

Bookends

The newsletter of the Johnson County Library System



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Tues & Thurs: 11a-7p

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Celebration of Poetry: Contest for Teens

Poetry is thoughts that breathe, and words that burn. – Thomas Gray

This April is the 25th anniversary of National Poetry Month, and in honor of the occasion, we're holding a poetry contest for local middle and high school students. It's open to all teens in grades 6 through 12, whether they attend public school, private school, or are homeschooled.

Participants do not have to pay a fee. They may write on any topic, and can submit up to 3 poems for consideration.

Each poem is limited to 40 lines, with no poem being longer than one page.

National Poetry Month April 2021
Celebrating 25 years

Prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place in two divisions—middle school (grades 6-8) and high school (grades 9-12). Special thanks to the Patricia Marton Memorial fund for sponsoring the contest prizes.

Winning poems will appear in a special insert of the Bookends newsletter, and we'll also ask the poets to read their work on the local radio stations if they can.

Poems must be submitted to Director Steve Rzasa by the close of library hours on Wednesday, March 31, which is 6 p.m.

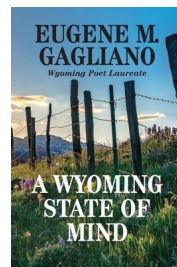
Address entries by email to srzasa@johnsoncountylibraries.org, with the subject: **Teen Poetry Contest**. Address physical copies by mail to: Director Steve Rzasa, Johnson County Library, 171 North Adams Ave., Buffalo, WY 82834.

A full set of contest guidelines are available at the library during regular business hours or can be downloaded via our website, www.jclwyo.org.

Questions can be directed to Steve Rzasa at srzasa@johnsoncountylibraries.org or during library hours at (307) 684-5546; or to Kira Wages at Buffalo High School by emailing kwages@jcsd1.us.

Friends of the Library Winter Raffle!

Win a copy of Eugene Gagliano's *A Wyoming State of Mind* and the commemorative quilt created by The Friends of the Library. Tickets are \$5 for 1, \$20 for 5. Drawing at Friends meeting 4 p.m. Tuesday, April 13. Benefits the Friends of the Library, which supports library programming for kids and adults.



Pieced by Linda Loveless & Tammy Kramer
Quilted by Sherri Walter
Picture transferred by Paul Prosinski
Label by Diane Memmer, Embroidery Barn

Book Sale! March 4-6

Thursday 11-7
Friday 10-6
Saturday 10-2



Books of all kinds!

**In the Twing Room
(large room on the north end)**

Proceeds benefit the
Friends of the Library

new releases

Fiction

Baker's Dozen, by Ethan J. Wolfe
Bitter Pill, by Fern Michaels
The Body Falls, by Andrea Carter
The Burning Girls, by C.J. Tudor
The Captive, by Fiona King Foster
Death Waits in the Dark, by Mark Edward Langley
The Children's Blizzard, by Melanie Benjamin
The Enemies of My Country, by Jason Kasper
Founding Sheriff, by Edward Massey
The Four Winds, by Kristin Hannah
Mrs. Jeffries Demands Justice, by Emily Brightwell
Obsession, by Patricia Bradley
Pickard County Atlas, by Chris Harding Thornton
Picnic in the Ruins, by Todd Robert Petersen
Possession, by Katie Low
The Scorpion's Tail, by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child
The Sea of Lost Girls, by Carol Goodman
The Survivors, by Jane Harper
A Thousand Dead Horses, by Rod Miller
The Vatican Conspiracy, by Peter Hogenkamp

Nonfiction

Butch Cassidy: The Wyoming Years, by W.J. Betenson
The Eagles of Heart Mountain, by Bradford Pearson
Icebound, by Andrea Pitzer
The Longest Day and A Bridge Too Far, by Cornelius Ryan

Children's

The Mandalorian, by Joe Schreiber
Pig the Slob, by Aaron Blabey
Poppy & Sam and the search for sleep, by Cathon
Spring Stinks, by Ryan Higgins
Quiet Down, Loud Town!, by Alastair Heim

Teen

The Ever Cruel Kingdom, by Rin Chupeco
Fractures, by Jason Joyner
Love & Olives, by Jenna Evans Welch
Rise of the Batman Vol. 1, Detective Comics

Movies

All Creatures Great and Small: S#1
Antebellum
Ava
Dreamland
Greenland
Love & Monsters
Tenet
Yellowstone: S#3

Summer Reading - 'Tales and Tails' planned

It's that time of year again—when we plan for summer reading!

The COVID-19 outbreak last spring put a damper on in-person programs, so the staff here rolled up their sleeves and revamped summer reading for easier access. The outcome was great—we saw record numbers of readers.

As we plan for June and July of 2021, we're keeping the things that made last summer so successful:

- Reading logs for children and teens.
- Prize bags that can be picked up any time.
- Crafts that can be taken home.

What we're really looking forward to is the re-introduction of our in-person programs. They won't be as extensive as we've had in the past, at least not this summer, but we're going to make a variety of things available.

We're hoping to start off with the traditional picnic, but we'll know whether or not that's possible as we keep up to date with public health restrictions.

We're also lining up authors of teen and



children's books for writing presentations, as well as having Director Steve Rzasa—a published author in his own right—do a presentation. There's the possibility of a local artist or two providing painting lessons!

There will be at least two craft programs for teens and six for children. Again, the specifics are in the works, as library staff figure ways to present entertaining and educational programming.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page and our website for the latest updates. Our plan is to create a comprehensive calendar for June and July, so you know what the summer reading options are for the entire family. Keep reading!



Potted perfection

Art in Bloom returns! Beginning in April, we will be contacting artists to see if they're interested in creating the beautiful works you've spotted in the library every spring. COVID-19 spoiled this one for us, too, but before it did, we collected several pots from artists and our own staff. We'll have a silent auction toward the end of the month, which will end shortly before Mother's Day in May. Please contact the library at 684-5546 if you'd like to paint a flowerpot. We provide the pots!

Proceeds from the auction are used to pay for special performers and presenters to come visit our summer reading programs.

What's the word? Poetry for adults

Teens won't be the only ones having fun with verse for National Poetry Month. Circulation Librarian Heather Kuzara is overseeing a poetry contest for the grown-ups! Participants will be given a photograph of something in nature as a prompt for a short poem. The entries will be judged by library staff and there's a variety of prizes available. Submissions close Monday, April 26 at the end of library hours (6 p.m.).

Did You Know? Many enjoy reading the series produced by their favorite authors. Sometimes that can be an intimidating process, when authors like Craig Johnson have more a dozen novels. Well, we try to keep things simple for you! We've been updating our collection so that series are numbered. Look on the spine label where the call number is and you'll see the series number. Often we add initials to tell you the name of the series. So, the latest and seventeenth novel by William Kent Krueger is "K 93 CO#17." Keep an eye out for the next one in your series!

**K 93
CO#17**

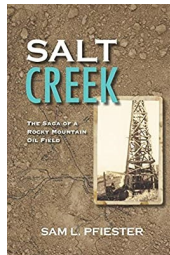
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Story hour returned Feb. 23! Here's a schedule of upcoming themes.

February 23 - Music
March 2 - Flight
March 9 - Grab Bag
March 16 - St. Patrick's Day
March 23 - Easter
March 30 - Spring Break - No
Story Hour

We also have a book discussion coming at 7 p.m.
Monday, March 1, discussing *Salt Creek: The Saga
of a Rocky Mountain Oil Field* by Sam Pfister.



See you then!

FRIENDS of the Library Est. 1972

Who are the Friends?

Men and women who promote and support the library.

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

Friends Book Club

Meets 3 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the library in Buffalo.

Friends board/members

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Johnson County Library **FOUNDATION** Est. 1976

What is the 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 & established a permanent endowment.

The Foundation sponsors the annual library auction with the Friends and raises money for both the endowment and the library's special projects.

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Programs



March 8-12: Drop off your Lego Design to the Children's Department.

March 15-23: Lego Designs will be on display! So stop by and take a look!

March 24: Winners will be announced and notified!!!

March 25 - 31: Pick up your Lego Design. *Fantastic job!*

Upcoming March - May

Thursday, March 4 through Saturday, March 6 - Book sale in the Twing Room

Wednesday, March 17 - Main library closed to the public - Daylong staff training.

Month of March - Local quilts displayed throughout the library during regular hours.

Month of March - 10th Annual LEGO Contest.

Friday, April 1 - Closed for Good Friday.

Monday, April 4 through Friday, April 9 - National Library Week.

Month of April - Poetry contest for adults! Entries due April 26. Create a poem based on a photo prompt by the library. Judged by staff.

Monday, May 31 - Closed for Memorial Day.

handy apps

Check with librarians for card info, PIN, & installation help



Find books,
Place holds



Listen to audiobooks, read eBooks



Lifetimes: *Oral history gathering in the Local History Room*

One of the most unique research sources in the JCL archives is our collection of oral histories that were gathered in the 1970s by Clare Johnson, in the 1980s and '90s by Patty Myers and today by me (Nancy Tabb) with a few other interviewers sprinkled in. I had been trained to gather oral histories in my Georgia hometown for a Community Theatre based on true local stories. I enjoy good storytelling, so sitting and recording a person's life story is always a blessing.

Patty shared her recordings with the Wyoming State Library and many of our oral histories can be listened to on their website and they are available for you to read or listen to in our local history room.

Oral history defined "is a field of study and a method of gathering, preserving and interpreting the voices and memories of people, communities, and participants in past events." JCL has over 300 recorded and transcribed Oral Histories that are incredible slices of real-life Johnson County and Wyoming history. Some families have several generations recorded through the years.

Dolly Fraley has been a volunteer transcriptionist since Patty Myers started interviewing for the Fort Phil Kearny Association in the 1980s. Technology has changed so much from recording voices only, using cassette tapes which were later transferred to compact disc. Today I use a video camera so that we can watch the people tell their story. Now, along with the saved camera SD card, each interview is transcribed (taking Dolly 10 hours for every one hour interviewed). We also file a hard copy in our files and a digital copy. Another volunteer, Jonette Goraj, along with Dolly and myself have spent the past year going through the oral histories making an index for each one so now we can find information and these histories are more usable.

When asking a person if they will agree to an interview, I always get the same response, "Well I don't know what I have of any interest to tell you." But every time I learn so much about a way of life, a time period, little nuggets of history that I have not read about anywhere else, even how to pronounce pioneer names correctly.

Our process is to give the narrator a copy of the transcribed interview to make corrections and edit, then they receive a polished copy to keep. They agree for the library to use their information for educational purposes. We allow researchers to read and take notes from the oral histories, agreeing to always credit the original source. We do NOT make copies of these histories to hand out to non-family members and we always try to keep the family's best interests at heart.

We thank each of you who have participated in our oral history gathering for sharing your story.



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