

**Natrona County  
Public Library**  
307 East Second Street  
Casper, WY 82601  
307-577-READ

**LIBRARY HOURS:**  
(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  
available at any branch

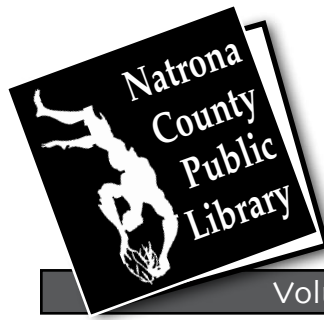
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# Community BUILDER

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## “When Are You Going to Build That New Library?”

It seems every day we receive this question at the Checkout Desk, the Reference Desk or in the Children’s Department. Many folks don’t realize that the 2008 ballot measure was defeated, so no plans are underway to break ground. Our Director answers, “When the people want a new library, we will build a new library.” And, that’s true, because NCPL is YOUR library; it is the people’s gathering and learning place. Many people who ask this question might also be interested to know that:

- 5.4 acres of land has already been bought and paid for with private donations
- Use of NCPL continues to grow; currently 1,300 people and 2,500 checkouts daily
- The last true library expansion (17,000SF) occurred in 1952 (60 years ago)
- Demolition and construction in 1972 was essentially a remodeling project, adding just 6,100SF of useable space
- Due to space limitations NCPL holds the fewest items per capita in Wyoming public libraries
- Families with children must now go to the basement as well as to the 2nd floor to get youth books
- The Trustees have reduced the size for a potential new library from 96,000SF to 83,000SF

Your NCPL Trustees and staff are committed to providing the very best library experience possible regardless of the size of our building. If you think our community deserves a larger library than it had in 1952, please contact your County Commissioners, Library Trustees, or Library Director. When you want a new library, we will start working on it.

## Natrona County: The Place We Call Home

Wyoming school curriculum calls for 3rd graders to learn about their local history. Until recently, Natrona County’s elementary teachers had few resources to help them teach this subject.

We learned of this problem in 2010 and responded by creating a committee of local historians, educators, and librarians to produce a history of Natrona County written specifically for students and teachers. The committee worked through 2011 to create a new book titled **Natrona County: The Place We Call Home**.

It will be available in February 2012 and has already been accepted as the 3rd grade history textbook for NCSD #1. The book is just over 100 pages and includes full-color maps, illustrations, current and historic photographs, and a timeline of important Natrona County eras and events. The project has been an excellent opportunity for your librarians to meet a community need while partnering with other educational institutions.

We think that people of all ages will enjoy reading this introduction to Natrona County’s history. Stop in, pick up a copy, and read it for yourself. Purchase the book as a gift for someone you love, a friend, or family members who grew up in Casper. New residents will enjoy it as well. All proceeds from the sale of the book will benefit the NCPL Foundation, enhancing your library’s resources and services.



Discover the answers to these Natrona County history questions and more!

- Why are there two spellings (Casper and Fort Caspar)?
- What does CY (as in CY Avenue) stand for?
- When was oil first discovered in this area?
- How did the Goose Egg Ranch get its name?

# New OFFERINGS:

Here are a few of the 5,937 items added to your library since October:

## FICTION

- **77 Shadow Street**, Dean Koontz
- **The Best of Me**, Nicholas Sparks
- **Explosive Eighteen**, Janet Evanovich
- **Kill Alex Cross**, James Patterson
- **The Litigators**, John Grisham

## NONFICTION

- **The Great Stagnation**, Tyler Cowan
- **Socrates in the City**, Eric Metaxas
- **Stop the Islamization of America**, Pamela Geller
- **Stunned by Grief**, Judy Brizendine
- **Trust Me, I'm Dr. Ozzy**, Ozzy Osbourne

## MUSIC

- **The Best of 25 Years**, Sting
- **God's Not Dead**, The Newsboys
- **Lioness: Hidden Treasures**, Amy Winehouse
- **Take a Back Road**, Rodney Atkins

## BOOKS ON CD

- **Blue Nights**, Joan Didion
- **Devil's Gate**, Clive Cussler
- **The Fire**, James Patterson
- **From This Day**, Nora Roberts

## DVDs

- **All About Steve**
- **Appalachian Dawn**
- **Casino Jack**
- **The Help**
- **IndoctriNation**
- **The River Why**

## Walter R. Jones Wyoming History Collection

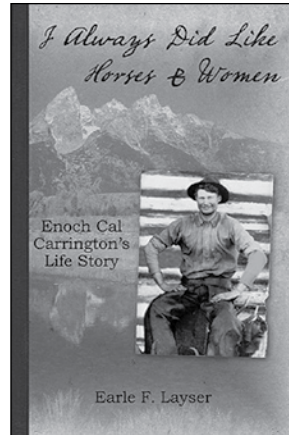
Over the past two years, NCPL's Wyoming history collection has grown in size and depth, thanks to the generosity of the NCPL Foundation.

Recent notable additions to the Walter R. Jones Wyoming History Collection include:

**Wonder City of the West: City of Casper, Wyoming, 1924**, a pictorial and printed survey created by the Casper Daily Tribune. This well-preserved volume touts the amenities and growth of the area, which included 32,276 people who were "not a floating population." One memorable line states, "Casper offers greater opportunities than any other city in the entire universe." What positive press! Photos

of early Casper, as well as impressive facts about oil production in the 1920's make this booklet a must to look through.

**Bison Hunters to Black Gold: A Brief History of the Fort Caspar Area from**



**Pre-Historic Times to Oil Development**, written by Robert A. Murray and the staff of the Fort Caspar Museum. It includes details about the trading posts, forts, bridges, and personalities that called our stretch of the river home.

**History of Saint Anthony's School 1927-1928 to 1977-1978** is another recent addition to the collection. Sister Mary Ancile Carton collected class photographs and outlined the key events in the school's history.

Some books describing the history of our great state have wonderful titles. Our favorites include **I Always Did Like Horses and Women** by Earle Laysen; **70 Miles from a Lemon** by

Emma Hayden Yates; and **Sagebrush Dentist** by Will Frackelton.

These resources are available to use on the 2nd floor of the library. Please ask at the Reference Desk for assistance.



## 100 BOOKS to read together

Come see a new addition to NCPL's children's area: Our "100 Books to Read Together" wall. This display presents excellent books for parents to read with their children prior to kindergarten. Strong childhood language development is directly related to storybook reading.

One of the things we take very seriously is the need to support parents in their role of preparing children for school. The 100 books list and display can be helpful in directing parents to the best children's literature.

You might wonder how we decided what to include in this display. Some books were chosen because they expose children to pre-reading and writing skills. We also

included classics and some newer titles that will become treasures. Most importantly, we hope these books will inspire both children and parents to read aloud and that kids will ask for them again and again.

One title from the collection is featured each week in "My Trib," the children's magazine published by the Casper Star-Tribune. Lists of the 100 books to check off as you read them will be available at all library branches.

We hope our 100 books will set the stage for making memories that parents and children will cherish for years to come. **Remember to spend 20 minutes each day reading with your child!**

F O U N D A T I O N

# Making a Good Library Great: GIVING TO THE NCPL FOUNDATION

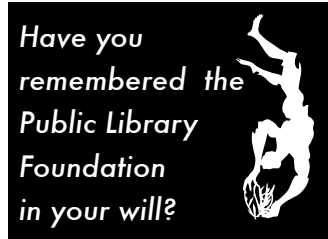
**W**hat is the difference between a good library and a great library? A great library is measured by its ability to go beyond basic services with the help of private funds to provide programs and collections of true distinction. With your help, our library can keep providing the quality programs and 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.

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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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

## State Endowment Match Program Poised to Continue

**P**rivate donations to the Natrona County Library Foundation will continue to be matched by the state of Wyoming if a recent proposal from Governor Matt Mead is approved. In his budget message released December 2011, Governor Mead indicated that economic projections allow for investment in important Wyoming resources stating, "Current revenues are sufficient to allow the state to support local libraries, cultural endeavors and the humanities."

If the governor's budget recommendation is passed in the coming legislative session, the Natrona County Public Library Foundation would be eligible to raise an additional \$130,000 in funds that will be matched on a 1-to-1 basis with state funds. Since the program's inception in 2008, the Foundation has raised nearly \$1.1 million in private and state-matched funds toward its endowment.

"It's gratifying to see that investing in Wyoming's libraries continues to be an important priority for the state," said Foundation Board President Phil Schmidt. "When contributions from our donors are matched by state funds, our Foundation can be in a position to truly make a difference for the library."

Income earned from the endowment is used to go beyond NCPL's basic services which are supported through tax revenues. Library programs, communications, special books, and other important needs are funded by the endowment. The Foundation has also recently funded the new service for downloading e-books and the creation of a book about the history of Natrona County for young students, families, and teachers.

## A Special Thank You

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

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**Have you remembered  
the Public Library Foundation  
in your will?**

# 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.

## ❖ FEBRUARY ❖

- 1 - Wednesday Writers, 10 AM
- 1 - After School @ the Library, 4 PM
- 2 - Be The Wall: Juvenile Crimes, 6:30 PM
- 3 - Wyoming Free Tax Service, 10 AM - 2 PM
- 6 - Youth Services Development Day, 10 AM - 4 PM
- 7 - Let's Talk College: FAFSA Time, 6 PM
- 10 - Wyoming Free Tax Service, 10 AM - 2 PM
- 13 - Tween Monday, 4 PM
- 16 - Be The Wall: Drugs & Alcohol, 6:30 PM
- 17 - Morning Mysteries, 9:30 AM
- 17 - Poetry Box, 5:30 PM
- 20 - Presidents Day: Library Closed
- 21 - "The Scarlet Letter" Book Discussion with Tammy Frankland of Casper College, 6:30 PM
- 24 - Job Search Skills, 3 PM
- 27 - Teen Writers, 5:30 PM
- 28 - Indie Film Series, 6:30 PM

## ❖ MARCH ❖

- 1 - Read Across America, 6:30 PM
- 4-10 - Teen Tech Week
- 6 - Game On, 2 PM
- 7 - School's Out Movie, 2 PM
- 8 - Avoiding Fraud & Identity Theft, 6:30 PM
- 10-11 - Friends of the Library Spring Booksale, 10 AM - 1 PM Sat.; 1-5 PM Sun.
- 13 - Family Movie Night "Cars 2", 6:30 PM
- 17 - The Reaping: "Hunger Games" Fun for Teens, 2 PM
- 20 - Finding Health Info Online, 2-4 PM
- 20 - Let's Talk College: ACT Prep, 6 PM
- 22 - After School Program at Mills, 4 PM
- 26 - Tree Care and Selection, 6:30 PM

## ❖ APRIL ❖

- 1 - Edible Book Fest, 2-5 PM
- 5 - Elementary Art Show Opens
- 6 - Good Friday: Library Closed
- 7 - No Storytime
- 8 - Easter Sunday: Library Closed
- 8-14 - National Library Week
- 11 - National Bookmobile Day
- 12 - Elementary Art Show Reception, 5:30 PM
- 13 - Wyoming Free Tax Service: Final Session, 10 AM - 2 PM
- 14 - Poetry Slam (teens & adults), Metro Coffee Co., 6 PM
- 16 - Teens: Get a Job, 6 PM
- 19 - After School Program at Mills Branch, 4 PM
- 24 - Family Night: Bunco, 6:30 PM



**Be a Friend:** We always need volunteers – donate your time and talents to help us put great ideas in motion! Membership forms can be found at the library's main checkout desk.

**Get "In the Know":** "Like" us on Facebook and you can be "in the know" about upcoming dates and activities, including "Members Only" Sales.

The Friends of the Library wish to thank all NCPL patrons for a great 2011. Your enthusiastic support of our book sales has benefitted the library and community in countless ways. As we move into 2012, we want to give you a heads-up on what's coming next.

Our number one goal is to work with the Library Trustees and Library Foundation to get a new library for Natrona County. Other goals include activities and functions that promote literacy. We are in the process of developing partnerships in the community as well as planning fun events.

And of course, Friends events include book sales. The next sale will be held 10 am - 5 pm Saturday, March 10 and 1-5 pm Sunday, March 11.



Over the Christmas weekend 72 patrons checked out eBooks for the first time from NCPL's Virtual Library! Now, over 960 people are using the Virtual Library to check out eBooks. Many popular fiction and bestselling titles can be downloaded. Need help? Ask a librarian!



### Poetry Month

April is National Poetry Month. To honor this annual event, NCPL will hold a poetry slam at Metro Coffee Co. Slams have grown in popularity and showcased 21 "slammers" in November. The slam is scheduled for 6:00pm on Saturday, April 14th.

### Edible Book Fest

The Friends of the Library will hold their annual Edible Book Fest Sunday, April 1 from 2-5 pm. More information will be available at the NCPL checkout desk in March.

### Wyoming Free Tax Service

IRS-certified volunteers will help low income families, seniors and students e-file tax returns each Friday, now through April 13 in the NCPL Crawford Room. For free assistance, bring all your tax documents for 2011, social security card for identification, and last year's tax return.

**Tax forms and instructions are available at the library.**



### Elementary Art Show

Elementary art from NCSD #1 students will be on display at NCPL April 5 to May 8. A reception featuring crafts and student-led tours will be held Thursday, April 12 at 5:30 pm.



### Local Hero

**A** mother of 9, Nettie Francis is an avid NCPL user and supporter. She helped develop **Natrona County: The Place We Call Home**, going the extra mile to make this an excellent contribution to her new community. (Her family recently moved from Las Vegas!) Nettie has also written locally published articles promoting NCPL's services. Thank you, Nettie!

### Community Service Award

**N**CPL has been donating paperback books to the Juvenile Detention Center for several years. In December, librarian Gayla Peterman (at right) was recognized by the Natrona County Sheriff Department for combing through donations to find appropriate books for use by JDC inmates.



### Staff Spotlight

**L**ida Volin, NCPL's Inter-Library Loan (ILL) Coordinator, helps patrons borrow books from other libraries in the state and nation. In January, staff and Trustees celebrated her 35 years of service at NCPL. Congratulations, Lida!

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