

# Bridges



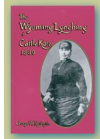
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## Matthew Gurnsey is The Kilted Man

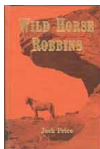


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The Kilted Man appears at the Converse County Library Saturday, March 12 at 6:30 pm for an evening of Celtic music. Admission is free for the musical program.



traditional music venue. He adds new life to old songs as well as adding original material to the Celtic repertoire.



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Formerly with The Muses, who have appeared twice previously at the library, Gurnsey is now performing solo after a tragic accident in 2009 brought about the break up of the group.

"Through my music you can feel the green shamrocks underfoot, catch the aroma of a distant salt sea, and taste the highland rain upon your lips!"

His performance features a variety of instruments and an enthusiasm that breathes new life into this

Matthew has performed east to west, north to south across the United States. He performs with a ferocity and a strength of heart that embodies the music so many people hold dear.

## Cadillac Cowboy Songwriter to Appear at Library

Chuck Pyle, an accomplished songwriter, whose songs have been recorded by John Denver, The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and Suzy Bogguss will appear at the Converse County Library on Saturday, April 2 at 11:00 AM.

fashioned horse sense. He mixes infectiously hummable melodies with straight-from-the-saddle poetry, quoting bumper stickers, proverbs, world leaders and old cowboys.

cated yet full of uncluttered space.

Admission is free for the program.

Pyle has won high praise from both fans and peers alike throughout an inspired performance career of over 40 years. When reviewers first gave him the "Zen Cowboy" moniker, he decided to, as he says, "Always ride the horse in the direction it's going," and took the nickname to heart, shaving his head and blending his up-beat perspective with old-

Country fans know him best for writing, "Cadillac Cowboy", recorded by the late Chris LeDoux, and "Jaded Lover", recorded by Jerry Jeff Walker.

While fans love his recordings, they adore Chuck's live performance. A nimble guitarist, critics say his sense of rhythm is more like a fine classical, or jazz, soloist, his songwriting musically sophisti-



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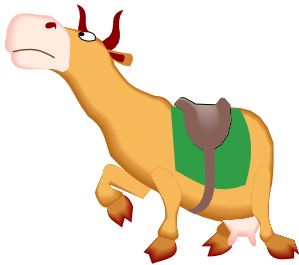
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### Preliminary Designs - Library Expansion - What do you think?



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## CHATTER FROM THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT



Spring will soon be upon us and the Children's Department has many fun activities planned.

In March Wyoming PBS is bringing The Cat in the Hat himself to the library to read and sign autographs. Mark Thursday, March 3, 3:30 pm, on your calendars.

Colleen Tate from the Conservation District has been helping kids learn how to take care of the environment. Colleen will bring the "Learning at the Library" program, which has been very successful, to the Library on March 17 at 10:30 AM to talk

more about farm animals and Wyoming's agriculture. Colleen will also help kids make adorable farm animal crafts. A big "THANK YOU" to the Conservation District for making this opportunity available. The kids are finding out that learning can be so much fun.

There will be no Story Time the last two weeks of March so that kids can enjoy spring break with their families.

The Conservation District will return April 13 with more learning and fun.

Easter is always a beautiful time of year, and Story Time will feature the annual Easter Egg Hunt here in the Library.

Pick up a calendar today so no one misses out on all the upcoming events.

The 2011 Summer Reading Program arrives in June. The theme is "One World, Many Stories". Celebrate our world with art, crafts, stories, games, special quests, and reading, of course.

— Erika Mariner, Children's Librarian

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

### Teen Tech Week: March 6-12

•Whereas, the ability to read and process information online is a necessary skill for success in our global information society;

•Whereas, 71 percent of teens report that the Internet is their primary source for completing school projects;

•Whereas, 93 percent of teens regularly use the Internet;

•Whereas, multiple studies have shown that the majority of teens lack the critical thinking skills and technical expertise to use the Internet and other electronic

resources effectively;

•Whereas, teens' use of nonprint resources has increased dramatically in recent years

•Whereas, the library offers teens and their families free access to multiple types of technology, including but not limited to Internet access, gaming, audiobooks, research databases, online homework help, DVDS, and music;

•Whereas, the library is a trusted resource for accessing information;

•Whereas, librarians are

information knowledge professionals who can quickly sort through the glut of information in print and online and find what patrons need;

•Whereas, librarians are uniquely suited to show teens and their families how to safely and ethically use the many types of technology available at the library;

•Therefore, be it resolved that I, Ian Lindeman, proclaim March 6-12, 2011, Teen Tech Week(TM) in Douglas, Wyo. and encourage teens and their families to get connected at the library.

•Ian also says "DFTBA!"



## Poetry Night Returns

April is National Poetry Month. To celebrate, Converse County Library will host Poetry Night @ your library April 12. Come and read your own composition, recite a personal favorite, or just listen and enjoy the performance. The program starts at 5:00 PM.

*Water in a faucet,  
like poetry on the mind.  
Hope is there when you turn a tap,  
but the source has been refined.*  
—Epic Dewfall

## And the Winner Is...

### Love My Library Week Winners

- Coloring Contest
  - 0-4 years - Meadow Winslow
  - 5-8 years - Dakota Provence
  - 9-12 years - Carmyn Nida
- Scrambled Titles
  - Jamie Sullivan
- Word Search
  - Andrew Smith
- Author/Character
  - Chasta Rothleutner
  - Amy Hadlich
- Poetry

Marella & Jacob Smith

Poster

Marella & Jacob Smith

Candy Guessing Jars

#1 - Small (68) - Riley Provence

#2 - Medium (61) - Cher Bailey

#3 - Large (189) - Tia Winslow

—Cinnamon Hopkins, Adult Services



## Money Smart Week & Universal Class - a Great Combination

Converse County Library is joining the American Library Association (ALA) and partner Federal Bank of Chicago to promote Money Smart Week @ your library, April 2-9, 2011.

This is the 10th year Money Smart Week is encouraging personal financial literacy and the first year of participation for the Converse County Library.

The Library is planning a week of activities and resource-sharing to help library patrons and community residents get more for their money with a focus on food and nutrition.

From Story Time to feeding your family nutritionally on a shoestring, the library wants to provide information and tools so individuals and families can be *Money Smart*.

*Universal Class*, the Library's newest e-resource, has a number of classes available at no cost to help library patrons be better informed and financially educated consumers. Why not check out one or more:

- \$ Budgeting and Saving 101
- \$ Credit Report and Repair
- \$ Investing 101: Stocks, Bonds, and Mutual Funds

- \$ Personal Finance 101: How to Manage Your Money
- \$ Retirement Planning
- \$ Estate Planning

To access Universal Class from the library, home, school, or office a library card and PIN is needed. A librarian will be happy to help with this.

As Money Smart Week approaches, look for other resources on the Website at [conversecountylibrary.org](http://conversecountylibrary.org) or at the library on display or through handouts.

### Online Resources



### What's Hot

February 2011

#### Adult Titles

##### Douglas:

1. *Savage Run*, C.J. Box
2. *To Have and To Kill*, Mary Jane Behrends Clark
3. *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest*, Stieg Larsson
4. *The Girl Who Played With Fire*, Stieg Larsson
5. *The Help*, Kathryn Stockett
6. *The Guardian*, Nicholas Sparks
7. *Safe Haven*, Nicholas Sparks
8. *The Dinosaur Hunter*, Homer Hickam
9. *The Comprehensive Signed*

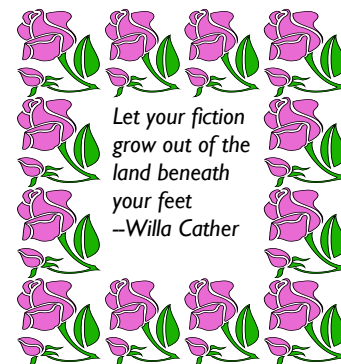
*English Dictionary*, Ralph R. Miller

10. *Along Came a Spider*, James Patterson
11. *Carnal Innocence*, Nora Roberts
12. *Red Jade*, Henry Chang
13. *The Reversal: A Novel*, Michael Connelly
14. *Crescent Dawn*, Clive Cussler
15. *Sizzling Sixteen*, Janet Evanovich
16. *Sizzle: A Novel*, Julie Garwood
17. *The Preacher and the Presidents: Billy Graham in the White House*, Nancy Gibbs

##### Glennrock:

1. *Don't Blink*, James Patterson

2. *Heartless*, Diana Palmer
3. *A Man Names Dave: A Story of Triumph and Forgiveness*, David J. Pelzer
4. *The Lost Boy: A Foster Child's Search for the Love of a Family*, David J. Pelzer
5. *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*, Alexander McCall Smith
6. *Home Free*, Fern Michaels
7. *The Pallbearers*, Stephen J. Cannell
8. *I Still Dream of You*, Fannie Flagg
9. *Though Not Dead*, Dana Stabenow
10. *Running the Books: The Adventures of an Accidental Prison Librarian*, Avi Steinberg



## Celebrate National Library Week and Create your own story @ your library April 10-16

Libraries are places for new beginnings. Whether you are getting your first library card, learning new computer skills or planning a trip, the library is the place where your story begins. This National Library Week join our nation's libraries and librarians and Create your own story @ your library.

Converse County Libraries are celebrating National Library Week with fun, programs, games, and

surprises. Stay tuned.

"Every day, libraries across the country are helping people create their own unique stories," says Karen Hopkins, Director. "Whether it is by opening a book and exploring distant lands or by learning how to use new technologies to find a job, people at our library are creating new stories for themselves.

First sponsored in 1958, National

Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

For more information, visit a Converse County library near you, call, or see the library's Web site at [conversecountylibrary.org](http://conversecountylibrary.org).



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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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**Summer and reading.** Beautiful weather, sunny days, vacation--a perfect time to spend with a book. Research shows that students who don't read over the summer lose critical reading skills. Parents, teachers, caregivers and other adults should encourage children to read through the summer months and a summer reading program is one of the best ways to nurture and sustain reading skills.

Enroll your child in your library's summer reading program. Check out books that match your child's reading level and interest. Here's a quick test called the five-finger rule. Ask your child to read 100 words from a book. Have your child raise one finger for each word that is too difficult to figure out. If more than five fingers go up, the book is probably too hard. Let children choose books that interest them, but find a reading level which is challenging but not frustrating. Get involved and work with your child: ask questions about the story and allow your child to ask questions; summarize or ask your child to summarize; reread hard-to-understand passages. Take part in the crafts, programs, and associated activities to make the experience fun.

*(Tips from National Summer Learning Association - How to Make Summer Reading Effective)*

## From the Rock in the Glen - Glenrock Branch Library News



Plans for March include a Wii competition on Saturday, March 5 to kick off Teen Tech Week which is March 6 – 12.

Dr Seuss' birthday is March 2! At StoryTime we will be visiting Horton to find out just what is in that dust speck! We will extend his birthday with a Dr Seuss birthday party on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> with festivities starting at 11:00 AM. Everyone is welcome!

In April, Rita will be spending some time on the road! She will be in Scottsdale, AZ for the national **Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)** working on plans for future summer reading programs! She will barely have time to shake the dust of Arizona from her shoes when we will be celebrating National Library Week the week of April 11-15. Then she is off to Thermopolis for a day and

a half of WLA Children's Interest Group Spring meeting!

Plans are progressing for this summer's reading program, more detail will be forthcoming in the next issue of Bridges!

Patrons and staff alike are looking forward to the semi-annual rotation of the AV collection planned for April!