

Book Discussion
2012-13

Bridges

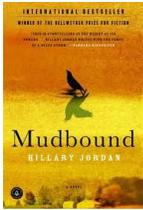


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Voters Say YES!

By a 57.5% to 40.0% margin, Converse County voters approved the \$22 million plus measure to renovate and expand both the main Converse County Library in Douglas and the Glenrock Branch Library in Glenrock.

The one-cent specific purpose sales tax will improve handicapped accessibility and energy efficiency, provide dedicated space for children and teen activities and programs, provide for expanded collections, make available meeting rooms for public and library programming, afford library users quiet and comfortable seating and study areas, and offer separate computer areas for adults, teens, and children. With current revenues it is estimated that the project can be paid off in five to five

and a half years. At that time the tax would sunset (go away).

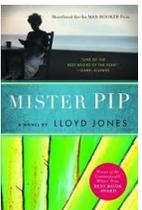
The Library Board will be meeting with HeinBond Architects at the November board meeting and will meet with county commissioners in December to discuss the purchase of bonds to allow the start of construction planned for 2013. Architectural renderings of the buildings and floor plans are available at either library, and there's still time for county residents to offer comments and suggestions. Plans are for both libraries to remain at their present locations with expansion to the north in Glenrock. The addition to the Douglas facility will grow to the north to encompass a three-level addition. Once the expansions are completed, present building areas will undergo renovations. It is

anticipated libraries will be able to remain open throughout the project.

From a modest building fund established in the early 1980s through several renovations at each facility, to the 2006 needs assessment and the 2012 voter approval, the dream of bigger and better libraries has taken awhile. County voters are making the dream a reality. Thanks to each of you who saw the need, voted YES, and are moving your libraries into the future. You're making it all possible!



Wed.,
Jan. 16,
2013



Wed.,
Feb. 20



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Mar. 20

Library Adds Digital Magazines

Converse County libraries are pleased to announce the addition of digital magazines to the growing collection of resources available through your local library.



Readers can view Zinio™ Digital Magazines on a variety of digital devices or download a magazine for offline reading later. Zinio™ is an unlimited, simultaneous use digital newsstand and is equivalent to that many consumers are already using to access magazines in digital form.

Zinio™ provides over 3600 magazines including magazines from

around the world.

Digital magazines are full-print, full-color (including advertisements) - exactly like the print edition with bonus interactive elements in many magazines.

The Wyoming State Library and the WYLD (Wyoming Libraries Database) Network, of which Converse County is a member, worked cooperatively to bring Zinio to Wyoming libraries.

For more information go to: <http://gowyld.net/libraries/zinio>.

Library staff will be happy to assist patrons in setting up a Zinio™ account.

Holiday Closings

The Library Board of Trustees has approved the following closing dates for the upcoming holiday season so that staff may enjoy time with family and friends:

- November 22-24 Thanksgiving
- December 24-25 Christmas
- December 31 Close 5:00 PM
- January 1, 2013 New Year's



The library regrets any inconvenience this may cause for our patrons. If you have special needs, please contact staff.

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Bridges

CHATTER FROM THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT



Fall has started out with a bang! Children have had so much fun learning about the seasons, hibernation, and harvest time. We've made pumpkins, scarecrows, monsters, and beautiful fall leaves. The Conservation District hosted a Fall Nature Walk by the river. The weather was beautiful and everyone had a good time. The Halloween Party was a huge success. We made monster plates, watered Halloween cartoons, trick-or-treated, and shared

goodies. The costumes were creative and adorable.

Our first Pajamarama of the season was held November 6. Pajamarama is a night time story hour for children of all ages. Kids wear their pajamas so they are ready to go home to bed after the stories.

Now it's time to gear up for the holiday season. It passes so quickly so let's not miss a minute of it. During December we'll be reading

holiday stories and making holiday crafts. We'll host a special holiday activity on December 13, 4:00-4:30 pm, for kids age 6-10 only. This program will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis so come early to reserve your seat.

Monthly calendars can be picked up at the library so your little ones won't miss out on any of the fun. Have a beautiful holiday season.

—Erika Mariner, Children's Librarian

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

Take one well-known snack favorite, add a dab here and a sprinkle there, and it transforms into a Hostess creature. Armed with a variety of sweet concoctions as part of Teen Read Week activities October 14-20, teens designed a variety of Hostess Creatures. Of course the best part was being able to eat them afterwards.

Following the sugar rush from the Hostess Creature activity, it was time for Mummy Wrapping. Armed with rolls of toilet tissue and young adults in all sizes, let's do what the Egyptians did once upon a time and wrap a mummy.

Giggles and laughs were plentiful and a good time was had by all.

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

Interviews are being conducted and a decision on filling the Teen Services position is imminent. Further news will be forthcoming. During the holiday seasons the library will be featuring holiday movies. A variety of games will also be available for play each day

during school vacation. Remember Game Night continues each Thursday 5:30-7:30 pm at the library.



Holiday Movie Marathon @ the Library

Year 2012 is drawing to a close and the holiday season has snuck up on us again...

Depending on whether the world ends on December 21, 2012 as the Mayans predicted and the Zombie Apocalypse happens—or not, we're looking forward to another season of movies and popcorn during the holiday vacation from school.

A different movie will be showing each day during the holiday break. All movies are free to the public,

but children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult.

The movie line-up is being finalized and will be posted at the library and around town.

Fines for Trivia and FREE replacement cards will be offered during the holiday season. To earn, you must visit the library.

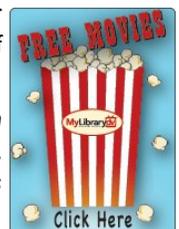
The library features an assortment of board games suitable for all ages for in-house use. Bring the crew in and enjoy a few hours of

traditional family fun courtesy of your library.

Celtic Fingerstyle Guitarist Jerry Barlow returns for an encore performance February 7, 2013 at 6:30 pm. Mark your calendars so you don't miss the performance.

Basic computer skills workshops are also in the planning stages to be held after the start of the new year.

—Cinnamon Johnson, Patron Services Manager



Teen



Services

Things That Go Bump in the Night



Helping People Find Their True Calling

The old saying goes "Find a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life." Is that how you feel about your job? If not, check out this new resource now available through Converse County libraries.

Career Transitions can help white-collar, manual and migrant laborers and workers who may have been affected by current

economic conditions. It provides assistance for workers who need job training or retraining. Students struggling to break into the job market, wage earners who need to sustain or improve family wage employment or who want to explore nontraditional opportunities, seniors who need to return to the job market to supplement retirement income

can all benefit from the resources available in *Career Transitions*.

Career Transitions provides hands-on guidance and access to key job search activities: job seeking and career exploration.

A library card and PIN are needed. Go to www.conversecountylibrary.org and learn more. In need of further assistance? Contact the library or stop by and visit with one of our library staff members.

Beyond Books

Career Transitions
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What's Hot

October 2012

Adult Titles

Douglas:

1. *Severe Clear: A Stone Barrington Novel*, Stuart Woods

2. *From the Listening Hills*, Louis Lamour
3. *As the Crow Flies*, Craig Johnson
4. *Back of Beyond*, C.J. Box
5. *Radiant Health: The Ancient Wisdom of the Chinese Tonic Herbs*, Ron Teeguarden
6. *Iron Horse*, John Hart
7. *Kilrone*, Louis Lamour

8. *Low Pressure*, Sandra Brown
9. *Sweet Talk*, Julie Garwood
10. *The Help*, Kathryn Stockett
11. *You Can Build: Wiring*, Esther Ferington

Glenrock:

1. *A Wanted Man: A Jack Reacher Novel*, Lee Child
2. *East of Denver*, Gregory Hill
3. *Zoo*, James Patterson

County Libraries are Busy Places

Wyoming libraries complete an annual Public Library Annual Statistical Report, which is submitted to Wyoming State Library and forwarded on to the national level.

Not only do the statistics give us a snapshot of how Converse County libraries fare from year to

year, but the numbers can be useful and are often needed to apply for grants and other state and federal funds. Converse County reported the following usage statistics for some of the basic services provided during the 2011-2012 fiscal year.



Attendance	103,982
Total Circulation	103,277
Book Circulation	51,526
Audiobooks	10,425
Visual Materials	16,975
Equipment (computer) usage	22,135
Total Program Attendance	9,003

What do we, as a nation, care about books? How much do you think we spend altogether on our libraries, public and private, as compared with what we spend on our horses?

—*Sesame and Lillies, Lect 1, Of King's Treasures*

John Ruskin, 1819-1900

Foundation News:

The next meeting of the Converse County Library Foundation (CCLF) is set for Monday, December 3 at the Converse County Library in Douglas at 6:00 pm.

The CCLF current private funds total for the 2:1 match is \$343,478.00 As of September 30, 2012 funds raised is \$72,002. Make your dollars count and enable the foundation to get a 2 for 1 return on every dollar contributed. For this holiday season, include Converse County libraries in your gift giving. 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.

Upcoming fund raising projects in the planning or consideration stages include quilt raffles and a 10K run in 2013.

Looking for holiday gift ideas? For your favorite cook the Foundation's cookbook is available for purchase. For local history buffs, *Light-in-Darkness: A Tale of the Early LaBonte* by William Augustus Martin makes a great gift for local history buffs. Copies of each are available at your local Converse County library.

LIGHT-IN-DARKNESS
 A Tale of the Early LaBonte



by William Augustus Martin

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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



Rita is busy with Alphabet Train Story Time and weekly visits to local daycares and HeadStart.

The library will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday Nov. 22-24. Christmas season closings will be Dec. 24-25 and January 1, 2013.

The annual children's Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday, December 8 at 11:00 AM. Lorie Hinton will be on hand to entertain the kids with storytelling and rumor has it that a jolly old fellow in a red suit may make an appearance as well.

3M says that eBook titles from Penguin Group (USA) will now be available through 3M Cloud. There will be a six-month delay in new release availability but popular authors such as Patricia Cornwell, Stephen King, Nevada Barr and

others will be available at our fingertips. Ask a librarian if you need assistance accessing the Cloud, a free resource from your local Converse County library.

Need a quick, thoughtful holiday gift both Glenrock and Douglas libraries have the CCLFoundation cookbook (\$15.00) and Light-in-Darkness (\$12.95) available for purchase and your enjoyment.

The Foundation is in its final year of the Endowment Challenge program made possible by the WY State Legislature. The 2:1 matching funds would provide the Foundation with over one million dollars as principal with the interest going to Foundation for the support of county libraries for programs, equipment and other projects and activities for

generations to come. Why not include your library on your gift-giving list this year.

A short peek at Glenrock history:
November/December 1962

Kind of a quiet two months to wrap up 1962 in Glenrock. There were several deaths with attendant funeral services. The Rev. Thomas L. O'Flannigan was installed as pastor of St. Louis Catholic Church. Glenrock residents followed the state-wide trend of filling all major state offices with Republicans. The annual Christmas lighting contest was held as well as the annual Fall Music Concert in the high school auditorium. Glenrock's outstanding Nativity scene was receiving statewide publicity and compliments.