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Sheridan County Public Library System Newsletter

Nurturing Lifelong Curiosity, Enrichment, & Community



FROM THE DIRECTOR

I love libraries for how they bring communities together—connecting people to information, stories, and each other with open doors and open access. We honor parents navigating our shelves with their families, and we're passionate about nurturing a lifelong love of reading in safe, comfortable spaces for every age. Hyperlocal by nature and community-driven by design, we're funded by Sheridan County, staffed by your neighbors, and devoted to serving you with everything we have.

Over the past few weeks, there's been considerable public conversation about library collections and policies, and I'm grateful that our community cares deeply about these questions. This dialogue shapes who we are and what we value as a community—it's how we ensure the library truly serves everyone in Sheridan County.

Our Collection Development Policy and Reconsideration Policy reflect our commitment to building collections that serve our diverse community. You can find both on our website under the Trustees page. These policies guide how we thoughtfully select materials and provide a clear process for community members who want to share concerns about specific items.

I genuinely love talking with community members about how the library works and why we make the choices we do. If you'd like to better understand our processes, have questions, or simply want to share your thoughts, please reach out. I'm here, and I'm listening. Let's chat.

With gratitude,



Amy Long
Library Director



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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.



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.



Renovation Dates

To Be Determined



Renovation Closures

To Be Determined

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.

Fulmer Library Branch Updates

Fulmer Branch Renovation: Bidding Update

The Fulmer Branch renovation project is now in the bidding phase! We will be receiving bid over the next 4 weeks from qualified contractors and are currently reviewing proposals with our project team.

Next Steps:

- Bid review and contractor selection: March 13 - March 25th
- Expected construction start: 2nd Quarter 2026
- Project completion target: 4th Quarter 2026

We'll share more details once a contractor is selected. In the meantime, you can view the renovation designs on display at the Fulmer Branch.

Questions?

Contact Library Director, Amy Long along@sheridanwyolibrary.org (307) 674-8585 ext 112



Tongue River Branch Library

Project Update:

The renovation is scheduled to complete one half of the library at a time. The first stage is almost complete! We're waiting on flooring installation, and then we'll swap sides to begin work on the second half.

Furniture for the Tongue River Branch Library was delayed due to scheduling conflicts at the end of last year. Procurement will begin in April, with furniture arriving soon after to complete the renovation as planned.

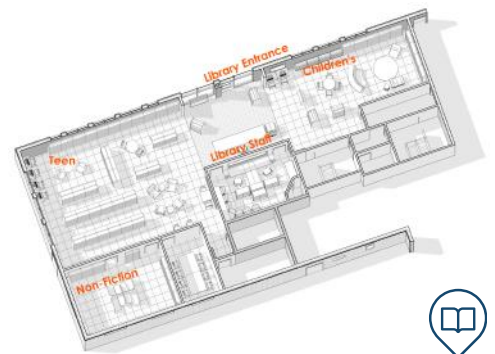
Services Available During Renovations:

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.



Renovation Dates

Jan 19th - End of March



*Details may be subject to change

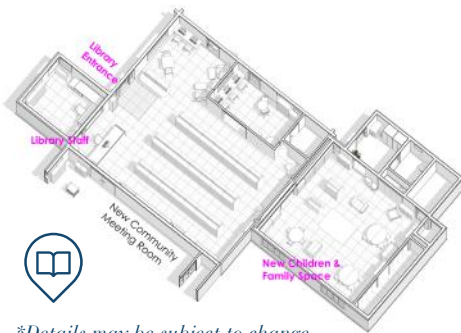
Photos of the process:





Renovation Dates

Feb 16th - End of March



*Details may be subject to change

Story Branch Library

Project update:

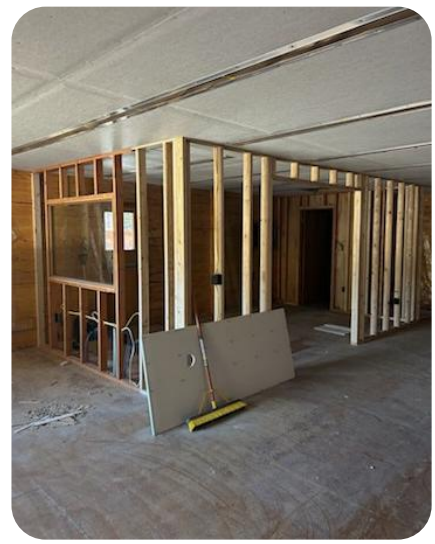
The Story Branch Library renovation is in progress right now! They have already begun the flooring and ceiling work and are getting the teen area framed for drywall. More exciting updates to follow!

Furniture for the Story Branch Library was delayed due to scheduling conflicts at the end of last year. Procurement will begin in April, with furniture arriving soon after to complete the renovation as planned.

Services Available During Renovations:

The Story Branch Library will set up temporary services inside the community meeting room. Patron account access and management, a small selection of materials to check out, ILL and holds pickup, online catalog and databases, website access, public computer workstation, WIFI, and public printing available as needed.

Photo Updates of the Project:





Clearmont Branch Library

Renovation Update:

The Clearmont Branch Library renovation is almost finished. The flooring and paint is complete and we have temporary furniture set up until procurement begins. It is beautiful!

The furniture ordering process was delayed due to scheduling conflicts at the end of last year. Procurement will begin in April, with furniture arriving soon after to complete the renovation as planned.

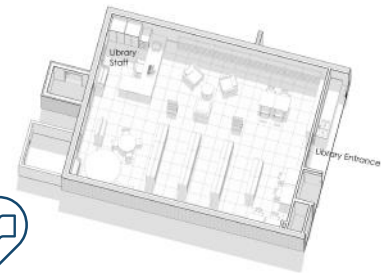
Services Available During Renovations:

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.



Renovation Dates

Feb 2nd to Mid March



**Details may be subject to change*

Photo Updates of the Project:





Preparing for Renovations

Starting February 1st 2026



Access to the Archive Collection

[Online Request Form](#)

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

Wyoming Room Preparation Underway

The Wyoming Room closed to walk-in traffic in February as we prepare the space and collections for renovation. We're operating by appointment only during this time—contact us to schedule a research visit or submit an online research request.

I'm pleased to announce that Jessica has joined the Wyoming Room team as our new Catalog and Records Librarian. In this full-time role, Jessica focuses on organizing and cataloging the archive's data records and preparing collections for the renovation ahead.

Welcome to the Wyoming Room, Jessica!

We are still available to assist with research and provide access to the materials in the Archive. Please utilize the online form available [here](#) or call the Wyoming Room to request assistance. We appreciate your support and look forward to continuing to serve the community while we prepare for the renovation.

Want to volunteer to help us move and organize the collection? Contact Amy Long for more information.



What's Changing: New Features and Improvements

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.

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

The current staff workroom on the south end of the Wyoming Room will be transformed into a public conference space dedicated to Western History programming and community engagement.

This renovated area will:

- House our local Sheridan County memorabilia collection with rotating displays
- Provide a dedicated venue for history-themed community programs
- Offer comfortable seating for browsing the collection when programs aren't scheduled

Beginning in 2027, the Wyoming Room will partner with community organizations to offer programming such as:

- 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

When events aren't taking place, the space will be open for visitors to explore displays, browse the memorabilia collection, and enjoy our local history resources.



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, March 24th
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.



New! Radon Monitor Library Lending Program



Home radon monitors are now available for check out! These radon monitors are easy use and provide both a short-term and long-term average radon level reading.

NOTE: Continuous digital radon monitors should be used for informational and educational purposes only. Contact a certified radon professional for professional-level testing and radon mitigation options.

A Wyoming Department of Health Initiative

Collections, Circulation & Reference

New and on their way.





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.



Miss Zola presented a special storytime at Sheridan County School District 3, Clearmont K-12 school.

The public library system has started supplying a small rotating collection to the school to enhance their library's offerings to the students and encourage young readers. Miss Zola and Director Long attended the open house at the Clearmont School Library to celebrate with the community.



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!



Thursday, March 19th

Story Time

10:30_{am}-11:00_{am} Fulmer Children's Theatre

Movie Day

12:00_{pm}-7:00_{pm} Fulmer Children's Theatre

Friday, March 20th

Free Build Friday!

9:00_{am}-5:00_{pm} Fulmer Children's Theatre

LIBRARY HOURS

Sheridan County Public Library System

307.674.8585 | 335 W. Alger St.

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

Closed to walk
in traffic

LIBRARY CLOSURES

No observed Holidays

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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

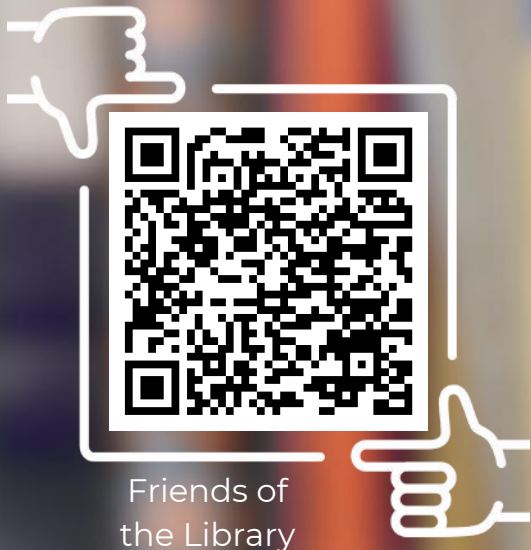
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1_{PM} — 6_{PM}
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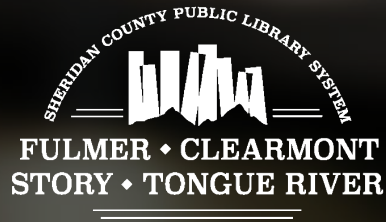
CLEARMONT BRANCH

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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