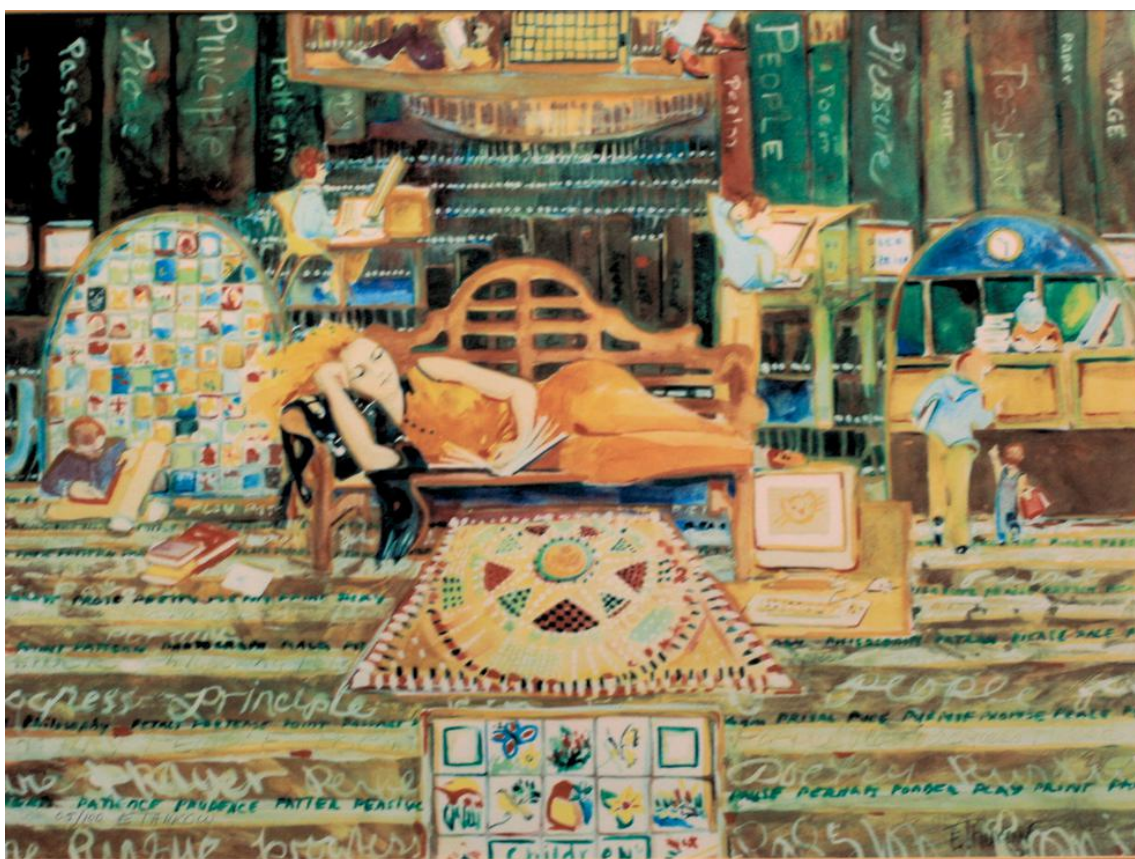


October 2026

Sheridan County Public Library System Newsletter

Nurturing Lifelong Curiosity, Enrichment, & Community







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FROM THE DIRECTOR

FULMER RENOVATIONS

If you've spent any time in our Children's area over the past few months, you've already seen a glimpse of what's coming for the rest of the Fulmer Branch Library. That bright, reimagined space didn't happen by accident — it's the first finished piece of a renovation we've been building toward for a long time, made possible by a federal grant we fought hard for and by this community's continued support of its library.

This fall, that same work moves into the heart of the building.

Starting **September 19**, we combined phase 2 and 3 of construction at the Fulmer Branch — new flooring, updated lighting, and a layout designed around how our patrons actually use the space today. To meet the grant deadline, we need to speed things up a bit, and closing briefly is our best bet to do that. This is the kind of project that's critical to do quickly and hard to do without disrupting all services in the branch, so I want to walk you through the impacts to branch operations.

Here's the shape of it:

- **September 19 – 26** — Fulmer Branch Library was fully closed while we got the building ready for construction to begin in the adult section of the library.
- **September 28 – November 7** — We'll be open on our normal hours with a lobby open at the Children's desk only. You'll be able to come in and be served there, pick materials up and get assistance.
- **November 9 – 14** — One more short closure, this time to get every last book back on its shelf and ready.
- **November 16** — We reopen, full library, full services.

During those weeks in between, you'll still be able to check out and return materials, pick up holds and ILL's, and get help with your account from a temporary desk at the Children's entrance. Storytime moves outside on Tuesday and Thursday mornings (weather permitting), we will have take-and-make craft kits coming out, and the Wyoming Room stays available for research by phone, online, or by appointment throughout.

A handful of things will be harder to get to for a few weeks — some of our specialty collections and our usual meeting spots for a couple of regular groups — we'll do our best to make sure anyone affected has alternative spaces during this time.

I'll be honest: closing our doors, even briefly, isn't something we do lightly. But I'd rather ask for eight weeks of your patience now and re-open with fully refreshed spaces. And this is only the first half of the story — later this year, we'll turn our attention to the Wyoming Room itself, with its own renovation and timeline. That design is being fit and finalized in preparation for starting shortly after the Fulmer Branch Library is reopened. More on that soon! Once both projects are complete, I hope you'll join us for a celebration worthy of what this community has helped build.

Thank you, as always, for your patience, your questions, and your love for this library. It belongs to all of us, and I can't wait to show you what's next.

With gratitude,

 Amy Long
Library Director
SHERIDAN COUNTY Public Library System





BRANCH RENOVATION UPDATES

Story Branch Library

We are very close to completing the ceiling work on the adult and teen library section of the library. The furniture has arrived and is waiting to be delivered once the ceiling and lights are finished and the shelves are back up.

The circulation desk is behind schedule for order and delivery, but we are looking forward to seeing that later in the fall. The Story Branch Library should be ready to be open to the community for the fall season!

Clearmont Branch Library

The Clearmont Branch Library has gotten the furniture and the collection back on the shelves, and patrons can come by and spend time in the library during our new extended hours. The new circulation desk will arrive by the holidays, we look forward to new shelving later this year as well to finalize the project. Thank you for all of the support!

Tongue River Branch Library

We have a few pieces of furniture and shelving we are waiting on, but the majority of the library is in place and ready for you to come and visit! Enjoy the creation station and new layout with your friends and family. We look forward to seeing you soon!





FROM THE SHERIDAN COUNTY LIBRARY FOUNDATION CHAIR

In an election season where the focus is on public service, it is easy to forget all of the people who quietly serve our community behind the scenes. There are numerous boards and commissions that provide critical service to our many public and private institutions that collectively create the fabulous quality of life we enjoy here in Sheridan.

I have the honor of chairing one of those boards - the Library Foundation Board. As a supporting charitable nonprofit organization to the Sheridan County Public Library System, we marshal private giving and philanthropic opportunity to supplement the tax dollars going to our libraries. Through a carefully managed endowment and generous donations from people like you, we're able to fund books and materials, community programs, and other library services.

We have openings on our Board if you know of someone who would be interested in making a difference. Maybe that person is you? If you're interested, or know someone who would be, get in touch with the Fulmer Library staff and they'll connect you to me.

Thanks for considering, and importantly, thanks to all of the amazing people in Sheridan County who serve our community in the many ways that is done. We are all better for it!

- Shannon Anderson, Sheridan Library Foundation Chair



Coming Soon!



FLOOR PLAN
PROGRESS

SHERIDAN COUNTY LIBRARIES -FULMER
JANUARY 22, 2025

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Programming

Claire York Book Discussions

STORY BRANCH

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

4:30_{PM} - 6:00_{PM}

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

by Mark Haddon

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

4:30_{PM} - 6:00_{PM}

A Fever in the Heartland

by Timothy Egan

TONGUE RIVER BRANCH

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

4:30_{PM} - 6:00_{PM}

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

4:30_{PM} - 6:00_{PM}

A Fever in the Heartland

by Timothy Egan

The Book of Unknown Americans

by Christina Henriquez

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

4:30_{PM} - 6:00_{PM}

Orbital

by Samantha Harvey

Theme: Looking from a Different Perspective

This program explores how changing our point of view can deepen our understanding. Through four compelling books, participants will experience the world from unique perspectives: viewing Earth from orbit, seeing life through the eyes of an autistic teenager, understanding the experiences of undocumented immigrants, and the influence and widespread reach of the Ku Klux Klan in America. Together, these works invite thoughtful discussion about empathy, perception, and the many ways our perspectives shape how we understand the world.

Moderated by Norleen Healy

Norleen taught English and Humanities at Sheridan College for over 30 years. Her love and commitment to community book discussions began when she served as a board member for the Wyoming Humanities Council where she led the first theme based book discussion series throughout the state. She is grateful to the Sheridan library system and the Clare Yorks endowment which allows and encourages these discussions to continue throughout the system providing an open forum for the sharing and discussion of books.





KOOI LIBRARY - SHERIDAN COLLEGE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

12:00_{PM} - 1:30_{PM}

Wandering Stars

by Tommy Orange

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

12:00_{PM} - 1:30_{PM}

Open Season

by C.J. Box



FULMER BRANCH

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

12:00_{PM} - 1:30_{PM}

Where Rivers Change Direction

by Mark Spragg

Theme: A Road Trip West, Through Time.

Our road trip west begins with Nanny T. Alderson's memoir *A Bride Goes West*, from West Virginia, to settle with her husband near Birney Montana in 1883.

Our next trip west, *Wandering Stars*, spans generations and geography following a Native American family's history from the 1864 Sand Creek Massacre through to present day in Oakland, California.

Our third trip finds us here at home in the Big Horns, *Open Seasons*, with Joe Pickett, Game Warden, investigating murders linking modern day western issues: endangered species, a natural gas pipeline, and threats to the environment and local economy.

Where Rivers Change Directions, by Mark Spragg ends our western road trip in 1999, 100 years after Nanny Alderson's, with a memoir about his coming-of-age on his family's dude ranch in Cody.

Moderated by Katie Curtis

"My background is in the Humanities. For perhaps 23 years I taught classes in the Humanities at Sheridan College. I have served on the Board of the American Heritage Center at the University of Wyoming, the Board of the Museum at the Big Horns, and The Wyoming Humanities Council. The Claire Yorks foundation has created a fantastic community of readers in 3 communities. I thank Claire Yorks for allowing me to "talk" books with an awesome group of people!"



Programming

TAKE AWAY CRAFTS: MAKE A MOTH

ALL MONTH
PICK UP AT FULMER

Create an adorable multimedia clip-on-moth, using bunny tail grass, a miniature clothes pin, and an image of a moth.



CRAFT FOR YOUR LIBRARY: HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

5:00_{PM} - 8:00_{PM}

THE TASTING LIBRARY

Join us in creating festive decorations for the library this holiday season!



NEW

SILENT BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

5:30_{PM} - 6:30_{PM}

FRONT LAWN WEATHER PERMITTING

Silent
BOOK CLUB

Beginning this month, Sheridan Fulmer Branch will be hosting a monthly silent book club. A free BYOB (Bring Your Own Book) gathering for readers in Sheridan and nearby areas.

Bring along your current read, e-book, audiobook, or any beloved page-turner, settle into a calm shared space, and connect with fellow book lovers. Quiet, screen-free joy is the goal. Silent crafting is also warmly welcomed, so feel free to bring your knitting, sketchbook, journal, writing project, or coloring supplies.

Come read, create, and make a few bookish friends along the way

Youth & Family Services

TAKE AWAY CRAFTS - FAIRY HOUSES

Come on over and pick up your Fairy House kit from the temporary lobby at the Fulmer Branch. The kit includes: toilet paper tubes, craft paper, and embellishments. Participants need scissors, glue, and coloring supplies.



Partnerships

CHESS CLUB WITH SHERIDAN CHESS ASSOCIATION

Thursdays

5:30_{pm} - 6:45_{pm}

Sheridan Junior High School
(until Library Renovations are complete)

Enjoy free pizza while you challenge your mind and make new friends. Open to all ages and skill levels.



STORY TIMES

ON THE LAWN WEATHER PERMITTING



TUESDAYS
10:30_{AM}-11:00_{AM}

This story time is for kids and their caregivers featuring crafts for kids under 5.

THURSDAYS
10:30_{AM}-11:00_{AM}

This story time is for kids and their caregivers. We read stories and engage in sensory play. This is a great opportunity to socialize! Ideal for kids under 5.

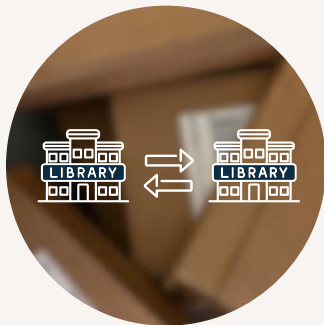


CREATION STATIONS

ON HIATUS UNTIL
NOVEMBER 16TH



Collections, Circulation & Reference



INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Expand your reading world. Interlibrary Loan (ILL) lets you borrow rare titles, research materials, and older editions nationwide. Just tell us what you need, and we'll find it for you. You can also request journal article copies, delivered electronically.

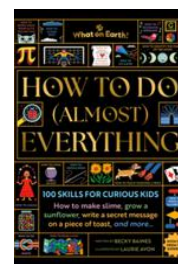
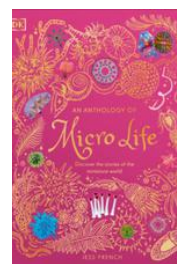
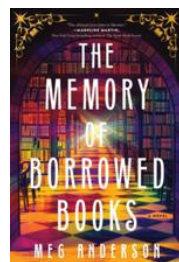
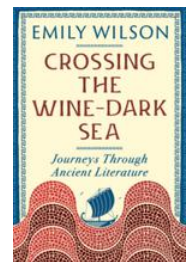
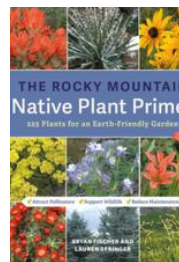


HOMEBOUND SERVICES

Can't make it to the library because of mobility issues, transportation problems, a medical condition, a new baby, or something similar? No worries! Homebound Services has got your back! We deliver library items directly to YOU!

For more details, reach out to us at homebound@sheridanwvlibrary.org

*New and on their way
(click image to see a description)*



Now Available



In addition to finding iPads at each branch's Creation Stations, we are excited to announce that patrons can now use their library cards to access professional DIY crafting videos from the comfort of their homes. Visit our website today to create your account and access our newest library resource!

How Creativebug Works

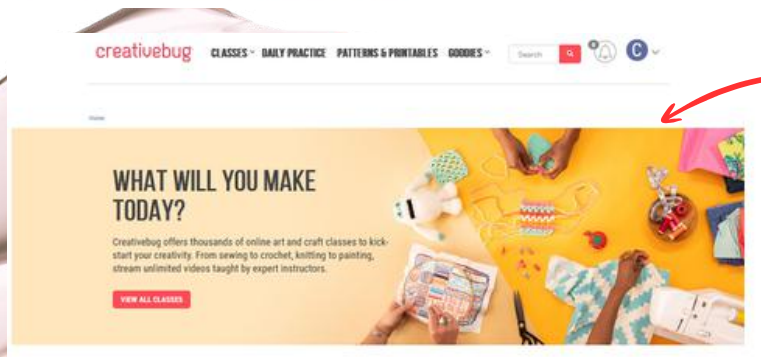
By registering for Creativebug with your library card, you will gain unlimited access to a vast array of online art and craft classes. Enjoy the flexibility to watch these classes at your convenience, wherever you are. Since the classes do not expire, you can begin and pause projects according to your own schedule. There's no rush—just endless possibilities!



Enter your library card number



Register your account



Start Creating!

LIBRARY HOURS

Sheridan County Public Library System

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Renewals & Holds.....ext. 134
Director.....ext. 112
Administration Offices.....ext. 113
Information Services.....ext. 115
Children's Services.....ext. 119
Programming.....ext. 129
Wyoming Room.....ext. 120
Homebound Services.....ext. 123
Interlibrary Loan.....ext. 148

FULMER

MON — THU: 9^{AM} — 7^{PM}
FRI & SAT: 9^{AM} — 5^{PM}
SUN: CLOSED

WYOMING ROOM

BY APPOINTMENT



LIBRARY CLOSURES

None

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STORY BRANCH

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Story, WY 82832
307-655-1419

MON — FRI: 12:30_{PM} — 5:30_{PM}
SAT: 9_{AM} — 1_{PM}
SUN: CLOSED

TONGUE RIVER BRANCH

145 Coffeen St. P.O. Box 909
Ranchester, WY 82839
307-655-9726

MON — FRI: 10_{AM} — 12_{PM}
1_{PM} — 6_{PM}
SAT & SUN: CLOSED

CLEARMONT BRANCH

1240 Front St. P.O. Box 26
Clearmont, WY 82835
307-758-4331

MON: 2:30_{PM} — 6:30_{PM}
TUES: 3:30_{PM} — 6:30_{PM}
WED: 2:30_{PM} — 6:30_{PM}
THUR & FRI: 3:30_{PM} — 6:30_{PM}
SAT & SUN: CLOSED

We are Hiring!

Library Assistant - Clearmont Branch - Part Time

Administrative Coordinator to the Director - Fulmer Branch - Part Time

Please visit our website for more information.

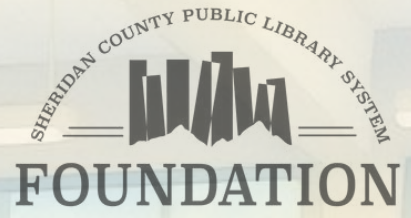
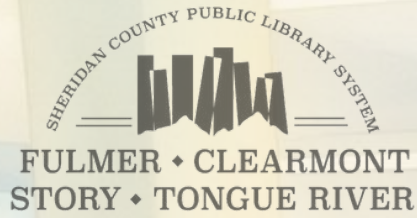
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