As we ring in 2020 and start to focus on what the New Year may hold, I find it important to reflect on the immediate past. From a long list of accomplishments, here is my countdown of our top five accomplishments for 2019:

No. 5 Number five on my list are the new features at the Creation Station.* Introduced to Natrona County in 2018, the Creation Station has already seen growth and improvement. Summer 2019 ushered in the addition of a 3D printer, as well as new equipment in our cloth crafting area. Another notable change since its debut is that the space is now open to the public any time the library is open! If you’ve been wanting to test it out, we always have a DIY craft—complete with detailed instruction cards and all necessary supplies—available for patrons.

No. 4 Next on my list is the fact that we have been able to rectify numerous trip hazards in the Library. In most areas, our carpet was 20+ years old; the glue was rotting, causing the carpet to separate and ripple. By replacing carpet throughout the Library, we not only fixed the issues, but our space has also gotten a much-needed face lift.

No. 3 Coming in at number three are the amazing partnerships we forged with Google. This summer’s Grow with Google workshops were outstanding, and they left us with an entire toolkit of resources that we can use to replicate those Google trainings. From their cool outdoor Google signage to the 1:1 Google assistants, August 30th is a day we will not soon forget. Library staff continues to offer a wide array of technology classes, but it was exciting to know that when one of the most recognizable technology companies wanted to reach out to Wyoming, THEY chose the Natrona County Library to help them make that happen.

No. 2 I am incredibly grateful to the Natrona County Board of County Commissioners for providing additional funding which enabled us to add 2.5 full-time equivalent employees to our staff. With that funding, we added a full time staff member to our Children’s Department, and one part time staff member each to our Maintenance, Adult Services, and Circulation Departments. These additional positions returned staffing to our 2015 levels, which led to...

No. 1 The single most exciting accomplishment in 2019 was the announcement that we were able to reintroduce Sunday Hours! Starting this January, the Library is now open seven days a week, including 1-5 on Sundays.

There is no way for me to know what 2020 will hold for the Library, but with a great community and amazing staff, I hope it will be our best year ever. Thank you for letting me serve you all.

*As a reminder, the Creation Station is privately funded through donations to the Natrona County Library Foundation.
new releases:

**VIDEO GAMES**
- Dragon Ball Z: Kakarot
- One Punch Man: A Hero Nobody Knows
- Rugby 20
- Darksiders Genesis
- Doom Eternal
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- Dragon Ball Z: Kakarot
- Titans
- Big Little Lies
- Veep
- A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood
- Maleficent: Mistress of Evil
- Frozen II
- Gemini Man
- Joker
- 1 Nightfall
- Ocean Lady
- High Road
- Manic
- Everyday Life
- The Falcon Thief: A True Tale of Adventure, Treachery, Successful Aging
- Until the End of Time
- The 4 Season Solution
- Author in Chief: The Untold Story of Our Presidents
- The Splendid and the Vile
- Capital and Ideology
- You Call This Democracy?: How to Fix our Government and Deliver Power to the People
- The Boy Who Became a Dragon
- Grandma's Gardens
- Long Range
- Golden in Death
- The Warsaw Protocol
- The Vanishing
- Forever Hidden
- The Oracle Code
- One of Us is Next
- Deathless Divide
- Chain of Gold
- It’s Okay to Be a Unicorn
- Mulan: Before the Sword
- Bo and the Pup Dragon (Unicorn Diaries #2)
- Speedah Cheetah (Binder of Doom #3)
- Winterborne Home for Vengeance and Valor
- Ally Carter
- Rebeca Nijkamp
- J.D. Robb
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**TV SERIES**
- Veep: Season 2
- Big Little Lies: Season 2
- Ballers: Season 5
- Titans: Season 2

**MOVIES**
- Joker
- The Addams Family
- Gemini Man
- Frozen II
- Maleficient: Mistress of Evil
- A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood

**MUSIC**
- Everyday Life
- Manic
- High Road
- Ocean Lady
- Nightfall
- I Love Payne

**YA FICTION**
- The Night Country
- Chain of Gold
- Deathless Divide
- One of Us is Next
- The Oracle Code
- The First Conspiracy (Young Reader’s Edition)
- You Should Fly a Jet! Maybe You Should be a Vet Dr. Soul
- Thank You For Coming to My TED Talk
- The Boy Who Became a Dragon
- Grandma’s Gardens
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**JUVENILE FICTION**
- Pug the Tourist
- Winterborne Home for Vengeance and Valor
- Speedah Cheetah (Binder of Doom #3)
- Bo and the Pup Dragon (Unicorn Diaries #2)
- Niall: Before the Sword
- It’s Okay to Be a Unicorn

**JUVENILE NONFICTION**
- Grandma’s Gardens
- The Boy Who Became a Dragon
- Grandma’s Gardens
- Long Range
- Golden in Death
- The Warsaw Protocol
- The Vanishing
- Forever Hidden
- The Oracle Code
- One of Us is Next
- Deathless Divide
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**ADULT FICTION**
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**COMMUNITY BUILDER - WINTER 2020**

The Library That Adapts & Evolves

Megan Bratton  Marketing & PR Manager

I recently had the pleasure of giving a tour of the Library to a new Casper transplant. She had moved here for her husband’s job, all of her children were grown, and she was looking for a way to meet people while also starting her own business. She had an awesome idea for a new handmade craft business, and she needed. Through word-of-mouth, they found a 3D design of the exact part they needed was no longer manufactured. The Library when he and his son decided to start a new business. We are always listening to what our patrons say they want and need, and we are uniquely positioned to pivot and adapt quickly, depending on trends and changes in the community. Our Creation Station is only one of many ways we’ve evolved in recent history, along with our digital collection, specialized programming, business resources, auto-renewal (and reduced late fees), and so much more. Be sure to pay close attention so that you don’t miss out on our next big innovation!
How you can help
The Natrona County Library Foundation uses private donations to go beyond the basic services funded through tax revenues. Through the generosity of donors like you, the library can offer more to our community. At this time, we invite your help to ensure the library stays strong—both now and in the future.

Why it matters
At the Natrona County Library, people come together to learn, connect, and grow. Families attend programming that promotes literacy and fun. Entrepreneurs network with peers to ideate and grow their business. Teens meet to study and develop new skills. Job seekers look for employment opportunities. Immigrants take English classes. Creators bring their inventions and crafts to life. It all happens here—at the library. To make a tax-deductible donation or learn more about the Foundation, contact us at 577-7323.

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A STICKY SITUATION

Angel Capone  Youth Services Librarian

I pulled into the parking area below the Bridle Trail and noticed a car covered from bumper to bumper in stickers. I was captivated and stood “reading” the car for quite some time before I set out on my hike.

What is it about stickers? You’ll find them covering laptops, water bottles, vehicles, musical instruments, and luggage. When we were kids, many of us got stickers for a job well done. Gold stars, scratch-and-sniff, holographic—you name it, we coveted it. As an adult, I’ve starting receiving stickers from all sorts of places. Stickers can be a way of expressing ourselves, our opinions, and the products we stand behind. How many social media posts do you see in the beginning of November proudly displaying “I voted” stickers? I received 2 stickers with the purchase of a new camping tent. My friend got a sticker from a brewery after trying a new ale. Communities all over our state proudly give away stickers representing their region. You’ll find stickers just about anywhere you go.

With the influx of stickers in my life recently, I didn’t know what to do with them all. Suddenly I thought of that car I’d seen at Garden Creek and, although I wouldn’t be covering my car, I was inspired to cover another vehicle of mine—my kayak! Since then, I’ve sought out cool stickers from wherever I travel to adorn my kayak. It’s a fun and easy way to tell the world a little something about myself.

We’re probably biased, but we think libraries make great destinations when traveling. Just like collecting stickers from impressive places you’ve visited, why not also grab one to document your trip to the library? Inspired by other creative public libraries, the Natrona County Library will be releasing our very own adhesive masterpieces in the coming months—so stay tuned for updates, designs, and fun ways to show off your NCL pride.

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New Year, New Creativity

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Delving into unknown hobbies can be confusing and expensive; our makerspace offers high- and low-tech equipment, as well as the staff to help both new and experienced users navigate it all. So, what exactly can you do in the Creation Station? Here are some ideas to get your started:

- **Bring ideas to life** with our Prusa 3D printer. We can help you find pre-made 3D files online, make your own designs using free 3D modeling software, and—finally—print your creations.

- **Cut out shapes and letters**, make custom handmade cards, design a t-shirt, create party decorations, and so much more with the Cricut, a die-cutting machine perfect for paper and vinyl crafts.

- **Learn to sew** using the Creation Station’s many sewing machines in conjunction with the many sewing books the library offers. We offer two different types of sewing machines, as well as a serger for your finishing touches.

- **Make embroidery a breeze** with the Flourish embroidery machine, which enables you to quickly and delicately add colorful stitch work to clothing and fabric.

- **Dive into leather crafting** with the Leather Cart, which has a wide assortment of tools for leather enthusiasts both new and seasoned.

- **Try out some woodshop work** with the Carvey, a 3D carving machine that can be used to transform wood, acrylic, metal, and plastic. Use your new skills to make decorative wall hangings or personalized carvings for family and friends.

With the Creation Station, the possibilities for growth, exploration, and creativity are endless.
Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Video, and now Disney+. These are just a few of the many streaming services available to consumers as more people decide to cut the cable. Yet, with all of these options, there is no service that provides feature films, binge-worthy TV shows, and obscure foreign films all in one place. Or is there?

If you regularly visit the Library, you may have noticed the carts full of DVDs waiting to be put back on the shelves. Many times, a popular movie doesn’t even have a chance to be placed back on the shelves because the next person has already picked it out. At the end of our last fiscal year, physical DVDs and Blu-rays were checked out almost 29,000 times!

While browsing the shelves is the preferred way to check out our collection, you can also place holds from the comfort of your couch. Our catalog lets you electronically browse all of the new movies and TV shows. Are they already checked out? Get yourself added to the holds list and we will let you know when they are ready to be picked up.

There are the occasional TV shows that never appear on DVD, but most new TV shows are added to the collection as soon as they become available on DVD. How about that movie you weren’t able to catch while it was playing at the theater? We have that, too.

Your library card gives you access to all of these films and TV shows for the low cost of $0 per month and we would never pause your binge marathon to ask you if you’re still watching. Stock up on your favorite titles to help you get through this cold winter, and prepare to “checkout and chill”.

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