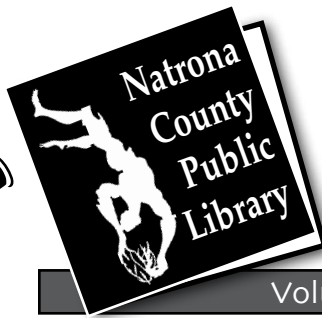


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NEW LIBRARY HOURS:

(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

Website

www.natronacountylibrary.org

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Jones & NCPL Staff Honored for “Window”

The Wyoming Library Association presented its Georgia Shovlain Award to Walter Jones and NCPL for their collaborative work in producing *A Window to the World: The First 100 Years of the Natrona County Public Library*. WLA annually presents the Georgia Shovlain Award to recognize completion of a special library project.

The Georgia Shovlain award recognizes NCPL’s vision for the project, staff assistance with research, editing and layout, and Jones’ selfless donation of talent and time.

The book was published by the NCPL Foundation in May 2010 to coincide with NCPL’s 100th anniversary. It is available for purchase at the library and local book stores.

Over the 5 years preceding publication, Jones regularly traveled from Salt Lake City



Editorial committee members Brenda Thomson and Nicholle Gerharter, and Walter R. Jones received recognition for their work on the library history book at WLA’s conference in September.

to Casper to organize library documents and research the book. Jones completed the project as a labor of love for his hometown community. His only request for compensation was travel reimbursement.

Jones works in the Special

Collections Department at the University of Utah Library. His other published works include *History of the Sand Bar (1888-1977)* and *Derricks and Determination: Oil Exploration in a Portion of Southwestern Wyoming, 1847-1982*.

Children’s Non-fiction Moves to New Location

Because the children’s library was out of room, in August all children’s non-fiction books were moved to the 2nd floor of the library. NCPL’s librarians are prepared to help school-age children and parents find books they need for learning facts, doing research, and completing school projects.



New OFFERINGS:

Here are a few of the 8,926 items added to your library since June:

FICTION

- **Abuse of Power**, Michael Savage
- **Back of Beyond**, C.J. Box
- **The Mercy**, Beverly Lewis
- **Now You See Her**, James Patterson
- **The Wedding Kiss**, Hanna Alexander

NONFICTION

- **Destiny of the Republic**, Candice Millard
- **Crime Buff's Guide to the Outlaw Rockies**, Ron Franscell
- **Missing: A Memoir**, Lindsay Harrison
- **The Pun Also Rises**, John Pollack
- **Injustice**, Christian Adams
- **Welcome to Your Child's Brain**, Sandra Aamodt

MUSIC

- **Mercy Bound**, Edwin McCain
- **Own the Night**, Lady Antebellum
- **The Rising**, Bruce Springsteen
- **The Sea of Memories**, Bush
- **Trouble No More**, John Mellencamp

BOOKS ON CD

- **Already Home**, Susan Mallery
- **The Cut**, Gregory Pelecanos
- **In My Time**, Dick Cheney
- **Kill Me If You Can**, James Patterson
- **Moneyball**, Michael Lewis

DVDs

- **Above Yellowstone**
- **The Burning Hills**
- **Set Up**
- **Soul Surfer**

Forest Affairs Film Series

This December, NCPL will host a four-part series in conjunction with the International Forest Film Festival. The 9 film screenings will be free and open to the public.

The Forest Affairs series begins December 1st with a showing of two films. **A Working Forest: It's Future with Fire, People and Wildlife** is narrated by conservationist and keyboardist for the Rolling Stones Chuck Leavell. Next, the short film **Ora E. Anderson: The Soul of the Woods** follows 93 year-old Ora Anderson as he gives viewers a tour of his Appalachian tree farm and nature preserve.

The series continues through December highlighting issues such as the pine beetle epidemic, the science of fire, and the California redwoods.

On December 15th, NCPL will screen **Seeing Red: TreeFight's First Year**. TreeFight is a new organization which hopes to help preserve the Whitebark pine of the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem. **Seeing Red** was partially funded by prize money from the State of Wyoming's inaugural Short Film Contest in 2008.



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The film screenings will be held Thursdays, December 1, 8, 15, and 29 at 6:30pm in the Crawford Room. Call 577-READ ext. 2 for more details.

HOLIDAY READING LIST

Winter holidays are fast approaching. One way to get in the spirit of the season is to spend some time curled up with a hot drink and a good book. Here are a few great holiday reads to get you started:

- **Catered Thanksgiving: A Mystery With Recipes** by Isis Crawford
- **Thanksgiving** by Janet Evanovich
- **Thanksgiving Night (A Love Comedy with Sorrows)** by Richard Bausch
- **Holiday Dreams** by Annette Mahon
- **Midnight Kiss** by Robyn Carr
- **Home for the Holidays** by Rebecca Kelly
- **Silver Bells: A Holiday Tale** by Luanne Rice
- **1225 Christmas Tree Lane** by Debbie Macomber
- **Advent of a Mystery** by Marilyn Leach
- **A Chesapeake Shores Christmas** by Sherryl Woods
- **Christmas Child** by Max Lucado
- **Christmas Cookie Club** by Ann Pearlman
- **A Simple Amish Christmas** by Vanetta Chapman
- **Wyoming Christmas Heroes** (Multiple Authors)
- **New Year's Eve Murder: a Lucy Stone Mystery** by Leslie Meier
- **The New Year's Quilt** by Jennifer Chiaverini

For those who prefer true stories, or who are looking for recipe, decoration or gift ideas, try a few of these non-fiction choices:

- **Thanksgiving 101: Celebrate America's Favorite Holiday With America's Thanksgiving Expert** by Rick Rodgers
- **The Joy Of Family Traditions: A Season-by-Season Companion To Celebrations, Holidays, and Special Occasions** by Jennifer Trainer Thompson
- **The Christmas Spirit** by Joel Osteen
- **The Great Christmas Cookie Swap Cookbook**



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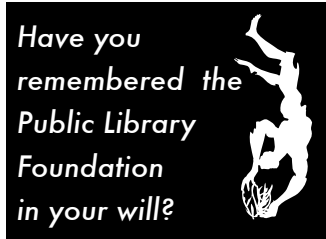
What is the difference between a good library and a great library? A great library is measured by its ability to go beyond basic services with the help of private funds to provide programs and collections of true distinction. With your help, our library can keep providing the quality programs and materials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

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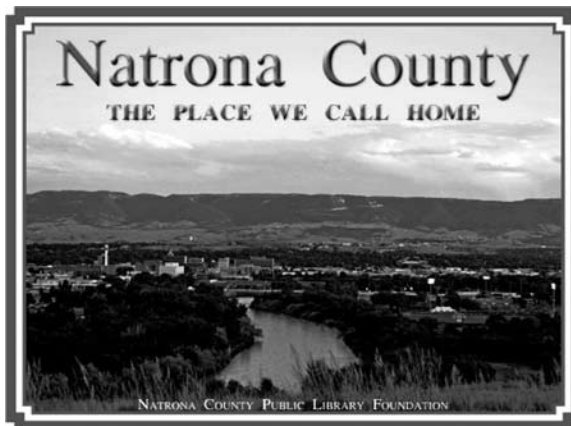
The Place We Call Home

How much do you know about the history of Natrona County? You will soon have the opportunity to learn a lot more.

January 2012 will mark the release of **Natrona County: The Place We Call Home**, which is being published by the NCPL Foundation. This book was created to help third grade students learn about the history of our community and for teachers to meet one of the social studies curriculum requirements.

We think that people of all ages will enjoy reading this introduction to Natrona County history. A number of local historians, librarians, and teachers have contributed to this extraordinary project.

The book will be sold at the library. Proceeds will benefit library programs and services funded by the NCPL Foundation.



Foundation Receives Grant for History Book

The Natrona County Library Foundation was recently awarded a grant from the Casper Area Community Foundation. These funds will be used to assist in the production of **Natrona County: The Place We Call Home**.

The NCPL Foundation has funded this book project and is working to build support for the book's distribution and use throughout Natrona County. "We're grateful to the Casper Area Community Foundation for their assistance in this project and acknowledgement of its importance to our community," said NCPL Foundation President Phil Schmidt.

The Casper Area Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Wyoming Community Foundation. It uses the interest generated from local donor funds to assist non-profits in Natrona and Converse counties.

Virtual Library Now Works for Kindle®

Natrona County citizens have checked out almost 1,200 eBooks since the Virtual Library debuted in July.



And now, downloadable eBooks work with Amazon's Kindle. As of September 30, half of the eBooks checked-out were for Kindles and half for other eReaders, including Nook, Kobo, iPad and Android phones.

Nearly 300 patrons have checked out eBooks from the Virtual Library. Over 450 titles are now available.

Up to 3 eBooks can be checked out at a time, for either 7 or 14 days. Additionally, up to 3 holds can be placed on titles that

are already checked out. The average wait time has been 7 days.

Many people have paid their fines, signed up for new library cards, or renewed their old cards just so they can use this new free service. If you haven't already done so, check it out! From the library website click "Download eBooks" to get started.

This new service is available thanks to funding from NCPL Foundation.



A Special Thank You

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

- Bart Rea
- First Interstate Bank
- First Interstate BancSystem Foundation
- Masterson Family Foundation
- Mills / Mountain View Lions Club

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.

Prepare for Science Fair!

Science Fair season is approaching, and we know that selecting the right experiment can be a big challenge.

Maybe it is the anticipation kids feel when they pour in that explosive mixture. Maybe they like getting their hands all goopy with paper and glue. Whatever the reason, there is something about creating a chemical volcano that makes it one of the most popular projects students select for a science project.

NCPL has books with experiment ideas in just about every science area you can imagine. We can help you find projects related to biology, ecology, chemistry, and physics. We even have books that delve into sports science.

Does your child have an experiment in mind but needs ways to make it eye-catching? There are books for that too!

Depending on what kind of experiment your child chooses, planning ahead and allowing time to implement the scientific method is important.

So, when your child first brings home that science fair assignment, come see us. We can help you find the perfect project.



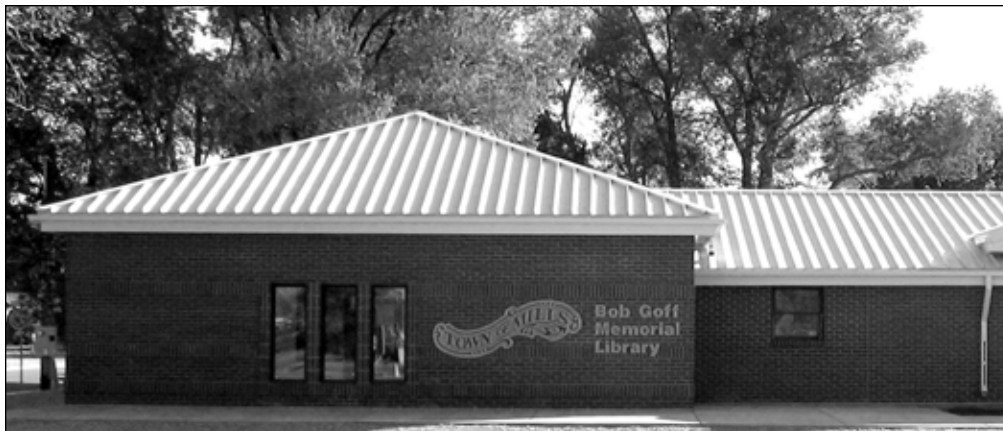
MILLS BRANCH SPOTLIGHT

The Bob Goff Memorial Library, located at 717 Fifth Street in Mills, is open Monday-Thursday, 10 am-5 pm and Friday 1-5 pm. This neighborhood stop has a family-friendly atmosphere and specializes in children's books and movies. Patrons may also use computers, request items from the main library for pick-up at the Mills branch, and return books from any Wyoming library.

Events held at the Mills branch include:

- Weekly storytimes for young children each Tuesday at 10:30 am.
- Monthly After School programs

A free Gingerbread House workshop will be held Wednesday, December 14 from 4-5:30 pm for children and families.



❖ NOVEMBER ❖

- 2 - Wednesday Writers (monthly), 10 AM
- 2 - After School at the Library (weekly), 4 PM
- 3 - Book Chat (monthly), 2 PM
- 7 - Tween Monday (weekly), 4 PM
- 10 - Crafty Afternoon: Craft Swap, 2 PM
- 11 - Veterans Day: All Library Branches Closed
- 14 - Book Discussion (monthly), 6:30 PM
- 15 - Indie Film Series (monthly), 6:30 PM
- 18 - Poetry Box (monthly), 5:30 PM
- 19 - Poetry Slam for Teens & Adults at Metro Coffee Co., 6:30 PM
- 22 - Craft of the Toymaker, 6:30 PM
- 22 - Family Night: Thankful Turkeys, 6:30 PM
- 23 - Mystery Book Discussion (monthly), 6:30 PM
- 24-25 - Thanksgiving: All Library Branches Closed
- 28 - Teen Writers (grades 7-12), 5:30 PM

❖ DECEMBER ❖

- 1 - Forest Affairs film series begins, 6:30 PM
- 5 - Job Search Skills class, 5-7 PM
- 8 - Crafty Afternoon: Recycled Magazine Ornaments, 2 PM
- 8 - Forest Affairs, 6:30 PM
- 9 - Organizing and Sharing Digital Photographs, 3-5 PM
- 11 - Gingerbread House Workshop, 1-4 PM
- 14 - Gingerbread House Workshop, 4 PM at Mills Branch
- 15 - Forest Affairs, 6:30 PM
- 19 - Teen Writers (grades 7-12), 5:30 PM
- 25-26 - Christmas Holiday: All Library Branches Closed
- 27 - Family Movie Night, 6:30 PM
- 29 - Forest Affairs, 6:30 PM

❖ JANUARY ❖

- 1-2 - New Year Holiday: All Library Branches Closed
- 3 - Storytimes Resume, 10:30 AM
- 4 - After School at the Library Resumes, 4 PM
- 9 - Tween Mondays Resume, 10:30 AM
- 20 - Morning Mysteries Book Discussion (monthly), 9:30 AM
- 24 - Family Bunco Night, 6:30 PM
- 27 - Wyoming Free Tax Service, 10 AM - 2 PM



Prevention Coalition Award

NCPL has been an active member of the Natrona County Prevention Coalition for many years. The coalition recently named librarian Betsy O'Neil as "Member of the Month" for September, honoring her service on the Family and Parenting subcommittee.

Local Hero: Bob Padilla

Congratulations to Bob Padilla, who volunteered his pontoon boat to be NCPL's float in the 2011 Fair and Rodeo Parade. He also drove the trailered boat. Thank you, Bob, for literally putting the float head-and-shoulders above the crowd so children could easily see and wave to their favorite book characters. We tip our hat to Bob.



Library Notifications

Did you know you can receive library notifications in your email inbox or on your cell phone? Find out when your NCPL items are almost due, overdue, or ready for pickup. Visit "My Account" on the NCPL webpage to sign up, or ask a librarian the next time you visit.



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