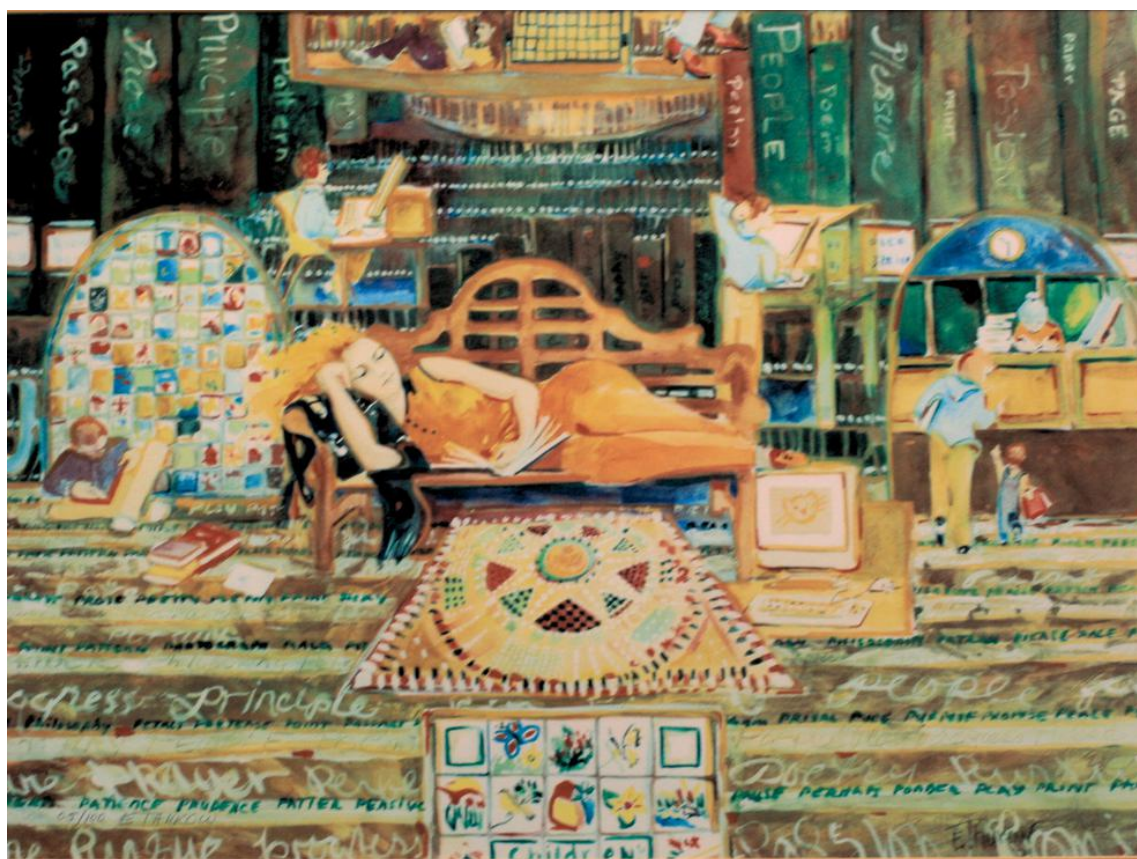


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Sheridan County Public Library System Newsletter

Nurturing Lifelong Curiosity, Enrichment, & Community







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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Can you believe summer is already winding down? Our Summer Reading Program officially wraps up on July 31st, and I have to say — watching those little resin dinos pile up at the circulation desk all season has been one of my favorite parts of the job. Every single one represents a book someone in our community read, and this year's jars are a testament to just how much our patrons love to read. Thank you to everyone who signed up, stopped by, and stacked a dino or two (or twenty) along the way at each branch as we unified our approach at each location this year.

Reading together as a family and reading for all ages for fun and relaxation was a primary focus of this year's Summer Reading Challenge - From babies to tweens, teens, and adults, - there was something for everyone to enjoy and a way for each person to customize their experience. The programs and events offered fun in the sun but also some ways to cool down inside while enjoying the new Creation Station activities. And there was no shortage of books, even when we have to move them into unusual or new spaces - we know reading is a key part of keeping summer adventures going for our patrons!

As the dinos get tallied up, our kids are already looking toward backpacks, school supplies, and new routines. Wherever your family is in that transition, know that your library is here for it — story times, homework help, quiet corners to study, and a whole lot of new books waiting for the school year ahead.

If you haven't made it in recently, stop by and check out the new Children's library and get a sneak peek at what is in store as the renovation continues. The new carpet, paint colors, and a brand new creation station are all in place as we await additional furniture and shelving additions to the renovation. And don't worry, the books are still available, even as the Fulmer Library and Story Library are operating in a smaller space, doing all we can to continue to serve the community through the renovation.

Here's to a wonderful end to summer and an even better start to fall.

With gratitude,



Amy Long, Library Director
Sheridan County Public Library System





RENOVATION UPDATES

Progress continues at Fulmer!

If you've stopped by recently, you may have noticed our construction partners, Van Ewing, hard at work — in Zone 1 construction is complete in our beautifully restored Children's Library, and we should be opening the newly finished Children's Events and Activity space around August 21st, allowing us to fully set the spaces in order. Thanks to the generous support of the Watt Foundation, the activity space will feature a sliding glass door that enhances the new functionality of the flexible room and flooring as an overflow area for the Children's library when it isn't in use for programs or events.

The Library has opened the bid for the furniture package for the Fulmer Branch, getting us that much closer completing the design and renovation.

The Fulmer Branch renovation has now moved into Zone 2. The temporary wall is built, closing off the zone and limiting patron access to that area. Framing is underway this week for the new office and meeting room space, and concrete for our new glassed in reading patio is set to be poured by the beginning of August. Piece by piece, the vision for this branch is coming together.

Additionally, our non-fiction, a partial selection of large type, and young adult collections are still available to the public on the floor, with the majority of the rest of the collection available through the holds process or with the help of staff. The collections not available on the floor are set up temporarily in the Inner Circle until the completion of the branch renovations.

While the Inner Circle is unavailable, and after the Children's Events & Activities Space is completed, library programs will be held in the Children's Events and Activities Space, with limited time slots made available for public booking.

Out at our Story Branch, the team is nearly there — with hopes of welcoming the branch back to its newly renovated space very soon. The new library furniture is arriving at the end of July and we are excited to welcome the community to come and see what is just around the corner.

Meanwhile, our Clearmont and Tongue River branches have completed their renovations, with furniture arriving as well — so both of those communities will soon get to enjoy their refreshed spaces in full.

Thank you, as always, for your patience as we build something wonderful together. Every hammer swing and every zone completed gets us one step closer to library spaces that truly serve this community for decades to come.

- Amy Long

Services Available During Renovations:

Wyoming Room: Remains accessible via appointment through an alternate entrance, call the library for more information.

Creation Station: In the Children's Department then Children's Events & Activities Space

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

Restrooms: Accessible restrooms are available in the Children's Department



Programming

Claire York Book Discussions

STORY BRANCH

MONDAY, AUGUST 24TH

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

Orbital

by Samantha Harvey

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

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

The Book of Unknown Americans

by Christina Henriquez

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, SEPTEMBER 9TH

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

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

by Mark Haddon

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

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

A Fever in the Heartland

by Timothy Egan

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

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

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.





FULMER BRANCH - CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY CENTER

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

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

A Bride Goes West

by Nannie Alderson

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

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

Open Season

by C.J. Box

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

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

Wandering Stars

by Tommy Orange

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.

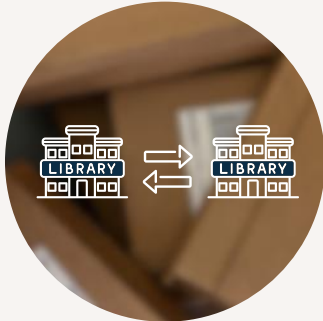
Moderated by Katie Curtis

"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!"





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.

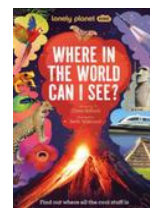
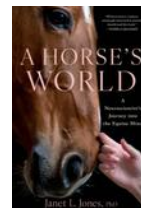
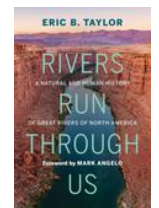


HOMEBOUND SERVICES

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@sheridanwyoilibrary.org

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





Coming Soon!



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!





CREATION STATIONS

Thanks to a generous grant from the Wyoming Arts Council, and support from the Homer and Mildred Scott Foundation, the Dan and Jeanne Scott Foundation and others, 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!



STORY TIMES

**ON HIATUS UNTIL
SEPTEMBER 8TH**

FROM THE YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES SUPERVISOR

Libraries have always leaned on volunteers. Adults have helped keep programs running, sorted book donations, and showed up for fundraising in ways that made the whole place feel possible. Recently young adults are stepping into it with clarity and purpose, choosing what matters to them and committing fully. They aren't only "helping out." They're investing in something they want their community to have.

I have worked at the public library for ten years, and I've never seen a summer like this one. Our teen volunteer numbers didn't just climb—they surged. Some of the kids even joke that they're "voluntolds," drafted by a well-meaning parent who announced, "You need something to do this summer." I laugh with them, because honestly, it's funny. But here's the deeper truth: even the voluntolds still had choices. And these young people chose to be here, in the library, showing up day after day because it matters.

The best part, though, is the mentorship that's being initiated by the kids. I've watched an 11-year-old lean over a table and patiently give art tips to a younger sibling and a high schooler talk to an incoming middle schooler and slip them a piece of wisdom the way older kids do. These kids are **present and kind**, and they keep finding ways to take care of each other while they're here taking care of the library, too.

Adults still set the tone and keep things safe. We make sure the doors stay open. But I also want you to see what I'm seeing: a generation practicing community because they decided it was worth doing.



Outreach

Story Book Garden at

The Collective Arts Festival

Saturday, August 8th

12:30_{pm} - 6:30_{pm}



Bighorn
ARTS (EST) 2024
COLLECTIVE

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

Story Branch
Closed for Story
Days Saturday
August 29th

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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!

Library Assistant - Clearmont Branch - Part Time

Please visit our website for more information.

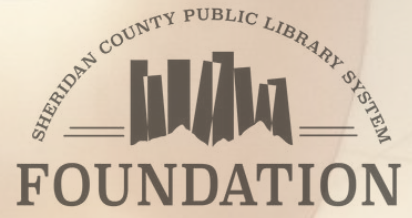
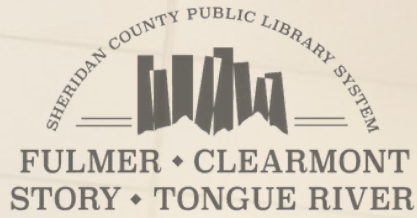
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