



Niobrara County Library

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT

Bettman & Halpin present an engaging mixture of folk, roots, bluegrass and jazz, with memorable lyrics and killer instrumentation on **Sunday, September 10** at **1:30 p.m.** Scheduled to be held at the Congregational Church, 120 E. 5th St., their music raises the roof with their soaring harmonies and foot tapping fiddles.



Stephanie Bettman is an accomplished writer, singer, and fiddler; her lyrics are infused with wit, wisdom and insight. Luke Halpin is a renowned multi-instrumentalist; a master of the guitar, mandolin, fiddle and banjo as well as a dynamic and sensitive vocalist. He has shared the stage with Merle Haggard, Lone Star and The Steve Miller Band, to name a few. Bettman & Halpin last performed a Christmas concert here in 2019. Plan to come out and enjoy this performance!

A True Story of Switched at Birth

On **Wednesday, October 11** Shirley Muñoz Newson will share her book, "The Little Dark One" at **6 p.m.** at the library. After years of feeling like she never belonged, her life was flipped upside down. The Wyoming woman received DNA test results that would change her life forever.



Everything she thought she knew about herself wasn't true. Shirley would eventually discover she was switched at birth in a Gillette hospital, a story so bizarre and rare in the United States. Shirley will have copies of her book available and it is also featured in the "An Unusual Journey" book discussion series.



Blood Pressure Kits Available to Check Out

Self-measured blood pressure monitoring kits are available to check out! The kits include an automated blood pressure cuff, logbooks and educational materials. Stop in to find out more about this resource provided through a partnership with UW's Wyoming Center on Aging and the WY Dept. of Health's Chronic Disease Prevention Program.



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM LINE-UP



Business Start-Up Seminar

Are you looking for more options for your business? Or thinking of starting a business? On **Wednesday, October 4** at **6 p.m.** the Wyoming Women's Business Center will present resources for business research, education, and motivation. They will share information about their services including: Artist Development Program, Business Counseling, Webinars and Business Education opportunities, as well as Microlending sources.



The Wyoming Women's Business Center strives to empower entrepreneurs through counseling, training, and micro-finance programs to start, expand, and sustain small businesses in the state of Wyoming.

Podcasting for Your Business

The library has a wealth of business tools available, some to use in the library and some that may be checked out—including a professional podcasting studio. Have you thought about podcasting for your business? If so, be sure to attend this free event on **Tuesday, September 19** at **6 p.m.** and learn all of the ins-and-outs of the library's equipment. Jordan Belser with the Small Business Administration will present this program. Watch for more information.



Using Photography & Videography to Market Your Business

Heather Goddard will present a program on **Wednesday, September 27** at **6 p.m.** that will help you learn the best way to use a lightbox to highlight your print marketing using your smartphone or camera. Other equipment includes: tripods, laptop, projector, video camera, podcasting equipment, ringlight, headphones and more.



A videography program is currently in the works, watch for more information!



BOOK DISCUSSION AND DINNER & MOVIE SERIES ANNOUNCED

BOOK DISCUSSION

This fall the library will sponsor a four-book discussion series, *An Unusual Journey*, that showcases protagonists involved in a variety of physical, cultural and emotional journeys. Barb Baker returns to facilitate discussion. Stop by the library to register and pick up the first book.

“Two Old Women: an Alaskan Legend of Betrayal, Courage and Survival” by Velma Wallis will be featured on **Monday, September 11 at 6 p.m.** This book is based on an Athabascan Indian legend that has been passed along for many generations from mothers to daughters of the upper Yukon River Valley in Alaska. This is the suspenseful, shocking, and ultimately inspirational tale of two old women abandoned by their tribe during a brutal winter famine.

On **Monday, October 2** “The Little Dark One” by Shirley Muñoz Newson will be discussed at **6 p.m.** Imagine feeling like you never belonged or you didn’t know who you really were. That’s exactly what happened to Shirley Muñoz Newson. Her life was flipped upside down the day before her 43rd birthday on April 7, 2001. The Wyoming woman received the DNA test results that would change her life forever. Everything she thought she knew about herself wasn’t true. *Shirley will also present a program at the library on Wednesday, October 11 at 6 p.m.*

J. R. R. Tolkien’s “The Hobbit: or There and Back Again” and the adventurous journey through Middle-earth will be the featured story on **Monday, November 6 at 6 p.m.** Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely traveling any farther than his pantry or cellar. His contentment is disturbed when the wizard Gandalf and a company of dwarves arrive on his doorstep to whisk him away on an adventure.

Rounding out the series will be “Higher Love: Skiing the Seven Summits” by Kit DesLauriers. In 2006 DesLauriers made history by becoming the first person to climb – and then ski – from the summit of each continent’s highest mountain, the famed Seven Summits. Spanning two years, Kit leads you up each mountain and gives a heart-racing ride back down. This book will be discussed on **Monday, December 4 at 6 p.m.**

To register for the series and pick up the first book, stop by the library or call 307-334-3490. Library programs are free and open to the public.

INTERNET HOTSPOTS AND CHROMEBOOKS

Need internet? The library has Wi-Fi mobile hotspots and Chromebooks available for circulation. The devices checkout for seven (7) days and require a Niobrara County Library card in good standing. For more information call (307) 334-3490 or stop by the library.



An Unusual Journey is the theme for the Dinner & Movie discussion series this fall. The series, held on the last Monday of the month at **6 p.m.** features a meal as well as brief audience discussion.

The first film in the series, “Tracks” is showing on **Monday, August 28.** In this docudrama, Robyn Davidson completes a 1700-mile trek across the Australian desert by foot with her dog and four camels, and develops an unlikely friendship with a National Geographic photographer along the way. The movie is rated PG-13 and is 110 minutes.



“The Hundred-Foot Journey” is showing on **September 25.** When Hassan and his family move to a quaint village in the South of France with the grand plan of opening an Indian restaurant, they are undeterred by the fact that only 100 feet opposite stands a Michelin-starred classical French eatery. However, upon encountering the icy proprietress, Madame Mallory, the Kadam family realizes they may have bitten off more than they can chew as Madame Mallory is determined to have their business shut down. As cultures clash and food flies, a heated battle escalates between the two establishments – until, that is, Hassan’s passion and talent for French cuisine begin to enchant Madame Mallory. The film is rated PG and is 122 minutes.



October 30 will feature “The Motorcycle Diaries.” In 1952, twenty-three year old medical student Ernesto Guevara de la Serna - Fuser to his friends and later better known as 'Ernesto Che Guevara' - one semester away from graduation, decides to postpone his last semester to accompany his twenty-nine year old biochemist friend 'Alberto Granado' - Mial to his friends - on his four-month, 8,000 km long dream motorcycle trip throughout South America starting from their home in Buenos Aires. Rated R and 128 minutes.



Rounding out the series will be “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty” on **Monday, November 27.** Unhappy with the dull, lonely direction his life has taken, socially-awkward Walter Mitty (Ben Stiller) has a chance to change that when he's tasked with finding a missing photo that could save his company from being downsized. In a wild and unexpected turn of events, Walter's adventure takes him to all corners of the world as he attempts to track down the mysterious, elusive photographer who took the photo. Rated PG and 113 minutes.



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DIGITAL LIBRARIES AVAILABLE

Library patrons can use their library cards and PINs to access digital materials through Overdrive/Libby and Hoopla! Overdrive features ebooks, audiobooks and over 3000 different periodicals. Hoopla also features ebooks & audiobooks, music, downloadable video and television shows. Graphic novels are also available in both services! Check it out today; stop by the library if you need help!





Dates to Remember

September						
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Book Discussion: *An Unusual Journey*, 6 p.m.

Monday, September 11 - *Two Old Women*
 Monday, October 2 - *The Little Dark One*
 Monday, November 6 - *The Hobbit, or There and Back Again*
 Monday, December 4 - *Higher Love: Skiing the Seven Summits*

An Unusual Journey Dinner and Movie Series, 6 p.m.

Monday, August 28 - *Tracks*
 Monday, September 25 - *The Hundred-Foot Journey*
 Monday, October 30 - *The Motorcycle Diaries*
 Monday, November 27 - *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*

Fall Afterschool Programs, 3:35 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

K-2, Tuesdays, August 22 - October 24 - *Scooby-Doo*
 3-6, Thursdays, August 24 - October 26 - *Cowboys & Cowgirls*

Holiday Crafting, 3:35 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Tuesdays, November 7 through December 12

Board Games, 3:35 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Thursdays, November 9 through December 14

Adult Holiday Crafting, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, October 18, November 15 and December 13

Special Events:

September 10, 1:30 p.m.— Bettman & Halpin in Concert
 September 19, 6 p.m.—Learn to Podcast for Your Business
 September 27, 6 p.m.—Photography For Your Business
 September 28, 7:30 a.m. — Krispy Kreme Doughnuts
 October 4, 6 p.m.—Business Opportunities with the Wyoming Women’s Business Center
 October 11, 6 p.m.—Shirley Muñoz Newson “The Little Dark One”
 October 25, 6 p.m.—Reading Is Fun program, TBD
 December 6, 3 p.m.—Friends of the Library Cookie, Candy, Soup & Bread Sale

Friday Afternoon Movies, 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday Storyhour, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Holiday Closures:

Labor Day: Monday, September 4
 Veterans Day: Friday, November 10
 Thanksgiving: Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24
 Christmas: Monday, December 25
 New Year’s Day: Monday, 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 21. The programs begin after school at 3:35 p.m. and continue until 4:45 p.m.

Children in grades K-2 will enjoy afternoons of fun and mystery and get to know **SCOOPY-DOO** and his friends better. There will be activities, crafts and adventure as well as many puzzles to solve together! The program begins **Tuesday, August 22** and continues through October 24.



Children in grades 3-6 will travel to the West as **COWBOYS & COWGIRLS!** The program will cover everything from horses to clothing to roping, to chuckwagon food! The fun begins on **Thursday, August 24** and continues through October 26.



Call 307-334-3490 or stop by the library to register your children and to let us know if you can bring snacks!

KRISPY KREME DOUGHNUTS FUNDRAISER

The Niobrara County Library Foundation will have Krispy Kreme Doughnuts available on **Thursday, September 28**. Pick up will be at **7:30 a.m.** A plain glazed dozen is \$10 and a mixed frosted dozen is \$12. Call the library at 334-3490 to order today!



HOMEMADE HOLIDAY GOODIES

The Friends of the Library will host their annual Homemade Cookie, Candy, Soup and Bread Sale on **Wednesday, December 6** at **3 p.m.** at the library. Select your choice of cookies and candies by the pound or pick up one of the pre-made plates. Soups and breads will also be available.



AFTERSCHOOL HOLIDAY CRAFTS ON TUESDAYS

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. The program will be held from afterschool until 4:45 p.m. on **Tuesdays November 7 through December 12**. In order to assure adequate supplies, please register your child by stopping by or calling the library at 307-334-3490.

BOARD GAMES ON THURSDAYS

Board game fun will be featured at the library on Thursdays beginning **November 2 through December 14** from afterschool until 4:45 p.m. Call the library for more information.

ADULT HOLIDAY CRAFTING RETURNS

Adult holiday crafting returns this fall with three craft sessions. The dates are **Wednesdays October 18, November 15 and December 13** with projects to be determined. The events will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Registration is required; please call the library at 307-334-3490. Library programs are free and open to the public.

