IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR THE GAMES TO BEGIN. THIS YEAR'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM, "ON YOUR MARK, GET SET...READ!," WILL KICK OFF JUNE 1 AND CONTINUE ALL SUMMER LONG UNTIL WE REACH THE FINISH LINE ON AUGUST 31.

ON TUESDAY, MAY 17 BETWEEN 11 A.M. AND 1 P.M., NATRONA COUNTY’S FIRST-GRADERS WILL FILL EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY OF THE LIBRARY. IT'S THE DAY WE CELEBRATE THOSE STUDENTS LEARNING HOW TO READ, AND TO CELEBRATE THAT ACCOMPLISHMENT, EACH AND EVERY FIRST-GRADER IN THE STATE RECEIVES A BOOK FROM THE SUE JORGENSEN LITERACY FOUNDATION. CONGRATULATIONS, FIRST-GRADERS!
Writing Workshop: All the Water in Wyoming

The Natrona County Library will sponsor a free writing workshop by Lori Howe on Monday, June 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the Crawford Room. Join Wyoming landscape poet, Lori Howe, in writing on the meanings of water in Wyoming. Whether via poetry or personal essay, your knowledge, memories, and thoughts are the ink on the page in this workshop, which features a dedicated issue of “Clerestory: Poems of the Mountain West.” When participants leave the workshop, they will have a strong framework and approach for writing creatively about matters of great importance to them as Wyoming citizens, drawing on their own knowledge and experience to add their voices critically and meaningfully to ongoing, community and state conversations — some, through the venue of publication.

Lori Howe is the author of “Cloudshade: Poems of the High Plains” and “Voices at Twilight: A Poet’s Guide to Wyoming Ghost Towns.” She has taught English and creative writing workshops for the last decade at the University of Wyoming and Laramie County Community College (Laramie and Cheyenne campuses). She holds a Bachelor’s degree in English and Spanish, a Master’s degree in English, an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from UW, and is a doctoral candidate in Literacy Studies at UW, with a focus on critical thinking skills and creativity for struggling writers. She teaches workshops for the Wyoming Latina project and the Wyoming Writing Project, and has been a guest poet on Wyoming Public Radio. She is editor in chief of “Clerestory: Poems of the Mountain West,” an online literary magazine dedicated to showcasing the work of Wyoming writers.

All the Water in Wyoming is presented by the Wyoming Humanities Council as part of its ThinkWY Road Scholars Tours program. The Wyoming Humanities Council provides public humanities-based programs in partnership with local organizations and is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities with additional support from private donors and the Wyoming Legislature.
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GIVING TO THE NATRONA COUNTY LIBRARY 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, the Natrona County 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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COMMUNITY BUILDER - FOUNDATION REPORT

MAY - JULY 2016

Library Foundation Assists in Facility Needs Assessment

In 2014, a report was commissioned by the Natrona County Library Board of Trustees to evaluate the current facility for life safety issues. This report, completed in February 2015 by GSG Architecture, found that remediating the current facility would include the abatement of hazardous materials, the provision of a new fire suppression and alarm system, and the addition of new stairwell enclosures and exterior exits. The report found that the cost for these life safety improvements would reach nearly $4 million and would require a construction window of 16 months.

Following the release of the report, a joint committee was formed with representatives from the Natrona County Commission, the Casper City Council and the Natrona County School District to determine whether to remediate the existing library facility or build a new facility.

To assist the Joint Commission in this decision, the Library Foundation hired a consultant to undertake an assessment of the service and space needs of the library. A similar assessment was conducted ten years ago. However, the service landscape has changed since then. Technologies that are commonplace today — smartphones, tablets — were brand new or nonexistent then. And while library collections are now becoming leaner on a nationwide basis, the role of libraries in economic and community development, literacy programming and other services influence facility use and space requirements. Local governments and public libraries must approach the projection of future service needs differently than they did ten years ago.

The needs assessment will include a review of the current facility (and past space assessments), an analysis of current and projected use patterns and trends, a comparison with peer libraries, and recommendations for a revised estimate of space and use needs. The report will be presented to the Commission in early summer.

A Special Thank You

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

- Annabelle Carnahan
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Library Welcomes New Director

Following an extensive national search, the Natrona County Library is pleased to announce the appointment of Lisa Scroggins as Library Director effective May 2. Scroggins has served as the Library Director at the Claud H. Gilmer Memorial Library in Rocksprings, Texas since 2008. She is also a former classroom educator, school district business manager, Sul Ross State University graduate, and earned her Master’s degree in Library Science from the University of North Texas.

“When the Library Board met with Lisa, we were immediately taken by her enthusiasm and excitement for libraries as well as her commitment to the Library’s place in our community,” says Hampton O’Neill, Library Board President. “Lisa has a wealth of experience, not only in education, business, and managing a library, but also in working with the public. We look forward to her leadership of the Library.”

Have You Noticed Our New Logo?

There’s an intrinsic value the Library brings to our community. More than just books and banks of computers, the Library is a transformative, dynamic, and relevant place where individuals gather to explore, interact, and imagine. It’s where a grandson, sitting at a library computer using our genealogy resources can finally say goodbye to his grandfather after discovering the location of his headstone. It’s where a relocated family can find a sense of belonging — a sense of community — by attending our Launching Little Learners programs. It’s where dozens of recently unemployed workers, desperately rummaging through the ruins of their former careers cling to the hope that their handfuls of employment applications will bring new possibilities. We at the Natrona County Library have an unquenchable thirst to help you; a determination to enhance your quality of life; a drive to support your passion, your imagination, your dreams. For that reason, we have changed our logo to better represent this inexhaustible principle, because at the Library, whatever you’re into, we’re into it, too.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Technology has the extraordinary ability to connect us to others, to ideas, to a greater world. But what happens when the stakes are high and technology isn’t working correctly? When you can’t navigate the website required by a prospective employer? When your email provider has changed their design? When your smartphone turns against you?

Each day at the Library, we assist in navigating life’s most challenging obstacles, especially the digital ones. We help patrons to grow, to understand, to take the stress out of technology’s trials and tribulations. We’re here to help you transform your life, even — increasingly — your digital life.

COMMUNITY BUILDER - 5 MAY - JULY 2016

Upcoming EVENTS

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

MAY

2 - Tween Monday “Mother’s Day” 4 p.m.
3 - Reading the West “The Wyoming Lynching of Cattle Kate” 6:30 p.m.
4 - Star Wars Day Celebration 4 p.m.
5 - Small Business Loan Options 6 p.m.
6 - Pinterest 2 p.m.
7 - Adult Coloring Club 2-5 p.m.
8 - Craftastic Saturday “Fairy Gardens” 2 p.m.
10 - Brain Tech 10 a.m.
10 - Never Too Old “Nimona” 6:30 p.m.
12 - Author Craig Johnson Talk and Signing 6 p.m.
16 - Microsoft Word 2-5 p.m.
17 - 2016 Wyoming Reads 11 a.m.
17 - Indie Film “The Lesson” 6:30 p.m.
19 - Windows 10 3 p.m.
19 - Afternoon Book Club “No More Dead Dogs” 4 p.m.
20 - Adult Coloring Club 2-5 p.m.
21 - Family LEGO Club 1 p.m.
24 - Family Game Night “Apples to Apples” 6:30 p.m.
28 - Cardmaking “Men’s Cards” 1 p.m. (signup required)
31 - Teen Book Club “Every Day” 6:30 p.m.

JUNE

2 - Art Walk “Beaded Bookmarks” 5-8 p.m.
3 - Adult Coloring Club 2-5 p.m.
4 - Craftastic Saturday “Zentangle & Yoga” 2 p.m.
6 - Computer Basics 2 p.m.
8 - Tech Tips 4 p.m.
13 - “Water in Wyoming” Writing Workshop 5:30 p.m.
14 - Skype 3 p.m.
14 - Never Too Old “Bone Gap” 6:30 p.m.
14-16 - Marcus the Funnyman
18 - Family LEGO Club 1 p.m.
21 - Indie Film “Amour Fou” 6:30 p.m.
21-23 - Rocky Mountain Puppets
24 - Summer Movie “Space Jam” 2 p.m.
25 - Friends’ Bag Sale 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
25 - Computer Maintenance 2 p.m.
27-29 - Musical Robots
28 - Family Night “Dance Party” 6:30 p.m.
30 - Android OS 2 p.m.
31 - Teen Book Club “Red Queen” 6:30 p.m.

JULY

1 - Adult Coloring Club 2-5 p.m.
2 - Craftastic Saturday “Rock Painting” 2 p.m.
5 - Back Up Your Data 2 p.m.
12 - Never Too Old “The Five Stages of Andrew Brawley” 6:30 p.m.
13 - Biometrics 4 p.m.
15 - Adult Coloring Club 2-5 p.m.
15 - Family LEGO Club 1 p.m.
18-20 - Magician Cody Landstrom
19 - Indie Film “Marie’s Story” 6:30 p.m.
21 - Windows 10 2 p.m.
22 - Summer Movie “Cool Runnings” 2 p.m.
26 - Family Night “Olympic Training Camp” 6:30 p.m.
30 - Microsoft Excel 2 p.m.
Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

What happened to Harry Potter after he killed Lord Voldemort? Author J.K. Rowling finally tells in "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child," a new play debuting July 30 in London’s West End. The rehearsal script will be released as a book the same day and will be available at our library. The play depicts adult Harry, now a Ministry of Magic official, husband and father of three school-age children, grappling with his traumatic past while his youngest son, Albus, struggles with the family legacy. Both father and son find that darkness can come from unexpected places.

May the 4th Be With You

"Star Wars" is a fan phenomenon that has been around since 1977. With "Star Wars: A New Hope," George Lucas captured the imagination of a generation and has not stopped. Building, not only a world, but an entire universe for fans to delve into. This year, the Library will celebrate the Star Wars Universe on what has come to be known as “Star Wars Day: May the 4th Be With You.” We will have games, crafts, Bantha Milk, cookie decorating, and much more! Doors open at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4.

Bag Sale

Stop by the Library during NIC Fest 2016 and grab yourself a bag of books! The Friends will hold a Bag Sale on Saturday, June 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bags of books are $3 if you use a Friends’ bag or $5 if you bring you own bag. The sale includes used books at great prices, in all genres and for all age groups. Other items for sale include movies, music, puzzles, and magazines. The Friends accept cash, local checks, and PayPal as well as credit and debit cards.

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