



Bookends

The newsletter of the Johnson County Library System



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Summer Reading - 'Tails & Tales' sets sail

Join us for a summer of epic reading! The Summer Reading Program runs from June 1 through July 30. There are reading logs for the children and teens to fill out. Each segment finished earns them prizes as well as tickets. Those tickets increase their chance of winning in the grand prize drawings which will be held at the end of the summer. For the grown-ups, we have a local history hunt and book review challenge slips available—plus prizes for them, too!

Be sure to sign up for and attend the various programs we are offering, including painting classes, a family music evening, and writing workshops—After all, this is “Tails & Tales”!



Check out the calendar insert in this newsletter for program dates and times

A Heart for Our Children Reading Together



It's with a combination of sadness and gratitude we bid Mary Rhoads, children's librarian and assistant director, a fond farewell after more than 30 years here at the Johnson County Library. She's been the face of Story Hour for as long as most can remember, and has taken great joy in presenting the

program to multiple generations of the same families—watching children grow, becoming parents themselves, and returning for more puppet shows and magical tales.

Mary has been recognized for her dedication by the Wyoming Library Association. She received the Distinguished Service Award and the Nora Van Burgh Professional Development Grant, among others. She was instrumental in two awards which the Johnson County Library achieved—the Outstanding Library Award for its expansion project, and the Milstead Award for its Book Buddies program.

On a personal note, I owe Mary a great debt for helping me through these first two years of serving as Johnson County Library's director. A major budget problem and a worldwide pandemic are together obstacles that seem insurmountable, but with Mary's tireless work not just for all patrons but also as assistant director, we weathered many a storm together.

An article from *The Buffalo Bulletin* summarized her impact nicely more than two decades ago: “Mary brings to work her sunny disposition and her joy in life. Her job offers her a creative, humorous outlet, and the library staff is thankful to have her at the library. The staff bets the public is glad Mary is here too.”

We here at the Johnson County Library wish Mary all the best in her retirement, and know she won't be a stranger here or in our community.

- Steve Rzasa, director

In search of good reads for a group of friends? We have book club kits available for the community to use, from both our Buffalo and Kaycee branches. You can check them out for extended periods of time, and they included anywhere from 6 to 10 copies of titles such as *Where the Crawdads Sing* and *The Da Vinci Code*. We keep them on the same shelves as our large print books, not far from the front desk. Search them up at www.jclwyo.org under “Find Books” and by entering the term “Book Club Kits.”

WYOMING
Library to Business



Keep watch for our business-centered programs scheduled monthly! Wyoming Library to Business offers online sessions aimed at building and improving Wyoming small businesses, at no cost to our library or the participants. Call us to set up a time to use a dedicated computer, which lets you find the resources you need and make contact with experts who can help ramp up your business.

<https://library.wyo.gov/business/>

new releases

Fiction

The Aspen Grove, by Jane Fulkerson
Castle in the Air, by Donald E. Westlake
Dance with Death, by Will Thomas
A Distant Shore, by Karen Kingsbury
Every Last Fear, by Alex Finlay
Family Reunion, by Nancy Thayer
The Half Sister, by Sadie Jones
Hour of the Witch, by Chris Bohjalian
Lady Has a Past, by Amanda Quick
Lurkers, by Sandi Tan
Man from Montana, by Gregory Lallier
The Newcomer, by Mary Kay Andrews
Robert B. Parker's Payback, by Mike Lupica
21st Birthday, by James Patterson
When a Stranger Comes to Town, edited by Michael Koryta

Nonfiction

Bee People and the Bugs They Love, by Frank Mortimer
Bison: Portrait of an Icon, by Audrey Hall
The Black Church, by Henry Louis Gates Jr.
Buffalo Soldier on the Colorado Frontier, by Nancy K. Williams
Girl Decoded, by Rana el Kaliouby
Mixed Plate, by Jo Koy
Nuclear Folly: A History of the Cuban Missile Crisis, by Serhil Plokhly
This is The Voice, John Coalpinto

Children's

Just Me and My Dad, by Mercer Mayer
Mister T.V., by Julie Fulton
Oli & Basil, by Megan Hess
One-osaurus, Two-osaurus, by Kim Norman
Sunday Funday in Koreatown, by Kim Aram
Where is Claris: In Paris!, by Megan Hess

Teen

Chain of Iron, by Cassandra Clare
Desolations of Devil's Acre, by Ransom Riggs
Game Changer, Neal Shusterman
Lore, by Alexandra Bracken
Love is a Revolution, by Renee Watson
Rule of Wolves, by Leigh Bardugo
Vow so Bold and Deadly, by Brigid Kemmerer

Movies

Acrimony
Big Trouble in Little China
Four Brothers
The Great Outdoors
The Meg
Now You See Me 2
Overboard
Pacific Rim Uprising
Sweet Home Alabama
Tommy Boy

Kaycee Branch 738-2473

Branch Manager Bonnie Ross & Monica Brock

We held our Wyoming Reads Celebration at Kaycee School with the first-graders on Tuesday, May 18. Each first grade student received one of the books they chose from a list provided through the Sue Jorgensen.



Our Summer Reading Program will be held on each Tuesday starting June 15 and ends July 13. The theme is "Imagine Your Story." Preschool-kindergarten children will meet from 10 to 11 a.m. First grade and older meet in the afternoon at 2.

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

Meets 4 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the library in Buffalo.

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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Teen Poetry Contest Winners

The winners are in! This April was the 25th anniversary of National Poetry Month, and in honor of the occasion, the Johnson County Library held a poetry contest for local middle and high school students. It was open to all teens in grades 6 through 12, whether they attended public school, private school, or were homeschooled. Participants did not have to pay a fee. They could write on any topic, and were allowed to submit up to 3 poems for consideration. We received 6 middle school and 23 high school entries.

Congratulations to the winners! Special thanks to the Patricia Marton Memorial fund for sponsoring the contest prizes.

1st Place – High school division “O’Crab”

By Deckyr Farris

O’Crab, why?

O’crab, why do you have such colossal claws?

O’crab, why do you walk sideways?

O’crab, why do you snap all day long?

Snap, snap, snap, snap!

O’crab, why are you so pokey, like the dreadful thorns on a rose?

O’crab, what do you see with those big black eyes?

O’crab, where have you been in that ice-cold sea?

2nd Place – High school division

“In August You Would Find Me Frozen”

By Massimo Haas

A Sunday feels a certain way,
when power’s out and wind blows wild,
when all one’s youth returns one day,
with sunlight gold and autumn mild.

The same silence still makes its rounds,
from the kitchen and through the hall.

The house is nothing but its sounds,
the clocks and creaks make perfect fall.

To dwell or ponder does no good,
seasons, like wind, must run their course.

And like this desk is only wood,

I have no strength against such force.

But could I remain in one moment,
in August you would find me frozen.

3rd Place – High school division

“Do Not Despair the Winter”

By Easton Phillippi

Do not despair the winter

As cold and frightening as it may seem

Hold out hope for warmer days

When the wind blows cold
Find a warm shoulder to lean
Do not despair the winter

When the spring winds blow warm
It will be time to clean
Hope out hope for warmer days
When the days grow cold again
And the snow has a lovely sheen
Do not despair the winter

The trees blossom and bloom
And the whole world turns green
Hold out hope for warmer days

Do not despair the winter

As the beauty is unforeseen
Wait until the geese convene
Hold out hope for warmer days

1st Place – Middle school division

“The Defeat of Calamity Ganon”

By Milo Hansen

T’was the night of the Blood Moon,
Hyrule’s end was fast approaching,
then—when all had lost hope, a boon;
The knight of the princess, wielding—

The Master Sword! The hero’s true
blade! To strike down the darkness,
all Hyrule to save. But a truly
worthy foe, was the Calamity Ganon.

Even harder was the challenge,
for the hero had not all Divine
Beasts freed. But despite the
odds, he did prevail, Ganon’s

attack naught but fail, But
wait—what is this? Calamity’s
true form had yet to reveal...
A Beast of pure malice, void

of soul, for only one purpose: for
the whole world to fall! But one
final weapon, Light’s Bow! In the
hands of the hero, one final blow...
...and peace to all Hyrule,
forever more.

2nd Place – Middle school division

“Simply Majestic”

By Lori Leach

The eagle saw two bull moose fight

As over the mountains he flew

Majestic

The sky so blue

The canyons grand.

Majestic

The beauty of the Wyoming land,

The trees the animals the meadows.

Majestic

In the nighttime shadows,

A mountain lion hunted in the fading light.

Majestic

A hawk hunted with his sight.

Looking over the Wyoming plains.

Majestic

Through the forest squirrels played their

games,

As an elk bellowed his mating call.

Majestic

The lakes with fish big and small.

Where a bear was fishing.

Majestic

In all the time I’ve been around,

All the places I’ve seen,

There’s nothing more beautiful than the sight
and sounds

Of Wyoming

It’s...

Simply Majestic

3rd Place – Middle school division

“The Erie Dog”

By Lori Leach

The night was dark and dreary,

On the shores of Lake Erie,

One dog walked alone,

Looking for a home.

With nose in the air,

He searched for a lair,

For a place where he’d be warm,

Searched the dog forlorn.

He saw a house and wagged his tail.

And cocked his head hoping for a meal.

He barked once to let the owner know,

He was so hungry, Oh!

A man opened up the door,

The dog’s tail brushed the floor.

“Git!” the man yelled,

“Git on off my porch!” he yelled.

The dog whined and cried,

And looked at the man wide-eyed.

The man sighed and opened up the door,

The dogs hope grew more and more!

“Come on in,” the man said,

Then the dog bounced in, and got fed.

“I’m goin’ on a sail Wednesday,

Which means you can’t stay.”

Said the main looking sternly,

At the dog watching earnestly.

Come Wednesday a man and dog,

Boarded a ship...

Together.



Share these poems with friends and family easily by including the link on our website at:
<https://jclwyo.org/Programs/view/23>

Honorable mentions are as follows:

High School Division: Danielle Zimmerschied, “Scars;” Hollis Mantle, “Love and Other Poetic Nonsense;” and Deckyr Farris, “San Fermin.” **Middle School Division:** Gretchyn Farris, “Boundaries.”

September 14th

If the Creek Don't Rise by Leah Weiss

Leader: Pat Witt

October 12th

Etta and Otto and Russell and James, by Emma Hooper

Suzi Black

November 9th

If You Lived Here, I'd Know Your Name, by Heather Lende

Leader: Linda Loveless

December 14th

Being Santa Clause by Sal Lizard

Leader: Brandi Sump

January 11th

One for the Blackbird, One for the Crow, by Olivia Hawker

Leader: Peggy Skinner

February 8th

Ordinary Grace by William

Kent Krueger

Leader: Heidi Mumm

March 8th

Divergent by Veronica Roth

Leader: Brandie Sump

April 12th

The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes

Leader: Cathy Jones

May 10th — *Selection gathering for titles into the next year*



Art in bloom results



Kudos to our supporters who bid on our amazing flowerpots in the 11th Art in Bloom fundraiser. Their generosity raised \$1,280, which the Friends of the Library will use to pay for special guest artists and performers visiting the summer reading program.

Upcoming June - August

Monday, May 31 - Library closed for Memorial Day.

Summer Reading - June 1 through July 30.
See calendar insert for programs.

Monday, July 5 - Library closed to observe 4th of July.

July and August - Wyoming Library 2 Business presentations TBA. Watch our website www.jclwyo.org, Facebook, and Instagram for specific dates when available.

Friends of the Library Book Discussion

September, 2021 through May, 2022

We meet at 3 p.m. on second
Tuesdays in the Twing Room

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