

Bridges

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Endowment Challenge

The Library Endowment Challenge, sponsored by the Wyoming State Legislature, continues. The Converse County libraries have until June, 2017, to meet the challenge of raising \$348,913. With the state's matching funds, we will have a total of \$1,046,739. We have currently raised only \$74,169.

Several counties across the state have already reached their goal, but here in Converse County, we are falling behind. And we don't like to be behind in anything, so we need your help!

Every dollar that you give to this challenge is worth \$3 to us, not to mention that your gift is tax deductible! That means it's a win for everyone.

The interest earned from the endowment will provide a good base of funding for speakers, equipment, special programs and exhibits. It means that we can offer more of what the community wants and needs.

But we cannot meet this goal without your help. Gifts can be either one time donations or you can pledge a monthly (or yearly!) amount. Please consider investing in the future of Converse County and the library by making your gift today. For a donation form, or to make a pledge, please talk to the library staff. We deeply appreciate your help in making our library strong now and for many years to come!

Building Update

Change can happen overnight or it creeps forward at a snail's pace, but planned change is almost always the best option. For those anxiously waiting for new libraries for county residents, it doesn't seem to be happening quickly enough. Library Board, administration, and staff spokespersons, county commissioner representatives, and the owner's rep/construction manager met several times in January and February to determine next steps in the progress of the one-cent library building project. Raised flooring to accommodate power and networking, hard vs. soft walls for future flexibility, construction methods, land use optimization, remodel and refurbish vs. tear down and start from scratch, bidding and construction timelines, a genealogy/local history center, and new trends in libraries were all on the table for discussion.

A pre-qualification meeting to select qualified bidders is set for March 6. Monthly progress meetings with the owner's rep, library administration and board members, and the architects will continue. The owner's rep also reports to the county commissioners at their monthly meetings.

The two libraries in Glenrock and Douglas will have separate start and completion dates with Glenrock going out to bid first. The architecturally drafted footprint for Glenrock was approved with minor changes. The current library building will serve as a meeting facility for library and public use upon completion of the new library. Currently the project will be put out to bid in May with construction set for July 2014. Estimates are that the building would be completed by June 2015. The bidding/construction timeline for the Douglas facility is still pending.

The Library Board welcomes input from the community. Current board members are Scott Barber, Karen Werner, Jeremy Matter, David Harned, and Bob Lindmier. Comments can also be forwarded to the board by stopping by either library and filling out a simple form. Your privacy will be respected.

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Summer Book Discussion

Looking for a way to while away the long summer days? Why not pick up a good book, read it, then enjoy discussing it with others? This summer, the library will continue the book discussion for May, June and July. We'll be doing a series of post-apocalyptic novels: *The Handmaid's Tale*, by Margaret Atwood, *Alas, Babylon*, by Pat Frank, and *The Road*, by Cormac McCarthy. Discussion will be on the third Wednesday of each month, and books are available at the circulation counter one month prior to the meeting. And the best part? The time you spend reading in June and July can count towards your summer reading hours, which might win you a Kindle Fire! We hope you'll join

Kid's Cozy Corner



March is an exciting month. Parent teacher conferences and Spring Break is in March. We also have quite a bit going on this month. To kick off March, we have a SPECIAL StoryTime on March 3rd including Read Across America and Dr. Seuss's Belated Birthday. We will be doing Dr. Seuss activities.

March 4th is our last Pajamarama for the season. The fun starts at 6 PM. Wear your

PJs. March 6 is Oreo Cookie Day. Kids stop in and have an OREO! Spring break is always exciting for the kiddos, but parents may have a hard time deciding what to do. So this year we are going to be playing movies at 11am & 2pm every day of Spring Break. All movies are rated G and PG.

April is always hoppin' because of Easter. For StoryTime we will be doing some fun Easter Bunny and Egg activities. April

Shelly Schmitt-Children's Librarian

also has Money Smart week. We are planning activities for the young children to learn the basics about money. Check back soon for a full list of activities.

Be sure to join us on April 9th to meet The Cat in the Hat. Get your picture taken with this star! And start planning now for Summer Reading! The theme is *Fizz, Boom, Read!* and we'll be exploring science. We hope you'll join us!

Teen Scene



Spring is finally here (maybe), the sun is out longer, and the end of school is around the corner. Time to make stuff!

This March, come make a bead bracelet (Wed, Mar 5th and Thurs, Mar 6th at 4:30 PM) and avocado hummus (Wed, Mar 19th and Thurs, Mar 20th at 4:30 PM). We will be celebrating Teen Tech Week March 10th to the 15th. Tuesday the 11th, come learn how to create programs online with Scratch, a free

website from MIT. Wednesday, March 12th, we will have a scavenger hunt around the library to see different technology devices. Create a movie using MovieMaker and Audacity, free websites that make fun videos using pictures with music/voice in the background on Thursday March 13th. Throughout the week, complete surveys for the library; each survey you complete will enter you in a drawing for a \$10 Amazon gift certificate!

María Ricks-Teen Librarian

April is packed full of fun. Come make embroidery Floss Easter Eggs (Wed, Apr 2nd and Thurs, Apr 3rd at 4:30), Homemade Peanut Butter Eggs (Wed, Apr 9th and Thurs, Apr 10th), and Garden Lanterns (Wed, Apr 23rd and Thurs, Apr 24th). Also, come for a variety of poetry activities throughout the month.

And, best of all, come check out a book to read outside now that it is warming up again!

Adult Services



Are you ready for this? We have got a very busy couple of months ahead of us at the library. In March we will kick off our basic computer classes again. This is a 3-part class focusing on the basics of the computer, Word, and finishing with internet basics. They will run on March 20th, April 3rd and April 17th. Sign up after the 1st of March to

make sure you have a spot.

In April we will be celebrating Money Smart Week April 5th-12th. We will have information on making the most of your money, Money Bingo for the family, "money manicures," and much more. Watch for more information to come.

Also in April we will be celebrating National Library

Cinnamon Johnson-Adult Librarian

Week April 13th-19th with our Photo Scavenger Hunt returning again along with many other programs. We are hoping to gather a collection of "what you want in your new library" ideas from our patrons both young and 'young at heart'. We hope you will stop by the library that week so that you can help us celebrate.

"Knowing you have something good to read before bed is among the most pleasurable of sensations."
-- Vladimir Nabokov



Teen Tech Week

You might not think that libraries and technology go hand in hand, but they do! What better place to learn about the latest advancements and try out new ideas? In fact, we have a whole week dedicated to it. March 9th-15th is Teen Tech Week.

This year, the theme for Teen Tech Week is "DIY @ Your Library." To help

celebrate, we have a bunch of great activities lined up for you. On Tuesday, March 10th, join us at 4:30 to learn about Scratch, a programming website. Wednesday will bring us a scavenger hunt around the library at 4 PM. And on Thursday we'll explore MovieMaker and Audacity as we learn how to make movies at home.

In Glenrock, the Teen Advisory Board is hosting an Invention Contest. All inventors are invited to submit their creations by 11 AM on March 14th for a chance to be named Glenrock's top inventor!

We hope you will join us in learning how to "DIY @ Your Library." We look forward to learning with you.



Showing the Love

We had a great turnout for Love My Library Week this year, and we want to thank you all for showering us with love! And a big congratulations goes out to Chef Jeff from the Green Arbor Cafe at Memorial Hospital for his win of overall best chocolate in our 2nd Annual Chocolate Tasting!



What's Hot Glenrock

Annals of Wyoming (Laramie, WYO:1996)

by WT Dept of Commerce

Blind Hope: An Unwanted Dog and the Woman She Rescued

by Kim Meeder

King and Maxwell by David Baldacci

Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Retribution by Eric Lustbader

Spirit of Steamboat by Craig Johnson

Strait of Hormuz by Davis Bunn

The Purity of Vengeance by Jussi Adler-Olsen

Touch & Go by Lisa Gardner

Your Heart Belong to Me by Dean Koontz

Douglas

Breaking Point by CJ Box

Great Plains: America's Lingering Wild by Michael Forsberg

My Life as an Indian by James Willard Schultz

Old Forts of the Southwest by Herbert M. Hart

The Child Thief by Dan Smith

Tragic by Robert Tanenbaum

Winners by Danielle Steel



Staff Highlight:

María Ricks

Position: Teen Librarian

Time at CCL: 1 year

Lived in CC: 1 year

*What is the best book you've read in the last year?

MR: That would be a toss up between *Howl's Moving Castle* by Diana Wynn Jones, *Keeping the Castle* by Patrice Kindl, and the *Thursday Next* series by Jasper Fforde.

*What is your favorite childhood memory?

MR: I loved snow days as a child. It felt like a free day where I could do whatever I wanted and Mom would make my favorite dinner: spaghetti and meatballs.

*Would you survive a zombie apocalypse?

MR: No. When I watch those kind of movies, I think about all the things I would do wrong or where I could mess up. Honestly, death does not sound that bad to me compared to living with the aftereffects of a zombie apocalypse.



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Summer Reading 2014

Spring is around the corner, so it is not too early to think about Summer Reading. This year the theme is science, and we are ready to explore the universe (and some great books) as we delve into Fizz, Boom, Read! (for children), Spark a Reaction! (for teens), and Literary Elements (for adults).

We'll have some great activities for you, from science experiments to movies, there will be fun for the whole family! And of course, no summer reading program would be complete without prizes.

Sign up starts on June 2nd and the party starts on the 9th. We look forward to exploring the realms of science through books with you this summer!



Upcoming Events

March

March 4 @ 6 : Kids: Pajamarama

March 6: Kids: Oreo Cookie Day

March 9-15: Teen Tech Week

March 11 @ 4:30: Teens: Scratch Programing

March 12 @ 4:30: Teens: Tech Scavenger Hunt

March 13 @ 4:30: Teens: MovieMaker & Audacity

March 17-21@ 11 & 2: Kids: Spring Break Movie Marathon

March 17 @ 4:30: Library Board Meeting

March 18 @ 6: Adults: Book Club Movie Viewing

March 19 @ 7: Adults: Book Club Discussion

March 19/20 @ 4:30: TeenChef: Avocado Hummus

March 20 @ 6:30: Adults: Computer Basics Class

March 25 @ 5: Teens: TAB Book Club (Glenrock)

April

April: National Poetry Month

April 2/3 @ 4:30: TeenCraft: Embroidery Floss Eggs

April 3 @ 6:30: Adults: Computer Basics Class

April 5-12: Money Smart Week

April 9/10 @ 4:30: TeenChef: Peanut Butter Eggs

April 13-19: National Library Week

April 17 @ 6:30: Adults: Computer Basics Class

April 21 @ 4:30: Library Board Meeting

April 23/24 @ 4:30: TeenCraft: Garden Lanterns

April 29 @ 5: Teens: TAB Book Club (Glenrock)

News from the Rock in the Glen



March kicks off with TWO events at the library! The Gardening Club of Glenrock is having their monthly meeting on Saturday, March 1 and there will be a celebration of Dr. Seuss at 11:00 AM that day also! Teen Tech Week is March 9-15 this year. Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is hosting a contest to find the top inventor in Glenrock!

They dare to challenge everyone to build something unique! Bring it in on Saturday, March 15 by 11:00 AM so TAB members can judge the finished works starting at noon. We are also taking donations of gears, wheels, levers, etc. through Friday, March 14 for use by our budding inventors/builders!

Also happening this month, the Wyoming Book Awards winners will be announced March 15. Check in for the winners of the Buckaroo Award (K-3), the Indian Paintbrush Award (4-6), and the Soaring Eagle Award (7-12).

TAB Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, March 25 at 5:00 PM. The meeting is open to kids from grades 7 through 12.

Rolling over into April, we kick off the month with a return visit from the Cat in the Hat! Courtesy of PBS, Ms. Penny Hotovec and company will be visiting Glenrock and other libraries in the state to promote the public broadcasting network.

Money Smart Week is coming to Glenrock this year! Money Smart Week is a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances. More information about activities will be posted in the library and on our web site as plans firm up.

National Library Week is April 13-19 this year with the theme: Lives Change @ Your Library. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a nationwide observance sponsored by the ALA and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support for all types of libraries - public, school, academic and special.

National Library Workers Day is Tuesday, April 15, a day to recognize the people that make library service possible every day. Let your favorite library worker KNOW you appreciate them!

Teen Literature Day is Thursday, April 17. There are some great teen authors in the library such as Meg Cabot, Rick Riordan, Tamora Pierce, Suzanne Collins and Michael Scott to name a few. Check them out, some awesome reading material awaits you in our Teen/YA section.

TAB Book Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 29 at 5:00 PM.

A local artist, Harry Blantz, has some of his paintings on display in our community room. Come on down and see what Harry has brought in for us to enjoy!