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VIDEO GAMES: A LITERACY POWERHOUSE AND THE PERFECT STORYTELLING MEDIUM

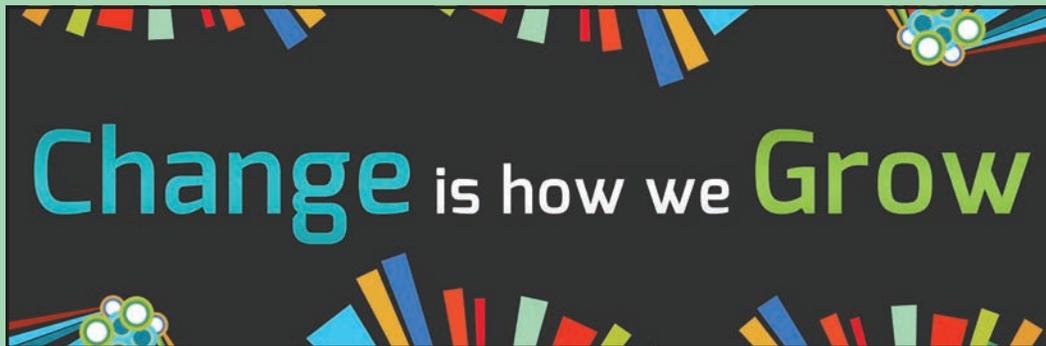
When you read a book, do you find yourself so captivated by the writing that you essentially lose yourself in the story? When you watch a movie, are there times when you forget you are looking at a screen at all? Now imagine for a second if you could jump into the book or movie and become the main character. Suddenly you are no longer watching the story but acting it. You are now integral to the storyline. Your decisions affect everything. You must complete every puzzle, uncover every mystery, and find out exactly how it all plays out and ends. You may even be forced to decide who lives and who dies.

Video games are the newest storytelling medium, and they offer something books and movies cannot. Rather than reading or watching the story, when you play a game, you are an active participant in the experience. You are making the events happen, or the events are happening to you, and there is no experience like it. The interactivity of games is so immersive that players grow emotionally attached to the characters. From excitement and fear to humor and sadness, players experience a full range of emotions while they roleplay the main character, and when emotional events happen to that character, gamers feel as though it is happening to them.

Of course games are not only about roleplaying. Many can be educational and

serve as an avenue toward building literacy. From 2004–2006, circulation of teen fiction and nonfiction at the Guilderland Public Library in upstate New York increased about four percent annually, but the year they launched a circulating video game collection, there was a 20 percent increase in the number of books borrowed by teens. One of the most exciting results of their circulating game collection and game-related events was the increased use of teen nonfiction materials related to gaming. They had strategy guides for many of the games they owned, and they purchased books about game design, game creation, writing for games, and careers in the video game industry.

Games manage to be both great art and a literacy powerhouse. They tackle the American subconscious, experiment with mystery narratives, grapple with themes of mortality, and challenge mainstream views by encouraging innovation such as female protagonists and nontraditional forms of storytelling. And that is why we’re adding video games to our collection. Beginning October 1, we will offer the latest video games for the latest consoles thanks to funding from the Library Foundation. Adding video games to our collection not only advances our mission, it establishes The Library as a truly relevant, dynamic, and responsive destination for everyone, of all ages, with all interests.



Serving Our Community Better

We are committed to providing Natrona County residents the best library experience we can, right here where we are. While our services and programming already have an exceptional reputation, we are confident we can do an even better job of meeting the needs of the community by shifting resources to gain maximum use of our space.

Part of resource shifting requires evaluating our collections. Maintaining viable, relevant collections will always be the cornerstone of superior library service. To that end, we are currently evaluating ours,

and will eliminate unessential items and reduce the number of duplicate copies. This will make room for new items and ease the overcrowding on our shelves, making the collection easier to browse.

We are also removing the second floor's compact shelving to create a new home for the periodicals currently housed on the first floor. We will then move our DVD collection out of the glassed-in area and into the space vacated by the periodicals. The glassed-in area will be repurposed in an exciting but yet-to-be announced manner! Finally, we are considering

moving some of our computers from the first floor to other locations throughout The Library. We also will redistribute a few computers to the Mills Branch.

None of this will happen overnight. The first phase, removing the compact shelving, has already begun. We will work as fast as we can, but ask for your patience. We will stage items in non-traditional areas while we are moving the shelving, but we are confident once the dust settles you will agree these changes breathed new life into an already amazing library, and that the inconvenience was worth it.

VIDEO GAMES

- *No Man's Sky*
- *Gears of War 4*
- *Dragon Quest 7*
- *Paper Mario: Color Splash*
- *Final Fantasy XV*
- *Deus Ex: Mankind Divided*
- *Mafia 3*
- *ReCore*

MOVIES

- *The Jungle Book*
- *Me Before You*
- *Captain America: Civil War*
- *X-Men: Apocalypse*

TV SHOWS

- *Criminal Minds* Season 11
- *Star Wars Rebels* Season 2
- *Longmire* Season 4
- *Vikings* Season 4

eBOOKS

- *An Obvious Fact* Craig Johnson
- *Sweet Tomorrows* Debbie Macomber
- *The Black Widow* Daniel Silva
- *Hillary's America* Dinesh D'Souza

eAUDIOBOOKS

- *Truly Madly Guilty* Liane Moriarty
- *Among the Wicked* Linda Castillo
- *The Princess Diarist* Carrie Fisher
- *Crisis of Character* Gary J. Byrne

FICTION

- *The Fever Code* James Dashner
- *Crooked Kingdom* Leigh Bardugo
- *Two by Two* Nicholas Sparks
- *King's Cage* Victoria Aveyard

NONFICTION

- *Born to Run* Bruce Springsteen
- *American Commander* Ryan Zinke
- *Hillbilly Elegy* J. D. Vance
- *Freedom* Jaycee Dugard

AUDIOBOOKS

- *The Bourne Enigma* Robert Ludlum
- *No Man's Land* David Baldacci
- *Soldier Boys* Dean Hughes
- *Curious Minds* Janet Evanovich



Mills Branch: An Undiscovered Treasure

There is a place near my hometown in Texas that is small. Very small. In fact, although there is still a sign declaring "You are now Entering Montell, Texas," it is no longer an incorporated town. It is, as people say, "nothing more than a speck on the map." Locals have a saying about Montell that has become so well known it is proudly displayed on the roadside: "Montell, Texas. One blink and you'll miss it." But for those traveling the back roads of the Texas Hill Country, Montell can be quite a great find. The people are nice, the wildlife is abundant, and it is positioned near the convergence of the crystal clear Nueces River and Montell Creek. It is a jewel; a great place for picnics, family reunions, and making memories. It's a shame that many people never slow down when they are going through Montell; they will never know what they missed.

Much like Montell, our branch library in Mills is an often over-looked treasure. Although small in size, the Mills Branch (a.k.a. the Bob Goff Memorial Library) is a beautiful jewel catering to the needs

of the local community; and, like most precious stones, we are polishing it to bring out its best qualities. Because reliable, high-speed Internet is a definite need, we are working with the Town of Mills to switch our Internet provider, and expect to see a noticeable improvement in the near future. Future plans also include increasing the number of public-access computers, offering a variety of children and adult programs, and improving signage and lighting.

One thing that will not be changing is the amazing attention you will receive when you visit the Mills Branch. Need a certain book? No problem. If we do not have it, we'll get it for you. Want a new release DVD? We can get that for you too! Interested in a certain program? We will entertain any reasonable programming suggestion.

I have often heard it said that "the best things in life are free." That is certainly the case at the library in Mills. I encourage you to stop in today!

– Lisa Scroggins, Director

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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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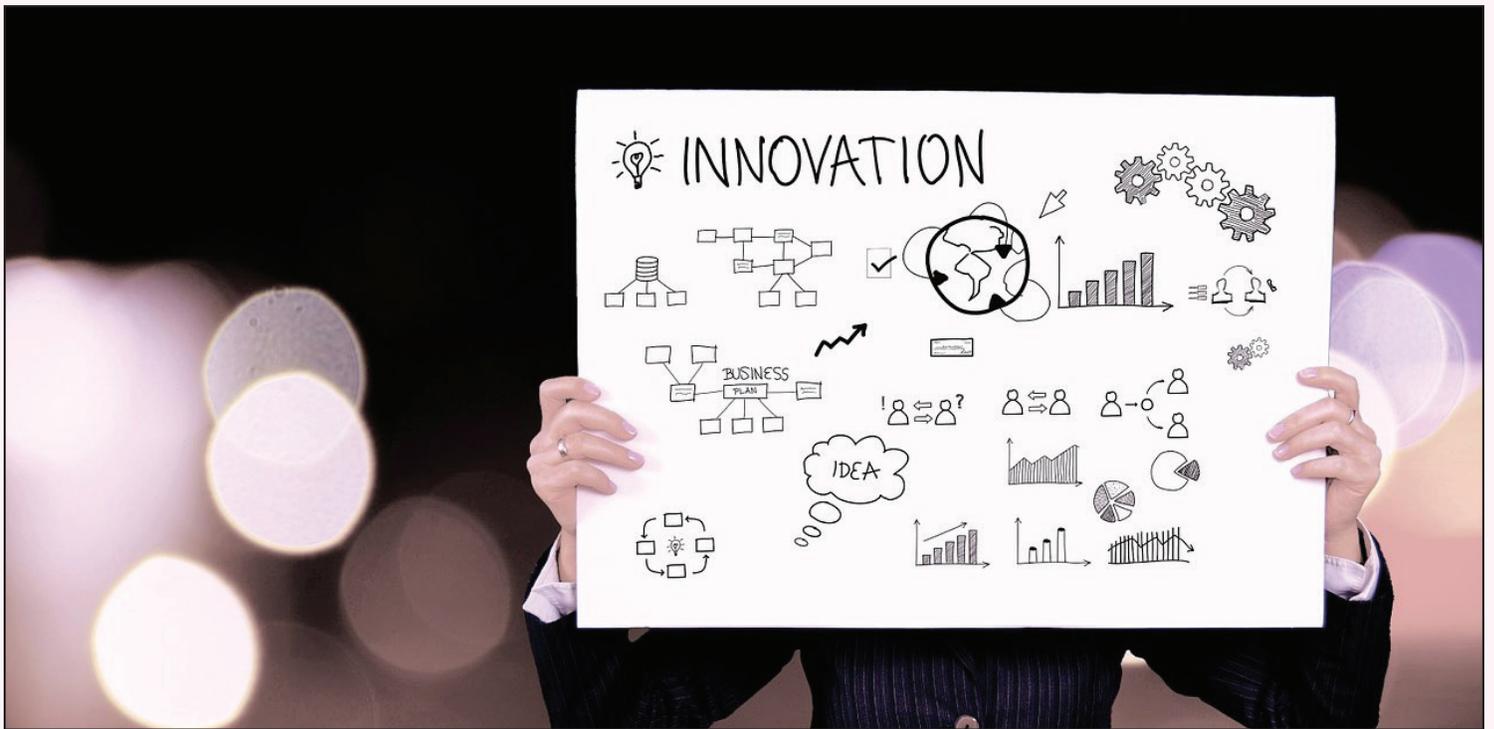
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Library Foundation Establishes Scholarship Fund for Staff

Recognizing that The Library's greatest asset is its staff, the Natrona County Library Foundation Board created the Bill Nelson Scholarship Fund to expand opportunities for library staff to receive higher education and training. The fund is intended for higher education and training opportunities beyond annual library association meetings that staff members attend. Scholarship funds can be used for tuition, travel and education materials for these opportunities.

"The Library Foundation knows that for our library to be engaged and relevant in the community, its staff must possess skills beyond their original degree and training programs," says Library Foundation Executive Director Beth Worthen. "They can now access funds to develop leadership skills and create innovative ways to enhance the capabilities of the Natrona County Library."

In addition to its mission of education and literacy, The Library is a community hub for the residents of Natrona County—and continues to be an essential part of civic life for new generations of patrons. This mission, however, now requires additional sets of skills for those who have careers in library services, such as:

Public Policy and Communications

Libraries today must build awareness of their value and services—and the means by which they do so are changing. This means that library staff must be proactive and comfortable interacting in the public sphere in a variety of ways. Today, the term "outreach" can mean

engaging with grassroots support in testifying before lawmakers, employing the latest social media tools to spread information about library programs and services, and working with other community organizations to address needs in education, literacy, and economic development. Capabilities in public policy, communications, and building partnerships are therefore important for librarians to possess.

Data Analysis

In an organization with limited staff and financial resources, data-driven decision-making is increasingly critical—and the ability for libraries to use technology to collect data has become easier. Librarians must be skilled in identifying the data needed to make decisions; knowing how to analyze, and gain insight from that data; and presenting a narrative to explain it to others.

Technological Expertise

The Library continues to build and disseminate expertise in technological literacy and applications. Because technology is quickly changing and often rapidly obsolete, librarians must continually learn new skills in this area, to fully serve our community.

With the new scholarship fund offered by the Library Foundation, staff members can now access more opportunities to develop their abilities and build skills in these areas, so that the mission of the Natrona County Library can carry into the future—whatever that future may require.

Crawford Room Gets New Tech



Although James G. Crawford passed away many years ago, his legacy and desire to improve the libraries of Natrona County continue to this day. The Crawford Room, so named for former library board member James G. Crawford, serves as a location for learning, entertainment, and social gatherings for our community here in Natrona County. We have recently begun efforts to update and add new technologies to the Crawford Room that will allow for more diverse events and groups to use the library facilities.

The Library has acquired both a new 3D projector and a 3D Blu-ray player that will allow us to host 3D movie events. A new screen will also be purchased that will allow us to increase the size of the image providing better visibility and allowing for larger audiences. The addition of an HDMI

input for the projector will also allow for higher resolution presentations during scheduled events.

In addition, the Library Foundation has allocated funds for the creation of a video game collection that patrons will be able to check out for home use. Beginning October 1, we will offer the latest video games for the latest consoles. The crown jewel of the new video game collection will be the HTC Vive, one of the highest rated virtual reality headsets on the market. Patrons will be able to travel to distant lands, fight off zombie hordes, or explore the vast reaches of space in an immersive experience like no other.

This technology is only the latest example of Mr. Crawford's vision of improving and equipping library facilities.

For a full listing of library events, visit natronacountylibrary.org or call 577.7323 for more information.

❖ SEPTEMBER ❖

- 1 - Sidewalk Chalk Zentangle & Lure-a-Thon 5pm
- 2 - Adult Coloring Club 2pm
- 3 - Glass Marble Magnets 2pm
- 6 - Social Media 101 10am
- 6 - Reading the West Book Discussion "Cowboy Girl" 6:30pm
- 7 - Wednesday Writers 10am
- 7 - Back-to-School Crafts 4pm
- 9 - Excel 3pm
- 10 - Windows 10 2pm
- 10 - Author Brad Watson Talk & Signing 3pm
- 13 - Never Too Old Book Club "Doll Bones" 6:30pm
- 12 - Tween Cooking Club: Granola Bar Bites 4pm
- 14 - Intermediate Android OS 6pm
- 14 - Once Upon a LEGO 4pm
- 15 - Afternoon Book Club "Middle School" 4pm
- 16 - Adult Coloring Club 2pm
- 17 - Family LEGO Club 6:30pm
- 19 - Basic Computer Maintenance 2pm
- 19 - There Be Pirates! Aargh! 4pm
- 19 - Lure-a-Thon 5pm
- 20 - Indie Film "Secrets of War" 6:30pm
- 21 - Marble Mazes 4pm
- 22 - Early Bird Book Sale 4:30pm
- 24 - Book Sale 9:30am
- 25 - Book Sale 1pm
- 26 - Facebook 2pm
- 27 - Tween Book Club "A Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom" 4pm
- 27 - Family Game Night "Phase 10" 6:30pm
- 27 - Teen Book Club "The Raven Boys" 6:30pm
- 28 - National Geographic State Giant Traveling Map: Wyoming 4pm
- 29 - Tumblr 10am

❖ OCTOBER ❖

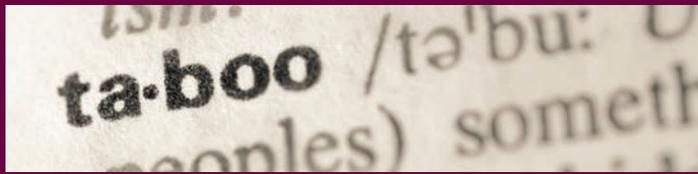
- 1 - Chalk Paint Jars 2pm
- 3 - Windows 10 10am
- 4 - Reading the West Book Discussion "Cowboys & East Indians" 6:30pm
- 5 - Wednesday Writers 10am
- 6 - Twitter 2pm
- 7 - Adult Coloring Club 2pm
- 11 - Never Too Old Book Club "The Walls Around Us" 6:30pm
- 12 - Backing Up Your Data 10am
- 14 - Intro to iOS 3pm
- 15 - Family LEGO Club 6:30pm
- 18 - Indie Film "Second Coming" 6:30pm
- 19 - Chrome 2pm
- 21 - Adult Coloring Club 2pm
- 22 - Pinterest 10am
- 25 - Family Game Night "Bunco" 6:30pm
- 26 - Top 10 Augmented Reality Apps & Gadgets 6pm



Fall Limited Edition Library Cards

Limited edition library cards will return this fall! Starting October 1, you will be able to choose from six limited edition designs, including Wizardry, New Worlds, Nature, and the Wyoming State Flag. If you already have a card, just come in and exchange it for one of your choosing. If you do not have a card, now is a great time to get one—simply bring in a photo ID and proof of Natrona County residence. Limited edition library cards are available at all library branches, including the Bookmobile.





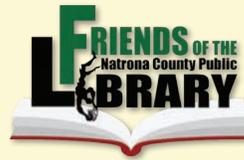
Banned Books Welcome!

It may surprise you that books continue to be banned in the United States. Fortunately, a book that is banned in one library does not necessarily mean it is banned everywhere.

Every year the American Library Association publishes a list of books that have been banned across the country. Along those same lines, you might be surprised by which books are on those lists: "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee, "Twilight" by Stephenie Meyer, and "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray

Bradbury to name a few. There are even some children's books that have been banned in some libraries such as "The Lorax" by Dr. Seuss, and "Captain Underpants" by Dav Pilkey. "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," the Tarzan series and "The Diary of a Young Girl" by Anne Frank also are all banned books.

At The Library, we have all these books listed and more in our collection. Be a rebel and support literary freedom. Check out a banned book today.



EARLY BIRD BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library will hold a limited attendance Early Bird Book Sale on Thursday, September 22 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to purchase items from the Friends' collection prior to the public sale. Those who wish to attend the Early Bird Book Sale can purchase a \$10 admission ticket from the front desk at the main library. Tickets go on sale Thursday, September 1. Only 50 tickets are available for the Early Bird Book Sale, and they are expected to go fast, so hurry in! The Friends' Fall Book Sale will be Saturday,

September 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, September 25 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. The Friends will also feature several \$1 and \$5 tables during their Bargain Basement Sale in the Crawford Room on Sunday. There will be many antique, rare, and collectible books on sale for only \$1 or \$5 per book. All book sales include 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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