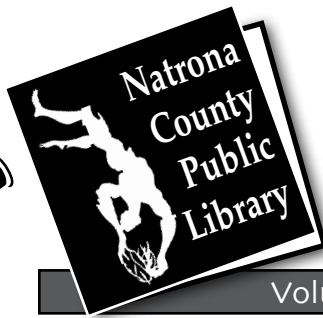


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NEW LIBRARY HOURS:

Effective 9/6/11
(September through May)
Mon-Thur: 9 AM — 8 PM
Fri-Sat: 9 AM — 5 PM
Sun: 1 PM — 5 PM
(June through August)
Mon-Thur: 9 AM — 6 PM
Fri-Sat: 9 AM — 5 PM

M. J. Davis Branch
935 Cottonwood
P.O. Box 269
Edgerton, WY 82635
307-437-6617

Library Hours:
Mon: 11 AM—5 PM
Wed: 1 PM — 7 PM
Fri: 11 AM—5 PM

Bob Goff Memorial Branch
717 5th Street
Mills, WY 82644
307-265-6017

Library Hours:
Mon-Thurs: 10 AM—5 PM
Fri: 1 PM — 5 PM

Bookmobile schedules
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NCPL IS OUT OF ROOM!

An important part of NCPL's work in the community is to help prepare children for learning to read and write. One way we do this is by making picture books and early reading materials easily accessible for parents and children.

Over the years NCPL's picture books have become difficult to find due to overcrowding on the shelves. To address this, NCPL will be adding book bins to the children's department. These will allow children to flip through books and easily find the ones that interest them.

Children's non-fiction books are the ones school age children use to explore their world, complete school projects, discover stories or learn new facts. After August, children and parents will be able to find these books on the second floor along with adult non-fiction books.

Despite running out of



The NCPL building is out of room. One area in which this is particularly noticeable is in the children's department. As such, in August, about one-third of the books will be moved to the second floor of the main library. All non-fiction books, both children's and adult works will then be found on the second floor.



room, we are still committed to doing our best to serve you. As always, your librarians are available to help students find the information they need to succeed in schoolwork and to enrich their lives.

Thank you for your support as we undergo this transition. Please feel free to ask any questions and seek help to find the books you desire.

FY11 — The Year in Review

June marked the conclusion of your library's business year. So, it's an opportunity to look back at some of the ways NCPL has helped serve our great community.

Over 400,770 people visited Natrona County's libraries, more than 1,300 daily on average. You and your neighbors checked out 701,819 items, or over 2,500 items daily. That means 2,500 items leave NCPL daily while another 2,500 return daily. If your librarians look a bit tired during your visits, it's because they touch roughly 5,000 items daily! Those materials have helped children learn their alphabet and reading. Others have learned new hobbies, enjoyed best sellers, or

prepared for new jobs.

But did you know your librarians do much more than check items in-and-out? NCPL is active in a new "We Read" initiative working with the school district and the Casper Star-Tribune to build community awareness of early literacy development. You may have seen the "My Trib" children's pages in the newspaper each week. We have appreciated the honor of working with others to help promote reading as an essential citizenship skill. NCPL even adopted a new mission statement this year: "Advocating for literacy, education and a thriving community."

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New OFFERINGS:

Here are a few of the 5,569 items added to your library since April:

FICTION

- **Against All Enemies**, Tom Clancy
- **Betrayal of Trust**, J.A. Jance
- **Buried Prey**, John Sandford
- **Live Wire**, Harlan Coben
- **The Silent Girl**, Tess Gerritsen
- **Hell Is Empty**, Craig Johnson

NONFICTION

- **Allergic Girl**, Sloane Miller
- **Before the Revolution**, Daniel Richter
- **Lost in Shangri-La**, Mitchell Zuckoff
- **Railroaded**, Richard White
- **In the Garden of Beasts**, Erik Larson

MUSIC

- **Across My Heart**, Kenny Rogers
- **Cars 2 Soundtrack**
- **Common Thread**, The Eagles
- **Destroyed**, Moby
- **Reba Duets**, Reba McEntire

BOOKS ON MP3

- **50 Battles That Changed the World**, William Weir
- **Bird Cloud**, Annie Proulx
- **Family Affair**, Debbie Macomber
- **The Kingdom**, Clive Cussler
- **While Mortals Sleep**, Kurt Vonnegut

DVDs

- **Battle: Los Angeles**
- **The Company Man**
- **Hall Pass**
- **I Am Number Four**
- **The Dog Whisperer, Season Five**

IN A NUTSHELL: THE WORLDS OF MAURICE SENDAK



Final drawing for *Where the Wild Things Are*, © 1963 by Maurice Sendak, all rights reserved.

A new traveling exhibit will be on display at NCPL between August 31 and October 21. It will feature the work of popular children's author and illustrator Maurice Sendak. This colorful exhibit reveals key insights into Sendak's mind and glimpses of his varied artistic styles.

Born to Eastern European Jewish immigrants, Sendak's art was an attempt to work through the trauma of the Holocaust during which many of his family members were lost – something incomprehensible to young Sendak.

His life's work was to retrieve those lost Jewish souls and return them to the living through his art. At the core of Sendak's work is how children get through the day, how they cope with emotional isolation. His work is characterized by the constant push and pull between horror and beauty, acknowledging that many "wild things" ultimately remain untamed.

The library will present several programs to supplement the exhibit. At the opening reception on September 8, storyteller Cherie Schwartz will share Jewish folktales and folklore. On September 10, Schwartz will lead the crowd in a "Wild Rumpus" reminiscent of Sendak's most well-known book.

On September 12, Holocaust survivor Jack Adler will speak. Jack and his family were sent to Auschwitz/Birkenau. Jack was later sent to other camps and is the only

surviving member of his family. He was 16 when Dachau was liberated and he relocated to Chicago. Now he talks to thousands of people a year about these experiences.

On September 14, Lance Jones of Casper College will give a broad overview of the historical points of the Holocaust.

In a Nutshell: The Worlds of Maurice Sendak was organized by the Rosenbach Museum & Library, Philadelphia, and developed by Nextbook, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting Jewish literature, culture, and ideas, and the American Library Association Public Programs Office. The national tour of the exhibit has been made possible by grants from the Charles H. Revson Foundation, the Righteous Persons Foundation, the David Berg Foundation, and an anonymous donor, with additional support from Tablet Magazine: A New Read on Jewish Life.

YEAR IN REVIEW, cont.

Did you know that your librarians have also been helping to develop a local history book for third graders? We hope this colorful and appealing book will open up Natrona County's rich history to many people. Look for the book at local bookstores in February 2012. The NCPL Foundation will be the publisher.

Speaking of the NCPL Foundation, this important group funded the demolition of structures this year on the property they purchased for a future new library building.

Did NCPL serve you in the last 12 months? How can we serve you better in the year ahead?

F O U N D A T I O N

Making a Good Library Great: GIVING TO THE NCPL FOUNDATION

What is the difference between a good library and a great library? A great library is measured by its ability to go beyond basic services with the help of private funds to provide programs and collections of true distinction. With your help, our library can keep providing the quality programs and materials its patrons have come to expect – both today and in the future.

All endowment funds are placed in a permanent account to augment the library’s collections, provide expanded library programming and help operate the Foundation for years to come. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation or would like to learn more about the Foundation, please contact us at 237-4935, extension 104.

Board of Directors: John Masterson - President • Michael Merback • John Jorgensen • Steve Degenfelder • Jeanne Goldrick
Linda Nix • Mary Lynne Shickich • Mark Zaback • Dick Day • Phil Schmidt • Jimmy Goolsby • Bill Nelson

Foundation Board members are available to discuss with you and your advisors the best planned giving opportunities.

Mail can be sent to: NCPL Foundation, 307 E. 2nd Street, Casper, WY 82601
Checks payable to: The Natrona County Public Library Foundation
All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



I am enclosing a check for \$ _____

Please contact me to arrange a meeting to discuss future financial support.

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Library Foundation Announces New Board Leadership

The NCPL Foundation has elected new board officers to serve for 2011-2012. These officers are:

President

Phil Schmidt

President/CEO of Greiner Ford

Vice President

Steve Degenfelder

Senior Vice President for Double Eagle Petroleum

Secretary/Treasurer

Mark Zaback

President/CEO of Jonah Bank



Phil Schmidt



Steve Degenfelder



Mark Zaback

"I am honored to be a part of the Foundation's leadership team for the coming year," said Schmidt. "With dramatic increases in the use of the library and the central role it plays in our community, it's an exciting time to work to support the library and its goals."

The NCPL Foundation is a private 501(c)(3) tax exempt entity whose collective interest is to assist the library in raising private funds. Its mission is to enhance library funding for the future, propelling the library toward excellence for the benefit of our deserving community.

The Foundation's goals for the coming year include raising endowment funds to be matched

by the State's Endowment Challenge Program, working with individual donors to include private gifts in their estate plans and preparing for an eventual new library building.

Other Foundation board members include Richard Day, Jeanne Goldrick, Jimmy Goolsby, John Jorgensen, John Masterson, Mike Merback, Linda Nix and Mary Lynne Shickich.

Friends Donate \$50,000 to Endowment

The Friends of the Library voted on June 29, 2011 to donate \$50,000 to the Natrona County Public Library Foundation.

The funds were generated from the community-supported booksales hosted by the Friends of the Library. The donation will be placed in the Foundation's endowment and doubled by the State of Wyoming through the Endowment Challenge Match Program.

The Friends of the Library is a volunteer organization that works to promote and support the library through events, donations and advocacy.

Contact Melanie Booth at fol_ncpl@bresnan.net or call 277-9784 to get involved.

A Special Thank You

The NCPL Foundation wishes to extend a very special "Thank You" to the following individuals for their recent donations:

Friends of the Natrona County Library

Kate Sarosy & Scott Sissman

James & Gloria Lawrence

Steve Degenfelder

Audrey Cotherman

Anne Ladd

Richard & Pam Mills

Jennifer Fray

RBC Foundation

Anonymous

Have you remembered the Public Library Foundation in your will?

Friends of the Library Spotlight

The Friends of the Library are busy, busy, busy! This summer they offered hotdog picnics to library patrons at all 3 library branches and held a garage sale on Parade Day to raise funds for library advocacy. They also donated

\$50,000 toward the library Endowment, to be matched 1:1 by State funding.

This year's fall book sale is scheduled for October 15 and 16. The Friends are also welcoming new members! Friends get special benefits like getting into the book sale a day early and

earning "book bucks" for volunteering.

To get involved, contact Melanie Booth at fol_ncpl@bresnan.net or call 277-9784. Find the Friends on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NatronaLibraryFriends.



Upcoming EVENTS

All events are held in the Crawford Room at Natrona County Public Library unless otherwise noted; please call 577-READ for more information.

❖ AUGUST ❖

- 3 - Wednesday Writers, 10 AM
- 3 - Summer Movie & Grand Prize Drawing, 2 PM
- 4 - How Alzheimer's Is Different, Noon & 6:30 PM
- 4 - Book Chat, 2 PM
- 8 - Book Discussion, 6:30 PM
- 9 - "The Human Experience" Screening & Discussion, 6:30 PM
- 10 - Downloading eBooks Class, 2 PM
- 10 - Summer Movie, 2 PM
- 11 - Crafty Afternoon, 2 PM
- 12 - Friends of the Library Picnic Lunch, 11:30 AM (Edgerton Branch)
- 16 - Indie Film Series, 6:30 PM
- 17 - Summer Movie, 2 PM
- 18 - Afternoon Book Club (Grades 7-8), 4 PM at Metro
- 20 - Poetry Slam, 6:30 PM
- 23 - Family Night: Bunco, 6:30 PM
- 24 - Mystery Book Discussion, 6:30 PM
- 29 - Tween Book Club (Grades 4-6), 4 PM
- 30 - Teen Book Club (Grades 9-12), 7 PM at Metro
- 31 - "In A Nutshell: The Worlds of Maurice Sendak" Exhibit Opens

❖ SEPTEMBER ❖

- 1 - Book Chat, 2 PM
- 5 - Labor Day: Library Closed
- 7 - Wednesday Writers, 10 AM
- 7 - Jewish Folktales with Cherie Schwartz, 4 PM
- 8 - Crafty Afternoon, 2 PM
- 8 - "In A Nutshell" Opening Reception, TBA
- 9 - Intro to Word 2010, 3 PM
- 10 - A "Wild Rumpus", 10:30 AM
- 12 - Jack Adler, Holocaust Survivor, 6:30 PM
- 12 - Book Discussion, 6:30 PM
- 13 - Intro to Word 2010, 10 AM
- 17 - "Wild Things" Storytime, 10:30 AM
- 20 - Indie Film Series, 6:30 PM
- 21 - Organizing and Sharing Digital Photos, 2 PM
- 22 - Intro to Excel 2010, 2 PM
- 22 - Afternoon Book Club (Grades 7-8), 4 PM at Metro
- 24 - "Doing the Right Thing" Webcast, 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM
- 26 - Tween Book Club (Grades 4-6), 4 PM
- 27 - Family Movie Night, 6:30 PM
- 27 - Teen Book Club (Grades 9-12), 7 PM at Metro
- 28 - Mystery Book Discussion, 6:30 PM

❖ OCTOBER ❖

- 5 - Wednesday Writers, 10 AM
- 5 - Social Networking Class, 2 PM
- 6 - Book Chat, 2 PM
- 7 - "The Outlaw Rockies" with Ron Franscell, 7 PM
- 10 - Book Discussion, 6:30 PM
- 11 - Intro to Word 2010, 10 AM
- 13 - Crafty Afternoon, 2 PM
- 14 - Haunted Casper (Grades 7-12), 6 PM
- 18 - Indie Film Series, 6:30 PM
- 19 - Intro to Word 2010, 5-7 PM
- 20 - Afternoon Book Club (Grades 7-8), 4 PM at Metro
- 20 - Start Your Own Business, 6 PM
- 24 - Intro to Excel 2010, 10 AM
- 24 - Teen Film Fest (Grades 7-12), Noon - 8 PM
- 25 - Family Night: Bunco, 6:30 PM
- 25 - Teen Book Club (Grades 9-12), 7 PM at Metro
- 26 - Mystery Book Discussion, 6:30 PM
- 29 - Spooky Storytime, 10:30 AM
- 31 - Tween Book Club (Grades 4-6), 4 PM



Students read daily at school and for homework assignments, but how many teens spend time outside of school reading just for fun?

Teen Read Week is a national literacy initiative encouraging teens to "Read For The Fun Of It." Reading for pleasure helps enhance reading skills while keeping kids motivated to learn about things of interest. NCPL is extending the Teen Read Week celebration throughout the month of October to encourage teens (and their families) to read for fun.

This year's theme is "Picture It" @your library. In that vein, a Teen Film Fest will be held on Monday, October 24, from noon until closing. Teens can enjoy fall break while watching a marathon of new movies, all based on literary works. Food will be provided.

Your library conducts book clubs for both

middle school and high school students. Teens who participate in a book club will receive a free copy of the selected book (while supplies last) as well as a free beverage at Metro Coffee during the book discussion. Stop by the Teen Zone desk for more information.

Remember that reading for fun doesn't have to be confined to the pages of a novel. Try different genres or formats. Read non-fiction, magazines, newspapers, comic books, manga, listen to an audiobook or download an eBook.

Not sure what to read? Check out one of the books nominated by your peers for the Soaring Eagle Award. This list is selected by Wyoming 7th-12th graders.

Stop by the library today and find something that inspires you to read, just for the fun of it!



NCPL Offers eBooks Free to Download

NCPL is proud to offer best-selling and classic eBooks, now available via NCPL's website. Just click on "Download eBooks" to browse eBook choices, check out with your library card, and download to a PC, Mac®, or mobile device.

Titles may be enjoyed immediately or transferred to a variety of eReaders, including Kobo, iPad and Nook, among

others. Although the service does not yet work on the Kindle, Amazon has announced that they will be coming onboard soon.

The Virtual Library is open anytime of the day or night, so patrons can check out and download eBooks at their convenience. Titles will expire at the end of the lending period, so there are no late fees to worry about!

Thank you to the NCPL Foundation for funding this new resource for our library patrons.

To get started downloading eBooks, visit NCPL's website or call 577-READ for more details.



Local Hero: Pat Oligmueller

Pat is a cheerful supporter of the library everywhere she goes. She attends library programs, helps keep library fliers front and center at places like the senior center, and tells all her friends and family that they can find the information and help they need at the library. Thank you, Pat!



NCPL Hours Change

The library will soon be opening earlier in the mornings, following a study of library use and patron input in May and June. The new fall hours will begin after Labor Day (September 5):

Monday-Thursday

9am-8 pm

Friday-Saturday

9am-5 pm

Sunday

1 pm-5 pm

New Board Member

NCPL has a new Trustee: Bob Hopkins. Bob has been a Friend of the Library for several years, has organized the Friends' Advocacy Committee, and is excited to take a new position as part of the library's governing board. "Thank You" to Harper Park, whose term has ended, for her dedicated service as a library board member.

Go Mobile

Did you know you can use library services on your mobile phone? You can receive text messages when your library items are ready for pickup, almost due, or overdue (standard text messaging fees apply). Visit NCPL's webpage and click "My Account" to sign up.



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