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Communities matter @ Converse County Library

Converse County libraries will join libraries in schools, campuses and communities nationwide in celebrating National Library Week, April 14-20, a time to highlight the value of libraries, librarians and library workers.

Libraries today are more than repositories for books and other resources. Converse County libraries strive to be the heart of our communities and we're deeply committed to being the place where our patrons live, work and study. Libraries are trusted places where everyone can gather to reconnect and reengage with each other to enrich and shape our communities and address local issues.

Librarians work with elected officials, small business owners, students and the public at large to discover what our community needs are and meet them. Yes, we still offer the latest best-seller or an old favorite in books, but our libraries also provide audiobooks,

e-books, DVDs, print and online magazines, dedicated programming for children, teens, and adults, online classes, job and career re-



sources, over 80 other online database resources with subjects from Ancestry Library to Zinio, and much more,

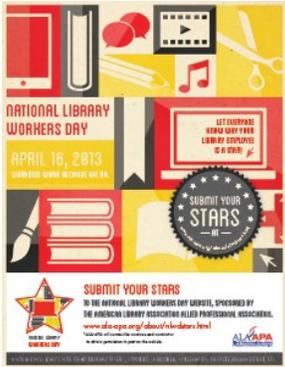
Service is our specialty and a dedicated staff is always here to help.

The Converse County Library is celebrating National Library Week by providing:

- All week long: Guess How Many Books Contest
- Make Your Own Bookmarks. Library will furnish supplies.
- April 16: Venice Beske, Wyoming Places, 6:30 PM
- April 17: Clifford the Big Red Dog, 10:00 AM
- Gardening Boxes Painting
- April 18: Game Night, 5:30-7:30 PM
- April 19: Flower Planting

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 the Converse County Library at 300 Walnut Street, Douglas, WY, call (307) 358-3644 or Glenrock Branch Library, 518 South 4th Street, Glenrock, WY, call (307) 436-2573.



National Library Workers
Day

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Learn more at:
ala-apa.org/nlwd

What's in a Name?

Have you ever wondered how Wyoming places got their names? Venice Beske, Special Projects Librarian for the Wyoming State Library will appear at Converse County libraries Tuesday, April 16 to tell us more. Venice discusses specific place names relating to their sources to archaeology, biology, folklore,

geography, geology, history or language. She also discusses the current place names project of the Wyoming State Library.

See her in Glenrock, Senior Center, 2:30 PM.

Douglas, Converse County Library, 6:30 PM.

This program made possible by the Wyoming Humanities Council and the Converse County Library Foundation.



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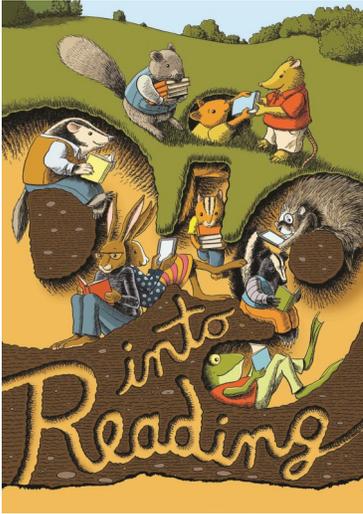
Since the county commissioners are still finalizing the legal and financial requirements for the one-cent optional sales tax before the library can move forward with construction, the Library Board has asked Anders Dahlgren of Library Planning Associates, Inc. to revisit our needs assessment. The library world is changing almost daily, and we're striving for the most up-to-date facilities we can build with your tax dollars. As always, we welcome community input.

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CHATTER FROM THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT



We start March off with a bang. We had almost 150 kindergartners come to visit the library on March 1. Stories were told, songs were sang, dances were danced, and laughter was abundant.

It doesn't seem possible but Spring is almost here. Doesn't everyone have a little bit of "cabin fever"? In the Children's Department we are ready to celebrate Spring and all the new life it brings. We'll be making butterflies and flowers while reading about all the animals born this time of year. Weather permitting, we're planning a Teddy Bear picnic. Check calendar for

dates and details.

It's been three years since this very special guest has visited. Mark your calendars for April 17 at 10:00 AM. He's baaack! Clifford the Big Red Dog will be here to visit with kids and take photos. Thanks to PBS for providing this opportunity. Clifford always draws a huge crowd, so make sure to get here on time and bring a camera.

A March reminder: there will be no story hour the last week of March, which is spring break for Converse County School District #1.

Dig Into Reading, the summer

reading theme for 2013 promises to bring all kinds of fun and adventure for kids. With special guests like "Indiana Bones" and "The Lego Guy", it looks like a good time for everyone. Fossils, eating worms, digging for treasure, growing crystals, and much more are on the schedule. Summer reading encourages kids of all ages to read and go back to school better prepared for next year. Keep those reading skills sharp and earn prizes while you are doing it. Registration starts the first week of June. Can't wait for this summer...gotta dig it!

—Erika Mariner, Children's

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

It is crazy to believe it's already March. The Teen section just hosted its first chocolate tasting, and I'm excited to announce upcoming events for March and April.

In **March** teens are making magazine beads on **Wednesday, March 6** and button bookmarks on **Wednesday, March 20** or **Thursday, March 21**.

On **Thursday, March 14** we celebrated **Teen Tech Week** by showcasing Resume Builder available on the library databases just in time for older teen to start applying for those summer jobs.

On **Thursday, March 28** let's play with our food while creating coconut snowballs, a delicious concoction to celebrate winter season's end.

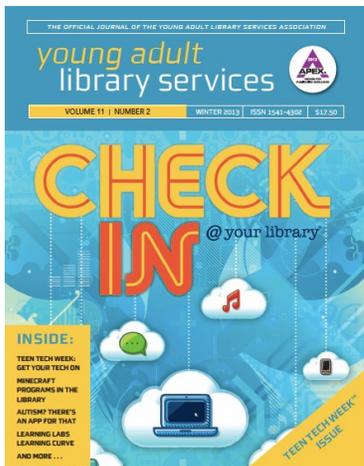
And don't forget teen gaming **every Thursday night** from 6:00-8:00 PM. Our groups that play *Dungeons and Dragons* and *Magic* welcome newcomers. If you don't feel like playing those games, we offer a selection of board games to choose from including *Chess*, *Battleship*, *Monopoly*, *Cranium*, and *Word on the Street*.

In **April** we'll celebrate the coming of spring. On **Wednesday, April 3**, we'll

create flower garlands, on **Wednesday, April 17**, we'll paint gardening boxes to prepare for Earth Day, and planting flowers on **Friday, April 19**. Teen Tech Night **Thursday April 11**, come check out the library database for ACT and SAT prep. April is also Poetry Month so on **Wednesday, April 10**, it's **Poetry Night** with local poet Lee Ann Siebken. **Thursday, April 25** it's s'mores brownies.

We're looking forward to seeing you at any or all of these upcoming activities!

—Maria Ricks, Teen Librarian



You are invited to visit your local library during National Library Week, April 14-20, 2013.

How many books are available at your library? A correct guess can win you a prize. There will be cake and punch, and a "Make Your Own Bookmark" crafting opportunity. The library will furnish the supplies if you furnish the time and creativity.

Venice Beske, of the Wyoming Humanities Council will present "Wyoming Places" Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 PM.

The teen and children's departments also have activities scheduled throughout the week.

We're also preparing for Money Smart Week with daily tips on saving, a 52-week \$ challenge, becoming the "change-keeper," and movies to help increase your money IQ. There may be a chance to lower outstanding library fines too. Watch for more information.

—Cinnamon Johnson, Patron Services Manager



How Does Your Garden Grow?

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of "gardening?" Not quite the way Tennyson phrased it, but many a fair maiden's ideas may be turning in a similar direction. Possibly it's gardening too or perhaps it's planning a June wedding.

If you're looking for new spring and summer ideas, whether it's growing, decorating, or landscaping, a walk down the aisle,

or hitting the open road, visit the Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center available at wyld.state.wy.us/conv. Look to the right of Additional Resources and click on Hobbies & Crafts. Enter your particular topic such as landscaping, weddings, gardening, even birdhouse designs into the search box and browse, dream, plan, and get to work. And if you're thinking of traveling this summer, you'll even find articles

on some of the best trails, campgrounds, and destinations around the United States. Your search is only limited by the breadth of your imagination.

This database is available from home, school, or work and is provided for you, free of charge, by your Converse County libraries.

Need some help? Your librarian is always here to lend a helping hand. Just ask.

Beyond Books



What's Hot

February 2013

Adult Titles

Douglas:

1. *Full Bloom: the art and life of Georgia O'Keefe*, Hunter Drohojowska-Philip
2. *America Again: re-becoming the greatness we never weren't*, Stephen Colbert
3. *Railroads of Colorado: your guide to Colorado's historic trains and railway sites*, Claude A. Wiatrowski
4. *The Racketeer*, John Grisham
5. *Winterkill: a novel*, C.J. Box
6. *XO*, Jeffrey Deaver
7. *Winter of the World*, Ken Follett
8. *Women Still at Work: professionals over sixty and on the job*, Elizabeth S. Fideler

9. *Warm Bodies: a novel*, Isaac Marion
10. *The Survivors Club*, Lisa Gardner
11. *The Husband List*, Janet Evanovitch
12. *The Old Gray Wolf*, James D. Doss
13. *Retribution*, Jilliane Hoffman
14. *One Last Thing Before I Go*, Jonathan Tropper
15. *Outlaws of the Brasada: a western duo*, Les Savage
16. *Acoustic Guitar*, Chad Johnson
17. *A Memory of Light*, Robert Jordan
18. *Desert America: boom and bust in the new old west*, Rubén Martínez
19. *Dirr's Encyclopedia of Trees and Shrubs*, Michael Dirr
20. *In Plain Sight: a Joe Pickett Novel*, C.J. Box
21. *Hothouse Orchid*, Stuart Woods

Glenrock:

1. *A Wanted Man: a Jack Reacher novel*, Lee Child
2. *Larry Bond's Red Dragon Rising: blood of war*, Larry Bond
3. *Low Pressure*, Sandra Brown
4. *Merry Christmas*, Alex Cross, James Patterson
5. *Murphy's Law: A Molly Murphy mystery*, Rhys Bowen
6. *Notorious Nineteen: A Stephanie Plum novel*, Janet Evanovitch
7. *Private London*, James Patterson
8. *Standing in Another Man's Grave*, Ian Rankin
9. *State of Fear*, Michael Crichton
10. *The E-Myth Enterprise: how to turn a great idea into a thriving business*
11. *The Husband List*, Janet Evanovitch
12. *Think of a Numb3r: a novel*, John Verdon

My experience with public libraries is that the first volume of the book I inquire for is out, unless I happen to want the second, when that is out.

— *The Poet at the Breakfast Table*
Oliver Wendell HOLMES (1809-1894)

Foundation News: The Foundation met Monday, March 4 at the Glenrock Branch Library with seven members in attendance. Agenda issues discussed were bylaw changes necessary to maintain compliance with IRS regulations, Milner Scholarship guideline revisions, and investment of Endowment Challenge funds.

A copy of current by-laws, proposed changes, and rationale for changes were provided to members present. Board members are to review changes for discussion at the April 1 meeting.

A sub-committee was formed to discuss and make changes to the Milner Scholarship to meet changing needs of today's students. A draft will be prepared and presented at the April meeting.

Endowment Challenge funds now available through matured CDs will be transferred to the Foundation's IMMA account while other investment opportunities are explored. President Cher Bailey will present options at the next meeting.

Annual fund raising projects were discussed. Library Director Karen Hopkins thanked board members for their enthusiasm toward meeting Foundation goals.

For more information on the Foundation please contact Karen Hopkins at (307) 358-3644, Paul Pidde at (307) 436-2573, or any Foundation member: Cher Bailey, Bob Lindmier, Margaret Grant, Mary Cannady, Richard Cannady, Scott Barber, Karl Lybrand, Johnna Grant, Ken Bollinger, Heidi Mason.



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*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



March and April find us preparing for Summer Reading, but we still found time to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday on Saturday, March 2!

Nor have we forgotten National Library Week April 14 -20. Venice Beske from the Wyoming Humanities Council and the State Library on Wyoming Places - Venice discusses specific place names in Wyoming, relating their sources to archaeology, biology, folklore, geography, geology, history or language Tuesday afternoon, 2:30 PM at the Glenrock Senior Center. She also discusses the current place names project of the Wyoming State Library.

Courtesy of PBS Clifford the Big Red Dog will visit the library Wednesday, April 17 at 1:00 PM! Closing out the month of April is

Book Day traditionally held on April 23, a day organized by UNESCO to promote reading, publishing and copyright.

A short peek at Glenrock history: March & April, 1963

New machines installed at Snappy Service Laundry are the latest. Violet Ray coin operated automatic washing machines! According to the manufacturer, the violet ray factor is a germ killer. It acts like pure sunshine on clothes and is a great sanitation innovation.

American Cancer Society chapter was first organized in Converse County.

A yarn shop opened in Glenrock providing a selection of well-known yarns, instruction books, needles and knitting notions. Mrs. Louise Healy will be operating the shop from her home.

Bob Hope appeared in Laramie at the Memorial Fieldhouse on April 3, 1963. Reserved seating was \$3.00 and general admission tickets were \$1.50. Those were the good old days.

Fund raising in 1963 was a little different from today as witnessed by: The Glenrock Job's Daughters will serve as "slaves" during the week of March 30 – April 6 as a money raising project for the Bethel. The girls will help with housecleaning, wash cars, rake lawns, baby sit, etc. during the week. Place your order for "slaves" by phoning 436-xxxx or 436-yyyy.

Work progresses on the third unit of the Dave Johnston Power Plant. The structure for the boiler unit was started in April and total construction is estimated at being completed in June 1964.