

new releases

Fiction

Backlash, Rachel Dulan  
Confessions on the 7:45, Lisa Unger  
Death and Other Happy Endings, Melanie Cantor  
Elsewhere, Dean Koontz  
Escaping Dreamland, by Charlie Lovett  
The Forger's Daughter, Bradford Morrow  
Heart of Barkness, Spencer Quinn  
Homeland Elegies, Ayad Akhtar  
House of Correction, Nicci French  
Interference, Brad Parks  
The Kingdom, Jo Nesbo  
Lies Lies Lies, Adele Parks  
The Midwife Murders, James Patterson  
The Palace, Christopher Reich  
Say No More, Karen Rose  
The Sentinel, Lee Child  
Shadows of the Dead, Spencer Kope  
Snow, by John Banville  
The Space Between Worlds, Micaiah Johnson  
The Tower of Fools, Andrzej Sapkowski  
The Tuscan Girl, Angela Petch  
When No One Is Watching, Alyssa Cole

Nonfiction

Abe, David Reynolds  
Be Water, My Friend, Shannon Lee  
Empire, Jefferson Glass  
The Flight Girls, Noelle Salazar  
Melania and Me, Stephanie Wolkoff  
My Life with George, Judith Summers  
Suffer Strong, Katherine & Jay Wolfe  
U.S. Citizenship Test Study Guide 20-21  
White Hot Light, Frank Huyler

Children's

Elbow Grease: Fast Friends, John Cena  
Grumpy Monkey Up All Night, Suzanne Lang  
I am the Storm, Jane Yolen  
RoboBaby, David Wiesner  
The Shadow Crosser, Jennifer Cervantes  
Space Bear, Ethan Young  
Sun Flower Lion, Kevin Henkes  
Weekend Dad, Naseem Hrab

Teen

Dead Justyce, Nic Stone  
Disclose, Joelle Charbonneau  
Evolution, Teri Terry  
Star Daughter, Shveta Thakrar  
Vicious Spirits, Kat Cho  
Winter, White and Wicked, Shan Dittemore

Movies

Capone  
The High Note  
The Invisible Man  
Once Upon a Time in Hollywood  
Pale Rider  
The Peanut Butter Falcon  
Save Yourselves!  
Top of the Lake  
The White Queen

Stage Coaches and Sarsaparilla

Here is a funny story describing the 1888 arrival in Buffalo of T.P. Hill, written by his son Burton Hill. The article, *Frontier Lawyer*, was published in the April 1962 *Annals of Wyoming*.

"It was fully two in the afternoon when the stage coach pulled up in front of the Occidental hotel, in Buffalo. Inside, an inquisitive, fiddling clerk finally got around to assigning Father a room, to which he hurried without ado. But, rested and refreshed several hours later, he felt ready to inspect his surroundings outside.

In front of an inviting, well kept front, Father walked in through the open door, not knowing he had entered Dannie Mitchell's popular Cowboy Saloon.

Presently, he became aware that the hum of conversation from visiting groups stationed about and at the bar had ceased, and that all eyes were turned on him in his city suit and derby hat. Feeling that something should be said, and that he should say it, with polite hesitation he announced:

'Gentlemen, I'm T.P. Hill, from Kentucky.'

The quiet was finally broken by Dannie Mitchell, himself, who said:

'Nothings wrong with being from Kentucky.'

This brought a more relaxed atmosphere, along with several courteous introductions. But, when offered a drink at the bar, there was unrestrained amusement when Father ordered sarsaparilla.

'And you from Kentucky,' one fellow howled. And there was more merriment. It was quite late when Father finally withdrew, feeling that he had made a good start in Buffalo.'

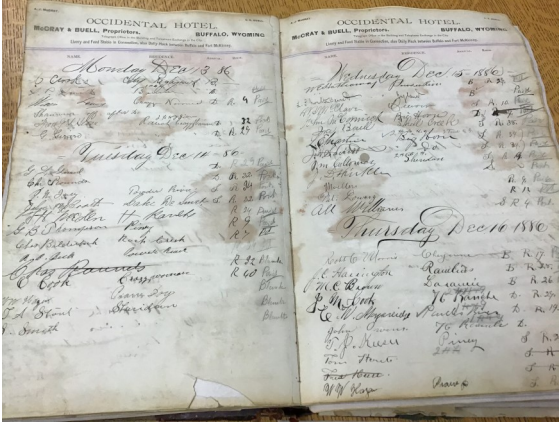
These personal stories really come to life in the local history room where we find tangible items that connect to the people. JCL has in our collection many local business ledgers from early day Buffalo, including the 1886-87 Occidental Hotel Register. Our Mr. Hill did not check in until 1888, so he did not sign this particular book, but either the museum or the Occidental probably have the one he did. Johnson County is lucky that these pieces of history were saved.

It is fun to read the lovely cursive signatures and to see who stayed at the Occidental and where they travelled from. Some came to Buffalo from nearby ranches, or from Chicago or New York while others travelled all the way from France, Germany and England to sign their name in the Occidental's Register. Currently, a library volunteer equipped with white gloves and a magnifying glass is indexing the names by typing an alphabetical list with corresponding page numbers.

The letterhead of the custom-made, leather-bound, and embossed in gold volume states: McCray and Buell, Proprietors Buffalo, Wyoming. Telegraph office in the Building and Telephone Exchange in the City. Livery Stable in Connection, also Daily Hack between Buffalo and Fort McKinney.

An 1888 sheet of stationary found loose in the ledger advertises, "The Longest Established, The Best Furnished And Most Commodious Hotel in Northern Wyoming. Transient Rates: \$2.00 and \$2.50 per day. Board: \$6.00 per week." There are blotter pages to keep the ink from bleeding through the page. There is water damage including dried mud in the ledger from when it swam in the 1912 flood that poured through the Occidental lobby.

Can you imagine travelling by train to Wyoming and then by stage to Buffalo? Stepping off the bumpy, dusty stagecoach and into the luxury of the Occidental must have surely been a pleasure and then to top it off with a nice cold glass of Sarsaparilla. Ahhh, welcome to Buffalo.



The Occidental Hotel's ledger from 1886 to 1887, stored in the Johnson County Library's local history room.

Six win with 'Spooky Stories'

Congratulations to the winners of our first ever Spooky Story contest! Students from Buffalo High School and Clear Creek Middle School submitted stories to their teachers for class credit; JCL Director Steve Rzasa and local author Gene Gagliano chose the top 3 winners for both schools.

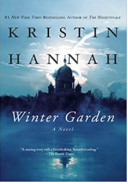
BHS: Winner, Bradyn Strouf; Runners-up, Jessica Kenney and Morgan Young.  
CCMS: Winner, Brooke Darnell; Runners-up, Nikka Gavillet and Shannon Kessler.

Each winner and runner-up received a leatherbound notebook and Buffalo Bucks to spend here in town. Their stories are now compiled in binders and available to check out from the Teen Room.

Kaycee Branch 738-2473

Branch Manager Bonnie Ross & Monica Brock

The next book discussion will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, and will featured the book *Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah.



The book sale will run Dec. 1 through Dec. 12 during library hours. Come by and get books, DVDs, and CDs. Proceeds benefit our children's programs.

Have EWE HERD about the Kaycee Branch Library Winter Reading Program?

It starts December 1st and will run thru January 31st

Check out books and put your name in for basket drawings in 5 age groups

Sponsored by Johnson County Friends of the Library

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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Programs

Books are SNOW Wonderful!



Winter reading at the Johnson County Library

Calling all preschool through 5th grade readers! Read for a chance to win!

Drop off an entry for every hour you read or are read to. Complete as many entries as you can!

Prize drawing will be at 5 p.m. March 19, so be sure to turn in your entries before that time of day. One winner will be drawn for each age group. (Preschool, K-2nd, 3rd-5th).

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Upcoming

December - February

Thursday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 25 - Closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas.

Friday, Jan. 1 - Closed for New Year's Day.

Monday, Jan. 18 - Closed per county offices for Equality Day.

Monday, Feb. 15 - Closed per county offices for Presidents Day.

End of February - Setting up for the annual quilt show, Buffalo Quilting Gals. Quilts will be displayed in the library during the month of March.

handy apps

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



Find books, Place holds



Listen to audiobooks, read eBooks



Coming Soon!





## Friends raffle raises \$1,650

Though there was no annual fundraising auction this year, the Friends of the Library held their raffle and thanks to generous community support, raised \$1,650. The raffle prize included a basket of local business gift certificates, plus a painting by Buffalo artist Lin Sanford, a copy of Gene Gagliano's *A Wyoming State of Mind*, and a three-volume set of *The Complete Far Side*.

The proceeds support all the extra programming done by Buffalo and Kaycee libraries, especially during Summer Reading in June and July. The Friends have been paying for programming expenditures for more than 40 years, taking the burden off our annual budgets and saving taxpayers the money associated with them.

Many thanks to all who purchased tickets and donated items!

## Gifts bring \$3,050 for Technology

With the various challenges facing Wyoming communities this fall, the Johnson County Library Foundation opted to not host the annual fundraising gala. This is the biggest single source of fundraising for the library, and while it was missed, all involved were pleasantly surprised by gifts made by several regular supporters. The money thus raised will be saved in a fund to be used for computer replacement, which given the tightness of library finances is imperative for us to continue smooth operation of not just our workflow, but also service for the public.

Our thanks to these generous folks!

(Donors are listed in order the donation was received.)

Patricia & Herman Myers	\$	100.00
William & Paula Woodward	\$	100.00
William & Lissa Omohundro	\$	150.00
Don & Cynthia Twing	\$	500.00
Gertrude Barlow	\$	200.00
Winchester Steak House(Tyler Short)	\$	100.00
The Occidental (David & Jackie Stewart)	\$	300.00
John & Joann Rzasa	\$	50.00
Shirley Melvard	\$	1,000.00
Shirley Jacob	\$	50.00
Lawrence E. Kirven	\$	250.00
Jim & Pat Linehan	\$	250.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,050.00</b>

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



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### Buffalo Hours

Mon, Weds, Fri: 10a-6p  
Tues & Thurs: 11a-7p

### Kaycee Branch

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

### Kaycee Hours

Tues: 1-7p  
Weds: 1-5:30p  
Fri: 10a-noon, 1-4p  
Sat: 2-5p

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# Bookends

The newsletter of the Johnson County Library System



WINTER

2020-2021

## Overdrive coming to Buffalo & Kaycee



Exciting news for all who use ebooks and e-audiobooks! The Johnson County Library Foundation, a private nonprofit group which supports our libraries through their fundraising, has agreed to fund the Overdrive app for the next few years. Starting in 2021, patrons of the Johnson County Library in Buffalo and Kaycee will have access to a catalog of more than 50,000 ebooks, e-audiobooks, and streaming video. It's a catalog developed in a consortium that encompasses 15 other county library systems in Wyoming. We will also be able to purchase more copies of popular books, which will

help decrease wait times.

Check with library staff and watch for more information about Overdrive and Libby, which is the app built specifically by Overdrive for library use. We hope to begin our access to the app in January. You will need your full library card number, plus your four-digit PIN, the latter of which you can get from staff if you don't already have at home.

The good news is, you'll still be able to use Cloud Library!



## Curbside pickup available during library hours

If you're wanting to avoid public spaces at this time, you're in luck—we're offering our curbside book pick-up service again!

Call us at (307) 684-5546 or email at [johncountylib@gmail.com](mailto:johncountylib@gmail.com) with the books you'd like to get. (If emailing, put "Curbside" in the subject line.) Allowing staff up to a day's notice will make gathering books for you much easier, but we can certainly get you books in a few hours if needed. Please also provide us with a pick-up time.

Books may be picked up from the cart outside the south entrance facing Bank of Buffalo. Your bag will have your name on it!



## Kudos to volunteers!

Given our loss of staffing over the past year, volunteers have played an important role in keeping the library going, so we have to give them a shout out for all their hard work and dedication.

**Jonette Goraj** - Jonette works alongside Nancy Tabb in the Local History room, undertaking a massive filing and archiving project. She's dedicated many hours over the past year, and even worked on tasks that she took home during the pandemic.

**Janet Hansen** - Janet has been instrumental in helping us discharge and shelve books after they leave quarantine on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

**Teri Wuthier** - Teri assists with the cataloging of new books, helping us process them so we can get them out on the shelves for you to read.

Thank you for all of your hard work on our behalf!

## Current status/restrictions



### Stay Home if Sick

Persons exhibiting symptoms will be asked to leave.



### Face Coverings

Wear one during your visit.



### Sanitize Hands

Before browsing or using computers.



### Returns

All materials must go in outside book drop.



### One Hour

Limit your time in the library to a maximum of one hour.



### Study Rooms

May be reserved and used for up to an hour per day. Extensions may be requested.