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# Bookends

The newsletter  
of the Johnson County  
Library System

February-March 2010

<http://jclwyo.org>

## Up to speed

### Library improves Internet connection

The Johnson County Library was closed Jan. 12 and 13 so that several improvements could be made.

The primary reason for the closure was to allow Collins Communications of Gillette time to rewire all the computer connections in the building. This project should rid us of the periodic dropping of wireless Internet signal we had been experiencing and improve our Internet connection.

Though the library was closed to the public, staff were busy with much-needed housekeeping duties. Some of the changes made include:

- Removing unused and expired library cards from our system.
- Weeding out old VHS tapes from our movies to make room for books on tape and nonfiction DVDs.

- Spreading out the CD books into the space vacated by audio tapes
- Cleaning all of the public computers—inside and out
- Putting up new labels for the magazine racks
- Putting up new signs for our nonfiction shelves

We will be getting new computers in the near future.



Collins Communications of Gillette finished the rewiring project Tuesday, Jan. 12.

**TAX FORMS AVAILABLE**  
at the inner doors of the  
Johnson County Library  
Visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for more  
information or to file taxes on-line



## New Web site ready

The Johnson County Library system has a new look on the Web—check it out at [jclwyo.org](http://jclwyo.org).

Megan Herold spent many weeks creating a new Web site for the library, incorporating the features of our old site while adding some new elements and streamlining others.

The site features a link to the Wyoming state card catalog on the home page. You can also click on a link that lets you access the library's electronic audiobook collection at [NetLibrary.com](http://NetLibrary.com). Contact library staff to get the PIN you need to use in addition to your 14-digit library card number to access online research databases.

Back issues of the "Bookends" newsletter are archived in PDF form back through the first issue (Oct-Nov 2008). There are also individual pages showing the hours for the Buffalo, Kaycee and Linch branches, as well as directions for reaching each.

Megan and library staff will be adding content to the Children's and Teen pages in the coming months.



## Library endowment challenge 2010

Gov. Dave Freudenthal has proposed in his FY2011 budget that an additional \$3 million be added to the Public Library Endowment Challenge Program. In his budget message, he stated, "Difficult revenue projections do not eliminate the need to continue the state's investment in wildlife habitat, local libraries and our state's cultural resources."

The Johnson County Library Foundation has met its goal of \$147,826. The 2:1 match Johnson County receives through the endowment challenge means the state matches the amount we raised with \$309,288.

If the governor's budget recommendation is passed in the 2010 Legislative session, the JCL Foundation will be eligible to receive additional state matching funds.

### Your libraries

#### Johnson County Library

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

#### Hours

M-Th: 10a-8p  
F&Sa: 10a-5p  
Su: 1-4p

#### 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

#### Linch Branch

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

#### Hours

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

## Quilts are coming

The Johnson County Library will display local quilts to help commemorate National Quilting Day on March 20.

Staff and volunteers will hang quilts at the library Sunday, Feb. 28. The quilts will remain on display through the end of March. Any Johnson County Library resident who has a quilt they would like to display may bring one in.

For more information about National Quilting Day, visit [www.nqaquilts.org/NatQuiltDay.php](http://www.nqaquilts.org/NatQuiltDay.php) on the Web.

## Kaycee Branch

The book discussion group met Monday, Jan. 18 to discuss The Glass Castle, a memoir written by Jeannette Walls. Those in attendance were amazed by Jeannette's resilience in facing the adversity of her growing up years. Everyone was also disturbed by her parents' apparent refusal to accept responsibility for their children.

The next book discussion will be held 7 p.m. Monday, March 15, at the Kaycee Branch. The book chosen for this next discussion is No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith.

### WHAT'S NEW

#### Fiction

The Glass Castle, by Jeannette Walls

La's Orchestra Saves the World, by Alexander McCall Smith

Midnight Rainbow, by Linda Howard

The Mist, by Carla Neggers

Noah's Compass, by Anne Tyler

#### Children's fiction

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw, by Jeff Kinney

Marley Goes to School, by John Grogan

#### Children's nonfiction

How High is the Sky? by Anna Milbourne and Serena Riglietti

#### Young Adult

Leviathan, by Scott Westerfield

The Million-Dollar Throw, by Mike Lupica

Zoobreak, by Gordon Korman

#### CD Books

The Full Cupboard of Life, by Alexander McCall Smith

You've Been Warned, by James Patterson

## Good-bye and thanks, Deb!

Debbie Stoetzel has been a part-time employee at the library for 10 years. She began as a volunteer, typing transcripts and documents in the Local History area. It wasn't long before she was asked to become a part of the library staff.

The years have flown by. Deb's girls are grown and gone. She and husband Dave want to devote more time to their business and have the freedom to travel whenever the mood strikes. The last of January marked the end of Deb's employment. She was an integral member of our team and a favorite with library patrons. We reluctantly let her go with our best wishes and her promise to stay involved at the library—once again as a volunteer.



## Jones appointed to library board

The Johnson County commissioners voted Jan. 5 to appoint Helen Jones to the library's board of trustees. She will finish out the three-year term Sue Bond vacated when she resigned her position.

The trustees welcomed Helen aboard at their Jan. 19 board meeting and she was chosen to be the board's treasurer.

She is no stranger to library work, having served on the board of trustees some 15 years ago.

Helen's post expires in June 2012.

## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS COMES TO BUFFALO

Battle of the Books is a voluntary reading incentive program for students in grades 3-12. The purpose is to encourage students to read good books and to have fun while competing with peers.

The Johnson County YMCA in Buffalo is sponsoring a Battle of the Books for the local third-graders. Books are available in the Meadowlark Elementary School classrooms as well as here at the library. The final competition, a "Family Feud"-style game, will be held in early March.

Some of the titles include Chocolate Touch by Patrick Catling, Swordbird by Nancy Yi Fan, Trumpet of the Swan by E.B. White, and Gooseberry Park by Cynthia Rylant.

Read, enjoy, and have fun challenging your peers.

### 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

Steve Reimann	684-7439
Paula Hanson	738-2229
Peggy Bjerke	684-2798
Jennie Durfee	684-9084
Bill Dooley	684-9049
Tim O'Gan	684-7035
John Gibbs	684-2125
Olin Turner	684-5794

## Just a reminder ...

Staff members have reorganized our adult fiction **STAR WARS** titles under the **St 2** call number. The novels will now be shelved in one area of fiction rather than alphabetically by author.

## Children's Story Hour



Thursdays 10-11a

Great stories, crafts, games, songs ... and a puppet show!  
All ages are welcome.

See coming events on the calendar page.

# JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARY

## Board of trustees

Kathy Urruty, chair: 684-7870  
 Kassie Spiering, vice-chair: 684-5943  
 Jennifer Lompe, secretary: 738-2231  
 Howard Ohr, liason to JCL foundation: 684-1466  
 Helen Jones, treasurer: 736-2279

## Staff 684-5546

Cynthia Twing, *director*  
 Mary Rhoads, *assistant director & children's services*  
 Teresa Allgood, *teen services & periodicals*  
 Mary Ann Bayers, *technical services*

Nancy Jennings, *interlibrary loan & history department*  
 Connie Norton  
 Megan Herold  
 Steve Rzasa  
 Lois Petersen

## Petersen joins library staff

The Johnson County Library has hired Lois Petersen as its new part-time staff member.

Lois has had long experience working with books. A Michigan native, she started her career teaching GED and high school completion before moving to Alaska in 1979. She spent more than 20 years there as a school librarian tending to some of the most rural schools in the state.



Lois was not only responsible for ordering books and cataloging materials for 10 to 15 small schools in a district the size of most states, but also served as an itinerant librarian at those rural schools. She said tubs of materials were delivered to the schools by air taxis, since there are hardly any navigable roads in the region.

Lois retired in 2005 and spent about a year in Anchorage before moving to Buffalo. She has become an active member of the community, giving her time on the City of Buffalo Trails Board, the Friends of the Johnson County Library, and the Buffalo chapter of the American Volkssport Association.

## Using 'Opposing Viewpoints'

Need both sides of an argument for a school paper? Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center allows you to search for many current topics of interest. You can narrow that search to different forms of media. When you choose a subject, the screen shows tabs across the top—each tab is a link to magazine articles, primary sources, charts, etc. There are even options that have the computer read an article aloud for you.

Johnson County Library patrons can access Opposing Viewpoints from their home computer by visiting the Card Catalog page at <http://wyld.state.wy.us/john/>. From there, take the following steps:

1. Under "Other Resources," click on "GoWYLD – All About Wyoming"
2. Click on "Online Databases"
3. Choose "News & Current Events" under Browse All Resources
4. Click on "Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center"

Cut out & save!



# New Titles

### ADULT FICTION

The Atlantis Code, by Charles Brockaw  
Cold River, by Carla Neggers  
A Cousin's Prayer, by Wanda E. Brunstetter  
Days of Gold,  
Dead or Alive, by Michael McGarity  
Delilah, by India Edghill  
Family Album, by Penelope Lively  
The Girl on Legare Street, by Karen S. White  
I, Sniper, by Stephen Hunter  
Ice, by Linda Howard  
The Lacuna, by Barbara Kingsolver  
Sizzle, by Julie Garwood  
Spartan Gold, by Clive Cussler  
Under the Dome, by Stephen King

### ADULT FICTION (LARGE PRINT)

Cursed, by Carol Higgins Clark  
The Lost Symbol, by Dan Brown  
Painted Rock, by Alan LeMay  
Precious, by Sandra Novack  
Pursuit of Honor, by Vince Flynn  
Shades of Blue, by Karen Kingsbury  
The Shopkeeper, by James D. Best  
True Blue, by David Baldacci

### ADULT NON-FICTION

Bicycle Diaries, by David Byrne  
The Book of Mules, by Donna Campbell  
The Candida Cure, by Ann Boroch  
Montessori Madness, by Trevor Eissler  
Panama Canal, by Margaret Hall  
Where Men Win Glory, by Jon Krakauer

### CHILDREN'S

Don't Be Afraid, Little Pip, by Karma Wilson  
Fanny & Annabelle, by Holly Hobbie  
The Fireworks Show, by Joanne Meier  
First Dog, by J. Patrick Lewis  
I'm Your Bus, by Marilyn Singer  
Me With You, by Kristy Dempsey  
Moose and Magpie, by Bettina Restrepo  
Swamp Song, by Helen Ketteman  
Under the Snow, by Melissa Stewart  
The Yellow Tutu, by Kirsten Bramsen

### DVDs

Angel Eyes  
Apocalypse Now Redux  
Black Rain  
Daddy Day Care  
Duplicity  
Fool's Gold  
In Her Shoes  
In the Mist

### YOUNG ADULT

Erak's Ransom (Ranger's Apprentice #7), by John Flanagan  
The Fourth Apprentice (Warriors: Omen of the Stars #1), by Erin Hunter  
Freefall, by Ariela Anhalt  
Invisible I (The Amanda Project), by Melissa Kantor  
Pride and Prejudice and Zombies, by Jane Austen and Seth Grahame-Smith  
Prophecy of the Sisters, by Michelle Zink  
Sense and Sensibility and Sea Monsters, by Jane Austen and Ben H. Winters  
Tentacles, by Roland Smith  
The World Almanac for Kids 2010  
**YOUNG ADULT GRAPHIC NOVELS**  
Star Trek (The Manga Ultimate Edition), by Bryce P. Coleman

### BOOKS ON CD

Cannery Row, by John Steinbeck  
Ford County, by John Grisham  
Lost Man's River, by Peter Matthiessen  
U is for Undertoe, by Sue Grafton

Munich  
The Savages  
Territories Wild  
War Birds

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**On the Web**  
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## **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.*

## **FEBRUARY-MARCH**

### TUESDAYS

**Story hour**—Kaycee Branch, 10 a.m.

### THURSDAYS

**Story hour**, 10 to 11 a.m. Stories, crafts, games, songs, a puppet show.

### SUNDAY AND MONDAY

**FEBRUARY 14 AND 15**

**Libraries closed**—Presidents' Day

### MARCH 1 THROUGH 30

**Quilts on display** throughout the library, for National Quilting Day (March 20). Residents of Johnson County invited to submit their works. Volunteers will hang quilts on Feb. 28. For more information about National Quilting Day, visit [www.nqaquilts.org/NatQuiltDay.php](http://www.nqaquilts.org/NatQuiltDay.php) on the Web.

### MONDAY

**MARCH 15**

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No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith

## **Johnson County Library ~ Mission ~**

Our mission as a library system  
and community hub is to

Collect, Share, Promote, Learn, Adapt, & Grow.

Users are foremost.

## ***Christmas wishes ...***

"Santa" visited the Johnson County Library's story hour Dec. 17 to listen to present requests and give out candy canes.

