Betsy O’Neil
Adult Services Librarian

“I didn’t know you had those.” I’m always surprised by those words when I ask someone if they borrow eBooks from the Library. It’s hard to believe that the Library has been lending downloadable eAudiobooks for over ten years and eBooks for about six years, and some people still don’t even know the service is available. And we’ve added digital magazines and video in the last few years.

Print still remains the favorite of our patrons, but digital content is certainly popular owing to its convenience. You can check out eBooks when the Library is closed and they don’t add any extra weight when traveling. Another benefit is that you’ll never accrue a library fine because digital content checks itself back in.

Recently we’ve seen some major improvements in the digital content apps to make your reading and listening experience better. The Library’s flagship service, Virtual Library/Overdrive has developed an innovative, new app called Libby that makes it easy to borrow and enjoy eBooks and eAudiobooks. The sign-in process is less confusing and the searching and reading process is simpler and more intuitive.

The Libby app works well for those who belong to more than one library system that offers Overdrive. The Libby app presents all of your holds and checkouts in one place instead of having to go to each library system to see them. The Libby app also lets you manage multiple library cards from Natrona County Library on one device. Many family members share a device but want to check out books on multiple cards. You can’t do that with Overdrive but you can with Libby. Just visit your app store to download the Libby app.

Two other digital content services offered to Wyoming residents, OneClickDigital and Zinio for Libraries have had a major upgrade in recent weeks. The two services are provided by the Recorded Books company which decided to launch a new, combined app branded as RBDigital. This streamlined new app makes checking out and enjoying eAudiobooks and digital magazines a breeze. The combined app lets you check out and read/listen all in one place whereas in the old app you had to visit multiple sites.

If you currently use the OneClickDigital or Zinio for Libraries app you will be prompted to upgrade to the new app, but you don’t have to make the change right away. Recorded Books plans to keep supporting the old apps for a few months after the launch. Once you download the new app though, you’ll need to log back in to your account. All checked out items will remain with your account, but they will need to be re-downloaded.

If you’re just getting started downloading digital content visit our website at natronacountylibrary.org. From this menu you can find links to all of the digital content services and helpful instructions for your device. You can also call us at 307.577.READ x2 to schedule a one-on-one appointment to get help upgrading your apps or to get your device set up to download digital content for the first time.

Help us spread the word about our digital content. This is not a secret we want to keep!
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WYOMING YOUTH BOOK AWARDS

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The Wyoming Youth Book Awards are sponsored by the Wyoming Library Association and the Wyoming State Reading Council. The awards allow Wyoming youth the opportunity to read quality contemporary literature, select favorite books, and honor authors.

The 2017–2018 Wyoming Youth Book Award Nominees are:

BUCKAROO BOOK AWARD (GRADES K–3)
- Trapped! A Whale’s Rescue Robert Burleigh
- Dragon Was Terrible Kelly DiPucchio
- Coyote Moon Maria Gianferrari
- The Princess in Black (#1) Shannon & Dean Hale
- Nobody Likes a Goblin Ben Hatke
- Let Me Finish! Minh Lê
- I Will Not Eat You Adam Lehrhaupt
- The Bear and the Piano David Litchfield
- The Invisible Boy Trudy Ludwig
- A Perfectly Messed-up Story Patrick McDonnell

INDIAN PAINTBRUSH (GRADES 4–6)
- The Crossover Kwame Alexander
- Old Wolf Avi
- Circus Mirandus Cassie Beasley
- Raymie Nightingale Kate DiCamillo
- Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library Chris Grabenstein
- Roller Girl Victoria Jamieson
- Wish Barbara O’Connor
- Pax Sara Pennypacker
- Swing Sideways Nancy Turner Stevens
- Last in a Long Line of Rebels Lisa Lewis Tyre

SOARING EAGLE (GRADES 7–12)
- Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda Becky Albertalli
- The Naturals (#1) Jennifer Barnes
- The Reader (Sea of Ink & Gold #1) Traci Chee
- My Lady Jane (the Janies #1) Cynthia Hand, Brodi Ashton, & Jodi Meadows
- Girl in the Blue Coat Monica Hesse
- The Novice (Summoner #1) Taran Matharu
- All the Bright Places Jennifer Niven
- Carve the Mark (#1) Veronica Roth
- Orbiting Jupiter Gary Schmidt
- Scythe (Arc of the Scythe #1) Neal Shusterman
Making a Good Library Great: GIVING TO THE NATRONA COUNTY LIBRARY FOUNDATION

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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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The ability to support the work of the Library in perpetuity is a gratifying choice for many in our community who have valued the Library throughout their lives. Private donations through appreciated stock, estate plans, and memorials secure the ability for our Library to provide programs and collections that make a difference for the Library and in the lives of Natrona County residents.

Types of Gifts
There are many philanthropic avenues for supporting the work of the Library through the Library Foundation. These include:
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If you are interested in obtaining information about including the Natrona County Library in your estate plans or donating stock, please contact the Library Foundation. Our discussions are confidential, and information will be provided without obligation.
The Season of Giving

Jenn Beckstead
Teen Librarian

The holiday season of giving is once more upon us ripe with an endless list of parties to plan, food to prepare, and gifts to give. While some enjoy the hunt for the perfect gift on store shelves, others wish to create unique, one-of-a-kind creations with a personal touch.

The quarterly Friends of the Library Book Sales are a perfect way to check many items off your holiday to-do list.

Spread the joy of reading.
- Find books for yourself and loved ones. Look for a copy of a treasured favorite.
- Consider choosing books for a teacher to add to their classroom library.
- Purchase books to wrap and use as your Countdown to Christmas/Advent Calendar.

Create gifts.
Books can be turned into a multitude of artistic pieces so be fearless and create unique, one-of-a-kind gifts from old books.
- Design altered book ornaments, whether folded or cut and reassembled.

Giving to the community.
The Friends of the Library is run by volunteers and the organization donates funds to the Library, which are used to provide food at programming. They also support other community literacy organizations.

The Winter Bag Sale will be held December 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Grocery bags of books are $3 each and larger, tote-sized bags of books are $5 each. Make sure to make the sale a part of your annual holiday season plans.

The community also experiences multiple benefits from each Art Walk. Those who have never attended an Art Walk get to see and hear everything Casper has to offer. Local artists and musicians showcase their talents at locations along the Art Walk. The cultural exposure allows Casper citizens to form a stronger community bond with each other. Like the Library, organizations and businesses also experience increased foot traffic during Art Walks, which showcases services and products previously unknown to many people.

As the Art Walk continues through the final months of 2017, participants can continue to stop by the Library to enhance their artistic enrichment and growth. The memories made while attending Art Walk events will ensure the healthy future of our artistic and thriving community.

The Casper Art Walk takes place throughout various organizations and businesses in Downtown Casper and Old Yellowstone District on the first Thursday from April to December.

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Matthew Farnsworth  
Technology Specialist

What is the most important thing about libraries?

Why do we continue to build, renovate, remodel, and fund libraries when a majority of a library’s collection is available through retailers, where fiction, nonfiction, and audiobooks are frequently available in much greater quantity?

So why does our community need a library?

Perhaps it is the sense of tradition and civic pride. The Library is a place where all members of a community are treated like equals. Regardless of income, education, orientation, belief system, or Pokémon team, every person who enters the Library is treated the same. Everyone has access to the same resources and everyone is expected to follow the same set of rules. The Library is a place of community.

Perhaps our community needs a library to provide access to information. While anyone with internet access can do a Google search from home or work, there is some information that is difficult to obtain outside of the library. The Library has an extensive microfilm collection that contains hundreds of thousands of pages covering the history of our community, many of which are not available online.

Perhaps the real reason we have a library is to promote literacy. The Library provides classes to teach computer literacy and focuses on programs for youth to gain a love of reading. People come to the Library or use the Library’s online resources to learn how to rebuild a car engine or install a new sprinkler system.

So what is the most important thing about libraries?

For me, it is providing a service that you need. Whether that means hosting a video game tournament so that you can feel a sense of belonging and find new friends, or removing a virus from your computer because you don’t know where to go, my job is to make sure that you remember why we have a library. The most important thing about libraries is not the books or computers or any of the services that the Library provides.

The most important thing about the Library is you.