

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

Library Hours:  
(September through May)  
Mon-Thur: 10 AM – 9 PM  
Fri-Sat: 10 AM – 5 PM  
Sun: 1 PM – 5 PM  
(June through August)  
Mon-Thur: 10 AM – 7 PM  
Fri-Sat: 10 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

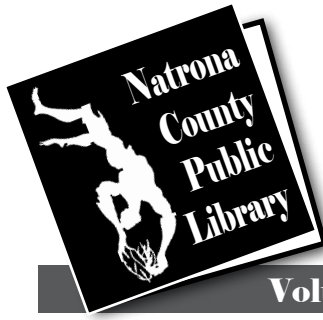
Website  
[www.natronacountylibrary.org](http://www.natronacountylibrary.org)

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Natrona County Public  
**LIBRARY**

*Honoring the Past; Creating the Future*

## A Milestone Worth CELEBRATING!

The Natrona County Public Library opened May 20, 1910 with a reception and refreshments followed by a dance that lasted into the early hours of the morning. At the time, Casper was a growing town of 2,700 people who saw their new library not only as a place to borrow books, but as a community center.

Over the years, the library grew; its physical structure has expanded three times, its collection of books has steadily increased and new technologies and formats of information have been integrated. Library services have reached all county municipalities and rural areas through traveling collections in the early 1900s, branches in Midwest (1930), Edgerton (1971) and Mills (2005) in addition to bookmobile service, which started in 1956.

The citizens of Natrona County have, for the past century, used the library's resources to pursue lifelong education, to engage in community discussion, to improve their economic well-being, and to help prepare their children for school.



The NCPL system now circulates over 630,000 items annually (compared to a 1910 circulation of 2,800), has 35,400 cardholders, serves over 1,100 people daily, and provides 193,000 items for checkout.

Now, as in 1910, the library is a vital community asset, contributing to the lives of individuals, as well as to the county's economic vitality and quality of life. One hundred years is indeed a milestone worth celebrating, and citizens will have many opportunities to join in. More information is available online at [www.natronacountylibrary.org](http://www.natronacountylibrary.org).

### LIBRARY OPENING

The formal opening of the Carnegie Library in Casper will occur on Friday evening of this week. The ladies of the Civic Club will have the affair in charge. There will be a reception and general program from 8:30 to 9:30, to be followed by a dance in all of the three commodious rooms. Refreshments will also be served. The reception is free and all are cordially invited. Tickets for the dance will be sold at \$1.00, by the ladies who are endeavoring to raise some much needed funds for the library committee.

*Above: Announcement for the 1910 opening ceremony published in the Natrona County Tribune, May 18, 1910. Reprinted with permission from the Casper Star-Tribune.*

## New OFFERINGS:

Here are a few of the 3,599 items added to your library since January:

### FICTION

- **Nowhere To Run**, C.J. Box
- **Bone Fire**, Mark Spragg
- **The Silent Sea**, Clive Cussler
- **Split Image**, Robert B. Parker
- **Winter Garden**, Kristin Hannah
- **Junkyard Dogs**, Craig Johnson (May 27)

### NONFICTION

- **Conservative Victory**, Sean Hannity
- **Notes from the Cracked Ceiling**, Anne Kornblut
- **Flight from Monticello: Thomas Jefferson at War**, Michael Kranish
- **Courage and Consequence**, Karl Rove
- **The Art of Eating In**, Cathy Erway

### MUSIC

- **Tonight**, Toby Mac
- **The Platinum Collection**, Enigma
- **Greatest Hits**, Gretchen Wilson
- **My Best Days**, Danny Gokey
- **Valentine's Day**, Soundtrack

### AUDIOBOOKS

- **Altar of Eden**, James Rollins
- **The Witness**, Sandra Brown
- **Hold Still**, Nina LaCour
- **How to Enjoy Your Life and Your Job**, Dale Carnegie
- **This Book Is Overdue**, Marilyn Johnson

### DVDs

- **Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs**
- **The Time Traveler's Wife**
- **A Serious Man**
- **Paris, Texas**
- **Coco Before Chanel**



# WYOMING READS 2010

On the morning of Tuesday, May 18, nearly 1000 first graders will parade between the library and The Nic, grinning from ear to ear and holding ever-so-proudly brand new hardback books of their very own. The books are a gift from the Sue Jorgensen Library Foundation, part of the annual Wyoming Reads literacy celebration.

Wyoming Reads began in 1999, as a local event known as Casper Cares, Casper Reads. The first graders who received books that year are now seniors at Natrona County's high schools.

Just as those first graders grew from reading "Chicka Chicka Boom Boom" into reading classics like "To Kill a Mockingbird," Casper Cares, Casper Reads has grown into a statewide celebration, now reaching nearly 7,500 first



Students listen and read along with a celebrity reader during the 2009 Wyoming Reads celebration.

graders throughout Wyoming. The program has also been used as a model for similar celebrations in Oregon and Minnesota.

Congratulations to all Natrona County first graders. Learning to read is an accomplishment worth celebrating!

## Make a Splash: READ!



We're looking forward to a swimmingly good summer as children, teens and adults participate in the summer reading program June 1-July 30 at your library.

Summer is the perfect time to dive into a good book. Children preschool through 6th grade can "Make a Splash" by reading and attending fun and educational events. Storytimes will entertain the tiniest of tadpoles. Puppeteers, storytellers, magicians and musicians will sail in weekly to share their talents and stories. Oceans of fun will open up with special events just for tweens, grades 4-6.

Surf's up for teens, as well. Those entering grades 7-12 can "Make Waves" at the library this summer by participating in the teen summer

reading program. Time spent reading will earn teens cool prizes, and there will be plenty of events to get their feet wet by learning new things and trying out new skills.

Before the sun sets on another summer, teens can celebrate a successful reading season at a beach party, complete with games, movies, music, food, and fun.

Summer Reading Programs Sponsored By:



Summer Reading isn't just for kids! Adults are invited to "Water Your Mind" this summer through reading. Simply keep track of your reading time and return your log to the library for a prize and entry into a grand-prize drawing for a gift certificate to a local bookstore. Find out more by calling 577-READ or visit [www.natronacountylibrary.org](http://www.natronacountylibrary.org).

# Upcoming EVENTS

## FOUNDATION

### Endowment Challenge Program Funds Increased

During this year's legislative session lawmakers recognized the importance of continuing to invest in Wyoming's public libraries by providing an additional \$3 million for the endowment challenge program. This gives the Natrona County Public Library Foundation an opportunity to raise approximately \$130,000 in funds that will be matched on a 1-to-1 basis by state funds. The fundraising begins July 1.

As an added incentive, once the state's library foundations have raised \$2.3 million, our endowment will receive an additional \$100,000 from the state. With this incentive and funds raised to meet the new state match, the NCPL Foundation's endowment could exceed \$2 million.

"When the endowment challenge program was created in 2008, the Foundation met its goal within the first eight months because of the incredible generosity of Natrona County donors," said Foundation Board President John Masterson. "This past support was an important component in receiving additional funds, as lawmakers could see the commitment to the library that has been demonstrated in the past."

The endowment is used to support expanded NCPL programs and materials. In the past, the Foundation has supported youth programs, staff development and community communications with funds generated from its endowment. This year, the Foundation is also contributing to the library's 100th Anniversary events.

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

### 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 continue to provide 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.

### A Special Thank You

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

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

#### MAY

- 1 - Happy Birthday, Library! A Celebration for Kids, 10:30 AM
- 4 - Meet the Author: Craig Johnson, 7 PM
- 5 - Wednesday Writers, 10 AM
- 10 - Book Discussion, 6:30 PM
- 11 - Meet the Author: C.J. Box, 7 PM
- 13 - Meet the Author: John Erickson, creator of "Hank the Cowdog", 7 PM
- 15 - Healthy Life: Organic Gardening, 10:30 AM
- 18 - Wyoming Reads Celebration, 11 AM
- 20 - Edible Book Fest, 3-6 PM
- 20 - Library Centennial Celebration, 6:30 PM
- 25 - Independent Film, 6:30 PM
- 26 - Mystery Book Club, 6:30 PM
- 31 - Library Closed: Memorial Day

#### JUNE

- 1 - Summer Reading Program begins
- 1 - Teen Zone Open House, 10 AM - 5 PM
- 2 - Wednesday Writers, 10 AM
- 2 - Wayne & Wingnut: Vocal Magic, Music & Comedy, 2 PM
- 3 - Wayne & Wingnut, Vocal Magic, Music & Comedy, 10:30 AM
- 8 - Teens Create!, 2 p.m. & 4 PM at Pottery By You
- 9 - Magician Cody Landstrom, 2 PM
- 10 - Magician Cody Landstrom, 10:30 AM
- 14 - Book Discussion, 6:30 PM
- 15 - Independent Film, 6:30 PM
- 17 - Ghost Stories with author Alyson Hagy, 6:30 PM
- 23 - "Where the Wet Things Are" with Tales & Trails Storytelling, 2 PM
- 23 - Job Search Skills, 2 PM
- 23 - Mystery Book Club, 6:30 PM
- 24 - "Where the Wet Things Are" with Tales & Trails Storytelling, 10:30 AM
- 25 - Intro to Genealogy, 10 AM
- 29 - Family Night: Life-Sized Life, 6:30 PM
- 30 - Indiana Bones: Stories from the Seas and Stars, 2 PM

#### JULY

- 1 - Indiana Bones: Stories from the Seas and Stars, 10:30 AM
- 4 - Library Closed: Independence Day
- 5 - Library Closed: Independence Day
- 7 - Kids Concert with Andy Mason, 2 PM
- 7 - Kids Concert with Andy Mason, 10:30 AM
- 13 - Library Closed: Parade Day
- 20 - Independent Film, 6:30 PM
- 21 - "The Great Water Rescue" puppet show, 2 PM
- 22 - "The Great Water Rescue" puppet show, 10:30 AM
- 27 - Family Game Night, 6:30 PM
- 28 - Patti Smithsonian, puppeteer, 2 PM
- 28 - Mystery Book Discussion, 6:30 PM
- 29 - Patti Smithsonian, puppeteer, 10:30 AM
- 29 - Teen Beach Party, 5:30 PM

## Local Hero: Joan Officer



Joan Officer (L) and staff member Gayle Peterman (R)

**W**hen you receive a call to inform you that a book you've requested is available, the voice on the other end of the line is often that of Joan Officer. Joan has been a faithful volunteer at the library for over 7 years, helping library staff to provide this valuable service to patrons. Thank you, Joan!

## Award Nomination



**N**CPL was recently nominated for a prestigious award by Senator John Barasso. The National Medal for Museum and Library Service "honors outstanding institutions that make significant and exceptional contributions to their communities." NCPL will be one of approximately 40 libraries nationwide considered for the award. Thank you, Senator Barasso, for this honor, and for recognizing the value NCPL provides daily to our community.

## Keep Up to Date

**W**ould you like to hear the news of the day from your library? Keep up to date on library events, popular authors and booklovers trivia. Find NCPL on Facebook (Natrona County Public Library) or follow us on Twitter (twitter.com/natronalibrary).



## What Can You Get for a Penny?

**D**id you know, *ALL* of your library's books, audiobooks and DVDs are purchased with One-Cent funds?

City and County officials have opened up the One-Cent process this year and have asked all citizens to join in. You can participate at your library by filling out the One-Cent survey at any library branch. Or go online to [www.onecentprocess.com](http://www.onecentprocess.com) to make your preferences known.



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