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# Bookends

The newsletter  
of the Johnson County  
Library System

December 2008-January 2009

<http://will.state.wy.us/johnson>

## Your libraries

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### Johnson County Library

171 N. Adams  
Buffalo, WY 82834  
(307) 684-5546

#### Hours

M-Th: 10a-8p  
F&Sa: 10a-5p  
Su: 1-4p (May-Sept.)

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### Kaycee Branch

231 Ritter Ave.  
P.O. Box 226  
Kaycee, WY 82639  
(307) 738-2473

#### Hours

T: 10-11a, 1-8p  
W: 1-5:30p  
F: 10a-noon, 1-4p  
Sa: 2-5p

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### Linch Branch

Hwy 192  
P.O. Box 160  
Linch, WY 82640  
(307) 437-6424

#### Hours

T: 2-5p  
Th: 1-4p

## Auction brings \$24,000 for library

### State matching endowment will triple amount

The Johnson County Library's Benefit Auction on Nov. 7 brought in \$24,257.

Thanks to the Wyoming Public Library Endowment Challenge created by the 2008 state legislature, that amount will triple to \$72,771.

The state fund matches any proceeds raised by library foundations. Johnson County is eligible for a 2:1 match, so the state will give the library \$48,514 to match the \$24,257 raised.

About 200 people attended the evening event at the library. Items sold in the silent auction raised \$3,681, and items in the oral auction raised \$12,180.

The big ticket item was the chance to be a character in local author Craig Johnson's upcoming

novel, Among the Ruins, which Buffalo bronze sculptor D. Michael Thomas won with a bid of \$3,875.

The library's own Magnanimous Match game brought in \$1,030. Another \$7,366 was donated by the generous sponsors of the event.

In addition, The Friends of the Johnson County Library raised \$3,847 for their organiza-

tion through sales of auction tickets and raffle tickets for the framed 15- by 36-inch archival giclée print "Powder River Through the Red Wall" donated by Dave Stoetzel. Ruth Twing of Lander won the drawing.

The Johnson County Library Foundation, Friends, Trustees and staff wish to thank all who donated their time and money to make this event a success.



Dave Cates (center) and Dan Gay (right) keep things running smoothly at the 2008 Johnson County Library Benefit Auction on Nov. 7.

## Review your favorite library books, movies

The Johnson County Library is encouraging all interested patrons to participate in our book review program.

To submit a review, pick up a copy of the form at any of the library's three branches. You can either return your form in person or send the completed information via e-mail to Steve Rzasas at [srzasa@will.state.wy.us](mailto:srzasa@will.state.wy.us).

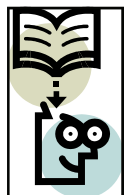
These reviews, along with those submitted on paper, will be archived on our Web site, <http://will.state.wy.us/johnson>. We also plan to establish another link that will allow patrons to fill out the book review form on-line.

As a reminder, the staff reserves the right to edit submissions for spelling, grammar and

length, and ask that reviews be limited to about 200 words.

Also, we will select a few reviews to include in issues of the "Bookends" newsletter.

For more information, contact Steve at 684-5546 or [srzasa@will.state.wy.us](mailto:srzasa@will.state.wy.us).



# Children's Story Hour

Thursdays 10-11a  
\*Santa is coming  
on Dec. 18!\*



All ages are welcome.

## Kaycee Branch

The book discussion group met on November 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss Egg and I by Betty Macdonald. Egg and I is a memoir of Betty's own experiences as a young wife working on a Washington chicken farm. There were 17 attending. Some of the group, who had read it before, said it had seemed funnier than when they read it this time. Some thought Betty's husband had not treated her well and did not appreciate her, while others felt he had a lot to do and he was a hard worker and expected as much from her. They understood her isolation and need for companionship.

The next book for discussion is Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson and is planned for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19.

As a reminder, story hour for children takes place at 10 a.m. Tuesdays. There will be no story hour Dec. 23 and 30.

### WHAT'S NEW

#### Books

Blood Memory, by Margaret Coel

The Comforts of a Muddy Saturday, by Alexander McCall Smith

Just Breathe, by Susan Wiggs

The Lucky One, by Nicholas Sparks

Night of Thunder, by Stephen Hunter

Testimony, by Anita Shreve

#### Christmas Titles

A Christmas Grace, by Anne Perry

Finding Father Christmas, by Robin Jones Gunn

'Tis the Season, by Lorna Landvik

## Linch Branch

### WHAT'S NEW

#### Books

The Hour I First Believed, by Wally Lamb

The Tales of Beedle the Bard, by J.K. Rowling

Texas Sunrise, by Elmer Kelton

## G'BYE, MATE

### Trustee, family en route to Australia

John Snyder, a five-year veteran of the Johnson County Library's board of trustees, is departing Buffalo this winter for a warmer climate.

His wife, Julie, a computer teacher at Clear Creek Elementary and Middle schools in Buffalo, was accepted into a teacher exchange program through Colorado International Teachers Exchange League that will send the entire family to Australia.

The Snyders will trade places with teacher Brian Finn and his wife Bette. John explained that Finn will journey to Buffalo and teach Snyder's classes, while Snyder will teach Years 1 through 7 in Monash, South Australia, which is about 220 kilometers (134 miles) from the city of Adelaide on Australia's southern coast.

The Finns will live in the Snyders' home in Buffalo while the Snyders' use the couple's home in Barmera, South Australia, a few miles down the road from Monash and the school.

"It's a small town," John said. "Barmera's the size of Buffalo. Monash is probably about 1,200 to 1,500 people."

With the family's departure Dec. 31, John will conclude five years as a Johnson County Library Trustee, a position he

took when invited by a foundation member to participate.

"I enjoyed it," he said. "It's a lot of fun, and it's a good organization to be involved in, because reading is such an important facet of life."

He has been active in the library organization, taking part in reading programs in the schools, the city park and at the library itself. He believes one of the best things for the community done during his term was instituting background checks for potential library employees.

The Snyders will live in Australia for about a year, returning right before Christmas 2009. Their children—Jordan, 11 and Andrew, 9—are registered in the school at which Julie will teach. It will be a different experience than school here in the U.S., because Australia's school system follows the calendar year.

John is looking forward to the new experiences.

### Australia

**Population:** 21 million

**Ethnic groups:** white 92%, Asian 7%, others 1%

**Religions:** Catholic 26.4%, Anglican 20.5%, other Christian 20.5%, Buddhist 1.9%, Muslim 1.5%, other 29%

Source: CIA World Factbook

## Lend a hand moving books

The Johnson County Library needs your help to move a few books.

The John Scully Estate donated a large number of books to the library. They need to be moved from John Scully's home on Upper French Creek Road to a storage unit until they can be sorted through.

Can you help the library move these books on Saturday, Dec. 20? If so, just stop by the library at 9 a.m. that day.

You must be able to lift and carry up to 40 pounds.

# Want video at home? Try MyLibraryDV



The Wyoming State Library and Recorded Books have joined forces to create MyLibraryDVD, an on-demand video service available to all Wyoming library patrons.

Anyone with a broadband Internet connection, a library card number and PIN can access hundreds of hours of films as well as documentaries and shows on topics such as cooking, travel, and health.

It takes six steps to get the program installed on your computer:

1. Visit <http://will.state.wy.us/johnson> on the Web.
2. Click on "Card Catalog."

3. Click on "GoWYLD.net" link at left.
4. Click "online databases."
5. Click "MyLibraryDV" logo.
6. Choose that icon again to begin the download.

Before downloading, make sure to check the Web page for the system requirements, to see if your computer can handle this program.

Once the program is installed, you can watch programs by entering your library card number and PIN.

For more information, visit GoWYLD.net or contact Desiree Saunders at the Wyoming State Library, at [dsaund@state.wy.us](mailto:dsaund@state.wy.us).

## JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY

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## SNAPSHOT: Computer use

BETWEEN SEPT. 19 & NOV. 19

TOTAL USES: 1,480 (or more than 24 per day.)

AVERAGE TIME: 35m 18s.

BUSIEST: Computer D, 340 uses, average 40m 8s.

LEAST BUSY: Computer B, 96 uses, average 31m 57s.



## Reel reminder

Movie fans: our nonfiction DVDs have been separated from their fictional brethren, for your browsing ease.

DVDs may be checked out for one week only.

Cut out & save!



# New Titles

### ADULT FICTION

- Cross Country, by James Patterson
- Crossroads, by Belva Plain
- Doggie Day Care
- Murder, by Laurien Berenson
- The Good Thief, By Hannah Tinti
- I'll Be Watching You, by Andrea Kane
- Indignation, by Philip Roth
- A Man Most Wanted, by John LeCarré
- The Private Patient, by P.D. James
- Mad Dash, by Patricia Gaffney
- Raven Black, by Ann Cleaves
- Salvation in Death, by J.D. Robb
- Your Heart Belongs to Me, by Dean

### Koontz

### ADULT NON-FICTION

- From Image to Stitch, by Maggie Grey
- Joy of Scrapbooking, by Lisa Bearnson
- Robert Ballard's Lusitania, by Robert D. Ballard with Spencer Dunmore
- A Taste of Wyoming, by Pamela Sinclair

### YOUNG ADULT

- Airman, by Eoin Colfer
- Ghost of Spirit Bear, by Ben Mikaelson
- Sunrise Over Fallujah, by Walter Dean Myers

### CHILDREN'S

- Bats at the Library, by Brian Lies
- Casey and Derek on the Ice, by Marty Sederman
- Friday My Radio Flyer Flew, by Zachary Pullen
- Giant Anteaters, by Samantha

### Seiple

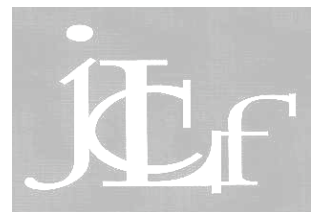
- Judy Moody Goes to College, by Megan McDonald
- Thump, Quack, Moo: A Whacky Adventure, by Doreen Cronin
- White Sands, Red Menace, by Ellen Klages

### DVDs

- Human Machine
- Inside Tolkien's 'The Fellowship of the Ring'
- The Not So Big House

### BOOKS ON CD

- Blood Trail, by Janet Evanovich
- Catch-22, by Joseph Heller
- The Lucky One, by Nicholas Sparks
- A Wolf at the Table, by Angus Burroughs



## Johnson County Library Foundation

The foundation was created in 1976 by patrons who saw the need to ensure the future of the library. Through donations, memorials and fund-raising, these volunteers have successfully supported special needs of the library and established a permanent endowment.

### Board of directors

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## On the Web

<http://will.state.wy.us/johnson>

## FRIENDS of the Johnson County Library Est. April 1972

### Who are Friends?

Men and women with a common goal of promoting and supporting the library.

### Ongoing projects ...

- Provide physical improvements
- Provide volunteers
- Purchase special equipment and gifts
- Schedule fund-raising
- Arrange programs
- Sponsor book discussions
- Provide books to parents of newborns

The Friends meet the second Tuesday of every month at the library, and all members are encouraged to attend.

# Calendar of Events

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

## DECEMBER

**TUESDAY, DEC. 16**  
"Christmas" Story Hour—Kaycee Branch

**THURSDAY, DEC. 18**  
Santa comes to Story Hour, 10 a.m.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 20**  
Moving books from John Scully Estate—meet at main library at 9 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24**  
Libraries closing at noon—  
Christmas holiday

**THURSDAY, DEC. 25 &  
FRIDAY, DEC. 26**  
Libraries closed—Christmas  
holiday

**THURSDAY, DEC. 31**  
Libraries closing at 6 p.m.

## JANUARY

**THURSDAY, JAN. 1**

Libraries closed—New Year's Day

**TUESDAY, JAN. 6**  
"Royalty" Story Hour—  
Kaycee Branch

**TUESDAY, JAN. 13**  
"Grab Bag" Story Hour—  
Kaycee Branch

**MONDAY, JAN. 19**  
Book discussion, 7 p.m.—Kaycee Branch Three  
Cups of Tea, by Greg Mortenson

**TUESDAY, JAN. 20**  
"Pancakes" Story Hour—Kaycee Branch

**TUESDAY, JAN. 27**  
"Moose" Story Hour—Kaycee Branch

