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WINTER 2018

LIVE THE 2018 WINTER OLYMPICS AT THE LIBRARY

Matthew Farnsworth *Technology Specialist*

In early February, the eyes of the world will shift their focus to PyeongChang, South Korea to watch the 2018 Winter Olympics. While we prepare to watch our favorite Olympians compete, let us not forget that the Library has many offerings related to the upcoming festivities.

DANCING

If you have never brought your children or grandchildren to StoryTime at the Library, you have probably not discovered the Goodbye Song (and accompanying dance). Many youth have practiced this routine regularly under the tutelage of the prestigious staff of the Children's Department at the Library.

COMPETITIVE READING

While not generally considered one of the more exciting events to watch, competitive reading can be viewed daily at the Library. When C.J. Box releases a new book, you can almost hear the buzzer sound as hundreds of competitors strive to be the first one to check out and read the book.

SYNCHRONIZED RESEARCH

The Library offers many tools to help promote this exciting new sport. Online databases make researching even easier particularly when partners are unable to be at the same place at the same time. Additionally, the Library offers study areas where synchronized research may be practiced either individually, or in small groups.

RETRO VIDEO GAMING

While the Library has only been hosting retro video game tournaments for a little over a year, the growth of this event is staggering. Over 100 participants and spectators have poured their blood, sweat and tears into a variety of events including StarCraft, Mario Kart: Double Dash and Star Wars Battlefront II.

Watching the Olympics can be fun. But at the Natrona County Library, you can **live** the Olympics.



VIDEO GAMES

- *Assassin's Creed Origins*
- *Batman: Telltale Series* Season 1
- *Dragon's Dogma: Dark Arisen*
- *Sims 4*
- *WWE 2K18*

MOVIES

- *It*
- *Blade Runner 2049*
- *The Foreigner*
- *Geostorm*
- *Thor: Ragnarok*
- *mother!*
- *Justice League*

TV SHOWS

- *The Doctor Blake Mysteries* Season 4
- *Game of Thrones* Season 7
- *Fuller House* Season 2

MUSIC

- *Unapologetically* Kelsea Ballerini
- *reputation* Taylor Swift
- *Lambs & Lions* Chase Rice
- *Sky Trails* David Crosby
- *Untraveled Roads* Thousand Foot Krutch

AUDIOBOOKS

- *End Game* David Baldacci
- *Killing England* Bill O'Reilly
- *Midnight Line* Lee Child
- *The Whispering Room* Dean Koontz
- *Noel Diary* Richard Paul Evans

eBOOKS & eAUDIOBOOKS

- *The Widows of Malabar Hill* Sujata Massey
- *The Sisters of Glass Ferry*
Kim Michele Richardson
- *A Hundred Small Lessons* Ashley Hay
- *Afraid of the Dark* Tom Henderson
- *The Midnight Line* Lee Child
- *Two Kinds of Truth* Michael Connelly

FICTION

- *Turtles All the Way Down* John Green
- *Batman: Nightwalker* Marie Lu
- *The Cruel Prince* Holly Black
- *Obsidio* Amie Kaufman and Jay Kristoff
- *Shadowson* S. Jae-Jones
- *Thunderhead* Neal Shusterman
- *Shroud of Eternity* Terry Goodkind
- *The Rising Sea* Clive Cussler
- *The Disappeared* C.J. Box
- *Ten Magic Butterflies* Danica McKellar

NONFICTION

- *The Square and the Tower* Niall Ferguson
- *Political Tribes* Amy Chua
- *Educated: A Memoir* Tara Westover
- *Soon: An Overdue History of Procrastination* Andrew Santella
- *The Future of Humanity* Michio Kaku
- *Judgment Detox* Gabrielle Bernstein
- *12 Rules for Life* Jordan B. Peterson
- *1,000 Facts about Insects* Nancy Honovich

Tough times call for tough measures

Lisa Scroggins

Executive Director, Natrona County Library

While for some the fallback tactic during hard times is to "circle the wagons," we at the Natrona County Library work hard to do just the opposite—to reach out to the community in new and impactful ways, identify areas of need and respond accordingly.

When the job market changed and people needed new skills, we increased computer skill-building classes and offered extra help to job seekers filling out endless online applications. As households cut their budgets, we increased free programs families could enjoy together, and even added a video game collection. Because STEM education is essential, we created **Science, Technology, Engineering and Math** opportunities through programming, virtual reality, and will soon offer more in our hands-on Creation Station. In preparation for last summer's eclipse, we focused on community education to help people better understand the science

behind it and enjoy the wonder of it. When Casper was named Wyoming's first AARP Age-Friendly Community, we offered more programs for seniors.

Yes, tough times do call for tough measures, but at the Library "tough measures" means going the extra mile to meet your needs. Apparently, this resonates. Despite a reported drop in the county's population, library visits and checkouts have risen over the past two years. Visits have increased by over 16,000 and checkouts are up more than 5,000, and this translates to a healthy return on your investment. **Using conservative valuations, the return on investment for services at the Natrona County Library is \$5.35 for every tax dollar invested.**

Like everyone else, the Library has had its fair share of woes coping with the state's economic downturn, but we have worked hard to ensure we can continue providing critical services as your circumstances and needs change. Our focus, as always, is on you.

Cowboy Carnegies exhibit comes to the Library

Betsy O'Neil

Adult Services Librarian

The Library will host a traveling exhibit that celebrates Wyoming Carnegie library buildings in January and February. The exhibit, called "Cowboy Carnegies," features five panels that detail the history and architecture of Wyoming's 16 Carnegie libraries, including the Carnegie library that once served Natrona County.

Carnegie libraries were so named because of the philanthropic generosity of Andrew Carnegie, who funded the construction of nearly 1,700 libraries across the country between 1889 and 1919 through construction grants to communities large and small. Our community received a total of \$13,000 to construct a library which opened to the public on May 20, 1910.

Carnegie libraries represent a fascinating era in community development in the United States, when philanthropic funds and local initiatives combined to create free public libraries that became centers of community learning and gathering.

Today, just 10 Carnegie libraries remain standing, and only five are still used as libraries. The exhibit includes photos of all the libraries, along with a map



The original Carnegie library in Casper faced Second Street and exemplified the Carnegie Classic style. Photo from NCPL files.

showing their locations and which ones are still in use as libraries. The Cowboy Carnegies campaign is part of the Alliance for Historic Wyoming's "This Place Matters" program, highlighting the importance of preserving historic buildings and oral history accounts of historic places and spaces in Wyoming.

You can read a series of articles on the history of the libraries and view an interactive map of their locations on the Alliance for Historic Wyoming's website at www.historicwyoming.org/carnegielibraries. The exhibit is sponsored in part by a grant from the Wyoming Humanities Council.

F O U N D A T I O N

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What is the difference between a good library and a great library? A great library is measured by its ability to go beyond basic services with the help of private funds to provide programs and collections of true distinction. With your help, the Natrona County Library can keep providing the quality programs and materials its patrons have come to expect—both today and in the future.

All endowment funds are placed in a permanent account to augment the Library's collections, provide expanded library programming and help operate the Foundation for years to come. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation or would like to learn more about the Foundation, please contact us at 237-4935.

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Improving our current space with updated seating, service points and study areas



Connection

Continuing to build awareness of the Library in our community



Outreach

Creating a fund to replace the Bookmobile, our community's traveling library



Innovation

Adding a makerspace where people can gather to create, invent and learn



Impact

Developing initiatives and community partnerships to address middle school slide

Join us

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2017's Best

Jerry Jones
Youth Services Manager

Another year is beginning, and like many new years, the occasion is not only a reminder to look ahead but also to reflect on the past year. This time of year it also is common to see lists of 2017's Best. From movies to bestsellers to toys, you can probably find a list for anything you want. The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association, will soon be releasing a list of books published in 2017 that they deem noteworthy for children under the age of 14.

Their list typically consists of three sections: picture books, nonfiction and fiction. Here are a few nominees that stand out to our Youth Services staff.

You will find **The Good for Nothing Button!**, **A Greyhound**, **A Groundhog** and **The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors** in our easy reader book bins. These three picture books boast a near-perfect package

of illustrations, format and, of course, story lines suitable for sharing.

If your readers are a little older, you may want to investigate a few of the nominated titles that are in our juvenile fiction collection, including **Noodleheads See the Future**, an excellent choice for those transitioning into chapter books; **Ashes to Asheville**, a story about sisters on a wild journey to honor their mother's last wish; and **Armstrong and Charlie**, a tale set in the 70s of two unlikely friends. And those who prefer reading nonfiction may appreciate the appeal of **Over and Under the Pond**, **Survivor's Club: The True Story of a Very Young Prisoner of Auschwitz** and **Grand Canyon**.

The ALSC's Notable Children's Books list will be released in mid-February, but in the meantime, as we kick off 2018, remember there's nothing wrong with taking a look back and reading some of 2017's best.

Truth is stranger than fiction

Kate Mutch
Assistant Director

Many people do not look for a good book to read in the nonfiction area of the Library, and instead seek out Grisham, Patterson or other best-selling fiction authors. But checking out the nonfiction books may just leave you with a pile of books to read. Here are a few recently read and recommended titles.

American Fire: Love, Arson, and Life in a Vanishing Land by Monica Hesse is the story of Charlie Smith and Tonya Bundick setting fire to 70-plus derelict buildings across Virginia's Accomack County—sometimes several a night—and the exhausted volunteer firefighters who band together to stop the arsonists.

438 Days: An Extraordinary True Story of Survival at Sea by Johnathan Franklin shares the story of the man who survived fourteen months in a small boat

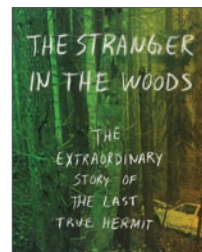
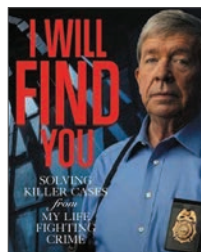
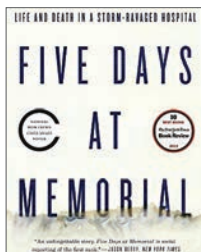
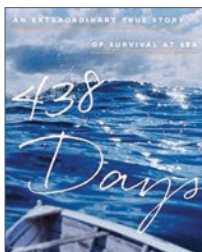
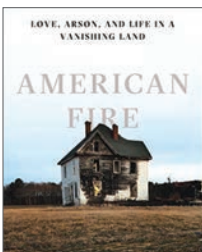
drifting seven thousand miles across the Pacific Ocean.

Five Days at Memorial: Life and Death in a Storm-Ravaged Hospital by Sheri Fink chronicles the life, death and the choices in between at a New Orleans hospital following Hurricane Katrina.

In **I Will Find You: Solving Killer Cases from My Life Fighting Crime** by Joe Kenda, veteran homicide detective Kenda shares his deepest, darkest and never before revealed case files.

Stranger in the Woods by Michael Finkel tells of a man who lived alone in the woods of Maine for 27 years—not out of anger at the world, but simply because he preferred to live on his own.

There are many fascinating stories to be found in nonfiction books. Dive in and find out how truth can be stranger than fiction.



upcoming programs

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❖ JANUARY ❖

- 2 - Reading the West Book Discussion 6:30PM
- 3 - Wednesday Writers 10AM
- 6 - Craftastic Saturday 2PM
- 9 - Never Too Old Book Club 6:30PM
- 18 - Teen Harry Potter Club 4PM
- 18 - Genealogy Workshop 7PM
- 20 - Afternoon Book Club 2PM
- 20 - Family LEGO Club 1PM
- 27 - Family Crafternoon 1PM
- 29 - Tween Book Club 4PM
- 30 - Teen Book Club 6:30PM
- 30 - Family Night 6:30PM

❖ FEBRUARY ❖

- 3 - Craftastic Saturday 2PM
- 6 - Reading the West Book Discussion 6:30PM
- 7 - Wednesday Writers 10AM
- 13 - Never Too Old Book Club 6:30PM
- 15 - Teen Harry Potter Club 4PM
- 15 - Genealogy Workshop 7PM
- 17 - Family LEGO Club 1PM
- 24 - Family Crafternoon 1PM
- 24 - Afternoon Book Club 2PM
- 26 - Tween Book Club 4PM
- 27 - Teen Book Club 6:30PM
- 27 - Family Night 6:30PM

❖ MARCH ❖

- 3 - Craftastic Saturday 2PM
- 6 - Reading the West Book Discussion 6:30PM
- 7 - Wednesday Writers 10AM
- 13 - Never Too Old Book Club 6:30PM
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StoryTime

Babies & Toddlers: Tuesdays at 10:30AM at the Main Library & Mills Branch
Ages 3-5: Wednesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays at 10:30AM at the Main Library

Tween Monday
Mondays at 4PM (grades 4-6)

After School at the Library
Wednesdays at 4PM (elementary ages)

2018: New Year, New Ventures

Lisa Rodkey
Adult Services Specialist

Flipping the calendar to a new year fills many of us with ambition and determination to take a step toward a personal goal or resolution. Often, we

haven't quite had the courage, time or resources to take the step. Make 2018 the year you do it! The Library has resources to help you make this the year you get on your way. **Here are eight bookish New Year's resolutions and where to find them in the Library:**

EAT HEALTHIER	<i>Whole New You: How Real Food Transforms Your Life for a Healthier, More Gorgeous You</i> Tia Mowry	641.5631 MOWRY
EXERCISE	<i>Every Body Yoga: Let Go of Fear, Get on the Mat, Love Your Body</i> Jessamyn Stanley	613.7046 STANLEY
SPEND LESS/ELIMINATE DEBT	<i>A Spender's Guide to Debt-Free Living</i> Anna Newell Jones	332.24 JONES
ORGANIZE	<i>Unstuffed: Decluttering Your Home, Mind & Soul</i> Ruth Soukup	648.5 SOUKUP
SLOW DOWN	<i>The Things You Can See Only When You Slow Down: How to be Calm and Mindful in a Fast-Paced World</i> Haemin Sunim	294.3 HAEMIN SUNIM
START MY OWN BUSINESS	<i>How to Write a Business Plan</i> Mike McKeever	658.4012 MCKEEVER
TRAVEL SOMEWHERE NEW	<i>Lonely Planet's Where to Go When: The Ultimate Trip Planner for Every Month of the Year</i> Sarah Baxter	910.202 LONELY
READ MORE	<i>My Life with Bob: Flawed Heroine Keeps Book of Books, Plot Ensues</i> Pamela Paul	011.7 PAUL

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