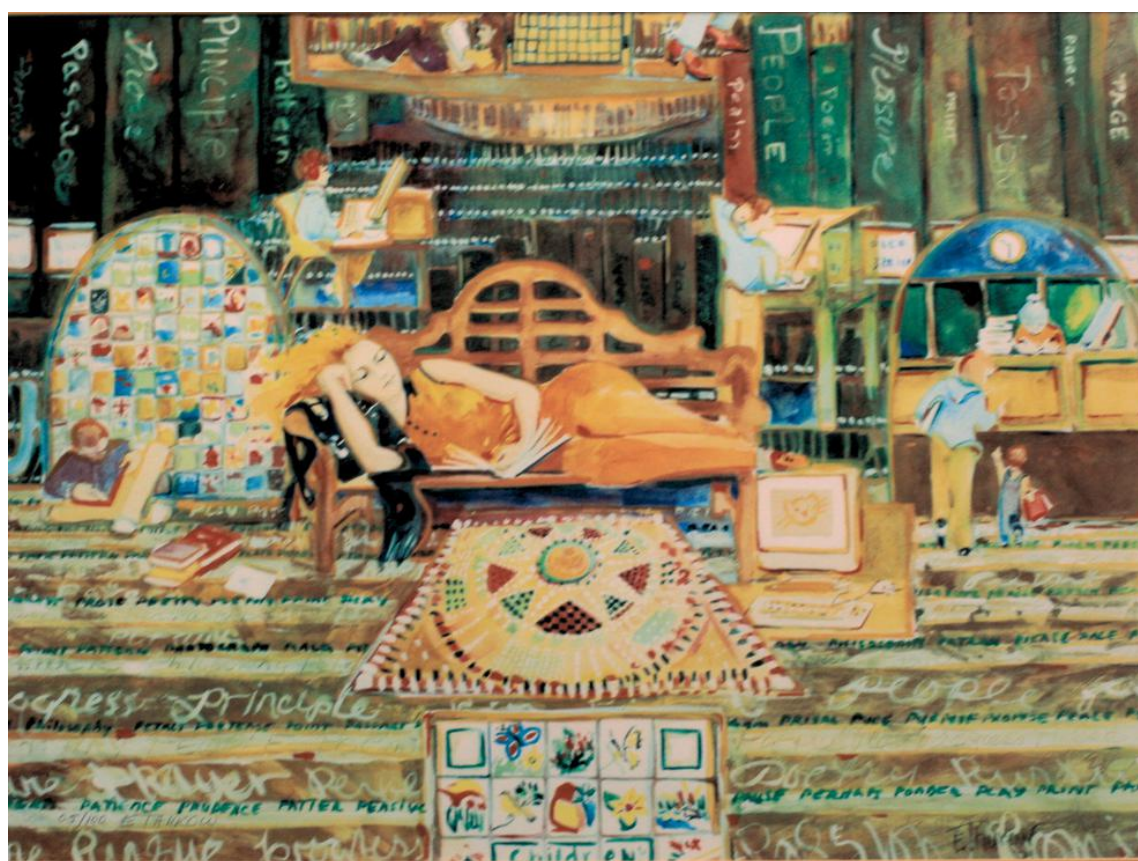


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Sheridan County Public Library System Newsletter

Nurturing Lifelong Curiosity, Enrichment, & Community







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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Something's happening at your library.

Summer has arrived! You can feel it in every heat wave, every flower in full bloom, every sunny day outside — and you can see it at our circulation desk, where dino after dino keeps stacking up as part of our Summer Reading Challenge. Each little resin dino represents a book read by someone in our community, and those jars are already filling up fast. I love watching them climb higher every day.

Don't worry! You still have time to sign up at your local library branch - and stop by to make something at the new Creation Stations while you are at it - a great pick me up to brighten any summer day.

Budget Update

Our budget process is wrapping up this summer, and I am so grateful for the continued, generous support from the Board of County Commissioners, the Friends of the Library, and the Library Foundation. Together, your tax dollars and donations are what make it possible for us to keep our staff, programs, and events running strong — and I don't take that for granted.

That support is already at work! Clearmont Branch is expanding its hours right away, so that the Clearmont community can spend even more time in their library and by August, we should be doubling their open hours. Looking ahead, we're planning to bring back expanded hours at the Wyoming Room next year, so that they will be open to the full Fulmer Branch Hours in 2027 that way more of you can dig into our local history and genealogy collections.

I'm so grateful for this support, and honestly, I'm just excited about what it means for all of us — now and down the road.

And speaking of support — mark your calendars for WyoGives on July 20th! It's one of my favorite days of the year, because it's such a simple, meaningful way for our community to show up for the library. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us keep saying yes to more hours, books, creativity, fun, and spaces for you to enjoy.

With gratitude,



Amy Long, Library Director
Sheridan County Public Library System





RENOVATION UPDATES

Every month brings new progress, and I'm proud of how these changes are helping us honor the traditions of our libraries while building something ready to serve our communities for years to come. Thank you for your support and patience throughout this process — it's been a genuine pleasure serving you this summer. - Amy Long

Furniture for the Story, Clearmont, and Tongue River branches has been ordered and is on its way — we're hoping to see it arrive in early fall.

The **Story Branch Library** is unfortunately not open yet. We've had to delay while we troubleshoot an issue we want to get right, and our team is working to expedite that so we can reopen as soon as possible. In the meantime, the Story Library team has reopened the Kids' Library for storytimes and programs whenever they can, which has helped free up some space in the meeting room.

Interlibrary loan will be back up and running at the **Clearmont and Tongue River Branch Libraries** beginning in August.

At the **Fulmer Branch**, we're reopening the **Children's Library** next week! The new Children's activity space will open later this summer, so until then, Summer Reading Programs and Storytime will be held within the Children's Library until notified otherwise.

This also means we're transitioning into **Zone 2** of our renovation — the current Non-Fiction area between the Reference Desk and the first-floor public restrooms. Around July 21st, we'll install a temporary wall to divide the space and begin work on carpet, drywall, paint, and lighting. Shelving layouts will shift slightly, and this is also where the new Reference Desk will eventually be located. Once complete, this area will house the Fiction, Large Type, Teen, and Audiobook collections, along with a brand-new reading patio for patrons to enjoy. This will be unavailable to patrons until it reopens to the public. This includes the restrooms and the Inner Circle. The patio area will also be under construction at some point, which may also have restricted access at that time.

Additionally, please note: if carpet or paint fumes impact other areas of the building, we may have unexpected close down for a day or two on short notice. We will put information on the door and on our website.

Services Available During Renovations:

Wyoming Room: Continues services by appointment only and online requests are still welcome and available.

Summer Reading Program: events and activities - outside or in the Children's Department

Creation Station - in the Children's Department

The North side of the Library is still open for circulation, ILL, holds, and public computing.

Handicapped restrooms in the Children's Department

Outreach

The Library

at

CHAPS
Tournament of Knights
July 25th, 2026
Sheridan County Fairgrounds

✨ Discover the Magic of Reading: Visit our Library Card Sign-Up Station and unlock the door to endless adventures. Whether you're a bookworm or just curious, a library card is your ticket to endless possibilities!

📖 Treasure Trove of Tales: Check out our Used Book Sale and grab amazing stories at great prices. Every purchase supports our library, so you can feel good while stocking up.

🧙 Enchanting Crafts for All Ages: Make your own potion, Slay the dragon shooting gallery, knights vs dragons tic tac toe, treasure hunt, and design your own crest!





The **L**ibrary
at
Montana
Shakespeare in the Parks

The Merchant of Venice

Friday July 17th

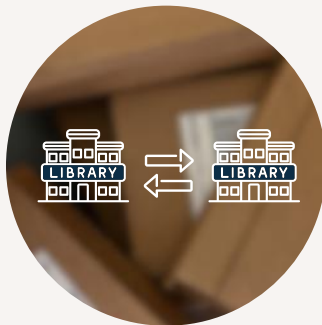
6:30_{pm} at the Kendrick Park Bandshell

Seating is first-come, first serve.

The library's setting up a fun book giveaway at this year's show. We've got a mix of new and used Shakespeare-themed books for all ages as well as a raffle entry to win a full set. Swing by early to grab yours—it's first come, first serve!

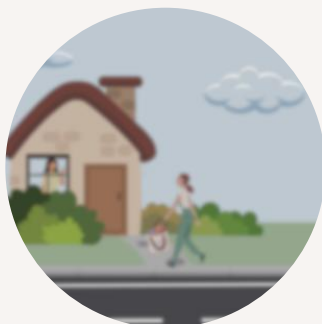


Collections, Circulation & Reference



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.

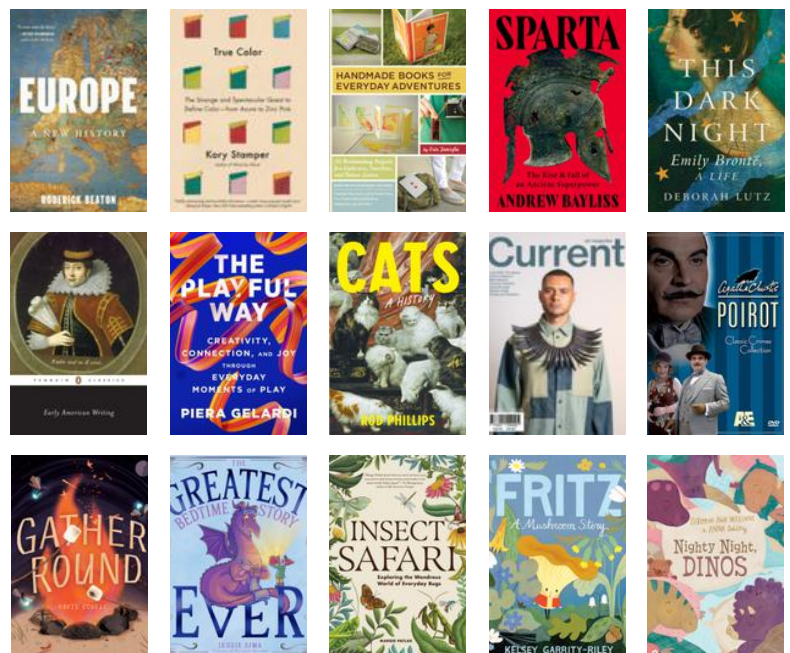


HOMEBOUND SERVICES

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@sheridanwyolibrary.org

*New and on their way
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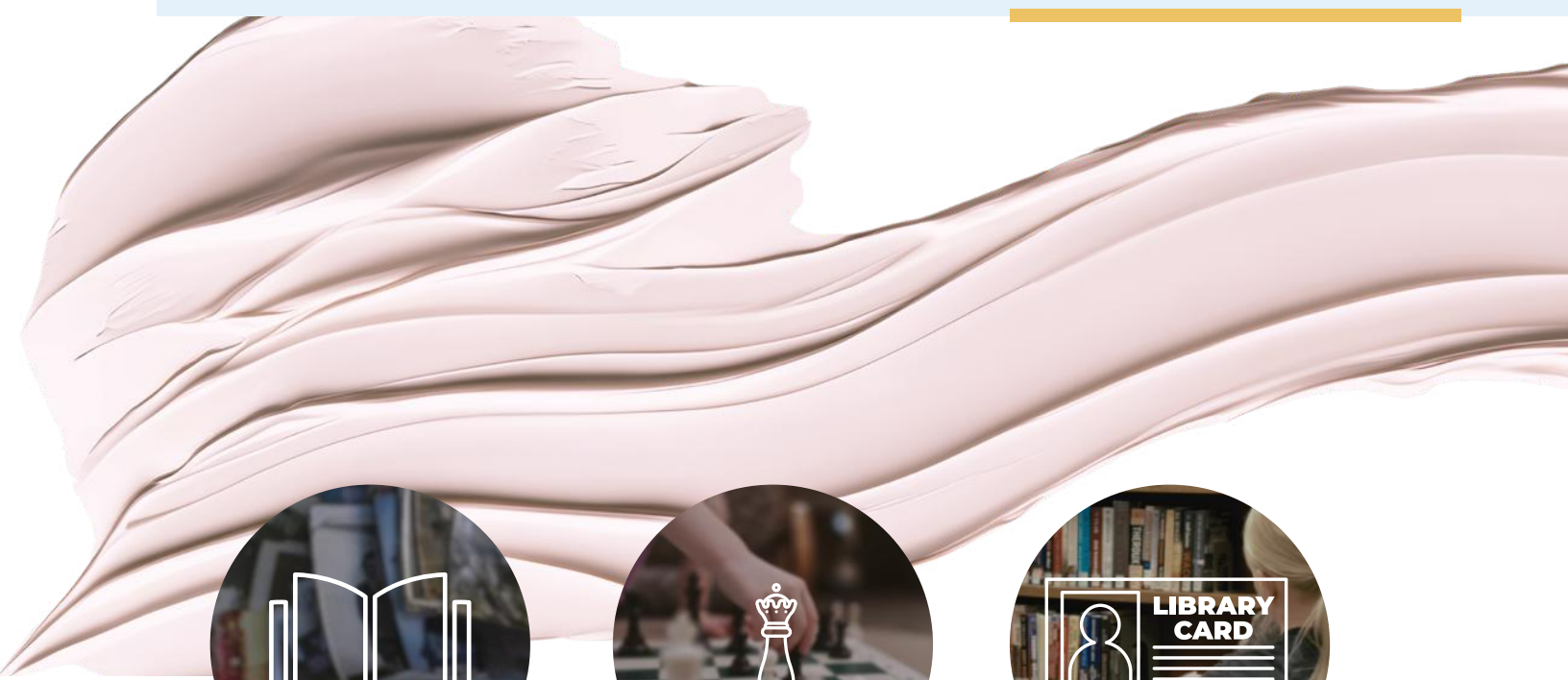




Creation Stations

Supported in part by a grant from the Wyoming Arts Council, with support from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Wyoming Legislature and from the Homer and Mildred Scott Foundation and the Dan and Jeanne Scott Foundation, the Sheridan County Library Foundation is thrilled to bring you Creation Stations at all our branches.

A fresh, creative space for all your artistic endeavors. Loaded with cool DIY stuff, including tablets that offer on-demand how-to videos, making it a breeze to learn something new. Come on over, explore the materials and supplies, and let your creativity shine!





Summer Reading Program

FULMER BRANCH

END OF PROGRAM CELEBRATION

Friday, July 31st

12:00_{pm} - 2:00_{pm}





Reading Programs

ALL BRANCHES

YA & ADULT

Book Bingo Reading Challenge

Pick up a Bingo Booklet and win prizes each week for completing a bingo.

Progressive Timed Reading Challenge

Pick up progressive reading challenge booklet. Come in each week to get booklet stamped, pick up a prize, and fill out a raffle slip. Start at 20 min 5 days/week. End at 50 min 5 days/week

Accessible Reading Challenge

Pick up progressive reading challenge booklet. Come in each week to get booklet stamped, pick out a prize, and fill out a raffle slip. 20 min/5 days a week

YOUTH

Children's Reading Challenge

Kids ages 11 and under can read 20 minutes a day to earn fun prizes beginning June 16.

FAQ

Summer Reading Program Age Groups

- 0-10 - youth
- 11-12 - pick youth or teen
- 13-18 - teen
- 18 + - adult

What Counts? Everything!

- Physical Books
- E-Books
- Audio Books
- Magazines
- Graphic Novels & Comic Books
- Reading to someone
- WonderBooks
- Online Content





Summer Reading Program

**UNEARTH
A STORY™**

JUNE 15 -
JULY 31

ADULTS

Evening Craft Club
Thursday 5pm
Crafts for adults

ALL AGES

Snacks & Stories
Monday - Friday 11^{am}
Snacks from The Food Group and
read alouds for all ages

Free Build Fridays
10^{am} - 4:30^{pm}
Open building for all ages

Crafting Together
Saturdays 12^{pm} - 2^{pm}
Crafts for kids along with adults!

PRE-K

Dinky Dinos Story Time
Tuesdays 10:30^{am}
Story time with sensory play for under 5s

Tricera-tots
Wednesdays 10:30^{am}
Work on building basic early literacy skills
with your baby!

Tiny T-rex Story Time
Thursdays 10:30^{am}
Story time with a craft for under 5s



GRADE SCHOOL

Cretaceous Crafters

Tuesdays 2^{pm}- 3^{pm}

Self-led crafts for school aged kids

Veloci-readers

Thursdays 2 - 3^{pm}

Story & crafts for school aged kids

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

**Kids ages 11 and
under can read 20
minutes a day to
earn fun prizes
beginning June 16.**

TWEEN

**Youth Coalition Advisory
Craft**

Tuesdays 4 - 5pm

Crafts for middle schoolers

TEEN

Craft Club for Teens

Wednesdays 2 - 5pm

Crafts for teens



LIBRARY HOURS

Sheridan County Public Library System

307.674.8585 | 335 W. Alger St.

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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Vice Chair.....Michelle Edwards
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& INFORMATION

STORY BRANCH

20 N. Piney P.O. Box 188
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

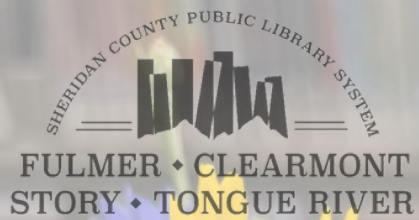
We are Hiring!

Circulation Library Assistant - Fulmer Branch - Full Time
Youth & Family Services Library Assistant - Fulmer Branch - Part Time
Library Assistant - Clearmont Branch - Part Time

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