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Sheridan County Public Library System Newsletter

Nurturing Lifelong Curiosity, Enrichment, & Community







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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Exciting things are happening across our library system! As we head into the warmer months, we're balancing a number of important projects and programs—all designed to better serve our community.

We're pleased to share that renovations at our satellite branch are nearing completion. These updates will create more welcoming, functional, and inspiring space for visitors of all ages. We appreciate your patience during this process and look forward to new furniture and fully refreshed spaces very soon.

At the same time, we're preparing for the next big step: renovations at our main branch. This project will allow us to update key areas, improve flexibility, and expand how we deliver services. Work will begin in the Children's Theatre, followed by the Children's Library.

While construction projects are underway, planning is already in motion for our Summer Reading Programs—a favorite annual tradition that encourages readers of all ages to explore, learn, and have fun. We're also organizing a variety of summer outreach events, bringing the library beyond our walls and into the community.

This season is a busy one, but it's also full of opportunity. We're grateful for your continued support and enthusiasm as we work to improve our spaces and expand our services and programs.

Stay tuned for updates, and we look forward to seeing you at the library this summer!

With gratitude,



Amy Long
Library Director





RENOVATION UPDATES

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Overview

Fulmer Branch

Tongue River Branch

Story Branch

Clearmont Branch

Wyoming Room

FAQ



Mezzanine

MURAL SCAVENGER HUNT FOR KIDS

Coming April 15th

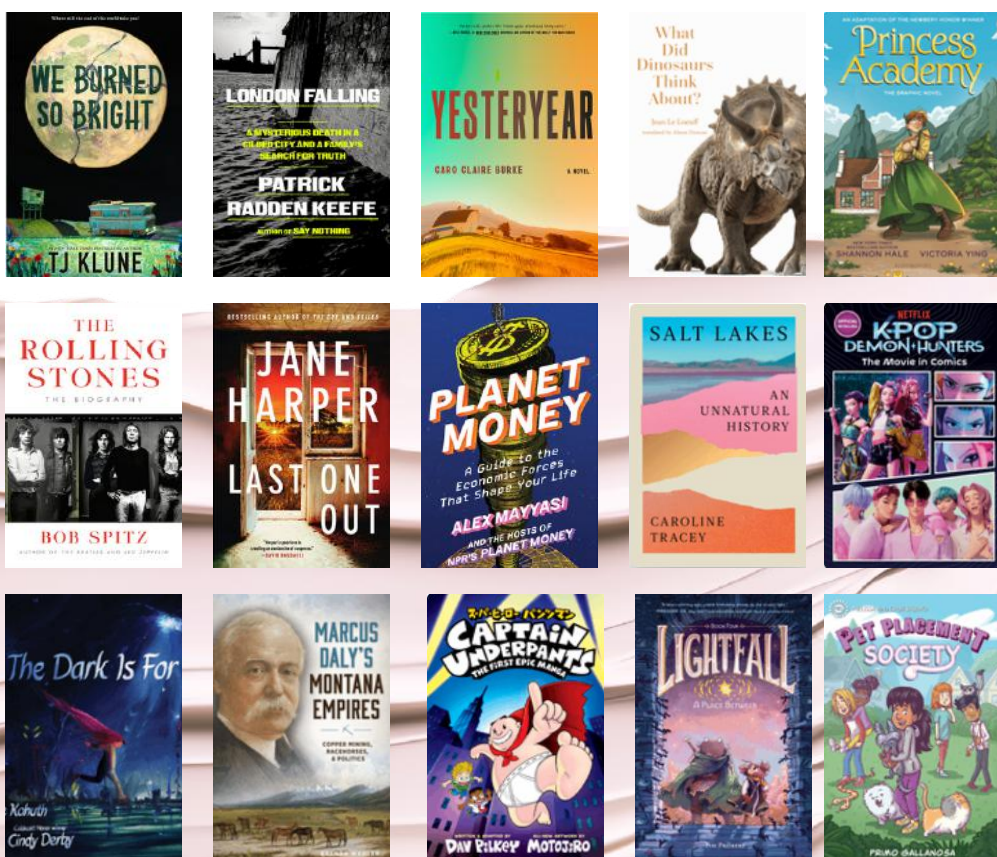
Join us for a fun and colorful Children's Mural Scavenger Hunt! Explore the library's mural and see how many hidden images you can find. Look closely, take your time, and enjoy the artwork as you search. Spot them all and win a prize! It's a playful adventure perfect for curious kids—come see what you can discover!





Collections, Circulation & Reference

New and on their way.





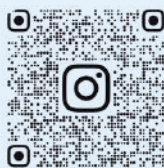
Art in The Library

March 30th - April 1st, Fulmer Public Library hosted a performance art piece by Jentel Artist in Residence Oakley Boycott entitled SILENCE, which invited audiences to experience an endurance art piece inspired by Marina Abramovic's "The Artist is Present." Originally launched in November 2019, SILENCE was the first installment of the SENSES series, preceding subsequent pieces like ECHO, NOISE, and SOUND.

SILENCE encouraged participants to engage in a practice of simply being, allowing the experience to unfold naturally without rules or interruptions. Attendees could sit for as long as they desired, embracing the moment and interacting with the environment and themselves. Participants were also invited to capture their experience through various creative mediums such as photography, sketching, and filming.

Born and raised in Lander, WY, Oakley Boycott is an endurance artist and graduate of the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City. With a performance history that includes venues such as the Metropolitan Opera and Town Hall Theatre, Boycott has made a name in both regional and national art scenes. In addition to endurance art, Oakley's work spanned film, television, and stage productions.

The exhibition was part of the Arts and Exhibitions Programming at Sheridan County Public Library. Our library is committed to promoting arts and visual literacy alongside the many other forms of literacy we champion — and to creating a welcoming space where the community can learn, explore, and find enriching experiences.



@OAKLEY.BOYCOTT





WHAT WAS THIS?

SILENCE is an endurance art piece by Oakley Boycott inspired by Marina Abramovics: *The Artist is Present*.

SILENCE was originally mounted in November of 2019 in New York City,
SILENCE is the first of the SENSES series, preceding ECHO, NOISE and SOUND.

SILENCE is a part of the larger durational piece "737", which aims to log 737 hours of performance of **SILENCE** before 2029.

HOW LONG ?

Monday: 10 hours

Tuesday: 7 hours

Wednesday: 10 hours

DID THEY MOVE? No
RESTROOM BREAKS? No
WATER BREAKS? No
SNACK BREAKS? No
NAPS? No

DID PEOPLE INTERACT ?

Yes! More than 320 patrons took the time to read about, engage with, sit down, sketch, sign the guestbook, and leave behind their own drawings, paintings, and cards for Oakley.

Children



STORY TIME

TUESDAYS
10:30_{AM}-11:00_{AM}

This story time is for kids and their caregivers featuring crafts for kids under 5.

THURSDAYS
10:30_{AM}-11:00_{AM}

This story time is for kids and their caregivers. We read stories and engage in sensory play. This is a great opportunity to socialize! Ideal for kids under 5.



FREE BUILD FRIDAYS FRIDAYS

10:00AM - 4:30PM

Children of all ages are invited to drop in and let their imaginations run wild as they construct their very own Lego masterpieces.

Youth & Teens

New Programs Alert!

YOUTH COALITION

TUESDAYS
4:00_{PM}

We're excited to introduce a brand-new after-school program just for junior high students! The Library has teamed up with the Sheridan County Youth Coalition to create a fun, welcoming weekly hangout where students can connect, create, and unwind. Come share your ideas, get crafty, listen to music, play games, and enjoy some delicious snacks with friends. It's the perfect place to relax after school and be part of a creative, supportive community—join us!

HIGH SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
1:00_{PM}

High School Advisory Council is a student-driven program at the library. Make zines, design buttons, create collages, draw, and experiment with a wide range of supplies—markers, pens, colored pencils, paint markers, and alcohol markers. With music playing and games and snacks on hand, it's a relaxed, welcoming environment to hang out and be creative. Beyond creating, students also share their voices and ideas, helping shape what they want to see in the library—from programs to spaces—making it a place that truly reflects them.



Teen

COLORING STATION



Coloring pages and colored pencils are available for teens at the coloring station.

MINI ART GALLERY



Teens are encouraged to display their artwork in the mini teen gallery.

GAMES CLOSET



Discover endless fun and creativity in the board games closet at the library, designed especially for teens! Stocked with a diverse range of games, it's the perfect spot to gather with friends and spend an afternoon.

ZINES & COLLAGE



Make a collage, design a zine, and maybe even craft a short story. All materials are provided. Drop in anytime during library hours and let your imagination run wild!



Book Discussions

Story Branch Library

MONDAY, APRIL 6TH, 4:30_{PM}

Ridgeline

by Michael Punke

Tongue River Branch Library

MONDAY, APRIL 20TH, 4:30_{PM}

Ridgeline

by Michael Punke

Fulmer Branch Library

TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST, 5:30_{PM}

English Creek

by Ivan Doig

The moderated discussion portion of the Claire Yorks spring program has been cancelled for the Tongue River and Story as our facilitator is unable to attend. However, the books will be available to check out and read according to the posted schedule.

If community members want to meet to discuss without a moderator, please check with your local branch about room availability to meet.

Kim Jacobson is facilitating the Fulmer Branch Discussions under the theme of Life in a small town: Connection to Place





Partnerships

Chess Club with Sheridan Chess Association

Thursdays
5:30_{pm} - 6:30_{pm}
Inner Circle

Whether you're a seasoned player or just beginning to learn the game, this is a wonderful opportunity to hone your skills in a friendly and supportive environment. The Chess Club partners with the Sheridan Chess Association to bring you engaging sessions every Thursday evening. So, bring your enthusiasm and join us for an evening of strategy, camaraderie, and, of course, delicious complimentary pizza!



Jentel Presents

Tuesday, April 28th
11:30_{am} - 1:00_{pm}
Inner Circle

Jentel Presents is a community outreach program, featuring visual presentations and readings by current residents of Jentel. Light refreshments are normally provided, and those who wish to stop by are encouraged to bring a lunch while enjoying the presentation. It's a unique chance to engage with local artists and writers, gain insights into their creative processes, and be inspired.



LIBRARY HOURS

Sheridan County Public Library System

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Renewals & Holds.....ext. 134
Director.....ext. 112
Administration Offices.....ext. 113
Information Services.....ext. 115
Children's Services.....ext. 119
Programming.....ext. 129
Wyoming Room.....ext. 120
Homebound Services.....ext. 123
Interlibrary Loan.....ext. 148

FULMER

MON — THU: 9^{AM} — 7^{PM}
FRI & SAT: 9^{AM} — 5^{PM}
SUN: CLOSED

WYOMING ROOM

MON — FRI: 9^{AM} — 5^{PM}
SAT & SUN: CLOSED

LIBRARY CLOSURES

Saturday, May 23rd
-
Monday, May 25th

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& INFORMATION

STORY BRANCH

20 N. Piney P.O. Box 188
Story, WY 82832
307-655-1419

MON — FRI: 12:30_{PM} — 5:30_{PM}
SAT: 9_{AM} — 1_{PM}
SUN: CLOSED

TONGUE RIVER BRANCH

145 Coffeen St. P.O. Box 909
Ranchester, WY 82839
307-655-9726

MON — FRI: 10_{AM} — 12_{PM}
1_{PM} — 6_{PM}
SAT & SUN: CLOSED

CLEARMONT BRANCH

1240 Front St. P.O. Box 26
Clearmont, WY 82835
307-758-4331

MON: 2:30_{PM} — 6:30_{PM}
TUES: 3:30_{PM} — 6:30_{PM}
WED: 2:30_{PM} — 6:30_{PM}
THUR & FRI: 3:30_{PM} — 6:30_{PM}
SAT & SUN: CLOSED

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