

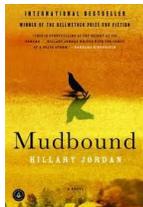
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Celtic Guitarist Returns

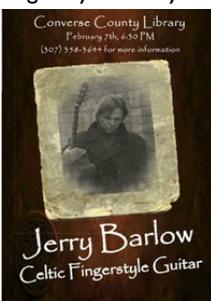
Converse County Library is pleased to once again welcome acclaimed Celtic fingerstyle guitarist Jerry Barlow to the Library for a special concert. Free to the public, the concert is set for Thursday, February 7 at 6:30 pm at the Library, 300 Walnut Street in Douglas.

Barlow is a warm, accessible performer and storyteller. His unique and skillfully delivered repertoire incorporates 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.

Barlow brings traditional Celtic tunes alive by sharing the history, humor, and legends behind the

music.

This is Barlow's third visit to the Library. His music can be heard regularly on many National Public



Radio stations. He has been featured in *Fingerstyle Guitar* magazine, and was profiled in February 2011 in

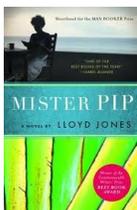
Celtic Connection. He has performed in the Gates Auditorium for the University of Denver's Lamont School of Music, the Arvada Center for the Performing Arts, and is a favorite of High Plains Public Radio's Living Room Concert Series in Amarillo, TX.

Ricks Joins Staff

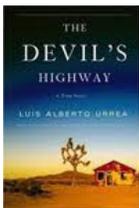
The Library is pleased to announce new Teen Librarian Maria Ricks who joined us on January 7.

Right now Maria is poring over files, notebooks, and other paperwork to get a sense of the history of the library's teen program. She's also busy planning for Love My Library Week, Teen Tech Week, and summer reading. Game nights continue on Thursday evenings too.

Maria can also be found at the circulation desk from time to time. She brings lots of enthusiasm and energy to the position and is looking forward to meeting everyone.. Please stop by and extend a hearty Douglas welcome.



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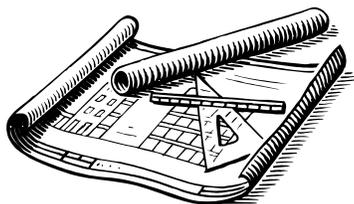
Trustees Meet with Commissioners

The Library Board of Trustees and Administration met for a work session with Converse County Commissioners, the County treasurer, Barbara Bonds of Freudenthal & Bonds, and Mary Keating Scott and Paul Taylor of George K. Baum & Company Wednesday, January 9. The focus of the session was to determine plans and course of action for the financial aspects of the voter-approved

special purpose tax to grow county library facilities.

The agenda of the Library Board of Trustees Meeting on Monday, January 28, 4:30 PM, at the Glenrock Branch Library in Glenrock will include discussion and planning for the architectural and construction phase and next steps in the project. Board meetings are open to the public.

A second meeting with the Commissioners will be held in February to concentrate on the construction aspects of the upcoming project.



Library Closings



Converse County libraries will be closed Monday, February 18 in celebration of President's Day.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause our patrons. If you have a special need or consideration, please visit with a librarian.

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CHATTER FROM THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT



It may be cold outside, but it's cozy in the Children's Department. We just finished celebrating another beautiful holiday season and we are excited for winter time. There are fun stories to read about penguins, polar bears, snowboarding snowmen, and more.

The Conservation District will host storytime on January 23 and 24 at 10:30 am. Miss Colleen will teach us how to make pasta snowflakes. She'll be back

February 20-21

In February we celebrate friendship, kindness and, of course, Love My Library Week. Our Valentine activities will take place February 13-14. Stop by the library, pick up a calendar, and join in the fun.

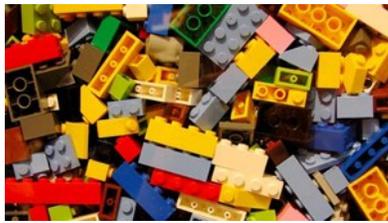
Students, our shelves are stocked with AR books at all levels. If you can't find what you're looking for at school, chances are you'll find it here. You can take all the time

you need and we'll look up value and point levels for you.

Believe it or not, summer is just around the corner. "Dig into Reading" is this year's theme. We'll be digging for buried treasure, eating worms and dirt, making our own fossils, learning about gems, and more. Indiana Bones will be returning in July to wow you with his tales from beneath.

—Erika Mariner, Children's Librarian

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Legos—summer reading—oh my!

Hello, Converse County Library patrons! My name is Maria Ricks and I am the new Teen Librarian.

A little bit about me—I grew up in Idaho, have spent the last two years in the Midwest, and am now excited to be back here in the West. I enjoy American history, I love playing games like Dominion and Agricola, and I can't resist pumpkin chocolate chip muffins or banana bread. Since moving to

Douglas, I am excited to see Ayres Natural Bridge, attend the Wyoming State Fair, and buy my first Jackalope hunting license.

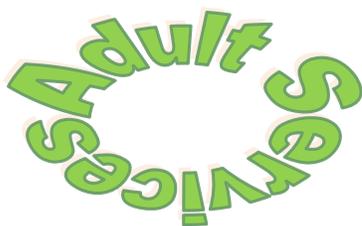
As far as upcoming programs, Love Your Library Week is coming up this February and we will be having fun making Valentines, hosting a Teen Chocolate Tasting, and playing a modified Dating Game with books. We still have Gaming

Night on Thursdays, and keep your eyes open for Teen Tech Week March 11-16. If you have ideas or suggestions of what you would like to see happen here at your library, just let me know.

So come on into the Library and say "Hi". I would love to meet you.

—Maria Ricks, Teen Librarian

Happy New Year



The New Year has begun and we are so excited for the upcoming year at the Library. We already have so much planned, including a concert, programs, movies, computer classes and more. We hope that you will come and join us!

In January we welcomed our new Teen Librarian Maria Ricks. She already has so many wonderful program ideas so watch for dates and details.

February will be a busy month. Jerry Barlow, Celtic Guitarist will be here in concert on Thursday, February 7 at 6:30 pm. Admission

is free. This is Jerry's third visit to the library and he's been well received on previous visits.

Love My Library Week will follow February 11-16. Included in the activities will be trivia, candy guessing jars, a movie night, coloring contest, poetry/poster/essay contest, and this year we want to incorporate our own version of conversation hearts by having our patrons sign their name and/or a "Love Your Library" message on a heart. We'll hang them throughout the library to see just how many members of the community use the local library on any given week.

To finish the month we will be offering our "What is This Thing? Computer Course on Thursday, February 21 at 6:00 pm for anyone who needs to learn the absolute BASICS about computers and how to use them. Content will explain the mouse and its functions and basics of accessing a program on the Internet. After this first course, we'll follow up with another on searching the Internet and setting up an e-mail account.

—Cinnamon Johnson, Patron Services Manager

The World is Talking About...

Obama's second inauguration, Benghazi, Sandy Hook, debt ceiling, to name but a few topics. Every day there seems to be a new crisis making headlines, often without resolution of what the hot topic was just yesterday.

Students, teachers, business people and the general public struggle to keep up with a world which seems to change day by day, sometimes minute by minute.

Many people choose to ignore, but today's challenges impact everyone.

"Global Issues in Context is a media-rich, content driven, easy-to-use e-resource that spans the globe to bring essential and balanced information to readers seeking to understand crucial international issues and news headlines with a single search." And it's available

through your local library at no cost.

Discover historical content, current viewpoints, podcasts, videos, and other interactive features to gain a world view whether traveling or doing business abroad, staying connected with current views from countries around the world, or going beyond local, regional, and national news.

Available under Additional Resources in WYLDCAAT.

Beyond Books



Global Issues in Context



What's Hot

December 2012

Adult Titles

Douglas:

1. *A Wanted Man: A Jack Reacher Novel*, Lee Child
2. *Cold Wind*, C.J. Box
3. *Guilty Wives: A Novel*, James Patterson
4. *In Plain Sight: A Joe Pickett Novel* C.J. Box
5. *It's Head Came Off by Accident: A Memoir*, Muffy Mead-Ferro
6. *Mad River*, John Sandford
7. *Loose Girl: A Memoir of Promiscuity*, Kerry Cohen
8. *Lost Light: A Novel*, Michael Connelly
9. *My French Whore*, Gene Wilder
10. *No One You Know*, Michelle Richmond

11. *Notorious Nineteen: A Stephanie Plum Novel*, Janet Evanovich
12. *Origami: Japanese Paper Folding*, Florence Sakade
13. *Ride, Cowboy, Ride! Eight Seconds Ain't That Long: A Rodeo Novel*, Baxter Black
14. *Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher: The Epic Life and Immortal Photographs of Edward Curtis*, Timothy Egan
15. *The Affair: A Reacher Novel*, Lee Child
16. *The Complete Calvin and Hobbes*, Bill Watterson
17. *The Survivor*, Gregg Andrew Hurwitz
18. *The Time In Between: A Novel*, Maria Duenas
19. *Wedding Belles*, Haywood Smith
20. *Winterkill: A Novel*, C. J. Box

Glenrock:

1. *As the Crow Flies*, Craig Johnson
2. *Notorious Nineteen: A Stephanie Plum Novel*, Janet Evanovich
3. *The Breath of Dawn*, Kristen Heitzmann
4. *The Bridesmaid*, Beverly Lewis
5. *The Casual Vacancy*, J.K. Rowling
6. *The Racketeer*, John Grisham
7. *Out of the Silent Planet*, C.S. Lewis
8. *The Air We Breathe*, Christa Parrish
9. *All Things New*, Lynn N. Austin
10. *A Hidden Truth*, Judith Miller
11. *A Rule Against Murder*, Louise Penny
12. *Birds of a Feather: A Novel*, Jacqueline Winspear
13. *Chosen Prey*, John Sandford
14. *Lonestar Angel*, Colleen Coble
15. *Maisie Dobbs: A Novel*, Jacqueline Winspear

Foundation News:

The next meeting of the Converse County Library Foundation (CCLF) is set for Monday, February 4 at the Glenrock Branch Library in Glenrock at 6:00 pm.

A Love My Library Week auction will be taking place through February 15, 2013. Items and/or photographs will be available for you to view at each Converse County library and online at conversecountylibrary.org or on Facebook. A variety of items including some special handcrafted articles will be available. All proceeds benefit the CCLF Endowment Fund.

Make your dollars count and enable the foundation to get a 2 for 1 return on every dollar contributed. Why not make a donation or pledge during Love My Library Week? 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.

DID YOU KNOW: The Library and the Converse County Library Foundation are two separate organizations each run by independent boards! The county library is established by state statute and is an agency of county government. The foundation was established in the 1980s to support the ongoing activities of county library facilities.

"For him that stealeth a book from this library, let it change into a serpent in his hand and rend him. Let him be struck by palsy & all his members blasted. Let him languish in pain, crying aloud for mercy, & let there be no surcease for his agony until he sink to dissolution. Let bookworms gnaw his entrails in token of the worm that dieth not, & when at last he goeth to his final punishment let the flames of hell consume him for ever & aye."

Attributed to the monastery of San Pedro, Barcelona

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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



Greetings from Glenrock!

StoryTime's spring session has resumed. We continue with Get on Board the Alphabet Train!

The Book Distribution to all of the CCSD #2 kindergarten through fifth graders will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, January 29-30 at Grant Elementary and Friday, February 1 at GIMS. We would especially like to thank the Human Resource Council, Hilltop National Bank and Reliant Federal Credit Union for sponsoring this event. They have made it possible for us to continue to get a free book into the hands of our children at least once a year.

A meeting of the Glenrock Teen Advisory Board is scheduled for Saturday, February 2 at 1:00 PM. Any teens interested in seeing what is going on with the TAB feel free to stop in and join the group!

We'll be getting off to a fairly sedate beginning for the year, not much planned until February when we have our Love My Library celebration the week of February 10-16.

A short peek at Glenrock history: January & February, 1963

When several large blood stains, a pistol slug, an abandoned mohair car coat, a man's jacket and a new pair of men's buckskin gloves were found under the bridge east of Glenrock, the FBI was called in to assist the investigation. The FBI was able to determine that the blood was from a dog. The investigation was then closed.

Not to be outdone by the weather in January, 2013, the temperature in early January, 1963 was in the balmy 50's!

Until it plummeted to -10 degrees overnight with a forecast of -20 for the next day. See, even 50 years ago Glenrock had weird weather!

And on a lighter note, scientists are working on something other than a closed (self-supporting) biological cycle for spacemen. This closed cycle would have spacemen eating algae which would be grown and nourished by human waste. If the North Carolina State College experiment is successful, then the spacemen would take chickens along that would lay fresh eggs for a dietary supplement! What, you ask, would the chickens eat? Algae, of course! Bet astronauts of the last 40 years are glad alternatives were found!