Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War

The traveling exhibition “Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War” opens Friday, August 2 at 6 pm with a reception featuring “Songs from a House Divided,” performed by Bill Rossiter. Hear music of the Civil War and learn how each song reflects the political, social, moral and ideological issues of the era.

The exhibit was organized by the National Constitution Center and the American Library Association and was made possible by a National Endowment for the Humanities grant.

Other events to be held in conjunction with the exhibit include a book discussion of “Lincoln at Gettysburg: The Words that Remade America” by Garry Wills on August 12 at 6:30 pm. An award winning movie about Lincoln will be shown in the Crawford room, Wednesday, August 14th at 6:30 pm.

“Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War” will be available for viewing during regular library hours throughout the month of August.

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY IN 2013

NCPL provides valuable services and resources to Natrona County residents, assisting people of all ages with their learning, literacy, and recreation needs. Notable statistics for FY13 (ended 30 June):

- 674,022 items checked out (and back in)
- 374,275 patron visits
- 16,636 library cards used this year
- 22,460 new materials added (books, movies, music, magazines and more)
- 76,872 individual computer sessions logged

Library staff has worked on numerous projects this year to improve library services, including:

- Advocacy and support for early literacy: NCPL hosted the annual Wyoming Reads event for first graders, participated in the local We Read project, and provided educational programs in classrooms throughout the Natrona County School District.
- Local history projects included a revised publication of “The Sand Bar” by Walter Jones, and oral history interviews documenting the transformation of the North Platte River from one of the nation’s most polluted rivers to a Blue-Ribbon fishery.
- A new NCPL website was launched in June, featuring streamlined navigation, better access to new materials, improved events calendar, and easier use via smart phones and tablets.
- An improved computer scheduling system was installed in June, allowing more efficient use of library computers and more self-service options for patrons, such as printing from NCPL’s wireless network and paying library fines online.

NCPL exists to advocate for literacy, education and a thriving community. Annual report brochures are available at any library branch or online at www.natronacountylibrary.org.
New Offerings:
Here are a few of the 4,259 items added to your library since April:

Fiction
- Butch Cassidy: The Lost Years, William W. Johnstone
- Ideopathy, Sam Byers
- The Kill Room, Jeffrey Deaver
- Roses Have Thorns, Sandra Byrd
- A Serpent’s Tooth, Craig Johnson

Nonfiction
- Anne Frank: The Biography, Melissa Meuller
- The End of Big, Nicco Mele
- Juke Box Hero, Lou Gramm
- Rumsfeld’s Rules, Donald Rumsfeld
- Walking on Eggshells, Lyssa Chapman

Music
- Fast & Furious 6 Soundtrack
- A Father’s Lullaby, Nick Lachey
- True Blood Soundtrack
- We Won’t Be Shaken, Building 429
- Where It All Began, Matthew Morrison

Books on CD
- Always Looking Up, Michael J. Fox
- Dragon’s Nest, Emily Rodda
- Placebo, Steven James
- The Teapot Dome Scandal (mp3), Laton McCartney
- Trains and Lovers, Alexan McCall Smith

Movies
- The Call
- Return to Nim’s Island
- Skyfall
- Stand Up Guys
- Upside Down

NCPL has a new statue, dedicated June 29 in honor of longtime attorney and Tate Foundation board member Donald Chapin.

“This impressive piece of art is meant to be a lasting gift to the library and its patrons,” said Tate Foundation president Chris Muirhead.

The larger-than-life sculpture, “Bridge to the Future” depicts three children walking across a bridge of books. An original work by Colorado artist James Haire, this customized version was commissioned by the Tate Foundation in 2012 and now sits at the corner of 2nd and Beech Streets.

“We thought this was a particularly fitting way to memorialize Don Chapin’s support for the community,” said Muirhead. “If people look closely at the book titles, they will understand more about Don’s character and sense of humor.”

Local History: The North Platte River

The North Platte River was once one of the most polluted rivers in the nation. Unchecked pollution caused by industry, residential growth and agriculture led to a highly contaminated riverbed, sometimes with little or no moving water.

Several local individuals were instrumental in the North Platte River’s transformation, setting precedents for others to follow in the areas of clean water and wildlife habitat even before the inception of the EPA.

NCPL has gathered more than 15 hours of oral histories from these individuals, documenting their roles in the river’s transformation. Those interviewed include: former Wyoming Game and Fish (WGF) employees Fred Eiserman, Bob Wiley, Bill Whichers, and current WGF Regional Fisheries Supervisor, Al Conder; former Regional Supervisor of the Bureau of Reclamation, John Lawson; local fisherman and member of Wyoming Fly Casters, Herb Waterman; and current Environmental Protection Agency employees Craig Toal and Bob Breuer.

These interviews are now available to check out in print or audio formats, creating a lasting resource for anyone interested in the dynamic history of the North Platte River, the evolution of water use in the West, the changing roles of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, or local history.
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: Steve Degenfelder - President • Michael Merback • John Jorgensen • Jeanne Goldrick • Linda Nix • Mary Lynne Shickich • Richard Day • John Masterson • Jimmy Goolsby • Susan Stubson • 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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The NCPL Bookmobile travels throughout the city and county providing library service to daycares, senior living facilities and outlying towns.

All Natrona County citizens are welcome to come aboard at any stop, and items from any Wyoming library can be requested from or returned to the Bookmobile.

Thanks to funds from the NCPL Foundation the Bookmobile will receive a makeover this month. The graphics covering the vehicle’s exterior are several years old and have become chipped, cracked and faded. It is time for a new look!

As part of the library’s ongoing efforts to instill literacy and education as community values, the Bookmobile’s “New Look” will place emphasis on the importance of reading daily.

Each side of the vehicle conveys the message “Read 20 Minutes a Day with Someone Special,” and pictures people, young and old, enjoying a book, audiobook, or eBook. The message coincides with the “We Read” program, a partnership between the Casper Star Tribune, Natrona County School District #1 and NCPL.

The new graphics will be installed in mid-August, in time for the Bookmobile to begin its fall schedule the week of August 26. Schedules are available at any library branch or online at www.natronacountylibrary.org.

A Special Thank You

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

Matthew & Ginger Bennett
Edward & Shirley Chase
Annabelle Carnahan
Howard & Nina Ewart
Cathy George
Paulette & Stan Hahn
Friends of the NCPL
Gary & Barbara Winter

Have you remembered the Public Library Foundation in your will?

New @ NCPL!

DaVinci desktop magnifier is now available to assist library users. It was purchased with funds from the NCPL Foundation. Featuring a 3-in-1 camera and text-to-speech capability, the DaVinci can magnify and/or play aloud any printed text. It is located on the main floor near the Tech Center.
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Back to School @ Your Library

School will be here before we know it and it’s time to put back-to-school shopping on the list of things to do.

If your child doesn’t already have one, be sure to add a library card to the list of school supplies. When it comes time for homework help, you will find NCPL is here with every topic from aardvarks to zebras.

Fiction books for children up through 6th grade are located in NCPL’s basement, while nonfiction books for study, research, and factual learning are located on the 2nd floor. Librarians are happy to help you find just the right materials for a research project, book report or other assignment.

Beginning Tuesday, September 3rd the main library in downtown Casper will be open Monday-Thursday 9 am – 8 pm; Friday and Saturday 9 am – 5 pm; and Sundays 1– 5 pm.

CJ Box Visits NCPL

Join us Friday August 16th at 6:30 pm for an evening with New York Times bestselling author and Casper native CJ Box. Box will talk about his latest novel, “The Highway” and sign copies of the book which will be available to purchase at the event. Attendance is limited to the first 115 people. Tickets will be available at the door starting one hour before the event.

NCPL Welcomes New Board Members

NCPL welcomes new Library Board members Shannon Dutcher and Hampton O’Neill. Thank you to Randy Buffington and Mary Ann Collins for 6 years of dedicated service.

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 ✧

2 - Teen Film Friday, 2 PM
2 - “Lincoln” Exhibit Opening Reception, 6 PM
7 - Wednesday Writers: Write Your Memories, 10 AM
10 - Friends: Teacher Appreciation Sale, 10 AM - 5 PM
11 - Friends: End of Summer Clearance Bag Sale, 1 - 5 PM
12 - “Lincoln at Gettysburg” Book Discussion, 6:30 PM
13 - Never Too Old Book Club, 6:30 PM
14 - Lincoln Film Screening, 6:30 PM
15 - Let’s Talk College: Last Minute College Prep, 6 PM
16 - Meet the Author: C.J. Box, 6:30 PM
27 - Family Movie Night, 6:30 PM

✧ SEPTEMBER ✧

1-30 - Library Card Signup Month
2 - Closed: Labor Day
3 - School Year Hours Begin
4 - Wednesday Writers: Write Your Memories, 10 AM
13 - Meet the Author: Tiffany Trent, TBA
24 - Family Game Night: Uno, 6:30 PM
30 - Tales of the Great Outdoors with Author, Speaker and Hiker Jennifer Pharr Davis, 6:30 PM

✧ OCTOBER ✧

13-19 - Teen Read Week
15 - Teen Creativity: Frankentoys, TBA
17 - Let’s Talk College: Scholarships, 6 PM
22 - Family Game Night: Bunco, 6:30 PM
26 - Spooky Storytime, 10:30 AM
28 - Teen Film Fest / Movie Marathon, TBA

The Friends of the Library will hold a “Teachers Appreciation Sale” Saturday, August 10 from 10 am - 5 pm, giving teachers the opportunity to stock up on books and other materials for their classrooms. Special pricing is available with Teacher ID. The following day will be an “End of Summer Clearance Bag Sale,” Sunday, August 11 from 1-5 p.m. Visit natronacountylibrary.org/friends for more details.

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Local Heroes:
Cathy Carson & John Jorgensen

John Jorgensen and Cathy Carson are Local Heroes for leading the Wyoming Reads program. Through their efforts, every first grade student in Wyoming receives a hardcover book. This year over 1,100 Natrona County first graders participated, with 282 receiving their first library cards. Thank you, Cathy and John, for your commitment to children and literacy.

Thank you to all who helped with and cheered for the NCPL float, which won 2nd place in the decorated floats category July 9!

Here Comes the Bookmobile

The Bookmobile will have a new look in September, sharing the importance of literacy throughout Natrona County. Read more about it on the insert page.