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Sheridan County Public Library System Newsletter

Nurturing Lifelong Curiosity, Enrichment, & Community



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A Library Built to Last

This renovation is our commitment to serving Sheridan County for generations to come. We're investing in spaces and resources that will support your needs today and adapt to serve you and our community's in the future.



Your renovated library will foster:



Discovery

- Refreshed collections with engaging displays that help you discover your next favorite book
- Layouts and visible signage that make navigating our new spaces effortless
- Areas designed for different activity levels—from quiet reflection to lively programs



Creation

- Flexible areas that adapt for programs, events, and just hanging out
- Comfortable furniture for individual work, study, and reading
- Updated technology and resources to support your latest project or passion



Renovating Your Library: A Commitment to Our Community's Future

Thanks to the [Wyoming Library Multi-Purpose Community Facility Program](#), the Sheridan County Public Library System has received a federal grant allowing us to renovate all four SCPLS branches to better serve our community. New furniture, updated lighting, refreshed spaces—all designed to provide ways to discover, create, connect, and thrive.

These designs were created with **YOU** in mind. These renovated buildings will be warm, welcoming, flexible, and dynamic. They will serve every member of our community across Sheridan County. The new layouts will highlight the best of what our community and our libraries have to offer and enhance the many ways you use your library every day.



Connection

- A gathering place that brings our community together or provides a place for some quiet
- Inviting layouts that encourage families to spend time in the library
- Areas designed to welcome you in and invite you back



Growth

- Spaces designed with you in mind to help you complete your purpose
- Improved amenities that support creativity, work, education, and wellness
- Durable, comfortable, easy to clean furniture built to last



Fulmer Branch Library

Services Available During Renovations:

The renovation will be done in sections so that we can plan ahead and continue as many services as possible without disrupting the community. This page will be updated once plans are final with dates of each section's operation and what services will be moving to other areas or temporarily shut down to accommodate the remodel.

Design details:

The Fulmer Branch Library's designs are still being finalized. Once complete, they will be posted inside the branch and also on this section of the website.

Architectural Renderings:*

Images and floorplans forthcoming

The Fulmer Branch Library's floor plans will be shown as 3D images of what different sections of the building will look like with the chosen furniture, layouts, and other design choices. Those images will be placed shared with the community when they become available to us.



**Details may be subject to change*



Tongue River Branch Library

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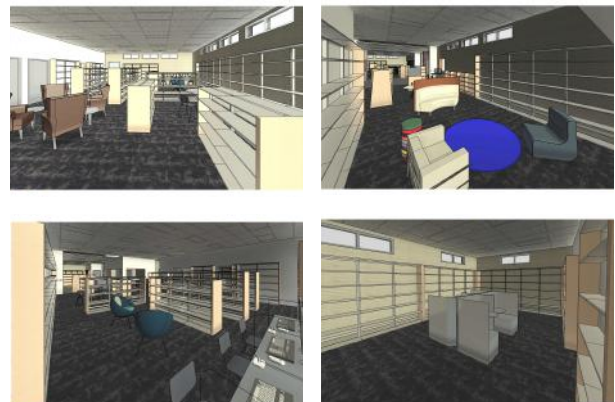
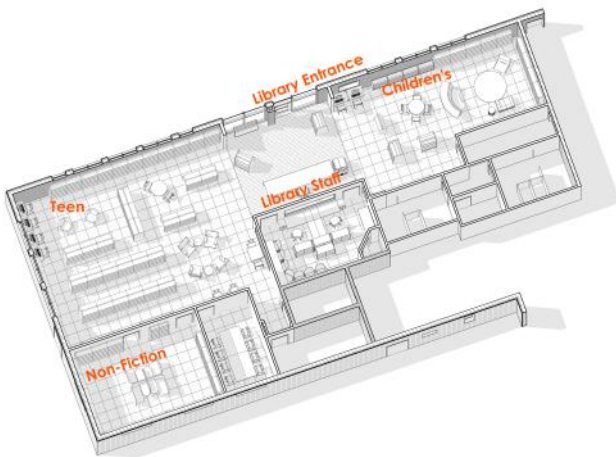
The library will have a limited collection for browsing and only two computers available for public use. Hold/pickups, courier deliveries, Wi-Fi access, and hours will not be impacted.

Design Details:

Tongue River Branch Library is 3350 square feet. We are excited to be able to create a larger youth and family area and a quieter adult non-fiction area with appropriate seating for reading and studying by switching the shelving for those two collections. We have also created a specific teen area that will better serve that age range and a nook for adults to enjoy a book or sit and chat together.



Architectural Renderings:*



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Story Branch Library

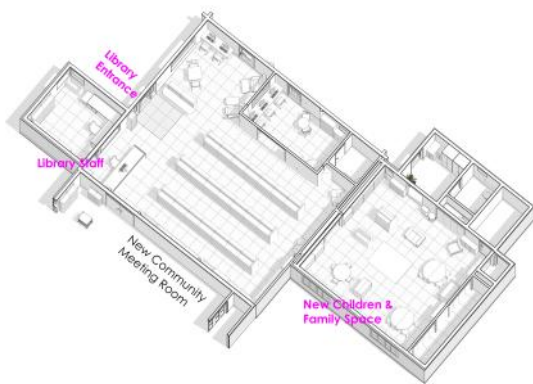
Services Available During Renovations:

The Story Branch Library will set up temporary services in the community meeting room, including patron account access and management, a small selection of materials available for checkout, ILL and holds pickup, online catalog access, public computers, WIFI, and public printing as needed.

Design details:

Story Branch Library has recently expanded to 1450 square feet with a new Community Meeting Space, doubling its size and enhancing the children's department. This renovation emphasizes spacious teen and adult areas in the main library, allowing for roomy layouts and additional display spaces. These improvements aim to maintain the warm and welcoming atmosphere the library is known for.

Architectural Renderings:*



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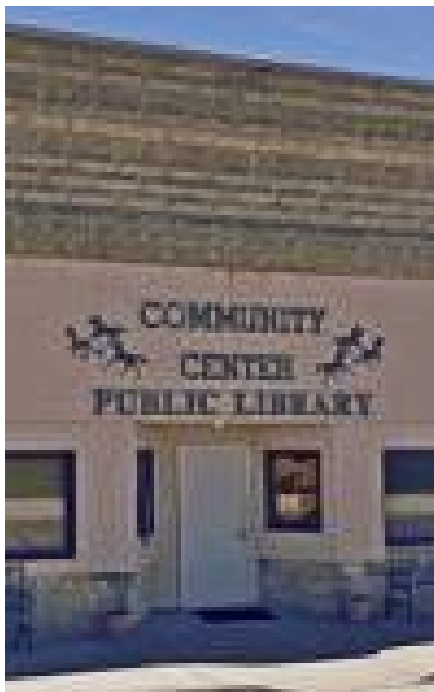
Clearmont Branch Library

Services Available During Renovations:

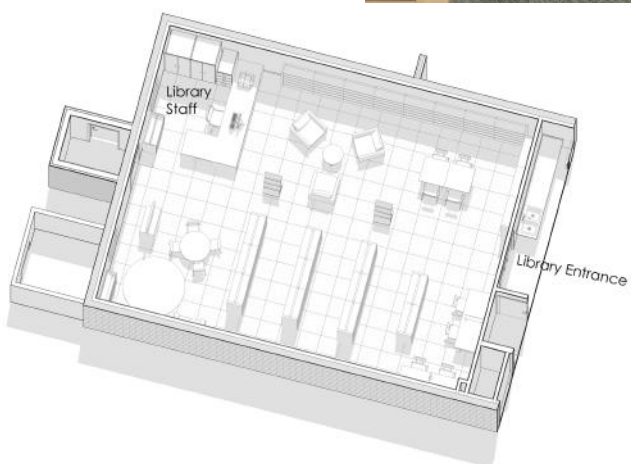
The library will have a limited collection for browsing and only two computers available for public use. Hold/pickups, courier deliveries, Wi-Fi access, and hours will not be impacted.

Design details:

Clearmont Branch Library is 1030 square feet and thanks to the hard work and support of the Clearmont Community Center Foundation has recently received a renovated ceiling and lighting, greatly improving the space. The Grant Renovation Project is building on these improvements by providing new shelving, carpet, furniture, and unified design elements to enhance the work they have started.



Architectural Renderings*



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The Wyoming Room Project:

Anticipated Project Schedule:

Organization of physical collection:
February 2026 - June 2026

Tentative start and duration of renovation:
July 2026 - November 2026

Tentative Wyoming Room Re-open to Walk-in Traffic:
January 2027

Library Director Amy Long is available and eager to talk with you to answer questions, provide updates and tours of The Wyoming Room throughout the project.

Connect Amy at the library or via email at along@sheridanwyolibraries.org

What's Changing: New Features and Improvements

Browsable Western History Collection

We're bringing our Western history fiction and non-fiction collections out of high-density storage and into open shelving where the community can browse, discover, and enjoy. While these materials remain reference-only (not available for checkout), visitors will be able to read them comfortably in the renovated space. As we review the collection during renovation preparation, we hope to identify additional materials we can share with the community in similar ways.

New Programming Space

Local Wyoming history author events and readings
History-focused book clubs
The Writers' Hour series
Oral history recording sessions
Community presentations on Sheridan County heritage



Renovation Preparation: Ensuring Quality Work

The preparation phase is essential to the success of this project. Our two part-time Wyoming Room staff members will work collaboratively with additional library employee assistance, community experts, and volunteers to accomplish the extensive archival organization work required before construction begins. This level of focused, collaborative work is not possible while simultaneously staffing a public desk during regular open hours. By temporarily shifting to appointment-based access and online research requests, we can:

- Continue providing archive access and research assistance to the community
- Dedicate focused time to the complex archival organization work
- Enable staff collaboration and consultation with experts
- Complete preparation efficiently and thoroughly
- Ensure the renovation delivers maximum benefit to the community

Archive Organization and Accessibility

The Wyoming Room archive is extensive and complex, containing multiple formats—photographs, documents, maps, newspapers, and more—each with its own cataloging and organizational system. Additionally, some materials have yet to be fully processed, categorized, or integrated into the archive.

This renovation provides a crucial opportunity to:

- Create a unified organizational system across all collection formats
- Ensure every item is properly classified, catalogued, and cross-referenced
- Relocate materials to optimal locations for community access and preservation
- Complete processing of previously unorganized materials

The result will be a more accessible, easier-to-navigate archive that better serves researchers and preserves Sheridan County history for future generations.

Program

Blind Date with a Book

"Blind Date with a Book" invites you to step outside your reading comfort zone and discover hidden literary gems. This February we're wrapping up a selection of books with intriguing teasers, but the title and author are kept a secret until you check it out!



Partnership

Fly Tying for Intermediate & Advanced

Saturdays
March 7th - April 11th
Fulmer Branch Library, Inner Circle

Sign up by calling the Library at
307-674-8585 or visiting in person.



Join Us for the
2026 Intermediate & Advanced Fly Tying Class!

Presented by the Frank Johnson Memorial Fly Fishing Club, a Charter Club of Fly Fishers International, and hosted by Sheridan County Library, we invite you to discover the rewarding art of fly tying.



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, January 27th
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.



Book Discussions

Story Branch Library

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 4:30^{PM}

James

by Percival Everett

Tongue River Branch Library

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, 4:30^{PM}

Ridgeline

by Michael Punke

Fulmer Branch Library

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 5:30^{PM}

Plainsong

by Kent Haruf

The moderated discussion portion of the Claire Yorks spring program has been cancelled for the Tongue River, Story, and Fulmer Branchers as our facilitators are 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.



Collections, Circulation & Reference

New and on their way.



Puzzle Swap



Looking for a fun way to light up those long, chilly winter nights? You're in luck! The Library has a lively puzzle swap waiting for you.

We've recently received a significant amount of new puzzles for you to choose from!



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.

All Ages Valentine's Card Making

February 7th
10:00_{am}-4:30_{pm}

Children of all ages can drop in on Saturday to create unique Valentines for friends and family. All supplies will be provided.



ZINES & COLLAGE FOR TEENS

A fun self-led program for teens! 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!



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

Monday, February 16th

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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

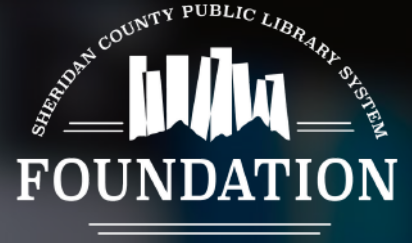
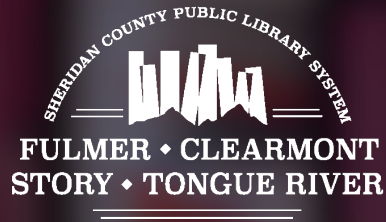
CLEARMONT BRANCH

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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