

About us

Libraries are so much more than books. They are a place to enjoy and spend time, to work and do research, and to explore all the information and materials offered to you, whether you are a community member, library card holder, or visitor.

Established in 1909, the Johnson County Library operates an 18,500 square foot facility in Buffalo and a 4,000 square foot branch in Kaycee and houses combined collections totaling nearly 56,000 items. The Carnegie library across Fort Street from the current building at 171 North Adams Avenue was our first home. This building now houses the Jim Gatchell Memorial Museum. A new 8,500 square foot library building was constructed in 1988, opening for public use in 1989. A 2008 needs assessment bolstered the goal of expanding and modernizing that facility, and in 2014, the Johnson County community supported a specific purpose 1 percent tax to fund the bulk of the construction. The \$4.6 million project was completed in the early summer of 2016, adding 10,000 square feet and doubling parking capacity.

The branch library in Kaycee was originally the Kaycee Community Library which began in 1951 and was located in the City Hall building, a log cabin structure dating back to the 1890's. The log cabin is now the schoolhouse at the Hoofprints of the Past Museum. The library became a branch of the Johnson County Library in 1952. In 1968 a dedicated library was built and in 1985 an addition was completed. The current library was finished in 2026, doubling its accessible footprint, thanks to a \$2.65 million federal subgrant awarded through the Wyoming State Library. The Kaycee Branch Library serves 750+ residents in southern Johnson County.

Every year, tens of thousands of people from Wyoming and across the United States visit and use the Johnson County Libraries. With a wide offering of enriching, entertaining, creative, and educational programs throughout the year, the library brings the community together. Your libraries' services and resources are here for you. Our dedicated staff are always happy to answer questions and look forward to assisting you.

Board of Trustees

The library system is governed by five members appointed by the Johnson County Commissioners.

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How do I get a library card?

Adults 18 or older simply need to provide a piece of postmarked mail from your home address and a valid photo ID. Children can get their own card too! They must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, who also need to have an active library card.

As a library card holder, you will have access to all library materials and services. These are shared resources so by signing up for a library card, you agree to obey all the rules and regulations of the public library, to pay promptly all fines and charges for the damage or loss of books, and to give immediate notice of any change of contact information. The parent or guardian signing a child's card is responsible for any lost or damaged materials.



DONATIONS

The Johnson County Library Foundation is grateful for monetary donations to help support the Johnson County Library and Kaycee Branch Library needs. Ask for information on how you can support your libraries! Books and other material donations are vital to enhancing the library's collection. We love to receive books that you have enjoyed, so they can be read and enjoyed by others. We will check each donation to see if it can be used in the collection. Those that are not will be set aside for the book sales which provide funding for library programming costs. The Friends of the Library organize and operate the book sales at the Johnson County Library, and the Kaycee Branch Library staff do the same for their book sales.

Items we are unable to accept:
Water-stained, mildewed or soiled books. We also ask that you not bring in bags or boxes of what we call 'barn books' which contain dead insects, critter droppings, animal hair, etc. We are unable to safely use these materials. Outdated materials such as encyclopedia sets, medical books older than 5 years, textbooks, VHS tapes, and cassette tapes are also not accepted. We appreciate your understanding. Please bring donations during library business hours. For larger donations please call the library in advance to schedule a time for staff to receive your items.

What's happening at your library this year?

Stay connected with updates and events through the libraries' website jclwyo.org, Facebook and Instagram.

Johnson County Library

All Ages

- Summer Reading Challenge and fun programs for children, teens, and adults - June & July
- Winter Reading Challenge with incentives and prizes for all ages - December & January
- Family Fun programs throughout the year

Children

- Story Time is offered weekly - September through April
- LEGO Contest, preschool through 12th grade - March
- Wyoming Reads Celebration for 1st Grade - May

Teens

- After School Teen Program, Bits and Pieces - September through April
- Teen Poetry Contest - April

Adults

- Local History Talks & Wyoming Historical Society Presentations throughout the year

Friends of the Library

- Book Club - 3 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month, regular meeting follows at 4 p.m. - September through May
- Books Sales - Spring & Fall
- National Library Week Open House - April

Fundraisers

- Annual Library Auction: The November gala raises funds to support library needs, bolsters the JCL Foundation's endowment fund, and raises funds for the Friends of the Library. We hope to see you there!
- Art in Bloom Silent Auction Fundraiser - April

Community

- Quilt Show annually by the Buffalo Quilting Gals - March
- Sheridan College in Johnson County Musical Nights at the Library - Spring & Fall

Kaycee Branch Library

All Ages

- Winter Reading Program for all ages - November & December
- Summer Reading for children, teens, and adults with reading challenges, prizes, and programs - June & July
- National Library week hosts 'Celebrity Reads' Story Hour, annual used book sale, Kaycee High School art exhibit, grade school author share, and LEGO Contest - April

Children

- Story Hour on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. - September through May
- Wyoming Reads Celebration with 1st graders - May

Adults

- Book Discussions meet every other month throughout the year

Your guide to the...



Johnson County Library System



Johnson County Library

171 N Adams Ave **Main Library**
Buffalo, WY 82834
307-684-5546



Kaycee Library

231 Ritter Ave **Branch Library**
PO Box 226
Kaycee, WY 82639

*We are pleased to welcome you and hope you enjoy
all the services your library has to offer.*

Visit with curiosity, leave inspired, and return often.

Johnson County Library Hours

Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Kaycee Branch Library Hours

Tuesday: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Wednesday: 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Saturday: 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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jclwyo.org





Your online library account can be accessed through the WYLDcat app or through your web browser at <https://wyld.wyldcatalog.org>. Simply use your 14-digit library card barcode and accompanying PIN to log into your account. Need your PIN? Simply contact your library, we will be happy to assist you. Through WYLDcat you will have access to the libraries’ online card catalog to find books, place holds and even request interlibrary loans.

Johnson County Library Books & Other Items	
AVAILABLE FOR YOU	CHECKOUT PERIOD
• Books, audiobook CDs, and reading kits	3 weeks
• New Books and TV series DVDs	2 weeks
• DVDs (4 per card) and magazines	1 week
• New magazines	overnight
• Library of Things: Seed Library, photo light boxes, green screens, tripods, blood pressure cuff kits, state park passes and more!	varies
• Free paperback and puzzle exchange	
• In-library use newspapers, periodicals, podcast station, and local history department archives	

Kaycee Branch Library Books & Other Items	
AVAILABLE FOR YOU	CHECKOUT PERIOD
• Books, audiobook CDs, playaways, and DVDs	2 weeks
• New magazines	1 week
• Library of Things: blood pressure cuff kits and art kits	2 weeks
• Free paperback exchange	
• In-library use newspapers, periodicals, and local history department archives	

Oops! They’re OVERDUE - Your books can be renewed once with no penalty. The Johnson County Library system does not charge overdue fines. DVDs and New Fiction tend not to be renewed so that they may circulate to others waiting, though exceptions can be made.

HOLDS - Is there an item you would like but it is currently checked out? Log into your WYLDcat account to place a hold, and when it becomes available, we will give you a call. You can always stop in or call the library to request assistance placing a hold.

INTERLIBRARY LOANS - The libraries are only so big and cannot possibly house every book. If we don’t have it, we would be happy to borrow the item from another Wyoming library for you. This service takes one to two weeks on average. Donations are always appreciated to assist with the postage for this service and will greatly help your library. We ask that only one item be requested at a time, though exceptions can be made. You can request a book through WYLDcat, call, or stop in at your library and we would be happy to help you.

Did you know? All 23 county library systems in Wyoming operate on a shared catalog - for example, if you’re in Sheridan*, Gillette*, or Casper*, you can check out from their library using your Johnson County Library or Kaycee Branch Library card.

*It is important to note that other libraries have different checkout lengths of time and different overdue fine policies. Please check with the library you are visiting regarding their policies.

Digital Resources

 **Libby by Overdrive:** e-books, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines are accessible through the Libby app or your web-browser. This service is provided in cooperation with the Wyoming State Library and generously funded by the Johnson County Library Foundation. Libby gives you access to tens of thousands of items right at your fingertips. You’ll need both your library card number and your PIN; if you require assistance, we are happy to help you.

 **Statewide Databases GOWYLD.net:** Your library card gives you access to dozens of topics through GOWYLD.net, a statewide information resource that includes help in fields such as arts and humanities, auto repair and DIY, business, current events, encyclopedias, health and medicine, Wyoming history, family history*, job and career support, language learning, law, recommended reading, test and skills preparation, and so much more!

*Note: Ancestry.com is available for in-library use only.

Services

PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTERS

• **Johnson County Library:** 5 desktop computers are available for your use. Enter your 14-digit library card number on the startup screen and click the green “log in” button. The Cybrarian time management system limits computer use to 1 hour per day. Staff may grant additional time for education, employment, or government forms. Please request additional time before your current time expires. Documents can be printed in black and white or color.

• **Kaycee Branch Library:** 4 desktop computers and 1 laptop are available for public use. Documents can be printed in black and white or color.

PRINTING

• **Johnson County Library:** Wireless printing is available in the lobby. All print and copy charges are the same across platforms.

B&W: \$0.20 per side (8.5” x 11” and 8.5” x 14”)
Color: \$0.50 per side (8.5” x 11” and 8.5” x 14”)
Large B&W: \$0.50 per side (11” x 17”)
Large Color: \$1.00 per side (11” x 17”)

• **Kaycee Branch Library:**

B&W: \$0.20 per side (8.5” x 11” and 8.5” x 14”)
Color: \$0.75 per side (8.5” x 11” and 8.5” x 14”)

SCANNING: This is a free service and available for documents up to 8.5” x 14”.

FAXING: Library staff are happy to send a fax for you. The cost is \$2 for the first page plus \$.50 for each additional page; cover sheet available upon request.

TECHNOLOGY HELP: We are happy to assist you with your basic technology related questions. Appointments may be made in advance so that we can better serve your needs.

STUDY ROOMS at the Johnson County Library: Three study rooms labeled A, B, and C are available on a first come, first served basis. Rooms A and B seat two to four people; Room C can accommodate six comfortably. These rooms can be reserved for a single use by calling the library. Time in each is limited to 3 hours to ensure availability to all; however, that may be extended by staff if there is no one waiting to use the room.

STUDY/TELEHEALTH ROOMS at the Kaycee Branch Library: 2 rooms available

MEETING ROOMS: *Nonprofit, cultural, educational, charitable, civic, family and community gatherings which are not commercial in nature are welcome to use the libraries’ meeting spaces.*

Johnson County Library: These rooms are available both during and outside of library hours. Both rooms have enough tables and chairs to accommodate meetings and events of various sizes.

• **Twing Meeting Room** - 1,300 sq ft with full-size refrigerator, microwave, and sink; seats 60+ at tables and 80+ without. *Fee: \$25 for up to 4 hours, \$50 for more than 4 hours.

• **Fraley Meeting Room** - 750 sq ft with mini refrigerator, microwave and small sink; seats 20+ at tables and 40+ without. *Fee: \$15 up to 4 hours, \$25 for more than 4 hours.

*Don’t forget to include time you may need to set up and clean up.

Kaycee Branch Library: This room is available both during and outside of library hours. Mobile tables and chairs are available to configure for your needs, as well as a refrigerator, microwave, and sink.

Fee: \$10 for up to 4 hours, \$20 for more than 4 hours.

Departments at the Johnson County Library

CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT

• An assortment of books at different reading levels for our youngest library patrons - picture books, easy readers, big books, early chapter books, chapter books, graphic novels, nonfiction, audiobook CDs, as well as DVDs, STEAM kits, buddy backpacks, and puppet pals.

• There are two areas within the Children’s department. The preschool area has games, DUPLOs, and puzzles. The kindergarten through grade 5 area offers games, LEGOs, and a reading loft. There are also 2 computers for use with your library card and completed parent permission form. Crawl through the orange tunnels and return your books in the handmade and hand painted book drop. Spend your time reading, connecting and learning in this inviting space.

TEEN DEPARTMENT

• Young Adult (YA) books including new and popular authors, graphic novels, and audiobook CDs, as well as Nintendo Switch games.

• An assortment of boardgames are ready to play with friends in the Teen Department, as well as 4 computers for use with your library card and completed parent permission form.

The TEEN area is a space for teens only (family excepted, of course.). Children and Adults are asked to use their areas of the library.

LOCAL HISTORY DEPARTMENT-available by appointment (M - F)

The local history room is full of donated photographs, recorded histories, family documents, historical newspapers, Johnson County’s high school yearbooks, many rare books, and numerous other items. The best way for us to make time for your research is to schedule an appointment in advance. Our staff is also happy to take your research request over the phone or in person and the history librarian will reply to your request as soon as possible.

The Kaycee Branch Library also offers a collection of Kaycee School yearbooks and other local history resources.