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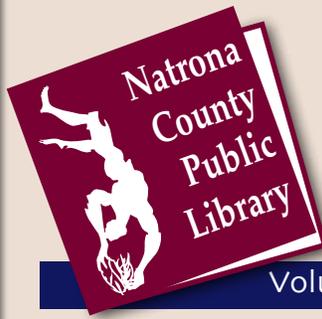
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TECH RALLY

NCPL is excited to partner with AARP Wyoming to present a Tech Rally at NCPL Wednesday, October 8, from 5:30 to 8 pm. All ages and levels of technology experience are encouraged to attend this fun, fast-paced evening full of learning opportunities. Discover apps, websites, mobile devices and more!

The Tech Rally will feature a series of 25-minute presentations on technology topics, as well as a technology "Petting Zoo."

A welcome session will be held at 5:30 pm. Representatives from AARP Wyoming will present data about Baby Boomers' and retirees' use of technology. Learn why and how people over 50 are using emerging technologies.

Beginning at 6pm, NCPL staff will demonstrate various technology topics including:

- Using free eBooks, eMagazines and eAudio from NCPL
- Blogging 101: What, Why and How?
- Using Pinterest
- Windows 8 Overview

All presentations will take place in NCPL's Crawford Room.

Each presentation will provide a brief introduction



to a topic. Then, NCPL staff will be on hand for one-on-one assistance in downloading, setting up, and logging-in for those who wish to try it themselves. Attendees can also make appointments with library staff for personal assistance at a later date.

In addition to the classes, a Technology "Petting Zoo" will be held in NCPL's Tech Center. This is an opportunity to try various devices like iPads, Kindles, Nooks and more, with no risk of getting bitten! Try before you buy, learn about the benefits and drawbacks of each device, and find out what features you most enjoy.

The "Petting Zoo" will be open from 6-8 pm. Call 577-READ for more details.

Collections: The Heart of the Library

What if you walked into the library and you saw nothing but empty shelves? There would be no excitement about the newest book by your favorite author, no old favorites to rediscover, no picture books would be available for your children or grandchildren to enjoy.

Fortunately, that is a scenario no one has to face when walking into NCPL. With 239,000 items in its collection, NCPL is ready to serve people of all ages and many interests. Last year, these 239,000 items "turned over" 2.6 times. That means, on average, every single item in the collection — books, movies, CDs, magazines, audiobooks — went home with a cardholder nearly 3 times, for a grand total of 647,309 checkouts.

Libraries are the ultimate

examples of sharing organizations. Because items are owned by the community as a whole, many people have a chance to use each item before it is no longer useable. Taking this into account, NCPL returns \$7.47 in service value for every \$1 of tax revenue through this unique community-wide sharing mechanism. These shared books, movies, magazines and music enrich our community through individually informed minds and lives.

Librarians add 300 new items each week to the collection, giving people of all interests quite a few options from which to choose. One Cent funds are used to purchase books and other resources on behalf of our 80,000 residents and make them freely available for everyone.

NCPL's well-used collection is

the heart of the library and reflects our community's interests.

**Did You
Know?**

NCPL welcomes patron requests. If you don't see what you are looking for on the shelf be sure to let us know. We often purchase patron requests to add to the NCPL collection. To learn more or to request an item, ask a librarian or visit the NCPL website.

New OFFERINGS:

Here are a few of the 3,270 items added to your library since May 1:

FICTION

- ***Across the Cheyenne River***, John D. Nesbitt
- ***Blood Red***, Mercedes Lackey
- ***Faceoff***, David Baldacci
- ***Godless***, James Dobson
- ***Mr. Mercedes***, Stephen King

NONFICTION

- ***The 40s: The Story of a Decade***, Henry Finder
- ***Altitude Adjustment***, Mary Eliza Baptiste
- ***Cracked, Not Broken***, Kevin Hines
- ***Geronimo***, Mike Leach
- ***The Iron Road***, Christian Wolmar

MUSIC

- ***The Fault In Our Stars***, Soundtrack
- ***Goin' Home***, Kenny Wayne Shepherd
- ***Me, I Am Mariah***, Mariah Carey
- ***Neon Steeple***, David Crowder
- ***Road Between***, Lucy Hale

BOOKS ON CD

- ***The Abominables***, Eva Ibbotson
- ***The Boom***, Russell Gold
- ***Conform***, Glenn Beck
- ***The Last Straw***, Jeff Kinney
- ***Ghost Ship***, Clive Cussler
- ***The Painter***, Peter Heller

MOVIES

- ***Ace in the Hole***
- ***Ender's Game***
- ***The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug***
- ***Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit***
- ***The Monuments Men***

Is Your Public Library a "Special Interest" Agency?

Public libraries are defined in Wyoming Statute as a required government function. They are supported by the public like other governmental services, such as schools, fire departments, law enforcement, and hospitals. Each of these agencies serves the common public good. Conversely, special interests are activities serving only a unique part of a community.

It was strange, therefore, to recently learn that some Natrona County citizens think the public library is a special interest agency.

Your public library has been and continues to serve as both a community center and one of the few local agencies where citizen-driven American freedoms

are practiced daily and are fundamentally encouraged.

NCPL serves the entire community, including: Sportsmen. Energy Workers. Hikers. Bikers. Hunters. Businessmen. Mechanics. Political candidates. Parents. Teachers. Genealogists. Gardeners. Artists. People planning trips. People without the Internet at home. Newcomers to Casper. Armchair historians. Best seller readers.

Inquisitive people who refuse to accept the TV or a Google search as their only information sources are not "special interest" groups!

NCPL is a public interest agency since it is funded by and for the common benefit of our community.



Back to School Resources

As you dust off the backpacks and shop for school supplies, don't forget all the important resources your community library provides for students, teachers and parents.

First and foremost are library cards. Whether for preschoolers, elementary ages, teens, parents or teachers, a free NCPL card provides access to books, CD's, DVD's and much more. Bringing your kids to the library and letting them choose materials they want to read is one way to help them fit in that important twenty minutes of reading per day.

When the time comes for research and reports, it is important to remember that anyone and anything can be published on the Internet, credible or not. Your library's online databases provide reliable information for kids' research needs, available from the convenience of your own home. For example:

- ***CultureGrams*** contains current information on just about every country you can imagine
- ***Kids InfoBits*** is designed for beginning researchers and covers a wide variety of topics including animals, people, plants, sports, and more.

- ***Britannica for Kids*** is a version of the adult encyclopedia, designed for a younger audience.

Also available is Learning Express Library. This database offers practice tests and tutorials for teens who want to get a jump start practicing for exams like the ACT or SAT.

All these and many more are available at natronacountylibrary.org. Click "Do Research" and choose the "Homework Help" category. NCPL databases are available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and most can be accessed from home with your library card.

Remember, if you get stuck or need help finding just the right resource for your project, ask a librarian!

School Year Hours

The library's extended hours for the school year start just after Labor Day. Beginning Tuesday, September 2, the main library in downtown Casper will be open:

Monday through Thursday, 9 am-8pm
Friday and Saturday, 9 am-5 pm
Sunday, 1-5 pm.

F O U N D A T I O N

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.

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Checks payable to: The Natrona County Public Library Foundation

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New Board Member Spotlight: Brent Pickett

The importance of education and access to information is a lifelong work for the Library Foundation Board's newest board member, Brent Pickett. An associate dean at the UW Outreach School and director of the University of Wyoming/Casper College Center, Brent understands that the NCPL Foundation must work to make sure the library can keep providing quality programs and materials – both today and in the future.

"I joined the Library Foundation Board because I value our county's library and the work it does every day," says Pickett. "My family and I certainly use it and it always seems packed when I go there! I also believe that people need to give back to the communities in which they live. In the long run, that's the only way to assure that we have a good place to live."

Pickett grew up on a farm in south central Kansas. He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Wichita State University. He earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He has provided leadership for the UW-Casper faculty, staff, and students since 2005.

"Brent brings a wealth of experience that will benefit the NCPL Foundation," says Board President Steve Degenfelder. "His boundless enthusiasm for the work of the library will be contagious to those who can support its role in our community."

"It is important that our community comes to a better understanding of the importance of our library and how it contributes to our quality of life. Such an understanding would have a lot of benefits, including greater support for a



New Board Member Brent Pickett reads to children at the library during the 2014 Wyoming Reads Celebration

new facility," says Pickett. "The Foundation Board can provide financial support of a campaign to promote more knowledge about just how much service the library provides and the impact that service has. And as a group of engaged community members, we can help to make the case for our library and how it needs support."

Brent was a visiting professor at Shanghai University in 2011 and at Ludwigsburg University of Education in Germany this summer. He enjoys traveling, fly-fishing, backpacking and juggling.

Supporting the Library through Estate Gifts and Memorials

The NCPL Foundation has received many significant donations through estate gifts and memorials.

Unless otherwise specified by the donor, the Foundation places these donations in its endowment, allowing the funds to be immediately doubled by the State of Wyoming through the Endowment Challenge Match Program. The funds then grow over time, providing a permanent source of stable funding for our community library.

The ability to support the work of the library in perpetuity is a gratifying choice for many in our community. Private donations through estate plans and memorials secure the ability for our library to provide programs and collections that make a difference in the lives of Natrona County residents.

Types of Gifts

Many philanthropic avenues are available in supporting the Foundation through estate gifts. These include:

- Cash
- Stocks & Bonds
- Life Insurance
- Bequests in Wills
- Tributes & Memorials

The gifts are tax deductible and monitored with careful stewardship by the foundation's board of directors.

Join Us

If you are interested in obtaining information about including the Natrona County Public Library in your estate plans, please contact the NCPL Foundation. Our discussions are confidential, and information will be provided without obligation.

A Special Thank You

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

Steve & Cheryl Degenfelder
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 Ted & Lois Purvis
 George & Jolyn Wynn
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Have you remembered the Public Library Foundation in your will?



NCPL will celebrate Teen Read Week™ this fall with the theme “Turn Dreams Into Reality.” Celebrated nationally October 12-18, Teen Read Week is a great reminder for people of all ages to “read for the fun of it.” We will celebrate throughout the month of October, hosting book clubs, discussing *Legend*, and showing the movie based on last spring’s high school selection, *Divergent* by Veronica Roth.



Fall Into Books This School Year:

Reading Program for Teens

Reading is an essential skill for all levels of students, best developed when they enjoy it and use it often. NCPL has partnered with NCSD#1 to develop One Community One Book (OCOB) programs aimed at encouraging teens to read for fun.

At the beginning of this school year, our fourth OCOB program will launch, focusing on middle school students (OCOB:MS). Your community library and all local middle schools will give away free copies of the book *Legend* by Marie Lu, while supplies last.

Told from two perspectives, *Legend* will entice fans of the dystopian thrillers *The Hunger Games* and *Divergent*. Readers will meet June, a girl



prodigy training to be a military leader, and Day, a teenage mastermind who is the government’s most wanted criminal. When June’s brother is killed, she goes undercover to find his murderer. But the boy she finds is not who she was expecting. Will she turn him in or help him escape?

If you know students in grades 7-8, we encourage you to make OCOB:MS a family affair. Ask your middle school student if they picked up a copy. Read it with them or ask them to tell you about the story. Check out the other two books in the series as well, *Prodigy* and *Champion*.

NCPL also has a list of books to read after *Legend* to help teens continue their reading journey.

Upcoming EVENTS

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

❖ AUGUST ❖

- 1 - *Staying Safe Online*, Tech Center, 2 PM
- 4 - *Wyoming Legislature Candidates Forum*, 6:30 PM
- 6 - *Wednesday Writers*, 10 AM
- 6 - *Summer Movie (Elementary Ages)*, 2 PM
- 11 - *Book Discussion (Monthly)*, 6:30 PM
- 12 - *Never Too Old Book Discussion (Monthly)*, 6:30 PM
- 13 - *Using Microsoft Excel*, Tech Center, Noon
- 13 - *Summer Movie*, 2 PM
- 19 - *Web Resources for Book Lovers*, Tech Center, 1 PM
- 21 - *Afternoon Book Club (Monthly, Grades 7-8)*, 4 PM
- 23 - “*Stuff the Bus*” School Supplies Distribution
- 25 - *Social Media 101*, Tech Center, 4 PM
- 26 - *Family Game Night: Bunco*, 6:30 PM
- 26 - *Teen Book Club (Monthly, Grades 9-12)*, 6:30 PM
- 27 - *Mystery Book Discussion (Monthly)*, 6:30 PM

❖ SEPTEMBER ❖

- 1 - *Labor Day: Library Closed*
- 2 - *School Year Hours Begin*
- 2 - *Storytimes Resume (Tue., Wed., Thu., Sat. Weekly)*, 10:30 AM
- 3 - *After School at the Library Resumes (Weekly)*, 4 PM
- 8 - *Tween Mondays Resume (Weekly)*, 4 PM
- 16 - *Indie Film Series*, 6:30 PM
- 23 - *Family Night “Apples to Apples”*, 6:30 PM
- 27 - *Waggin’ Tails with Mary & Chewy*, 2 PM

❖ OCTOBER ❖

- 8 - *Tech Rally*, 5:30 - 8 PM
- 18 - *Fall Book Sale*, 10 AM - 5 PM
- 19 - *Fall Book Sale*, 1 - 5 PM
- 21 - *Independent Film Series*, 6:30 PM
- 28 - *Family Night: Team Scrabble*, 6:30 PM

Summer Reading Wrapup

Magicians, musicians and storytellers astounded our audiences. Ventriloquists and puppeteers captured their imaginations. Kids of all ages discovered new worlds and exercised their imaginations through reading. The "Fizz, Boom, Read!" summer reading program engaged over 4,200 kids and teens by the end of July.



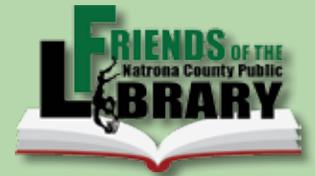
Kids enjoy a performance by "The Incredible Mr. E."



Local Heroes:

Bev Dye and Lisa Mixer

Bev Dye and Lisa Mixer just retired as co-coordinators of the Adult Learning Center at Casper College. They have helped thousands of teens and adults through the successful completion of their GED and helped many become proficient in English as a second language. Thank you, Bev and Lisa, for your support of adult literacy in our community!



The Friends of the Library will hold their Fall Book Sale:

Saturday, October 18
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, October 19
1-5 p.m.

The sale features used books, puzzles, movies, music and magazines. To learn more about the sale visit NCPL's webpage, find the Friends on Facebook, or call 235-0234.

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