

Bridges

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Science Summer!

In just a few weeks school will be out, the days will be even longer and full of sunshine (we hope!), and the annual Summer Reading program will start.

The Converse County Library and Glenrock Library both participate in the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) theme for their reading programs, and this year, the theme is scientific discovery. The kids will get to “Fizz, Boom, Read!,” while teens will “Spark a Reaction,” and the adults will explore “Literary Elements.”

We have some great special guests lined up including Safari Sally in June and a guest from Casper’s Science Zone in July. Safari Sally will be visiting both libraries, and she’s bringing along some of her favorite friends for kids of all ages to meet!

In addition to special guests, we have some great movies lined up for the kids, teens and families. Be sure to check out the website for specific titles and times at both locations.

And every week there will be chances for budding scientists of all ages to explore all the various areas of science, from physical science to astronomy. From creating paper mache volcanoes and dying flowers to planting gardens and exploding soda bottles, we’ll have something fun for everyone.

What about reading, you ask? We’ll have lots of time for that, too. Pick up your reading logs starting June 9th and track your time. There will be a lot of great prizes for weekly and overall top readers.

So don’t spend your summer bored--come to the library, get your hands dirty, and enjoy the wonders of science!

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Craig Johnson Visits Converse County

This year, Wyoming kicked off it’s One Book program with a local author--Craig Johnson’s “Spirit of Steamboat” novella, part of the Longmire series. To help promote the program, Johnson is making the rounds to libraries across the state, and Converse County is pleased to welcome him to Douglas on June 14th and Glenrock on June 15th.

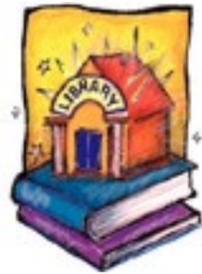
The Wyoming One Book program encourages readers across the state to read the same book and then get into conversation about it. Converse County has placed 20+ copies of the books around Douglas and Glenrock (as well as having several copies available for checkout in both locations) to help support the program.

The Converse County Library Foundation is putting together a “Jackalope Jubilee” celebration that will feature several local authors, with Johnson being the headliner. The authors will all have a chance to share a reading or presentation of their work, and then there will be time for guests to meet, buy copies, and get books signed.

In addition to the afternoon festivities, the Foundation will be hosting a special dinner with Johnson as a fundraiser. The dinner will be hosted at the LaBonte in Douglas and at the Higgins in Glenrock. Only a limited number of seats will be sold, so get yours today! Check the website for more details.



Kid's Cozy Corner



Now that the snow is melting and Spring is beginning, the Library is planning our big "Science" theme Summer Reading Program, "Fizz, BOOM, Read!" We are planning an exciting summer filled with great stories, awesome movies, and amazing experiments. Everything

we do this summer will have a science focus, and will be fun for kids of all ages. This summer will include things like making slime, painting rocks, doing paper-mache volcanoes, making a garden, and one of our biggest programs will be Safari Sally. She will come to us to talk about

Shelly Schmitt-Children's Librarian

wildlife and even bring her pet wallaby.

Sign ups begin June 2nd with Summer Reading kicking off June 9th. Pick up your logs on the 9th and get reading. Prizes will be given throughout the summer.

Teen Scene



Spring has blown by with warm days mixed with snow. That means Summer Reading is around the corner, so I wanted to give you a heads up on what is happening this year. This year's theme is "Spark a Reaction," so we will be doing a lot of science experiments, a visit from the Science Zone, and an animal keeper bringing a wallaby. The summer will be filled with explosions, movies, food, animals, constellations and more! Along with all the fun

programs, there will be prizes for reading. Come sign up for the summer reading contest and you get to choose a free book. Turn in a reading chart every week and you could receive a prize from the weekly drawing, which will include continual motion machines, flash drives, and other technology/science related items. Also, you can win a prize for the top reader and the top attendance at summer reading programs. There will be an art contest and a story contest focused on the

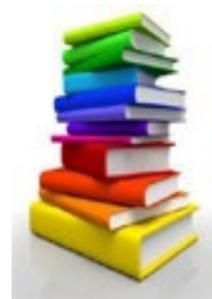
María Ricks-Teen Librarian

theme "Spark a Reaction." You can receive a food certificate to McDonald's or Pizza Hut just for entering the contest!

Sign up for summer reading at any time during the six weeks (June 9th to July 19th), but the best time to sign up is the week before summer reading begins (Monday, June 2nd through Saturday, June 7th). This will give you first dibs on the bucket of free books.

Pick up your logs on the 9th and get reading!

Adult Services



Will nicer weather ever come? If we all think positively, perhaps it will! Let's push our minds to think of all the things we love to do when the weather is nice like: playing outside, camping, softball, baseball, swimming, gardening, fishing,

barbecuing, traveling or just simply sitting outside reading a good book under a great shade tree.

Well hey, guess what? We have books to help with all of those things here at the library. Come by and see us, find a good book, sign up for

Cinnamon Johnson-Adult Librarian

our annual Summer Reading Program and check out our list of programs to enjoy.

Summer Reading sign-ups for all ages start June 2nd. Read, win and partake in all of the fun programs coming your way this summer!

More Than Books: A World of Resources

In today's digital age, some people are wondering if libraries are still relevant. After all, people can now get books electronically on their tablets, e-readers, and phones, and many people have instant access to Google and other search engines. Never before in history have we been SO connected. So why keep libraries?

Author Neil Gaiman points out, "Google can bring you back 100,000 answers. A librarian can bring you back the right one." And it's true--librarians have studied and learned the secret to researching. They do it day in and day out and they can help you find the specific information you need quicker. They also know other resources that Google might not take

into consideration (every tried to find a bit of local information from 200 years ago--Google might call you crazy and come up with nothing!).

In addition to helping people find information, libraries also serve as community centers. They host classes, teach skills, help people find jobs, provide a place for people to hang out, and serve to make resources available to everyone regardless of race, creed, color, gender or income.

And today's libraries are not just shelves and shelves of books (though we do have those, both fiction and non-fiction!). Today we have audio books on CDs, movies on DVDs, magazines and newspapers. We also have access to many online services like Chilton's

Auto Repair, IndieFlix (independent movies, shorts, and documentaries), Mango Languages (foreign language lessons), and OneClick Audio (online/downloadable audio books), and more. The library provides these to all our patrons at no cost to you! Alone, one of these services might cost a few dollars to more than twenty in a single month, but you can access it for free.

And that's not all! The library also has e-readers available for check-out, computers for use (with internet access), and free wi-fi.

So for all those who are wondering if libraries are still relevant in today's digital age, we like to say a loud "Yes!". And the number of patrons we see daily confirms that.

What's Hot

Douglas

- Spirit of Steamboat* by Craig Johnson
- The Chase* by Janet Evanovich
- Under the Dome* by Stephen King
- The Heist* by Janet Evanovich
- The Thicket* by Joe R. Lansdale
- Thankless in Death* by J.D. Robb
- Killer* by Jonathan Kellerman
- Cell* by Robin Cook
- Face the Fire* by Nora Roberts
- Innocence* by Dean R. Koontz



Glenrock

- Spirit of Steamboat* by Craig Johnson
- The Authorative Calvin and Hobbes* by Bill Watterson
- Odd Apocalypse* by Dean R. Koontz
- The Museum of Extraordinary Things* by Alice Hoffman
- The Pawnbroker* by David Thurlo
- Touch & Go* by Lisa Gardner
- Rachel* by Jill Eileen Smith
- I'll Take Care of You* by Caitlin Rother
- In the Beginning: Compelling Evidence for Creation and the Flood* by Walter T. Brown
- Annals of Wyoming*, University of Wyoming, American Heritage Center
- Butterfly Place* by Colleen Coble

Building Update: Time to Bid

The Converse County Library building project is moving forward to fruition with advertising for Bids for Construction of the Glenrock Branch Library planned for submittal to the Casper Star-Tribune, Douglas Budget, and Glenrock Independent the week of May 1, 2014. Pre-qualified bidders include: FCI Constructors of Wyoming LLC, Cheyenne WY; Groathouse Construction, Cody WY; Pope Construction Inc., Casper WY; Caspar Building Systems, Inc., Casper WY; Clark & Sullivan Construction, Laramie WY; and Sampson Construction, Cheyenne WY.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at the Glenrock Branch Library on May 13, 2014 with the bid opening to follow on June 5, 2014 at the Converse County Courthouse in Douglas, WY. A special Converse County Commissioners' Meeting may be needed to consider bids and issue Notice of Award.

Tentative plans for bidding for construction of the Converse County Library in Douglas will hopefully take place early to mid-summer with a construction start date in early 2015.

The one hundred percent design documents were received at both the Converse County Library in Douglas and the Glenrock Branch Library in Glenrock the week of April 28.

With the soil problems found to exist at the Glenrock site, a separate building is being constructed. The current building will be converted into the meeting facility. This will enable the Glenrock Library to remain open during construction, pending no further surprises or emergencies.

Board and staff members are taking advantage of recent travel opportunities to visit libraries around the country, especially those who are or have recently experienced new construction. Libraries in Colorado, Montana, Minnesota, Indiana, and Wyoming have been included.

"To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark."
~Victor Hugo



Staff Highlight: Trudy Martinez



Has lived in CC: On and off for 42 years
Has worked at CCL: 23 years

Position @ CCL: Circulation/Tech Services @ Glenrock

The best book Trudy read recently was *On Borrowed Time* by David Rosenfelt. She enjoys any vacation that happens in the mountains, and if she could go anywhere in the world, she would want to go on an Alaskan cruise. When asked which author, living or dead, she would most want to meet, she said, "I would have loved to meet Edgar Allen Poe. His *Pit and the Pendulum* still gives me the creeps when I watch the movie." Trudy has been with the library a long time, considering she started volunteering a year before she became staff! Please be sure to stop in to the Glenrock Branch and say hello to her!

Upcoming Events

May

May 1-7: Choose Privacy Week

May 6 @ 6 PM: All Ages: Origami Lesson

May 13 : Wyoming Reads @ Ayers Natural Bridge

May 19 @ 4:30: Library Board Meeting @ Glenrock

May 27 @ 5 PM: TAB Book Club @ Glenrock

June

June 2: Summer Reading Sign-Up Starts

June 9: Summer Reading Begins

June 16 @ 4:30: Library Board Meeting

June 26 @ 10 AM: Safari Sally All Ages

June 27: Library Closed for Staff Training

Summer Reading Events

StoryTime: Tuesday & Wednesday @ 10 AM

Kids Movies: Friday @ 10 AM

Tweens (8-12) Movies: Wednesday @ 4 PM

Teens Movies (13+): Friday @ 5 PM

Science Labs: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday @ 2 PM

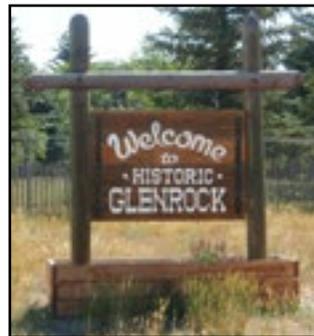
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News from the Rock in the Glen



Greetings from Glenrock. Summer is almost upon us, despite what the weather keeps doing! StoryTime will be wrapping up in a few weeks as preparations for Summer Reading come closer to completion.

Starting on Tuesday, May 6, at 6 PM, we will be running our summer lecture series, a bit early this year in an attempt to get our information to you in time for you to use it to your best advantage! This year we are featuring programs centered on "growing," titled: "Back to Our Roots: Sustainable Glenrock." We will have programs on: The Traditional Ranch—Mending, Mucking and Making Do; Composting, Waste Reduction and Water Usage; Grow Local, Buy Local—Raising and Selling Food in Glenrock; Yes We Can! Preparing, Preserving and Canning; Community Garden Discussion; and The Modern Ranch—Organic Beef and Hydroponic Feed. Join us on Tuesdays in May and early June for growing tips, tricks and general information!

StoryTime wraps up on Wednesday, May 7 with the Celebration of Zero the Hero! A couple weeks or so for Miss Rita to rest up, then Summer Reading registration commences on Monday, June 2!

TAB has a Book Club meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 27 at 5 PM for all those teens interested in talking about books they've read or are planning to read. This is a chance to get some good ideas for reading on summer vacation! TAB will have an end-of-summer program in August with a speed reading version of speed dating! More information will be made available as plans are firmed up. Stay tuned!

Read Me a Story is changed every week on Saturday, and in upcoming weeks will include: May 3: My Sister Ate One Hare by Bill Grossman, May 10: Hazel's Amazing Mother by Rosemary Wells, May 17: The Twelve Days of Summer by Jan Andrews, May 24 :Now It Is Summer by Eileen Spinelli, May 31 – to be announced! Stories for June have yet to be decided on so stay in touch to find out what they will be!

Summer Reading this year is about discovery. There will be a program for juveniles every Wednesday morning, a StoryTime and appropriate program for the younger kids on Thursday mornings and a program for teens Tuesday evenings with two family movie nights, which will give the teens a break on Tuesday, June 17 at 6:30 PM and on Tuesday, July 15 at 6:30 PM. For the adults, we want you to read for the sheer joy of it! And let us know what your favorites are of course.

Have a wonderful summer!