



Bridges



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Off to the Ballot Box

Our "I's" are dotted and our "t's" are crossed. County Commissioners, Douglas City Council, and the Town Councils of Glenrock, Rolling Hills, and Lost Springs adopted "a resolution to place the proposition to impose a one percent (1%) Specific Purpose Sales and Use Excise Tax in Converse County, Wyoming for the expansion, remodeling, furnishing and equipping of the Converse County main library in Douglas and the branch library in Glenrock". A resolution was also approved for Eastern Wyoming College, Douglas campus.



What does this mean to the vot-

er. Both resolutions will appear on your ballot. Voters can vote for one, vote for both, or vote for neither. If both pass, the library and EWC will share the 1% until all funds are raised. Then the tax sunsets, i.e., goes away. Voting for both does not mean you will see a penny increase in sales tax for the library and an additional penny for EWC. The funds would be split proportionately. If only one or the other proposition passes, that entity would receive the whole penny. With the passage of both, it will just take a little longer to raise the needed funds.

Although many parts of the United States are still in an economic slump, Converse County is in the midst of a boom. Estimates are that the funds can be raised in seven years, possibly sooner.

Back to School

Are you thinking about going back to school, but would like to brush up with the basics first? Or, are you just looking for some fun classes that might help you with your hobbies or interests? Talk to the library about our Universal Class™ database! There are over 500 classes to take and you can work at your own pace to complete each course: photography, drawing, cooking, health, pets, Excel, writing...there are just so many to choose from. The big bonus is that the classes are FREE and if you don't like the class, there are no penalties to drop.



2012-13 Book Discussion Starts

Each decade in human history has its cross to bear whether natural or man-made but stories of people who rise above and exhibit the human spirit always surface.

The 2012-13 *Just Because We Like to Read* book discussion series will read about six periods in human history to explore "The Human Spirit Through the Decades".

Wednesday, September 19 the series kicks off with *The Kitchen Boy: A Novel of the Last Tsar* by Robert Alexander as we look at the final days of Nicholas and Alexandra. The kitchen boy is the only one alive who knows what really happened.

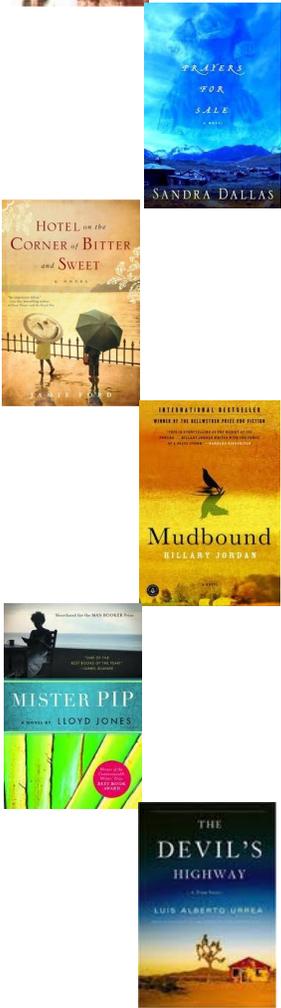
Other books to be read and discussed in upcoming months include:

- Wed., Oct. 17, 7pm: *Prayers for Sale* by Sandra Dallas. It's 1936 and the depression has ravaged the country.
- Wed., Nov. 28, 7pm: *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. A Japanese parasol takes Henry back to the 1940s as a young couple amid the chaos of blackouts, curfews, and FBI raids, forge a bond that transcends long standing prejudices of Old World ancestors.
- Wed., Jan. 16, 2013, 7pm: *Mudbound* by Hilary Jordan. It's

1946 and two men return from WWII to a Mississippi delta farm and the consequences of their unlikely friendship

- Wed., Feb. 20, 7pm: *Mister Pip* by Lloyd Jones. On a copper-rich war-ravaged tropical island in the 1990s imagination can be a dangerous thing.
- Wed., Mar. 20, 7pm: *The Devil's Highway: A True Story* by Luis Alberto Urrea. In May 2001, a group of 26 men attempted to cross the Mexican border into the desert of southern Arizona. On 12 came back out.

Books will be available at the library and all programs are free.



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CHATTER FROM THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT



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Summer is winding down, but in the Children's Department things are winding up again. We had a fantastic summer reading program with almost 200 children signed up and over 250 hours of logged reading time. Children who participated won lots of prizes, had a ton of fun, and most importantly kept their reading skills sharp. These kids are ready for school and I'm sure their teachers will be impressed with their reading ability. I am so proud of them and grateful to parents for their support as well.

Autumn is a magical time for everyone, and at the library we like to celebrate the changing seasons and all the beautiful colors. At story time we will be reading about the falling leaves, animals who hibernate, harvest time, and Halloween of course. Story Time will begin September 12. We will continue with story times at 10:30 am on Wednesdays and Thursdays so that all preschool aged children will have an opportunity to join in the fun.

On September 26 we will have our Fall Nature Walk at Riverside

Park. This was a huge success last year with over 50 kids and parents participating. We will read stories outside, take a walk by the river, and learn about nature with the Conservation District. Miss Colleen will provide crafts and snacks. Our September calendars are available in the library, so please stop by to pick one up when you're picking out some great books to read. We look forward to seeing you soon.

—Erika Mariner, Children's Librarian

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

Converse County Library will celebrate Teen Read Week™ October 14-20, 2012 with special events and programs aimed at encouraging area teens to read for the fun of it. This year's theme, **It Came from the Library**, dares teens to read for the fun of it!

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. Reading is something that's fun and relaxing that teens can do for

free and it can translate into better performance at school.

Many families have learned to make do with less as a result of the economy and have flocked to the library. "Teen Read Week™ is a great time to make sure teens

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

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."

Here's some ideas to celebrate Teen Read Week™ at home:

- Visit the library with your teen to attend a program or to check out books.
- Set aside time each night to read.
- Give books and magazines to your teen as a gift or reward.
- Go online with your teen to learn about new books or authors. A good place to start is www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists.
- Join or start a book discussion group at school or the public library.



Suffering From Future Shock?

As the weather starts to cool down, we think of a nice warm blanket, a cup of hot cocoa, and a good book...or SCHOOL. A time to learn something new, to broaden our horizons, to better ourselves, or just try and keep up with the never ending advance of new technology. Every time you turn around there is something new happening in the computer and technology world: smart phones, tablets, iPads, Kindles, and readers. Some of us wonder how

we'll ever catch up with the new stuff when we're still stuck trying to figure out the old stuff. Hopefully, your local library can help out a little.

We are going to give computer classes another go-round. We'll start with the absolute basics, move on to working your way around the Internet, and then set up an email account. The tentative start date is November. So watch for more information in the near future.



After many years of service to patrons, Ian Lindeman and the library have parted ways.

Ian was the teen/young adult librarian and could usually be found at the circulation desk.

Among his achievements are the development of the library's teen program. He was active in the Wyoming Library Association and served as a member of the Wyoming contingent to the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) on several occasions. Best of luck, Ian!



Love Antiques? A Collectible Junkie? Look at what's new.

It is estimated that over 30% of Americans collect something. The antiques and collectibles market is growing rapidly and expected to continue increasing in coming years. Naturally, we all hope that among our collectibles or among those items handed down from generation to generation may be that rare treasure worth a fortune. Or perhaps items associated with the latest fad or trend will become the valued collectible of the future.

Just added to the online e-resources offered by Converse County libraries is *Price It! Antiques & Collectibles* database accessible through our website from the library, home, school, office—wherever and whenever you have access to www.conversecountylibrary.org.

With more than 60 million images and 127 searchable categories, Price It! Is the ultimate identification, research and pricing tool for collectors, dealers, appraisers, and anyone in between.

Price It! is user-friendly and offers intuitive search functionality. It is also updated regularly so you'll always have the latest information available in the collectible field.

Check it out from the comfort of your home. Just have your library card number and PIN handy. Visit the library if you have problems and one of our staff will be happy to help.

Also new and just added is *Career Transitions*. More next time on this new e-resource, but you can access it now on our website.

Beyond Books



What's Hot

July 2012

Adult Titles

Douglas:

1. *In Plain Sight: A Joe Pickett Novel*, C.J. Box
2. *How to Build Shaker Furniture*, Thomas Moser
3. *Kindness Goes Unpunished*, Craig Johnson
4. *Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Imperative: A New Jason Bourne Novel*, Eric Lustbader
5. *A Child Called "IT": One Child's Courage to Survive*, David J. Pelzer
6. *Available Dark: A Thriller*, Elizabeth Hand
7. *Blue Monday*, Nicci French
8. *Clean: The Revolutionary*

Program to Restore the Body's Natural Ability to Heal Itself, Alejandro Junger

9. *Edgar Cayce on Prophecy*, Mary Ellen Carter
10. *Heaven on Earth: A Journey Through Shari'a Law from the Deserts of Ancient Arabia to the Streets of the Modern Muslim World*, Sadakat Kadri
11. *The Complete Book of Locks and Locksmithing*, Bill Phillips
12. *The Long Dark Tea-Time of the Soul*, Douglas Adams
13. *Those in Peril*, Wilbur A. Smith
14. *Throw Them All Out: How Politicians and Their Friends Get Rich Off Insider Stock Tips, Land Deals, and Cronyism That Would Send the Rest of Us to Prison*, Peter Schweizer
15. *Unfamiliar Fishes*, Sarah Vowell

Glenrock:

1. *Courageous*, Diana Palmer
2. *The Third Gate: A Novel*, Lincoln Child
3. *Touching the Sky*, Tracie Peterson
4. *The Men from Poudre Canyon: The Poudre Canyon Saga*, Dave P. Fisher
5. *Coming Home: A Story of Undying Hope*, Karen Kingsbury
6. *Heartbroken: A Novel*, Lisa Unger
7. *As the Crow Flies*, Craig Johnson
8. *Bloodline: A Sigma Force Novel*, James Rollins
9. *Robert B. Parker's Lullaby: A Spenser Novel*, Ace Atkins

Foundation News:

It is with sadness that we say "Farewell" to retiring Foundation Board Chair Vickie Goodwin. Citing other commitments along with the expiration of her term, Goodwin will move on to new horizons. Also leaving the Board is Deanna Lindeman. Best of luck with your retirement.

The Wyoming State Legislature awarded additional funding to Converse and other Wyoming county libraries towards the Wyoming Public Library Endowment Challenge. The additional funds will allow the library system to raise \$65,000 to be matched by the Legislature with \$130,000. This amount increases the total amount available to Converse County libraries for the 2:1 match to \$343,478.00 for a possible earned match of \$556,522. To date the library foundation has attained approximately 25% of the goal. We're running out of time to reach that goal. We need your help today. Make a donation and/or pledge today. Send to CCLF, 300 Walnut St., Douglas, WY 82633

The Endowment Challenge funds are helping the Foundation establish a permanent endowment for the future benefit of all Converse County libraries, Glenrock and Douglas. Your gift is tax-deductible.

"It's funny that we think of libraries as quiet demure places where we are shushed by dusty, bun-balancing, bespectacled women. The truth is libraries are raucous clubhouses for free speech, controversy and community. Librarians have stood up to the Patriot Act, sat down with noisy toddlers and reached out to illiterate adults. Libraries can never be shushed."

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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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Greetings From the Rock in the Glen - Glenrock Branch Library

Voices of
Summer
Glenrock
Library's
summer
lecture series



With summer on the wane, though temperatures are still high, plans for Story Time are in place. Beginning Wednesday, September 12, 2012, at 10:30 AM, Rita is commencing The Alphabet Train! Come join in as we explore the alphabet this year!

A short peek at Glenrock history: September & October, 1962

- Glenrock Herders opened their 1962 football season with a 13 – 6 victory over the Pine Bluff Hornets. Good start guys!
- Unfortunately, the Pavilion Panthers handed the Herders their first loss the following week, 27 – 6.

- Postmaster General of the United States announced the remodeling and 5 year lease of the building on the east side of 3rd St., between “B” and “C” streets. At that time, October, 1962, the USPS had about 45,000 post office locations throughout the country handling an estimated 65,000,000,000 pieces of mail annually. They were estimating an increase to 90,000,000,000 pieces by 1970. Mailing a letter first class cost just four cents and a postcard card was mailed for three cents. We’ve come a looong way in 40 years!!

