



Converse County Library Bridges

The 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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From the Rock in the Glen

It has been a quiet winter so far and that promises to continue for the next several months. Story Time will be starting again in January, and we will also have the third and final RiF (Reading is Fundamental) distribution for the school year.

Preliminary planning for next year's budget is under way and promises to be as mentally energizing as always. In fact, Paul is

planning on taking the first week in January off in order to be as well rested for the fray as possible.

The addition of two more laptop computers has seen a continuation of the rising trend in computer usage in Glenrock. Estimated usage for the first 6 months of this year is anticipated to be approximately 75% of all last year. We are definitely on-

track for another year of increasing PC usage. Interestingly, we have seen a noticeable number of people bringing their own laptops to the library, some on a regular basis.

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Love My Library Week

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During the week of Valentine's Day, February 12-17, the library will celebrate "Why I Love My Library" with a contest in which entries may be submitted in the form of a poster, an essay or a poem.

Submissions are categorized by age group and will be displayed at the library. The age categories are Primary, Intermediate, Middle School, High School and Adult. Pick up an entry form at the library and attach it to your entry. All entries must be received by Saturday, February 17. They will be judged and awards will be presented Friday, February 23 at the library at 4:00 p.m. Entries will be

displayed in the library the following week. Throughout the Love My Library Week celebration we will have



popcorn and drinks donated by Coca-Cola to share with our patrons.

Also this year we will have a candy counting contest. Stop by and guess how many "Hugs & Kisses" are in the jar. The winner will be chosen from the correct entries will receive the jar of candy.

Another contest is our Favorite Character Contest. Choose a character from the list and match it to the correct author. Check out the article on page 2 for more information.

To show the library's appreciation for your patronage throughout the past year, free fines and free replacement cards will also be offered during the week.

Converse County Libraries Move Forward on Building Project

As a new year begins, the library staff and director are focusing on space needs and the most efficient way to meet them. With the needs assessment study results in hand, Board President Bob Shinmori approached the Converse County Commissioners for approval on a Community Development Block Grant application. The library needs- and received - the go-ahead from the county commissioners in order to submit the grant to the state. If

approved by the state, that grant would provide funding to allow the library to hire an architectural and engineering firm, and possibly re-hire the needs assessment firm to bring all the pieces together. The money would go toward plans for either renovation of the existing libraries or construction of a new facility in Douglas and renovations or relocation in Glenrock. One possibility which the board is investigating is moving the Glenrock Branch Library to one of

the old schools, which may also eventually house several other community groups. Library Director Karen Hopkins has sent out letters to engineering firms which may be interested in bidding on the library work. Several have contacted her with questions or to voice interest. Ideally, the board will select an architect/engineer within the next two months.



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Favorite Characters Contest

Match the following characters to their authors. Entries must be turned in to the library by Saturday, February 17. A winner will be chosen from the correct entries and announced during our Love My Library contest celebration Friday, February 23 at 4:00 p.m.

Special points of interest:

- Game/Movie Night Thursdays at 5:00
- Storytime+ on January 10 at 1:30 p.m.
- Story Time resumes January 3, for pre-schoolers aged 3-5 years, Wednesdays 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m.
- Love My Library Week Feb. 12-17
- Closed February 19 for President's Day

Characters		Authors	
1. Brian Robeson	11. Hitchcock Sewell	1. James Lee Burke	11. Tim Cockey
2. Rorschach	12. Grandma Mazur	2. Janet Evanovich	12. Lemony Snickett
3. Daisuke Niwa	13. Emily Elizabeth	3. C.J. Box	13. Charles Schulz
4. Zaphod Beeblebrox	14. Bill Denbrough	4. Gary Paulsen	14. Yukiru Sugisaki
5. Jane Rizzoli	15. Georgia Nicolson	5. Ray Bradbury	15. Robert Ludlum
6. Jason Bourne	16. Violet Baudelaire	6. Nora Roberts	16. George Orwell
7. Eve Dallas	17. Alex Cross	7. Norman Bridwell	17. Tess Gerritsen
8. Dave Robicheaux	18. Hank	8. Alan Moore	18. John Erickson
9. Guy Montag	19. Joe Pickett	9. Louise Rennison	19. Douglas Adams
10. Boxer	20. Peppermint Patty	10. Stephen King	20. James Patterson

Teen Happenings

The "We the People" bookshelf on 'Becoming American' will be a point of discussion for teens on February 24th from 12 to 1pm. Teens are encouraged to read any book from the bookshelf to enter a raffle for multiple prizes, the drawing of which will be held at the discussion. The books supporting this theme were provided through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and are as follows:

The Lotus Seed by Sherry Garland

Watch the Stars Come Out by Riki Levinson*

Grandfather's Journey by Allen Say

Immigrant Kids by Russell Freedman

The People Could Fly: The Picture Book by Virginia Hamilton

Rip Van Winkle by Washington Irving*

In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord

Rifles for Watie by Harold Keith

The Glory Field by Walter Dean Myers

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

Dragonwings by Laurence Yep

Death Comes for the Archbishop by Willa Cather*

Barrio Boy by Ernesto Galarza

Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin, edited by Louis P. Masur

Giants in the Earth: A Saga of the Prairie by Ole Edvart Rølvaag

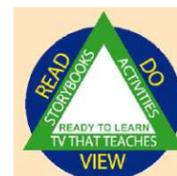
* Included in English and in Spanish translation

Thursday night Game Night persists in alleviating the winter tedium with a Yu-Gi-Oh! tournament January 11th and a Magic the Gathering tutoring February 8th.



Storytime+ Workshop Comes to Converse County Library

Wyoming Public Television's Ready to Learn presents Storytime+ at the Converse County Library on Wednesday, January 10, 1:30 p.m.



Children and adults will make two literacy craft items to take home.

Families will receive a goody bag with PBS kids stickers and a free children's book.

Ready to Learn at Wyoming Public Television provides quality children's programming for the state of Wyoming, free workshops in

Wyoming communities for parents and early childhood education professionals and support for early childhood care providers by offering STARS credit for all workshops.

Their initiative will contribute toward one of our state's most urgent educational goals: ensuring that our children begin school ready to learn.



This program includes a mini-workshop for adults presenting the RTL Learning Triangle (View, Read, Do) plus four ways to enhance literacy development through the areas of child development.

eAudiobooks Now Available to Library Patrons

Library users can preview, download and listen to eAudiobooks through the NetLibrary platform via the Internet. Users can download up to 10 eAudiobooks, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. eAudiobooks can be played on any desktop, laptop or portable device supporting Microsoft Windows Media Player v9 and above, Musicmatch Jukebox v8.2 and above, or Nullsoft Winamp v5 and above. Library users can also transfer titles to a wide range of portable devices, including portable music players, portable media centers, Pocket PCs and even select Smartphone devices that support the WMA file format. Additionally, peripheral devices can be pur-

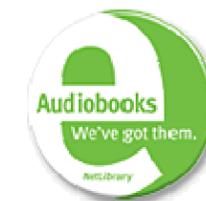
chased for many portable players to allow users to listen to files through their car radios.

There are no limits on the number of users who may check out materials, so items are always available. However, each user may only have 10 titles at a time. When titles are checked out, they are available to the user for 21 days. At the end of the loan period, the file is disabled and can no longer be used. Titles cannot be "checked in" early, but, they may be renewed for an additional 21 days at any time.

The State Library has purchased four core collections from Recorded Books, amounting to just over 1200 titles. Each month 15

new titles are added to the core collection and 15 older high interest titles are added from the Recorded Books back file.

To access eAudiobooks visit our webpage at www.conversecountylibrary.org, click on the WYLD CAT search link and under Downloadable Audiobooks click on either Getting Started or Existing Accounts-log In. Getting Started will have basic facts to assist you. At-home users will need to start here to create their account by clicking on State Library Proxy Server—you'll need your 14-digit library card number and pin. If you don't know your pin, call the library at 307-358-3644 and the library staff will help you.



Children's Services Acknowledges Wyoming Book Awards

In 1986, librarians and teachers around our state joined together to develop the Indian Paintbrush Book Award for 4-6 graders. The unique award allows students to not only vote for their favorite book and author, but also nominate the fifteen choices for the next year. The award for 2005-2006 was *No Dogs Allowed* by Bill Wallace.



The award was so successful that in 1988, the Soaring Eagle Book Award was established for 7th-12th grades. The 2005-2006 award went to *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson.

Lastly, in 1997 the Buckaroo Book Award was created for kindergarten through 3rd grade and *My Lucky Day* by Keiko Kasza won the



2005-2006 award.

Our Children's and Teen Services Librarians have labeled all this years nominees for these awards and a full list is available upon request.

Every student in Wyoming now has the opportunity to honor their favorite author.

