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And that’s not all! To learn more, ask one of your community’s librarians.

GET CAUGHT READING!

Reading is an essential skill, best developed by enjoying the activity often. This is why the We Read program encourages all families to “Spend 20 minutes a day reading with someone special.”

Continuing to read during the summer is especially important. Studies show that children who do not read during summer lose a significant amount of their school year learning and have to catch up with their classmates when school begins. In contrast, kids who read during the summer often expand their knowledge by exploring new things.

To encourage summer reading, We Read is holding a contest May 1 through September 1. Elementary students will be entered to win one of three prizes: a Kobo Tablet eReader, a Casper Recreation Center Party Pack, or a Family Book Basket.

To participate:
- Elementary-age students “get caught reading” on camera.
- Students (with the help of their parents) submit the photos at: wereadnatrona.com/contests.
- One prize will be awarded for the best photo in each of three categories: vacation, group, and reading photos.

Families are encouraged to enter multiple photos throughout summer break.

We Read is a partnership between NCPL, the Casper Star-Tribune and the Natrona County School District, supported by many local businesses and foundations. Our goal is to have all Natrona County students reading at grade level by the third grade. Students whose reading skills are underdeveloped at this age are far more likely to struggle in school. Reading together daily helps kids develop much-needed literacy skills, preparing them for success in life.
Here are a few of the 4,330 items added to your library since January:

**FICTION**
- *Destroyer Angel*, Nevada Barr
- *For Such a Time*, Kate Breslin
- *Stone Cold*, CJ Box
- *Water Walker*, Ted Dekker
- *The Wolf and the Man*, Max Brand

**NONFICTION**
- *Dragnet Nation*, Julia Angwin
- *Five Came Back*, Mark Harris
- *Pat and Dick*, Will Swift
- *Sitcom*, Saul Austerlitz
- *The Wars of Reconstruction*, Douglas Egerton

**MUSIC**
- *Bad Blood*, Bastille
- *Divergent*, Soundtrack
- *G I R L*, Pharrell Williams
- *God’s Not Dead*, Soundtrack
- *Riser*, Dierks Bentley

**BOOKS ON CD**
- *The Bookstore*, Deborah Meyler
- *The Caine Mutiny*, Herman Wouk
- *Concealed in Death*, J.D. Robb
- *Do or Die*, Suzanne Brockman
- *Killer*, Jonathan Kellerman

**MOVIES**
- *Delivery Man*
- *Downton Abbey, Season 4*
- *Hours*
- *Odd Thomas*
- *Walking with Dinosaurs*

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We are looking forward to an explosion of activity this summer at the library. The 2014 Summer Reading theme is “Fizz Boom, Read!” for kids through grade 6. Summer Reading programs begin May 28 and continue until July 26.

Summer Reading helps to battle the “Summer Slide” - the loss of learning that happens during summer break if kids don’t keep their brains active by reading. The more they read this summer, the less catching up they will have to do when school begins.

Storytimes to spark the imagination of preschoolers, as well as science-inspired tween programs for grades 4-6 will inspire kids to investigate books of all kinds. We will provide electrifying events suitable for the whole family as well.

Infants and toddlers can also participate. Parents and caregivers will be encouraged to read with their little ones and spend time exploring activities that help prepare young children for school success.

Sign up at any library branch beginning May 28.

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**Friends’ Corner**

What are you doing for your mom this Mother’s Day? How about a cup of tea, theatrical performances, and some time spent together?

The Friends of NCPL will host “Tea & Theatre” Saturday, May 10 in the Crawford room. There will be two sessions, one at 10 am and the other at 2 pm.

While participants enjoy snacks, Casper College Theater and Forensics students will perform scenes from upcoming performances. Tickets are on sale at NCPL’s checkout desk, $10 for adults and $8 for students, K-12. Funds raised will benefit your community library.

The Friends of NCPL are always accepting volunteers. Learn more about the Friends and download a membership application at natronacountylibrary.org/friends.

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Free events will include:
- *Ventriloquism with Wayne & Wingnut*, June 2-4
- *Dragons Are Too Seldom* Puppet Productions, June 10-12
- *Rocky Mountain Puppets*, June 17-19
- *Magic Shows with the Incredible Mr. E*, June 25-27
- *Storyteller Indiana Bones*, July 7-10
- *Dr. Noize*, July 14-16
- *Magician Cody Landstrom*, July 21-23

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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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EDIBLE BOOK FEST WINNERS

The Friends of the Library held their annual Edible Book Fest on Sunday, March 30. This community event celebrates books, reading, and our community library through “Foolish Food and Fun!”

This year’s event included many imaginative entries submitted in four categories: Youth 8 and under, Youth 9-12 years old, Youth 13-18, and Adults. Voting was open to the public from 2-3:30 p.m. with winners announced as follows:

**Youth 8 and Under**
1st Place: “Hamburger Heaven” by Hudson Nicol & Tyler Maillous
2nd Place: “The Magic School Bus” by Wyatt Jensen
3rd Place: “The Notebook of Doom” by Hunter Tanner
4th Place: “Chicka Chicka Boom Boom” by Erik Distler

**Youth 9-12**
1st Place: “Breakfast at Tiffany’s” by Luci Vigneri
2nd Place: “20,000 Leagues Under the Sea” by Briar Kisiel-Johnson
3rd Place: “Three Little Pigs” by Talynn Patterson
4th Place: “Fortunately, the Milk” by Maddox Nicol & Aubrey Maillous
5th Place: “Dr. Who – The Essential Guide” by Hawkins Kopp

**Youth 13-18**
1st Place: “Alice’s Adventure in Wonderland” by Harper & Hannah Hatch
2nd Place: “The Ugly Duckling” by Charity Palmer
3rd Place: “Dr. Who – The Vault” by Emerson Kopp & Evan Wayte
4th Place: “To Kill a Mockingbird” by Amber Bennett

**Adults**
1st Place: “Five Little Penguins” by Ferne Freiberg
2nd Place: “The Grapes of Wrath” by Pat Greiner
3rd Place: “Rats” by Teresa Johnson
4th Place: “The Secret Garden” by Ruth & James Demerritt
5th Place: “Cinnamon Roll Murder” by Cheryll Westcott

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Have you remembered the Public Library Foundation in your will?
Adults: Read Your Way Through Summer

Summer reading is for adults, too! Join the “Literary Elements” summer reading program beginning May 28. Adults may pick up a reading log at any NCPL branch or download one from our website. Write a brief summary of three books you read this summer and return it to any library branch by July 27 to receive a small prize and be entered into the Grand Prize drawing.

Need some ideas on what to read? Here is a list of some of the new books that will be released in the next few months:

**MAY**
- *Field of Prey*, by John Sandford (May 6)
- *Any Other Name*, by Craig Johnson (May 13)
- *The Son*, by Jo Nesbo (May 13)
- *The One & Only*, by Emily Giffin (May 20)
- *Ghost Ship*, by Clive Cussler and Graham Brown (May 27)

**JUNE**
- *China Dolls: A Novel*, by Lisa See (June 3)
- *Mr. Mercedes*, by Stephen King (June 3)
- *Written in My Own Heart’s Blood*, by Diana Gabaldon (June 10)
- *Top Secret Twenty-One*, by Janet Evanovich (June 17)
- *Invisible*, by James Patterson and David Ellis (June 23)

**JULY**
- *The City*, by Dean Koontz (July 1)
- *Power Play*, by Catherine Coulter (July 8)
- *The Heist: A Novel*, by Daniel Silva (July 15)
- *A Perfect Life*, by Danielle Steel (July 22)
- *Fast Track*, by Julie Garwood (July 29)

For summer reading recommendations or to find books on a particular topic, ask a librarian. Email reference@natronacountylibrary.org, or call us at 577-READ (7323).

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**Online Catalog**

NCPL recently updated its online card catalog, providing improved search functions and easy access to find new materials in various formats. If you would like a personal walk-through of the new catalog’s features, or need help finding something, please call 577-READ or stop by NCPL.

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**Upcoming Events**

For a full listing of NCPL events, visit www.natronacountylibrary.org. Please call 577-7323 for more information.

**MAY**
1 - One Cent Survey Public Meeting, 5:30 PM
7 - Wednesday Writers, 10 AM
10 - Tea & Theatre, 10 AM & 2 PM
13 - Wyoming Reads
26 - Library Closed: Memorial Day
27 - Summer Hours Begin
28 - Summer Reading Begins
30 - Teen Film Friday, 2 PM

**JUNE**
2 - Wayne & Wingnut, 1 & 3 PM
3 - Teen Creativity, Pottery By You, 2 & 4 PM
10-11 - Dragons Are Too Seldom, 1 & 3 PM
12 - Teen Magic Show with Lazarus Benson, 2 PM
13 - Teen Film Friday, 2 PM
17-19 - Rocky Mountain Puppets, 1 & 3 PM
20 - Teen Film Friday, 2 PM
23 - Growing Wild: Inviting Beneficial Wildlife Into Your Garden with Horticulturist Donna Cuin, 6 PM
24 - Family Movie Night, 6:30 PM
25-26 - The Incredible Mr. E, 9 & 11 AM
27 - Teen Film Friday, 2 PM
28 - Friends of the Library Summer Book Sale, 10 AM - 5 PM

**JULY**
1 - Teen Creativity: Duct Tape, 2 PM
1 - NCPL Players “Fizz Boom Read”, Mills, 2 PM
1 - Gordon Lightfoot Tribute Concert, 6 PM
2 - NCPL Players “Fizz Boom Read”, 10:30 AM & 2 PM
3 - Teen Lego-Mania, 2 PM
4 - Library Closed: Independence Day
7,9,10 - Indiana Bones, Storyteller, 1 & 3 PM
8 - Parade Day, NCPL Open 2-6 PM, Mills Branch Open 1-5 PM
11 - Teen Film Friday, 2 PM
14-16 - Dr. Noize, 1 & 3 PM
18 - Teen Film Friday, 2 PM
21-23 - Magician Cody Landstrom, 1 & 3 PM
25 - Teen Film Friday, 2 PM
26 - Last Day to Turn In Summer Reading Logs
Wyoming Reads

The annual Wyoming Reads literacy celebration organized by the Sue Jorgensen Library Foundation will be held at NCPL and the NIC on Tuesday, May 13. Similar celebrations will be held throughout the State, with each first grader in Wyoming receiving a hardback book of their own choosing.

To learn more, visit wyomingreads.org.

Local Hero: Lori Howard

Lori Howard, the Life Enrichment Coordinator at Primrose Retirement Community, is enthusiastic and dedicated to providing her residents access to NPCL’s services. She has been instrumental in adding a bookmobile stop at Primose and setting up a book club for residents. Thank you, Lori for championing library services to seniors in our community.

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