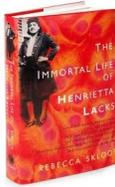


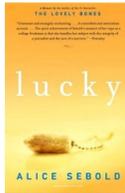
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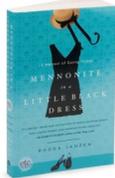
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Celtic Guitarist Jerry Barlow Returns to Converse County Library

Converse County Library is pleased to once again welcome acclaimed Celtic fingerstyle guitarist Jerry Barlow. The concert, which is free to the public, will be held at the Library, 300 Walnut St., Douglas, on September 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Barlow is a warm, accessible performer and storyteller. His unique and skillfully delivered repertoire incorporates favorite traditional pieces as well as his own Celtic-inspired compositions. His expressive arrangements of lively jigs, spirited reels, and haunting airs have been described as music to soothe the soul, warm the heart and lift the spirit.

In concert, Jerry brings traditional Celtic tunes alive by sharing the history, humor, and legends behind the music. "Jerry Barlow ... a performer who is skilled, funny

and riveting. Out of the many musicians performing today, the vast majority are skilled in either performing on their instrument or in entertaining an audience. It's very rare and extremely enjoyable to see a musician at the very top of his craft in both areas," says Scott Beach, Director of Colorado Celtic Entertainment.

The Indie Acoustic Project, an international award that celebrates the best independent acoustic music, selected the title song from Jerry's CD, *Bring Down the Storm*, as "one of the best songs of 2006." Songs from his first CD, *Keepsake*, were included in a PBS documentary *Song of our Children*. Music from *Bring Down the Storm* is featured in the new University of Colorado documentary *Learn about Climate*. Barlow's new CD, *Fields and Fences*, will be

released mid-September

Barlow's music can be heard regularly on many National Public Radio stations. He has been featured in *Fingerstyle Guitar* magazine, and was profiled in the February, 2011, issue of *Celtic Connection*. He has performed in the Gates Auditorium for the University of Denver's Lamont School of Music, the Arvada Center for the Performing Arts, and is a favorite of High Plains Public Radio's Living Room Concert Series in Amarillo, TX.

For more information visit www.jerrybarlow.com or call the Library at (307) 358-3644.



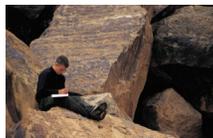
Book Discussion Features Memoirs

Think "memoir" and one might think about travel or a personal tragedy and its effect on the writer. Some say we all have a memoir in us just waiting to be written. The "Just Because We Like to Read" book discussion series hosted by the Converse County Library will explore this currently popular publishing trend for the 2011-12 season. The first program in the "It's All About Me" series will be held Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 PM at the library. Books are now available for checkout, so pick up a copy today. All programs are free. Attend any or all.

The first discussion will focus on *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. Who was Henrietta Lacks? How did she live? How did she die? How did

she become, in some sense, immortal?

Other titles in the series are *The Glass Castle: A Memoir* by Jeannette Walls on Oct. 19; *Lucky: A Memoir* by Alice Sebold, November 16; *Life* by Keith Richards (yes, of the Rolling Stones), January 18, 2012; *Mennonite in a Little Black Dress*, February 15: *A Memoir of Going Home* by Rhoda Janzen; *The Happiness Project: Or, Why I Spent a Year Trying to Sing in the Morning, Clean My Closets, Fight Right, Read Aristotle, and Generally Have More Fun* by Gretchen Rubin, March 21; and *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life* by Barbara Kingsolver on April 18.



Banned Books Week

September 24-October 1, 2011

The most challenged and/or restricted reading materials have been books for children. However, challenges are not simply an expression of a point of view; on the contrary, they are an attempt to remove materials from public use, thereby restricting the access of others. Even if the motivation to ban or challenge a book is well intentioned, the outcome is detrimental. Censorship denies our freedom as individuals to choose and think for ourselves. For children, decisions about what books to read should be made by the people who know them best—their parents!

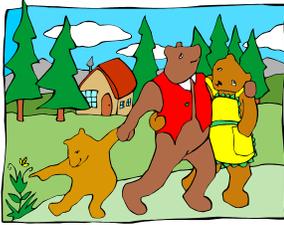


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CHATTER FROM THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT



Hello everyone. I hope you had a wonderful summer vacation. I am looking forward to seeing all of the children return to story time on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 AM. Our first story time will begin Wednesday, September 7 with the Thursday session starting September 8. The Conservation District, along with the Library, will host a Fall Walk on September 21 & 22. Children will learn about the changing seasons, make wind chimes, listen to a fun story, and

share a snack together. The fun will take place at River Bridge Park, across from the Middle School at 10:30 AM each day.

Calendar of activities are available for September and October in the Children's Department. With a calendar you won't miss any of the fun activities we have planned for this Fall and also keep informed of any changes in the weekly schedule.

Fall is a magical time of year and

definitely my favorite. With Halloween around the corner we will have some "not so spooky" activities and lots of treats. The Children's Department has many new books for the little ones, and chapter books for the independent reader as well. Pajamarama was a big success last winter so, once we set our clocks back, we will have our monthly night time story hour beginning in November.

—Erika Mariner, Children's Librarian

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Summer Reading 2011

Summer is winding down and I discover I'm in a hurry getting ready to winter. Have to have everything prepared, set, and just right so I might be nice and warm during my favorite season to read. We have a huge selection of books for winter reading with great new stuff on the horizon in YA literature as well. I love it when it's tough deciding which book to read next. Suggestions please?

Teen Read Week (TRW), October 16-22, 2011.

For BBW local teens are invited to "Take a Dangerous Book to Tea" on September 25 at the library from 4 to 5 PM.

For TRW, the Writers Group will take a field trip on Wednesday, October 18, 4-5 PM.

October 19 is Game Night, 5:30-7:30 PM, with a Storytelling Show-down featuring *The Extraordinary Adventures of Baron Munchausen*.

This year's TRW theme is Picture It @ Your Library, which encourages teens to read graphic novels and other illustrated materials, seek out creative books, or imag-

ine the world through literature, just for the fun of it.

Why is it important to celebrate? With so many options for entertainment, it's important to include time for reading for pleasure: it's free, fun, and can be done anywhere! If you're a teen who reads for fun, research shows you have a chance for better test scores and are more likely to succeed when you get a job. Also, it tells us you know how important teen services are. Explore the possibilities that exist within our doors, and within the covers of books.

— Ian Lindeman, Young Adult Services Librarian



Library events for September-October feature Banned Books Week (BBW), September 24-October 1, and

Show Us Your Stuff

The Library is always on the lookout for unique and interesting items to feature in our Display Case. Do you have an interesting or unusual collection you'd like to share with other library patrons? If so, contact any circulation staff member to schedule an exhibit.



—Cinnamon Hopkins-Johnson, Patron Services Manager

Used Books For Sale

It's a new look and location for this year's annual book sale at the Converse County Library. Set for the week of October 10-15 books and other items will be displayed in the Western Americana area of the main library. There will still be a variety of children and adult books as well as other ex-library or donated items to select from. All proceeds benefit the Library Foundation.



Cheyenne or Bust!

Library staff will be heading for Cheyenne September 29-30 for the annual Wyoming Library Association Conference. The two-day event presents opportunities to learn new techniques; explore new trends; catch up with old friends; make new acquaintances; see the latest in books, products, furniture, and equipment; listen to a favorite author; and honor the brightest and best in Wyoming libraries.



Adult Services

Learn Something New Today!



Bookflix - A literacy resource for grades PreK-3 that pairs classic fictional video storybooks with eBooks. Animation, audio and interactive games are designed to reinforce core reading skills.



Kids Search - Kids Search provides elementary school students with an easy-to-use, graphically-appealing interface to search several general interest databases.



Learning Express Library - A

comprehensive, interactive online learning platform of practice tests and tutorial course series designed to help students and adult learners succeed on many common academic and licensing tests.



Searchasaurus - A fun and friendly interface for younger users that makes it easy to search by providing visual clues to help with keyword or topic searches. Includes Teacher Resources, an encyclopedia, dictionary, and over 235,000 dynamic and education images.



Universal Class - Offers over 500 online continuing education courses taught by real instructors with remote, 24/7 access so you can study on your schedule. You can enroll in up to five courses at a time and have six months to finish each course.



Education Resources Information Center (ERIC) - A library of education research and information sponsored by the Institute of Education Sciences (ES) of the U.S. Department of Education.

Electronic Resources



Foundation News: In partnership with Cameco, the Converse County Library Foundation is hosting an Open House for energy related industries operating in the county as well as local, county, and state officials on Wednesday, October 5 at the Converse County Library in Douglas.

In addition to being a chance to meet, mingle, and become more familiar with county libraries facilities and services, the work of the Foundation and the Wyoming Public Libraries Endowment Challenge program will be highlighted.

After a summer hiatus the Board will meet Monday, September 12 and bi-monthly thereafter. There are still openings for a few good people who are interested in helping the Foundation in its ongoing support of Converse County libraries. Contact a Foundation Member, the Library Director at (307) 358-3644 or the Glenrock Branch Manager at (307) 436-2573.



What's Hot

August 2011

Adult Titles

Douglas:

1. *Lime Creek: Fiction*, Joe Henry
2. *Outlander*, Diana Gabaldon
3. *Cold Wind*, C.J. Box
4. *Smokin' Seventeen: A Stephanie Plum Novel*, Janet Evanovich
5. *The Confession*, John Grisham
6. *The Help*, Kathryn Stockett
7. *You're Next*, Gregg Andrew Hurwitz

Glenrock:

1. *Hell is Empty*, Craig Johnson
2. *Pages From Converse County's Past*, Wyoming Historical Press
3. *Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Dominion*, Eric Lustbader
4. *The 8th Confession*, Maxine Paetro
5. *Smokin' Seventeen: A Stephanie Plum Novel*, Janet Evanovich
6. *The Blessed: A Novel*, Ann H. Gabhart
7. *Hearts Aglow*, Tracie Peterson
8. *Killing Floor*, Lee Child
9. *Fallen: A Novel*, Karin Slaughter
10. *Eyes Wide Open: A Novel*, Andrew Gross
11. *Happy Birthday: A Novel*, Danielle Steel
12. *10th Anniversary*, James Patterson

When any government, or any church for that matter, undertakes to say to its subjects, This you may not read, this you must not see, this you are forbidden to know, the end result is tyranny and oppression no matter how holy the motives.

Robert A. Heinlein, 1907-1988



Peace One Day
@ Converse County Library

Wednesday, September 21,
2011

Fine Forgiveness Day

Bring your library card and a smile!
Free Replacement for Lost Cards

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in the lives of our patrons.*

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From the Rock in the Glen - Glenrock Branch Library News



Greetings from Glenrock: Ah, September! When parents are enjoying the first quiet moments since Memorial Day and the kids are counting the days until they get a break from the new school season.

Story Hour starts on Wednesday, September 21 at 10:00 AM after Miss Rita has had a chance to shake the summer dust from her feet. Story Time sessions this year will focus on "Celebrating Special Days @ the Library. Come join us and find out more about those special celebration events and

people we honor throughout the year.

Banned Books Week will be observed September 24-October 1, 2011. Ever wonder what books have been banned or challenged over the years? Stop in at the library and get a peek at what people or organizations have objected to in times past and what books have most recently faced challenges.

A huge "Thank You" to all our wonderful patrons who helped support the work of the Library

Foundation by attending and purchasing items during our annual book sale in August. This year's proceeds totaled over \$1,400.

The Teen Book Discussion will meet Tuesday, September 27 at 6:30 PM and the Juvenile Book Discussion will meet Wednesday, September 28 at 3:30 PM.

Worth noting in October is a birthday party for "Winnie the Pooh. Watch for further details as the time nears.