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Public Library**
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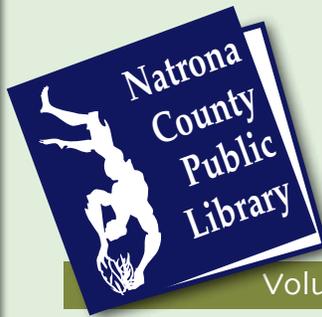
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Community BUILDER

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A recent attack on the satirical French newspaper “Charlie Hebdo” has prompted many to consider the role free speech plays in democracies. The slain publisher Stephane Charbonnier’s statement says it all: “I’d rather die standing up than live on my knees.” Indeed, millions of people worldwide have rallied holding signs reading “Je Suis CHARLIE”.... translated as “I am CHARLIE”.

Letting ideas compete, even if they are objectionable, is at the root of a free society. It is the give-and-take debate of ideas that makes a democracy strong and self-correcting. Public libraries have served as one of the few American institutions which live, foster, and practice the principles of free speech every day. Because public libraries serve everyone equally, they contain opinions which appeal to all sectors of a community... including opinions some might not like.

The give-and-take of ideas is central to the heart and soul of our great country, and enshrined in the First Amendment. When we see totalitarian tactics used to force religious compliance we should be outraged. When we observe well intentioned, but misguided censorship in the form of political correctness, we should be forewarned and wary. When we experience the stifling of religious liberty and freedom of expression, we should begin to muster our response. One of the very few unbiased institutions in America in which you can do this is your public library.



Public libraries serve as community hubs with professional staff trained to neutrally respond and present resources. By design, it is up to a free and self-directed citizenry to use their public library to understand the threats and opportunities facing their families, communities and country. That is one of the reasons public libraries exist in a free society and why public librarians are free speech advocates. We stand as did Stephane Charbonnier. Your public library is CHARLIE.

— Bill Nelson, Director NCPL

**1st Amendment to the
U.S. Constitution**
*Congress shall make no law
respecting an establishment of religion,
or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;
or abridging the freedom of speech,
or of the press; or the right of the people
peaceably to assemble, and to petition the
Government for a redress of grievances.*

PROMETHEUS TO UNDERGO REPAIRS



Sculptor Robert Russin’s statue of Prometheus will be leaving NCPL for repairs this spring. Unveiled in 1974, Prometheus has continuously graced downtown Casper through all types of weather. Since then, both time and the elements have taken their toll and it is now time to perform repairs on this iconic statue.

Joe Russin, son of the sculptor, helped NCPL identify Eagle Bronze Foundry in Lander to perform the repairs. The statue will be gone for about 4 months as it is first sandblasted then re-surfaced. The new coating will better withstand Casper’s abrasive winds and enhance UV protection, which is important at our high altitude.

We thank the many donors who originally helped to acquire this statue in the early 1970s. After the ongoing repairs are completed, we hope Prometheus will continue to serve as a local landmark well into the future.

New OFFERINGS:

Here are a few of the 4,044 items added to your library since September:

FICTION

- ***Betrayed***, Lisa Scottoline
- ***Choir of Angels***, Debbie Macomber
- ***The Escape***, David Baldacci
- ***Revival***, Stephen King
- ***Sins of Our Fathers***, Shawn Lawrence Otto

NONFICTION

- ***1177 B.C.: The Year Civilization Collapsed***, Eric Cline
- ***Dreamers and Deceivers***, Glenn Beck
- ***Plague***, Kent Heckenlively
- ***The Rise of ISIS***, Jay Sekulow
- ***Smart Change***, Arthur B. Markman

MUSIC

- ***For You***, Selena Gomez
- ***Four***, One Direction
- ***Mockingjay Part 1***, Soundtrack
- ***Man Against Machine***, Garth Brooks
- ***No Fixed Address***, Nickelback

BOOKS ON CD

- ***A.D. 30***, Ted Dekker
- ***The Bane Chronicles***, Cassandra Clare
- ***The Burning Room***, Michael Connelly
- ***The Escape***, David Baldacci
- ***Yes Please***, Amy Poehler

MOVIES

- ***Earth to Echo***
- ***Jersey Boys***
- ***If I Stay***
- ***Maleficent***
- ***Million Dollar Arm***

eVideos Now Available!

NCPL now has streaming video! Over 250 videos are available for free to library cardholders through Virtual Library, with more to come in the future.

You will find a variety of selections including dramas, comedies, documentaries, foreign films, television shows, instructional films, children's videos and more. Just a few of the many titles include: "Silver Linings Playbook," "The Iron Lady," "A Farewell to Arms," and "The Adventures of Paddington Bear."

Streaming videos check out for seven days and you can have up to six videos checked out at a time. You can play videos on your computer or download the Overdrive app and view videos on your iOS or Android device. Videos automatically check themselves back in, so you never have to worry about overdue fines.

To see what's available, visit our website at www.natronacountylibrary.org, click on 'eLibrary,' then 'Virtual Library.' Once you are in the Virtual Library, browse the 'Streaming Video' links to start immediately enjoying movies and television shows.

In addition to the new streaming video service, NCPL also provides thousands of downloadable e-books, audiobooks, and magazines. These are all available through the Library website.

Call us at 577-READ ext. 2 for more information about your eLibrary or to schedule a one-on-one appointment for assistance.



In an effort to better serve patrons the Checkout Area will be reconfigured during March and April. The changes will make it easier for library staff to help library users. Heading up the construction work is local contractor JBooth Construction. JBooth has done other work for NCPL including customized child-friendly book bins in the Children's Department, movie shelving units, and end display panels on the bookshelves. We expect the Checkout Area upgrade to be finished by the end of April. Thank you for your patience as we make these changes to better serve you.

Fostering Creativity @ Your Library

March and April are colorful months at NCPL. As in years past, your library will host the Elementary Art Show, March 27 through April 23. The art teachers of NCSD #1 will transform NCPL into a visual wonderland featuring artwork of all shapes, sizes and methods, created by elementary students.

Every year the art teachers endeavor to include at least one piece of art by each of their students. Some students will visit NCPL with their classes to view the art. Others will stop by with their families or friends, scouring the stacks to proudly point out their colorful creations.

The art show is an excellent way to bring our community together and foster creativity in young students. Seeing their art on display at the library may be the spark that ignites a passion for creative pursuits throughout life.

A reception for students, parents, and the public will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on



Thursday, April 9. Art teachers will be on hand to help families find their child's creations as well as to assist visitors to create art projects of your very own that evening.

Stop by your library between March 27 and April 23 during regular library hours to enjoy the creativity of Natrona County's youth.

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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Foundation Board members are available to discuss with you and your advisors the best planned giving opportunities.

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Checks payable to: The Natrona County Public Library Foundation
All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.



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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

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New Board Member Spotlight

JANSEN CURRY

Understanding the value of a public library in our community led the Foundation Board's newest board member, Jansen Curry, to accept an invitation to join the board. "I joined the Library Foundation because it was an opportunity for me to not only be a part of a board of directors with an excellent track record for stewardship, but also a chance to help to further improve one of our community's greatest assets," says Curry.

Curry was born and raised in Casper. She attended the University of Wyoming on a volleyball scholarship and graduated with a bachelor's degree in health sciences.

"Jansen brings an important perspective of the value of our library to families and to rising young professionals in the Casper community," says Board President Steve Degenfelder.

"I would like to be a part of the group effort to see our community build a better library," says Curry. "The foundation, along with the library's Board of Trustees, and many committed supporters have done much of the ground work needed to see the dream of a new library come to life. I want to be a part of seeing this dream through to becoming a reality."

Jansen believes that the top priorities for the Library Foundation are to "continue to act as responsible stewards of the library's endowment, endeavor to continue to grow that fund, and work hand-in-hand with the library's leadership, staff, and patrons to do what it can to make the library the best it can possibly be."

Jansen is married to Mark and they have three children. She is an avid reader and enjoys writing, hiking, snowshoeing, and horseback riding. She calls herself "a Wyoming cowgirl to the core." (Go Pokes!)



A Special Thank You

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LUCKY DAY SHELF

If you love to check out the hottest new bestsellers but don't love waiting lists, then you might enjoy NCPL's new lucky day collection! The "Lucky Day Collection," might provide you a better chance of finding high-demand items on the shelves, ready to checkout.



The books in this collection are new and trending titles. We hope patrons will enjoy the option of walking in and perhaps finding items immediately available. Consider it a "library lottery" in which you find a book you might otherwise wait weeks to checkout. Patrons will be limited to 2 of the Lucky Day books at a time and there are no renewals. We hope patrons will feel lucky and use this new method of fun and surprising service!

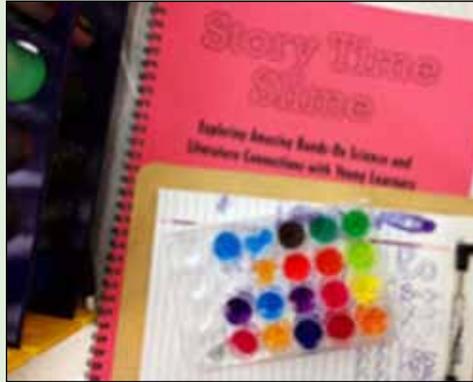
STEM @ Your Library

Science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) may not be the first things that come to mind when you think of helping your preschoolers learn. But just like preparing them for reading and writing, there's no better time to launch these little learners than in their earliest years. The STEM approach is one way to go beyond the pages of books to help stimulate the never-ending curiosity and amazing sense of excitement of children as they explore the world.

NCPL will be hosting "Story Time Slime," a workshop for librarians, teachers, parents and caregivers on March 20, from 8 am to 3 pm. Julie Gintzler, of Steve Spangler Science, will demonstrate attention-grabbing science experiments, how to use popular children's books to reinforce the fundamental building blocks of the STEM philosophy, and ways to turn ordinary science activities into unforgettable learning experiences for children.

This will be a hands-on training for those who want to make science exciting for young learners. The information presented is especially pertinent for kids 3rd grade and under. Participants will conduct more than 20 experiments about air, water, color, glow chemistry and polymers. Julie will provide pointers on teaching kids to count, compare, classify, observe and measure while tying it all in to fiction and nonfiction picture books!

Reservations required. To RSVP or for information contact Jerry, at 577-READ, ext. 129.



Summer Reading Preview

NCPL is making a few changes to summer reading this year to combat "summer slide" and keep youngsters reading all summer long. This year's summer reading program, "Every Hero has a Story," will start on May 26 – just before the end of the school year – and continue through August 31. We're encouraging participants to read at least 20 minutes every day. Parents—share the message that summer reading is an expectation with your children so when they start back to school in the fall, they'll be ready to learn and on the hero's path to success.

New Kids' Doors

Tiny tots and preschoolers now have their own miniature doorway into the Crawford Room for entertaining programs such as "Launching Little Learners." This pint-sized portal is an example of the importance NCPL puts on early learning, making the library a fun place preschoolers and their parents will want to visit again and again.



Upcoming EVENTS

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

❖ FEBRUARY ❖

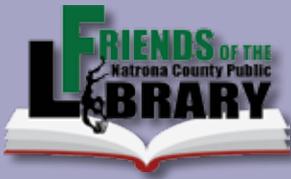
- 3 - "Forty Miles a Day on Beans and Hay" Book Discussion, Ft. Caspar Museum, 6:30 PM
- 10 - "Never Too Old" Book Discussion, Metro Coffee Co., 6:30 PM
- 11 - Explore South America with a National Geographic Giant Map, 4 PM
- 16 - President's Day: Library Closed
- 17 - Indie Film Series, 6:30 PM
- 19 - Afternoon Book Club (Grades 7-8), Metro Coffee Co., 4 PM
- 23 - Tween Monday (Grades 4-6), 4 PM
- 24 - Family Lego® Night, 6:30 PM
- 24 - Teen Book Club (Grades 9-12), Metro Coffee Co., 6:30 PM
- 25 - After School @ the Library (Elementary Ages), 4 PM

❖ MARCH ❖

- 2 - Read Across America, 6:30 PM
- 3 - "The Oregon Trail" Book Discussion, Ft. Caspar Museum, 6:30 PM
- 10 - "Never Too Old" Book Discussion, Metro Coffee Co., 6:30 PM
- 17 - Indie Film Series, 6:30 PM
- 20 - Youth Services Workshop: Story Time Slime, 8 AM - 3 PM
- 24 - Family Game Night: Bunco, 6:30 PM
- 27 - Elementary Art Show Begins (Open Until April 23)

❖ APRIL ❖

- 3 - Good Friday: Library Closed
- 5 - Easter: Library Closed
- 6 - Tween Monday (Grades 4-6), 4 PM
- 7 - "The Virginian" Book Discussion, 6:30 PM
- 9 - Elementary Art Show Reception, 5:30 PM
- 12-18 - National Library Week
- 14 - "Never Too Old" Book Discussion, Metro Coffee Co., 6:30 PM
- 17 - WyoPoets Conference: Poetry Reading, 6 PM
- 21 - Indie Film Series, 6:30 PM
- 18-19 - Friends Book Sale
- 23 - Elementary Art Show Last Day for Viewing
- 28 - Family Night, 6:30 PM



SAVE THE DATE!

The next Friends of the Library book sale will be held April 18th and 19th — Watch for more details.

EDIBLE BOOKFEST

If you are interested in leading & organizing this event please email the Friends of the Library at folncpl307@gmail.com by February 13th. Without new leadership this annual event may no longer occur.

Local Hero: Jill Hughes



Jill is an English instructor at Casper College. As President of the Friends of the Library for the past four years, Jill has overseen many projects to expand the Friends' support and promotion of NCPL. During her tenure the Friends began selling books online, added credit card payment options for book sales, provided books to outreach locations, and hosted events to spotlight library services. Thank you, Jill for your time, talent and dedication in support of NCPL.

GO MOBILE!

A new library catalog app for your mobile devices is coming soon! You can use the app on your mobile device to connect to NCPL's catalog to search for books, DVDs, audiobooks, and more while you're on the go. Place holds, renew items and check out the latest reading lists with an easy click! The app will also feature library events, contact information, and hours.



FIRE DRILLS

For the safety of our patrons and staff NCPL conducts periodic fire drills during library open hours. Drills should take no more than 15 minutes and help us all to be prepared for an emergency.

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