

Bridges

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Breaking Ground: Glenrock

The time we have all been waiting for is here! Bids were submitted for the building of the new Glenrock Branch Library, and Sampson Construction of Cheyenne won the bid.

We held a Ground Breaking Ceremony on Tuesday, July 8th, at 2 PM. We had just over 50 community members and contractors on hand to help us begin the process of actual construction! Thank you to everyone who joined us!

This also means that there will be some changes on the property. You'll notice that the entire north lot will be fenced off, right up to the side of our current building. A construction trailer will be parked in the lower half of our current parking lot, and the alley behind the building will also be included in the construction zone. Please be aware that patrons might need to park on the street in front of our

property, and be sure to watch your little ones as you come and go. The good news is that the current building will remain OPEN during the building process, so don't hesitate to come in!

The process for the expansion and remodeling in Douglas for the main library also continues. The plans are being finalized, and the project is set to go to bid at the end of the year.

We want to take a moment to thank our communities for making these new libraries a reality. Without your support, we would not be able to make this dream come true. We look forward to continuing to provide you with excellent service and the resources you need!



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Book Discussion Goes West

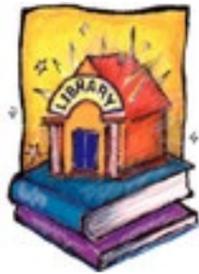


Our book club will be getting underway again in September, and this year's theme will be "Going West." We've selected six titles that are about the west, both past and present. Books are available each month at the circulation desk. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month for discussion. The program runs September-November, and January-March.

This year's titles include *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf, *The Spirit of Steamboat* by Craig Johnson, *Doc* by Mary Doria Russell, *The Blessing Way* by Tony Hillerman, *The Eagle Catcher* by Margaret Coel, and *Back of Beyond* by CJ Box.

So, stop by and pick up a book in mid-August and join us as we explore the great space we call home and the cultures that have made us who we are!

Kid's Cozy Corner



We are continuing our Summer Reading Programs through mid-July. We have activities for the young kiddos including making musical instruments, glitter bottles, sock rainbow snakes, and much more. For our older group, we are going to learn about proper hand washing and the phases of the moon. We will also have 2 days of "Eggs"periments.

So come and find out all the fun things you can do with eggs. We will be exploding soda, soap and volcanoes. Be sure to catch these fun activities before they are gone. We will end Summer Reading with a party on July 25th when we will raffle off our big prizes. We have trikes, bikes, DVD players and much more to give away!

Shelly Schmitt-Children's Librarian

We will be overlapping July a bit with a MakerCamp. We get to spend six weeks making various items. We will be making everything from food to crafts all through August. August will be filled with technology and webinars. This is geared for children 9 years and older. We hope you'll come and hang out with us for all this fun!

Teen Scene



Summer Reading is winding down, but Maker Camp is just getting started!

We received a grant from Make magazine to be a summer camp affiliate this July, and we will be making stuff throughout the weeks of July 7th to August 1st. Come to the library and we will keep you posted on what we will be making during this time. Also, let us know if you would prefer not to have your picture

taken because part of the grant is to post pictures on the Maker Camp Google+ site.

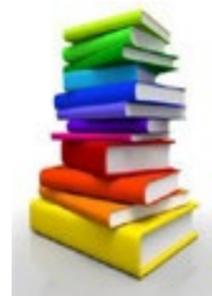
Don't forget to come to our two big parties to wind up summer reading: the Doctor Who Night and the Closing Party! For the Doctor Who Night, Friday, July 18th, we will be eating food and playing games inspired by the TV series, and then watching some of the best episodes after the library

María Ricks-Teen Librarian

is closed. This will be an event for teens 11+ only. The Closing Party Friday July 25th will be a BBQ followed by an awards ceremony.

This August also keep your ears open for an after-hours Murder Mystery Dinner. We have a mystery teen author who has created a story and would love to see it acted out. Come see who dun it!

Adult Services



Cram the case is back! During the month of July we will be accepting school supply donations. If you have fines or need a replacement card, you can bring in select school supplies to donate to 'fill our display case,' and in return, we will forgive a portion of, or possibly all of, your fines (lost

assumed items, processing & referral fees not included) Lists will be available for pick up from the library showing what items are 'worth' toward fine forgiveness. At the beginning of August we will be donating all supplies collected to the local schools.

Our 2014 Summer Reading

Cinnamon Johnson-Adult Librarian

Program will be wrapping up mid-July, so make sure to get some more reading in to qualify for all of our prizes and perhaps even win one of our grand prizes at our final blow out on July which will include 'MAD' scientists, experiments, food, prizes and fun!

Books are the compasses and telescopes and sextants and charts which other men have prepared to help us navigate the dangerous seas of human life. ~Jesse Lee Bennett



New Databases Open Up More Worlds

The WYLD Shared Purchases Committee and the State Library are pleased to announce the addition of two new products to the GoWYLD resources.

We will be adding NoveList Plus and NoveList Plus K-8 to our EBSCOhost suite of products. Including NoveList Plus in our subscription will now give users access to recommended reading in nonfiction for all ages and the newly introduced inclusion of audiobook reviews.

National Geographic Kids content will also be added to our National Geographic Virtual Library from Gale. Nat Geo Kids includes:

- National Geographic Kids magazine 2009-present (3 mth embargo)
- 200 National Geographic Kids books
- 500 kid-friendly, downloadable images

To use these new databases or any of the over 115 databases available to you FREE through your library, just log into our website (conversecountylibrary.org) and click on the "GoWYLD" icon at the bottom of the page. You can explore with National Geographic, learn a new language with Mango, look up your family tree with Ancestry.com, or listen to the latest audio books with One Click Digital. The best part about our databases is that they are available 24/7 through your computer, so even when the library is closed, the worlds we offer are at your fingertips!

Summer Reading is Booming!

This summer has been full of exploration and scientific discovery at the library! The summer reading program has seen record numbers over the last few years, and we are thrilled to have so many people participating in the fun!



Children and teens (and a few adults) made paper mache volcanoes in the first week--these will be "erupted" during the final week of summer reading in mid-July. In our Experiment Hour we got to see "elephant toothpaste" spill out of its "tube" along with several other fascinating science experiments that are easy to do at home!

Douglas

- The Bootlegger* by Clive Cussler
- Spirit of Steamboat* by Craig Johnson
- Sycamore Row* by John Grisham
- Junkyard Dogs* by Craig Johnson
- Fear Nothing* by Lisa Gardner
- Destroyer Angel* by Nevada Barr
- Any Other Name* by Craig Johnson

Glenrock

- Spirit of Steamboat* by Craig Johnson
- Running Blind* by Lee Child
- Skin Game* by Jim Butcher
- Taking Trout: Good, solid, practical advice for fly fishing streams and still waters* by Dave Hughes
- Stone Cold* by CJ Box
- The Complete Angler* by Izaak Walton
- The Price of Innocence* by Lisa Black
- The Universe in a Nutshell* by Stephen W. Hawking



Cloud Peak Supports Reading

Cloud Peak Energy has donated \$950 to Converse County Library's Summer Reading Program. The generous donation will be used to buy prizes for the annual reading program. Thanks to this gift, we are able to provide even better prizes for the top readers, as well as support the program for all readers. We thank Cloud Peak for their donation and for helping to support literacy in our community!



For the crafty set, we've made lava lamps, glitter bottles and journals. Mostly, we've seen lots of smiles, which always makes us happy!

Bridges

Staff Highlight: Jenni Kofoed

Time in Converse County: On and off for the last five years

How long have you worked at the library?

I've worked at the library for a combination of about three and a half years. I came back to the library in December after spending time living in Jackson, WY, Minnesota, and Oregon.

What is one of the best books you've read lately?

The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating by Elizabeth Tova Bailey (I tend to read a lot of nonfiction).

If you could meet one author, who would you meet?

I would like to meet Jane Austen.

Would you survive a zombie apocalypse?

No, I probably wouldn't survive a zombie apocalypse; I'm not much of a fighter.

Share some random facts about yourself!

- * I grew up in Jackson, WY and attended college in Chadron, NE.
- * I've volunteered in libraries since I was in middle school and worked in them since I was in high school.
- * I love spending time outside and doing nature photography.



Upcoming Events

July

July 4: Libraries closed for 4th of July

June 7: Maker Space Camp Begins! (Jul 7-Aug 15)

July 16 @ 7PM: Book Discussion

June 18 @ 4 PM: Teens "Doctor Who" After Hour Party

July 21 @ 4:30: Library Board Meeting

July 19: All Reading Logs DUE! (Both libraries)

July 23: Library Closed for Staff Training

July 25: Summer Reading Shindig (Douglas)

August

Aug 1-15: Maker Space Camp Continues

Aug 5 @ 5 PM: Teens "Murder Mystery Dinner"

Aug 18 @ 4:30: Library Board Meeting

Summer Reading Events

StoryTime: Tuesday & Wednesday @ 10 AM

Kids Movies: Friday @ 10 AM

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

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

check www.conversecountylibrary.org for specific events and ages

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News from the Rock in the Glen



Greetings from Glenrock.

Summer is here!

We're having a Fizz, Boom, Read time this summer and everyone should stop in to pick up a good book to Spark a Reaction in your enjoyment quotient this summer with our vast array of Literary Elements!

If you stop in on Thursdays from now until July 17th, your preschoolers and young kids can enjoy a StoryTime session followed by a simple craft suitable to their age range from 10:30 - 11:15 AM. On Wednesdays from now until July 16th, your kids can enjoy a program geared toward their age range from 10:30 - 11:15 AM. One exception is on Wednesday, July 2, the program will be held at 7:00 PM because the Casper Planetarium is coming to town for a program on the Moon. Well, it is about the moon, not really ON the moon, we don't have the funds to sponsor a trip to the moon this year! And we are doing some quick scientific experiments on Fridays about 1:30. Stop in and see what scientific craziness we can get up to in just a few minutes.

Finally, our teens are doing a program every Tuesday night from 7:00 - 8:00 PM with a family movie night on Tuesday, July 15th - The Absent Minded Professor. Our end of summer reading awards program is a Mad Scientist Luncheon on Thursday, July 24th.

After all of the fun and excitement of summer reading, we will use August to wind down a little and everyone can enjoy our annual book sale during the entire month. Be sure to stop in and stock up on some great reading material for late summer trips and next winter.

And on a subject near and dear to our hearts,
CONSTRUCTION!

We will be having a Ground Breaking ceremony on Tuesday, July 8th at 2:00 PM for our Glenrock Branch Library expansion. A contractor has been selected, Sampson Construction of Cheyenne, and they will be in and out of town doing preliminary site work before then.