Lindeman, Teen Librarian

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

## Love My Library Week February 14-19

February 14-19 libraries across the country will celebrate Love My Library Week. Your local libraries have a great deal to offer to our patrons during this week. We will have various contests including the annual candy guessing jar, a coloring contest, a graffiti art contest, a free movie showing, trivia for fine forgiveness or replacement cards, infamous Wyoming outlaw

characters, and so much more.

Be sure to check with your local library for more details on what

Love My Library week has in store for everyone, young and old. Perhaps you can be one of our winners. We want to make this year bigger than ever.



—Cinnamon Hopkins, Adult Services



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## Finding a good read!

Looking for a book, but can only remember what it's about--a mystery involving a woman blacksmith with a crazy family. *NovelList* offers a quick and easy way to find just that book. Go to the homepage and locate the easy to use Find box. Describe the plot and select the Describe a Plot button. The Results page will not only find the book you're looking for, but lots of other great books and resources that pertain to this type of plot.

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list that gives the series and any additional series information. And, if you're a *NextReads* subscriber, you'll find series information throughout the numerous *NextReads* also feature Author Read-alikes that will link you to authors that are similar to your favorites. You can either browse all the offered Author Read-alikes, or do a search for a particular author and then click on the Read-alike tab on the Results screen. *NextReads* newsletters often have Author Read-alike sections for featured titles or authors.

Go to our newly designed [webpage at conversecountylibrary.org](http://webpage.atconversecountylibrary.org), scroll over to Books & Research and down to WYLDCAAT. Click on Articles & More, then click on Arts, Humanities & Literature. Scroll down to *NovelList* and start your reading adventure. Or if you need assistance, contact a library staff member and he/she will be happy to help you get started.

There's also a *NovelList K-8* for our younger readers.

*NovelList* is only one of the many electronic resources fund by the

## Online Resources



## What's Hot

December 2010

### Adult Titles

#### Douglas:

1. *Wicked Appetite*, Janet Evanovich
2. *Worth Dying For: A Reacher Novel*, Lee Childs
3. *Ultimate Book of Homeschooling Ideas*, Linda Dobson
4. *Gift, The*, Richard Paul Evans
5. *Home Learning Year by Year*, Rebecca Rupp
6. *Huckleberry Murders: A Novel*, Patrick F. McManus
7. *Homeschooling: A Family's Journey*, Gregory Millman
8. *Midnight*, Dean R. Koontz
9. *Nothing to Lose*, Lee Child
10. *Remember Everything You Read*, Stanley D. Frank
11. *501 Ways to Boos Your Child's*

*Success in School*, Robert D. Ramsey

12. *Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man*, Steve Harvey
13. *Blinded*, Stephen White
14. *Blood Trail*, C.J. Box
15. *Blue Heaven*, C.J. Box
16. *Book of Fate*, Brad Meltzer
17. *Breath of Snow and Ashes*, Diana Gabaldon
18. *Complete Calvin and Hobbes*, Bill Watterson
19. *Double Jack Murders: A Sheriff Bo Tully Mystery*, Patrick F. McManus
20. *Educated Child: A Parent's Guide though Eighth Grade*, William J. Bennett
21. *Garden of Beasts: A Novel of Berlin*, Jeffery Deaver

#### Glenrock:

1. *Hell's Corner*, David Baldacci
2. *Man's Heart*, Lori Copeland

3. *Reckless Abandon*, Stuart Woods
4. *Within My Heart*, Tamera Alexander
5. *Queen of the Night*, Judith A. Jance
6. *No Comfort in Victory*, Gregory Bean
7. *Perish Twice*, Robert B. Parker
8. *Object of Beauty*, Steve Martin
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10. *Promise Me*, Richard Paul Evans
11. *Prostitute's Ball*, Stephen J. Cannell
12. *While We're Far Apart*, Lynn N. Austin
13. *Mozart Effect for Children*, Don G. Campbell
14. *Lizzie: A Novel*, Evan Hunter
15. *Embers of Love*, Tracie Peterson
16. *Brave*, Nicholas Evans
17. *Coming Back*,
18. *Deepest Water*, Kate Wilhelm



There it is: that wonderful library smell. How could I have forgotten it? The feel of libraries--the way they look, smell, sound--lingers intensely as the memories of a fierce first love.

Susan Allen Toth, Reading Rooms

## The Kilted Man Returns

Matthew Gurnsey, formerly of The Muses, will be back at the Converse County Library on Saturday, March 12 at 6:30 pm to perform for the Douglas community.

Gurnsey adds new life to old songs as well as adding original material to the Celtic repertoire.

Since the moment he donned a kilt and took the stage he began captivating the hearts of every audience from Hawaii to Maine., Vancouver to Florida, weddings and pubs to concerts and main-stages. Matthew performs with a ferocity and a strength of heart that embodies this music we all

love so dearly.

Seeking the return of traditional Celtic folk songs (and a stage overflowing with instruments and vibrance, Matthew breathes new life into a music that will never die.

Admission for the program is free.



## Converse County Library Bridges

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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 in this new year of 2011!

StoryTime returns January 12 from Old MacDonald's farm where he has been busy staying warm in this chilly weather by tending the llamas, horses and geese!

The Teen Advisory Group (TAB) held their first meeting on December 21, 2010. Present were Trevor Latimore, Andrew Wickersham, Sean Wickersham, Jessica Grant, Kiana Harrison, Ivy Engel and Sara Voyzey. TAB's primary goal is to give teens a voice in the community through

the library. Thirteen members strong, TAB will help with library services, though their main goal is to get more teens to visit and utilize all the library has to offer.

Love My Library Week is February 14-19. A TAB sponsored poetry contest and a week long mini book sale highlight the week's activities! Join us for the fun, pick up a good book for that late spring snow storm, and munch on some popcorn while you're here!

TAB's poetry contest in celebration of Love My Library Week is scheduled to start the first part of February and ends February 18 with the

announcement of the finalists from three age groups including adults! Prizes are being confirmed at this time.

Plans for March include a Wii competition on Saturday, March 5 to kick off Teen Tech Week which is March 7 - 12.

Dr Seuss' birthday is March 2 and StoryTime attendees will visit with Horton to find out just what is in that dust speck! A belated Dr. Seuss birthday party will be held on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> with festivities starting at 11:00 AM. Everyone is welcome to come!

