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December 2017—January 2018

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Hours

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Hours

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W: 1-5:30p
F: 10a-noon, 1-4p
Sa: 2-5p

Johnson County Library

~ Mission ~

Our mission as a library system and community hub is to Collect, Share, Promote, Learn, Adapt, & Grow. Users are foremost.

Quilts commemorate

The Johnson County Library is auctioning a beautiful quilt collection to raise supplemental funds for its children's department.

Charlie Ellis was a long-time library friend and supporter of reading who passed away in 2014. A US Navy veteran, Mr. Ellis taught special education in Wyoming for 24 years before his retirement brought him to Buffalo. He continued to work with children by volunteering with numerous organizations around town. After his death, his estate went to the local Masonic chapter in



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Their Words

Students Review Books

The fourth-grade students of Suzanne Andrews' class wrote up book review of their favorite reads, and we're proud to display them in the children's section. Stop by and see what they enjoyed! We'll also have them available on Facebook.



Why 'Copman's Tomb'?

This is the second part of two compiled by Local History librarian Nancy Tabb. Originally published by the Works Progress Administration.

With Brent Leavitt and Al Kershner on Wednesday a week ago, the writer visited that section, traveling over the road which leads south from the Shell ranger station around the head of White creek, and thence to Clark's timber. After looking around a while and getting their bearings, Leavitt located the Clark cabin, which has fallen in and is rapidly going into decay. This cabin was built without nails. From there we went over into Copman's gulch in search of the dugout referred to. According to Bob Rath, whom we met later, we must have been within a couple of hundred feet of the dugout, but failed to locate it.

It was while he was located at this dugout that Copman put in much of his time in making the model

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Auction raises

\$27,000

Thanks to all our guests, donors and sponsors who made Nov. 3 such a success! *A Night on Broadway* drew more than 200 attendees for a fantastic evening of food, drink, and fun. The sale of items brought in more than \$27,000, of which \$11,000 finished off the last amount required for our state-matched endowment. We had 30 sponsorship donors and 70 item donors who gave their very best for the silent and live auctions, excellent items that included dinners at local establishments and works of art from local

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Christmas Joy

Family Night at the Library

Friday, Dec. 15—6 p.m.

Bring your family for painting and decorating holiday ornaments
Pizza will be served!
Limited to 50 individuals
Please call 684-5546 or stop by the library to sign up.



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For continued support of our
Kaycee Branch Library

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Kaycee Branch 738-2473

Bonnie Ross, *branch manager* — Monica Brock — Kelley Davis

The Kaycee Library's winter reading program will take place Dec. 1 through Jan. 31. The theme is "Book A Trip."

Book discussion is planned for Monday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m. We'll be discussing *Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham, and five short stories.

We are planning a movie for the kids on Dec. 19 at 4:30 p.m. — "The Dog Who Saved Christmas." We will serve snacks at the movie.



Did You Know? Librarian Connie Norton oversees outreach by taking hundreds of paperback novels to local hotels, campgrounds, and other locations. Over the last year, Connie took 1,900 paperback books to the various locations. Our patrons took home another 1,900 from the library. If you have a place in mind you'd like to add to the list, please contact her at (307) 684-5546.

Johnson County Library Foundation

The endowment fund began in 2008 with legislation that promised matching funds from the State of Wyoming for money raised by private donations to Wyoming libraries. Johnson County was slated to benefit from a 2:1 match—for every \$1 raised, the state would provide \$2. To date, JCL has raised about \$259,000—thanks in great part to the annual auction which is partially sponsored by the Johnson County Library Foundation—and received \$653,000 in state funds.

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COPMAN'S TOMB - Continued from front

of an airplane. According to Kershner, it was made without nails or other material aside from the pieces themselves, which were so fitted together that the model was of sufficient strength to hold it together and serve the purposes for which it was made. Kershner says he saw the machine and saw it work — that Copman wound it up by some process and sailed it into the air; and he also asserts his confidence that if Copman had had a gasoline engine to furnish the power he would have been the first man in the air. Remember that was around 1882 or 1883. Bob Rath also saw the machine when Copman brought it down from the mountains to Lovell's horse ranch at the mouth of Trapper creek. Incidentally, Rath says he was in charge of a number of cows located at that place at that time and that Oscar McNay had charge of the horses.

Kershner says that many years later he visited the Copman dugout and found many pieces of wood Copman had used and discarded in perfecting that airplane model. Rath asserts that when Copman took three thousand two hundred head of cattle overland for Lovell, he took this model along, but what happened to it after that he does not know.

It is also known that during the time Copman acted as guide for Clark, he traveled over much of western Montana. In 1887 Copman and Rath formed a partnership in the handling of what later became known as the Rath ranch, but at this time the property of Jim Beale, on Shell creek. This partnership, according to Rath, continued until 1892, at which time Copman sold his interests and moved to the head of Beaver creek, locating three hundred and twenty acres of land there and going into the sheep business.

On November 4, 1900, Copman was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Yegen, a native of Switzerland and a sister of the well known Yegen brothers of Billings. To them were born three daughters — Elizabeth, now the wife of Brent Leavitt of Grey bull; Emerita, now Mrs. Wheeler of Santa Maria, California and Christina, who passed on years ago.

In 1906, Mrs. Copman took her daughters to Switzerland, it being her desire that they should attend school there. Three months later she returned home, the daughters remaining there with relatives. The following year, Mr. Copman suffered a stroke at his ranch home. Mrs. Copman brought him to Basin and later took him to Billings, where he died.

According to information at hand, Copman was much interested in scientific matters, and did much reading of subjects relating to history and astronomy. Rath speaks very highly of Copman, stating that they were like brothers and that he had a very high regard for his partner.

But to get back to the subject of where Copman's Tomb got its name, Al Kershner says that it was understood that Copman had expressed a desire that when he died his remains should be cremated and that his ashes should be scattered over that majestic pile which now bears his name. Kershner also says that George Saban was the first man to refer to it as Copman's Tomb. Bob Rath, however, with whom he made his home for five years, says Copman never mentioned the subject to him.

Mrs. Leavitt states that it was generally understood among members of the family that it was the wish of her father that his ashes be scattered in the manner mentioned. After his death the body was kept by Mrs. Copman, who seemed to have some reluctance about having them scattered. When she passed on October, 1932, the container in which they had been kept for years was placed beside her in the casket and all that is mortal of the two now lies buried in the cemetery at Greybull. But, nevertheless, that majestic cliff which fifty years ago challenged the admiration of "Jack" Copman, will go down in history as "Copman's Tomb."

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Buffalo. They offered the quilts for a silent auction and specified the money be used for children, a perfect way to honor a man who loved serving and educating children.

His continues to support Johnson County with the collection of 22 quilts donated by his estate to the library. Many were created in the 1920s and 1930s, with at least done dating back to the 1880s. The proceeds from this auction will benefit a yet-to-be determined project in the children's area. The auction ends in mid-December.



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artists were auctioned.

The Johnson County Library Foundation, The Friends of the Library, the Library Trustees and Library staff wish to extend their thanks to everyone who helped make this year's benefit auction a tremendous success – Larry & Eva Brannian, Dan & Debbie Gay, Jacob & Cristin Gay, caterer Margaret Fraley of Sagewood Café; Trinity Rodriguez/ The Fix, Jon Williams of City Liquor, Kiwanis members, the spouses of staff and board members, and of course our wine servers – Theo Hirshfeld, Danny & Jackie Powell, Mike & Connie Bacon, Barb Mueller, and Lynne Turner.



Library staff put on their Broadway best costumes and attire.

New Titles

ADULT FICTION

- Act of Betrayal, by Matthew Dunn
- Adobe Moon, by Mark Warren
- Artemis, by Andy Weir
- Christy, by Catherine Marshall
- Crimes of the Father, by Thomas Keneally
- A Dangerous Legacy, by Elizabeth Camden
- The Gift, by Shelley Shepard Gray
- A Hunt in Winter, by Conor Brady
- In the Midst of Winter, by Isabel Allende
- Irregular, by H.B. Lyle
- Killing Season, by Faye Kellerman
- The Last Ballad, by Wiley Cash
- The Midnight Line, by Lee Child

- The Ox That Gored, by James Crownover
- Perfectly Undone, by Jamie Raintree
- Phasma, by Delilah Dawson
- Pulse, by Felix Francis
- Trespass, by Anthony Quinn
- Typhoon Fury, by Clive Cussler

ADULT NONFICTION

- The Apparitionists, by Peter Manseau
- A Bold and Dangerous Family, by Caroline Moorehead
- Brain Rules for Aging Well, by John Medina
- Dear Fahrenheit 451, by Annie Spence
- Hank & Jim, by Scott Enyman
- Sargent's Women, by Donna M. Lucey
- Sisters First, by Jenna Bush and Barbara Bush
- Truth Doesn't Have a Side, by Dr. Bennet Omalu
- Where the Past Begins, by Amy Tan
- Wild Horse Country, by David Philipps

CHILDREN'S

- Big Nate: A Good-Old Fashioned Wedgie, by Lincoln Pierce
- Bob, the Artist, by Marion Denchars
- Downward Dog with Diego, by Pamela Prichett
- Everyone Says Goodnight, by Hiroyuki Arai
- Hooray for Spring!, by Chieu Urban
- Monster Park!, Annie Bach
- Owl Diaries: Warm Hearts Day, by Rebecca Elliot
- Together Always by Edwina Wyatt

YA BOOKS

- Disappeared, by Francisco X. Stork
- Godsgrave, by Jay Kristoff
- How to Disappear, by Sharon Roat
- Midnight Jewel, by Richelle Mead
- One Dark Throne, Kendare Blake

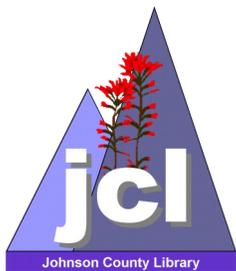
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| D | • <u>American Hustle</u> | • <u>From Paris with Love</u> | • <u>Newsies</u> | • <u>Tower Heist</u> |
| V | • <u>Conan the Barbarian</u> | • <u>Killer Elite</u> | • <u>The Recruit</u> | • <u>Trouble with the Curve</u> |
| D | • <u>Donnie Brasco</u> | • <u>The Messenger</u> | • <u>GI*</u> | • <u>Wanda the Wonderful</u> |
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Who are the Friends?

Men and women who
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Ongoing projects ...

- Provide funding for physical improvements
- Provide assistance & funding for the Summer Reading programs
- Sponsor the annual library auction with the JC library foundation
- Provide assistance & funds to further National Library Week, Mother's Day Tea, and other local humanities programs
- Provide baby books to parents of newborns

We meet at 4 p.m. second Tuesday of every month at the library.

Calendar of Events

All events are at the main library in Buffalo unless otherwise noted.

DECEMBER-JANUARY

WEDNESDAYS

Tech assistance—Please contact us with a time; subject to staff availability.

THURSDAYS

Story Hour—Begins in early September, 10 a.m. in the large meeting room. Puppet show, songs, stories, crafts, and a snack! For toddler and pre-school ages.

TUESDAY, DEC. 12

Vintage Strings—Free program, 6:30 to 7:30. Join us for classical and holiday music performed by two violins, one viola, and a cello. Light refreshments will be served.

THURSDAY, DEC. 14

Santa at Story Hour—10 a.m. Bring your kids for a photo with Santa during our Story Hour program.

No Story Hour Dec. 21 and 28.
The program will resume Jan. 4.

FRIDAY, DEC. 15

Christmas Joy: Family Night at the Library—Free program, 6 p.m. Bring your family for painting and decorating holiday ornaments. Pizza will be served! Limited to 50 individuals. Please call 684-5546 or stop by the library to sign up.

MONDAY, DEC. 25

Library Closed—For Christmas holiday



MONDAY, JAN. 1, 2018

Library Closed—For New Years holiday