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LEARN ABOUT THE BLM LAND RECORDS DATABASE

Have you used the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) General Land Office Records Automation website? Lucas Keeler, Petroleum Engineer Technician from the Newcastle Field Office will share his expertise using these records as well as the Wyoming Newspaper Project at the library on **Wednesday, February 21 at 6 p.m.** Learn how to access federal land conveyance records as well as images of more than five million federal land title records issued since 1820. The site also has images related to survey plats and field notes dating back to 1810. The Wyoming Digital Newspaper Collection gives access to Wyoming's past through historical and archived Wyoming Newspapers. Historians, genealogists, students, and scholars will find a wealth of reliable information, all first-hand accounts of local news from days gone by. The earliest archive dates back to 1849 but many of these papers survived for only a brief time and disappeared like the boom-and-bust ghost towns of Wyoming and the west. Some computers will be available; you are welcome to bring your own laptops or digital devices. For more information contact the library at (307) 334-3490.



AROUND THE WORLD—SOUTHEAST ASIA

Last fall, Leslie Stewart took a 15-day tour of Southeast Asia – Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam. The tour started in Bangkok, traveled to green and peaceful Laos, visited the ancient temples at Angkor Wat in Cambodia, and spent a week in vibrant and welcoming Vietnam. The Mekong River runs through it all, the people are happy and friendly, the scenery is stunning, and the temples are ornate and historic. The trip was fun and enlightening. Come to the slide show on **Wednesday, February 28 at 6 p.m.** to learn more.



AROUND THE WORLD—EUROPE

Wednesday, March 27 at 6 p.m. Kyra and Logan Wasson will share

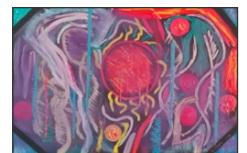


their unforgettable summer adventure. They embarked on a whirlwind tour through the enchanting landscapes of the United Kingdom, Greece, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Iceland. Over the course of 55 awe-inspiring days, they explored iconic landmarks that defined each destination. From the romantic allure of the Eiffel Tower in Paris to the leaning charm of the Tower of Pisa, the breathtaking Amalfi Coast in Italy, the majestic Swiss Alps, and more, they embraced the diverse beauty of Europe. Armed with nothing but their adventurous spirits and trusty backpacks, they traversed these picturesque landscapes, creating memories that will undoubtedly last a lifetime. The Wasson's journey was a testament to the transformative power of travel, leaving them with a treasure trove of experiences and a profound appreciation for the world's wonders.

ARTIST & MUSICIAN @ THE LIBRARY



Clint Clore is a local abstract artist that has been in the arts both as an artist and a musician since his youth. Clint has had a previous art show at the Doubting Thomas Gallery in Cleveland, Ohio along with being a front man for various popular local bands in the Ohio area, including opening for Iggy Pop. Clint has moved back to his native Wyoming and is happy to be home. Clint's art will be on display at the library throughout the month of **February**, a reception with the artist is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 7 at 5 p.m.** On **Sunday, April 7** Clint will perform in concert at the Congregational Church at **1:30 p.m.** Performing on the piano, Clint will share original pieces as well as covers.



CULMINATION PERFORMS IN FEBRUARY



Sunday, February 11 Culmination will perform in concert at the Congregational Church at **1:30 p.m.** The Casper, Wyoming duo features soul

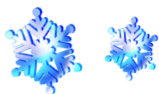
and hip-hop music with a strong jazz influence through saxophone, keyboard, drums & lyrics. Mario's and Reed's most desired outlook for their music is a captive live audience and the opportunity to share their music knowledge with communities. Library programs are free and open to the public.



WILD AND FREE: THE MUSTANGS OF THE MCCULLOUGH PEAKS EXHIBIT AT THE NIOBRARA COUNTY LIBRARY

The wild horses of the McCullough Peaks in northwest Wyoming are appearing throughout the state in a photography exhibit organized by FOAL (Friends of a Legacy) the wild horse advocacy organization based in Park County. The show is scheduled at the Niobrara County Library throughout the month of **May**. The image pictured is *Running Free* by photographer Brittney Budde.





WINTER BOOK AND FILM SERIES

Wild Wyoming is the theme for the winter book discussion series which features four books about wildlife in Wyoming. Tina Kitras-Seaman returns to lead the series.

The discussion begins with *American Wolf: a True Story of Survival and Obsession in the West* by Nate Blakeslee on **Monday, February 5 at 6 p.m.** Before men ruled the earth, there were wolves. Once abundant in North America, these majestic creatures were hunted to near extinction but in recent decades, conservationists have brought wolves back to the Rockies, igniting a battle over the very soul of the West. With novelistic detail, Nate Blakeslee tells the gripping story of one of these wolves, O-Six.

Monday, March 4 *Touching the Wild: Living with the Mule Deer of Deadman Gulch* by Joe Hutto will be featured. *Touching the Wild* is the enchanting story about one man who lived with a herd of mule deer in the Rockies for almost seven years. Due to the intense curiosity of one groundbreaking deer, and the resulting introduction to an entire herd, Joe Hutto has been allowed unprecedented access and insight into the minds and behavior of this special animal. Spending every day embedded among the herd, he develops an uncanny connection with the deer, witnessing individual and group dynamics never before observed and recorded. The discussion will be held at **6 p.m.**

In A Land of Awe: Finding Reverence in the Search for Wild Horses by Chad Hanson will be featured along with *Unbroken Spirit: the Wild Horse in the American Landscape*. The wild horses of the American West occupy a special place in the collective American consciousness. They symbolize much that has been lost to progress -- wide open spaces, self-sufficiency, and a sense of unabridged freedom.

Unbroken Spirit explores the history of the wild horse in the West—from the extinction and reintroduction of the horse to the Americas and the horse's profound influence on Native America, to today's challenge of managing non-native wildlife. The book provides a compelling view of the wild horse within the context of natural history and western American culture. This discussion will be held on **Monday, April 1 at 6 p.m.** Author Chad Hanson will visit the library on **Wednesday, April 17** and *Wild and Free: The Mustangs of the McCullough Peaks* will be on display at the library throughout the month of **May**.

Wrapping up the series on **Monday, May 6** will be *Great Wyoming Bear Stories* by Tom Reed. Filled with a wide range of incidents, encounters, and observations about bears, this book gives a unique perspective through gripping true stories. Some are comical, others tragic, some inspiring, and some simply terrifying. The author interviewed dozens of wardens, biologists, ranchers, hunters, hikers, and mauling victims. The result is a valuable book for understanding and living with bears.

Stop by the library to register and pick up the first book in the series.

LEGOTIME BEGINS IN MARCH



LegoTime will be held on Tuesday afternoons beginning March 5 and continuing through May 14. The fun is held from afterschool, 3:35 p.m. until 4:45 p.m. LegoTime is for all ages. There will be challenges, free-builds and more!

Living Wild is the theme for the winter Dinner & Movie Series which begins in January at the library.

The Call of the Wild, adapted from Jack London's literary classic, will be featured on **Monday, January 29 at 6 p.m.** This film is the story of Buck, a big-hearted dog whose blissful domestic life is turned upside down when he is suddenly uprooted from his California home and transplanted to the exotic wilds of the Alaskan Yukon during the Gold Rush of the 1890s. As the newest rookie on a mail delivery dogsled team, and later its leader, Buck experiences the adventure of a lifetime, ultimately finding his true place in the world and becoming his own master.



A young man who survives a disaster at sea is hurtled into an epic journey of adventure and discovery in **Life of Pi**. While cast away, he forms an unexpected connection with another survivor: a fearsome Bengal tiger. This film will be shown on **Monday, February 26 at 6 p.m.**



On **Monday, March 25** in the story of a life gone wild, acclaimed director Werner Herzog explores the life and death of amateur grizzly bear expert and wildlife preservationist Timothy Treadwell in **Grizzly Man**. Treadwell lived unarmed among grizzlies for 13 summers. The film will be shown at **6 p.m.**



Rounding out the series will be **The Mustang** on **Monday, April 29 at 6 p.m.** Roman Coleman, a convict in a rural Nevada prison who struggles to escape his past, rediscovers his own humanity in a social rehabilitation program. There he must gentle an especially unbreakable mustang named Marcus. During the program, Roman is helped by a no-nonsense veteran trainer and an outgoing fellow inmate and trick rider. His journey with Marcus inspires a heartfelt connection and challenges him to be a better person.



A meal will be available and as always, library programs are free and open to the public.

IN A LAND OF AWE AUTHOR VISITS LIBRARY

Chad Hanson, author of *In A Land of Awe: Finding Reverence in the Search for Wild Horses* will speak at the library on **Wednesday, April 17 at 6 p.m.** Out on the edges of our frantic twenty-first-century nation, bands of wild horses stand nestled together, calmly



nuzzling each other to maintain the bonds of family. Through the lens of the wild mustang, Chad Hanson gives us new ways to see and meaningfully engage our world as we enter new considerations about how

we understand animals and our landscapes, our history, and ourselves. Hanson's book will also be featured in the **Wild Wyoming** book discussion series.

PAINT @ THE LIBRARY

Three **Paint @ the Library** sessions are planned this winter on **Wednesdays February 7, March 6 and April 3** from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Call the library at 307-334-3490 to reserve your space. Library programs are free and open to the public.



Winter Events at the Library



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Phone and Fax: 307-334-3490 * <http://niobraracountylibrary.org> *

January 2024

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April 2024

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

Tuesdays, January 2 through February 27 - K through 2nd Grades
Thursdays, January 4 through February 22 - 3rd through 6th Grades
Tuesdays, March 5 - LegoTime for all ages through May 14

The Friends of the Library Present Reading is Fun, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14 — *Valentine's Day Skit*
Wednesday, April 10 — *Performance by Ventriloquist Wayne & Wingnut*

Wild Wyoming Book Discussion, 6 p.m.

February 5 — *American Wolf* by Nate Blakeslee
March 4 — *Touching the Wild* by Joe Hutto
April 1 — *In A Land of Awe* by Chad Hanson & *Unbroken Spirit*
May 6 — *Great Wyoming Bear Stories* by Tom Reed

Living Wild Dinner & Movie Series, 6 p.m.

Monday, January 29 — *The Call of the Wild*
Monday, February 26 — *Life of Pi*
Monday, March 25 — *Grizzly Man*
Monday, April 29 — *The Mustang*

Around the World, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28 — *Southeast Asia with Leslie Stewart*
Wednesday, March 27 — *Europe with Kyra and Logan Wasson*

Adult Paint @ the Library, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7
Wednesday, March 6
Wednesday, April 3

Featured Artists

February — *Clint Clore*, Reception Wednesday, February 7 at 5 p.m.
May — *Wild & Free Photography*

Presenters

Wednesday, February 21 — *Lucas Keeler, BLM Land Patent Records*, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, April 17 — *Chad Hanson*, 6:00 p.m.

Concerts @ the Congregational Church

Sunday, February 11 at 1:30 p.m. — *Culmination*
Sunday, April 7 at 1:30 p.m. — *Clint Clore*

Storyhour for Ages 3-Kindergarten (Year-round)

Tuesdays - 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Holiday Library Closures:

- New Year's Day - January 1
- * Martin Luther King Day - January 15
- Presidents' Day - February 19
- Memorial Day - May 27



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WINTER LIBRARY AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

The **NIOBRARA COUNTY LIBRARY** will host two afterschool sessions beginning the first week of January from **3:40 p.m. until 4:45 p.m.** The thematic programs include stories, interactive activities, crafting & tons of fun! Library programs are free and open to the public.

"HORSES NEAR AND FAR" is planned for children in grades **K-2** on **Tuesdays** and children in grades **3-6** on **Thursdays**. Children will learn about horses worldwide, including the wild horses of Wyoming. Several different themes will be featured and age-appropriate crafts and activities will be shared as well.



Grades K-2: Begins Tuesday, **January 2** and continues through Tuesday, **February 27**

Grades 3-6: Begins Thursday, **January 4** and continues through Thursday, **February 22**.

Call (307) 334-3490 or stop by the library to register your children as space is limited. The programs will be held from 3:40 to 4:45 p.m. If you are interested in bringing snacks or supplies, please indicate when registering.

STOP BY THE LIBRARY AND CHECK THESE OUT!



1000 Books Plus Before Kindergarten! For every 100 library books your child reads before they start kindergarten they can select a hardback book for their very own! We are happy to extend this program beyond 1000 Books!

I Can Read! This program is similar to the *1000 Books Plus Before Kindergarten* except it is geared toward helping your reluctant reader gain ground! Also suitable for children who need a little help jumpstarting to the next reading level. For every 25 library books that your child reads (and logs) they can select a book for their own! The Niobrara County Library Foundation provides the books for both programs!

