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MUSIC THROUGHOUT THE FALL

The musical performance scheduled for last April was canceled and we are pleased to have been able to reschedule, “Medieval



Music from East Asia, Baroque Favorites with Violin and Organ” on **Sunday, September 20 at 3 p.m.** The concert will be performed by violist and harpist Dave Shaul and Dr.



Stephen Hoffman, organist-in-residence at the University of Wyoming. The concert will be held at the Congregational Church, 120 E. 5th St., Lusk, Wyoming.

On **Sunday, October 18** Rupert Wates will be performing at **1:30 p.m.** at the Congregational Church. Wates was born



in London and has been based in the United States since 2007. He has been a full-time songwriter for 25 years and has won over 40 songwriting and performing awards. Many of his songs have been covered by other artists. Colorado Central Magazine describes his songs as ‘sublime folk hymns,’ while Folk and Acoustic Music Exchange adds ‘this is one gifted s.o.b...if you’re not hip to this guy you’re missing out.’

AROUND THE WORLD RESUMES

Last spring Larry Orr and Leslie Stewart were planning to present programs from their recent travels. These programs will be held this fall at the library.

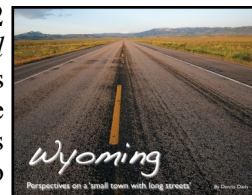
Larry Orr has artifacts as well as images to share from his extended stay in Antarctica on **Monday, September 14**. Larry worked in Antarctica for four seasons during 1983–1987. He served as Admin Coordinator for the National Science Foundation office at McMurdo Station, coordinating science programs with civilian, military, and scientific members. Additionally, he scheduled and coordinated all helicopter flights and assisted planning for ski-equipped C-130 aircraft. Larry’s program is at **6 p.m.**



Completing the series will be a visit to Australia with Leslie Stewart. Leslie spent October 2019 in Australia visiting all but one of its eight states, including Uluru (previously known as Ayer’s Rock) in the Northern Territory, the Great Barrier Reef in Queensland, and Tasmania. She will share images and information about Australian travel on **Tuesday, October 6 at 6 p.m.**

WYOMING PERSPECTIVES ON A SMALL TOWN

On **Wednesday, September 2** *Wyoming: Perspectives on a ‘small town with long streets’* with Dennis Davis will be presented at the library at **6 p.m.** with short readings from his book and a video presentation.



Davis worked as a newspaper reporter in Wyoming beginning in 1979. He taught journalism for 15 years at Northwest College in Powell.

“The book and the photographs result from more than four years of traveling around Wyoming as the energy industry changed,” said Davis. The book also examines how well Wyoming lives up to its Equality State motto.

“As a Wyoming native, I wanted to document the state through interviews with a diverse group of residents,” Davis said. Interviews include political figures such as former



U.S. Sen. Alan Simpson, his brother Pete Simpson, former Gov. Mike Sullivan, former Secretary of State Kathy Karpan and former Jackson Mayor Sara Flitner. The book examines recent declines in the coal industry through the eyes of Gillette city officials, Gillette coal miners and University of Wyoming energy economist Rob Godby.

Davis’s photographs will be on display at the library following his presentation throughout September.

VISITING THE BEYOND

Have you ever wondered what the inside of a REAL haunted house looks like? This interactive and extremely unique presentation does just that! *Visiting the Beyond* haunted paranormal lecture is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 16 at 6 p.m.** at the library.



Be prepared to go on a journey like no other, with tours through some of the nation’s most haunted locations—including abandoned hospitals, schools, asylums, homes, and more! All done with original photography, deep history, and haunted experiences!

Curt Strutz includes a mix of history, photography, storytelling and humor. Strutz has been featured on TV and in newspapers.

"IT'S A MYSTERY" BOOK DISCUSSION AND DINNER & MOVIE SERIES ANNOUNCED

BOOK DISCUSSION TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

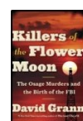


The library's fall book discussion series, **It's A Mystery**, will feature mysteries and true crime books with a variety of appeal.

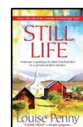
Call the library at 307-334-3490 to register or register when picking up the first book. Local educator Barb Baker returns to lead the discussions.



The first novel, *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie (1939) will be discussed on **Tuesday, September 8 at 6 p.m.** This is the perfect locked-room mystery, though the locked room happens to be an island! Ten strangers arrive on the island and immediately start dying, one by one. A storm cuts the island off from outside communication. The survivors go mad with suspicion and dread. And then the solution comes – chilling, ingenious, inevitable. You won't want to miss one of the best puzzles in the history of mystery fiction!



True crime *Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann will be the book selection to be discussed on **Monday, October 5 at 6 p.m.** In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Nation in Oklahoma after oil was discovered beneath their land. Then, one by one, the Osage were killed off and many of those who dared to investigate wound up murdered themselves. As the death toll rose, the newly created FBI took up the case and the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to expose one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.



In November international mystery author Louise Penny will be featured. Chief Inspector Armand Gamache of the Surêté du Québec and his team of investigators are called in to the scene of a suspicious death in a rural village south of Montreal in *Still Life*. Jane Neal, a local fixture in the tiny hamlet of Three Pines, just north of the U.S. border, has been found dead in the woods. The locals are certain it's a tragic hunting accident but Gamache smells something foul in these remote woods, and is soon certain that Jane Neal died at the hands of someone much more sinister than a careless bowhunter. *Still Life* introduces not only an engaging series hero in Inspector Gamache, but also a winning and talented writer of traditional mysteries. The book will be discussed on **Monday, November 2 at 6 p.m.**



Rounding out the series will be Wyoming native Ron Franscell's *Alice & Gerald: a Homicidal Love Story*. True-crime master Ron Franscell tells the grisly story of Alice and Gerald Uden, a loving couple who murdered at least four people, and live happily ever after -- while cops try for decades to piece together a petrifying tale of murder and secrets. In 1974, Alice, a desperate young mother in a gritty Wyoming boomtown, kills her husband and dumps his body where it will never be found, then slips away and starts a new life. But when her new man's ex-wife and two kids start demanding more of him, Alice delivers an ultimatum: Fix the problem or lose her forever. *Alice and Gerald* is scheduled for

DINNER & MOVIE SERIES BEGINS AUGUST 31



The first film, *Knives Out*, will be shown on Monday, **August 31 at 6 p.m.** as part of the "It's A Mystery" series. In *Knives Out* crime novelist Harlan Thrombey is found dead in his room with his throat slit on his 85th birthday. Just as authorities are about to dismiss the tragedy as suicide, Benoit Blanc arrives at the scene to conduct his own investigation. The film is rated PG-13 and 131 minutes.

Monday, September 28 Agatha Christie's, *Murder on the Orient Express* will be featured at **6 p.m.** Just after midnight, a snowdrift stops the Orient Express in its tracks. The luxurious train is surprisingly full for the time of the year, but by the morning it is one passenger fewer. An American tycoon lies dead in his compartment, stabbed a dozen times, his door locked from the inside. Isolated and with a killer in their midst, detective Hercule Poirot must identify the murderer – in case he or she decides to strike again. Rated PG-13, 114 minutes.



High school student Frank Abagnale Jr. idolizes his father, who's in trouble with the IRS in *Catch Me If You Can* on **Monday, October 26**. When his parents separate, Frank runs away to Manhattan with \$25 in his checking account, vowing to regain dad's losses and get his parents back together. Just a few years later, the FBI tracks him down in France; he's extradited, tried, and jailed for passing more than \$4,000,000 in bad checks. Along the way, he's posed as a Pan Am pilot, a pediatrician, and an attorney. And, from nearly the beginning of this life of crime, he's been pursued by a dour FBI agent, Carl Hanratty. What starts as cat and mouse becomes something akin to father and son. The film begins at **6 p.m.**



Rounding out the series will be *The Third Man* on **Monday, November 30 at 6 p.m.** An out of work pulp fiction novelist, Holly Martins, arrives in a post war Vienna divided into sectors by the victorious allies, and where a shortage of supplies has led to a flourishing black market. He arrives at the invitation of an ex-school friend, Harry Lime, who has offered him a job, only to discover that Lime has recently died in a peculiar traffic accident. From talking to Lime's friends and associates Martins soon notices that some of the stories are inconsistent, and determines to discover what really happened to Harry Lime.

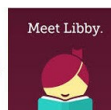
A light meal is available at each of the films and Deane Tucker returns to lead the series. Library programs are free and open to the public.

HOLIDAY CRAFTING RETURNS

Holiday crafting returns this fall with craft projects for children kindergarten and older. Children will be able to make crafts for gifts or for fun. Many of the crafts will require more than one session. The fun will be held from afterschool until 4:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays November 3, 5, 10, 12, 17 & 19 and December 1, 3, 8 and 10. For more information contact the library at 307-334-3490.



The digital library, RBDigital, will no longer be available after October 1. Digital audio content is being migrated to the CloudLibrary and will be available there after September 16. Library patrons can also use their library cards and PINs to access digital audiobooks through Overdrive/Libby and Hoopla. Digital magazine service will be suspended indefinitely as we search for a new provider. If you have questions about using any of the free digital libraries contact us at 307-334-3490 or stop by the library. RBDigital was purchased by Overdrive.





Dates to Remember

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Book Discussion: *It's A Mystery* 6 p.m.

Tuesday, September 8 - *And Then There Were None*

Monday, October 5 - *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders & the Birth of the FBI*

Monday, November 2 - *Still Life*

Monday, December 7 - *Alice & Gerald : A Homicidal Love Story*

It's A Mystery Dinner and Movie Series, 6 p.m.

Monday, August 31 - *Knives Out*

Monday, September 28 - *Murder on the Orient Express*

Monday, October 26 - *Catch Me If You Can*

Monday, November 30 - *The Third Man*

Fall Afterschool Programs, 3:40 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

K-2, Tuesdays, August 25—October 27 - "A Journey Into the Human Body!"

3-6, Thursdays, August 27—October 29 - "Horses, Horses, Horses!"

Holiday Crafting, 3:40 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Tuesdays, November 3, 10, 17, 24 & December 1 & 8

Thursdays, November 5, 12, 19 & December 3 & 10

Adult Holiday Crafting, 5:00—6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, November 4, 18 and December 2 and 16

Art Shows & Receptions:

September: Wyoming Perspectives with Dennis Davis

October: Dalton Larson, Reception on Wed., October 7 at 5 p.m.

November: Archer & Raven, Reception, Wed., November 4 at 5 p.m.

Special Events:

September 2, 6:00 p.m. — Wyoming Perspectives presentation

September 14, 6:00 p.m.—Around the World with Larry Orr

September 16, 6 p.m.—Visiting the Beyond with Curt Strutz

September 20, 3 p.m. — "Medieval Music" with Dave Shaul & Dr. Stephen Hoffman

October 6, 6 p.m.—Around the World with Leslie Stewart

October 18, 1:30 p.m.—Musician Rupert Wates

December 2, 3 p.m.—Friends of the Library Cookie & Candy Sale

Friday Afternoon Movies, 1:15 p.m.

August 28, September 25, October 9 & 30, November 13, December 11

Storyhour:

Every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Holiday Closures:

Labor Day: Monday, September 7

Veterans Day: Wednesday, November 11

Thanksgiving: Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27

Christmas: Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25

New Year's Day: Friday, January 1

Library Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday: 12 - 7 p.m.



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REGISTER FOR AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

The library will host two afterschool sessions this fall, beginning the week of August 24. The programs begin at 3:40 and continue until 4:45 p.m. Call the library at 334-3490 to register as space is limited.

From nose to toes, learn a little something about you! Children in grades K-2 will explore the Magic School Bus's "A Journey into the Human Body" beginning on Tuesday, August 25 and will have lots of fun activities and experiments like bone bending and what's in a taste bud. The program continues on Tuesdays through October 27.



Children in grades 3-6 will delve into "Horses, Horses, Horses!" beginning on Thursday, August 27 and continuing through October 29. Students will explore the world of horses and their importance in our history and literature. There will be a lot of fun crafts!

Call, 307-334-3490 or stop by the library to register your children!

Shop at AmazonSmile and Amazon will make a donation to Niobrara County Library Foundation, Inc. or to Friends of the Niobrara County Library. It's easy! Just click on the icon on our webpage, <https://niobraracountylibrary.org>.



Remember to save your Decker's Receipts September through May and turn in to the Library.

Proceeds help buy children's and young adult books for the Library.



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KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUTS FUNDRAISER

The Niobrara County Library Foundation will have Krispy Kreme Doughnuts available on Thursday, October 1. Pick up will be at 7:30 a.m. A plain glazed dozen is \$9 and a mixed frosted dozen is \$10. Call the library at 334-3490 to order today!



LOCAL ARTISTS SHARE WORK

Photographer Dalton Larson will be featured at a reception with the artist on **Wednesday, October 7 at 5 p.m.** and his photography will hang throughout the month. Dalton is a senior at Niobrara County High



School and developed his love of photography after working with Lisa Shaw in 4-H.



Plans are in the works for young artists Archer Widrick and Raven Dinorog during the month of November.

If you are interested in presenting your art, contact the library at 307-334-3490.