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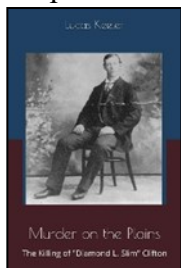
Lusk, Wyoming

Summer 2024 Newsletter

MURDER ON THE PLAINS

Murder on the Plains: The Killing of "Diamond L. Slim" Clifton by Newcastle's Lucas Keeler will be presented on **Wednesday, July 17 at 6 p.m.** at the library.

The son of a minister, William C. "Slim" Clifton arrived in Montana in the late 1880s, where he quickly learned ranching skills and the cowboy way of life. With his newfound skills and his work ethic, Slim journeyed to Wyoming where he became known for his prowess with a team of horses and a rope.



A stenographer for the Union Pacific Railroad in Omaha, Nebraska, John Church and his wife Luella met the cowboy Slim Clifton in Omaha in 1901. With Clifton's tales and promises of the opportunities that Wyoming could afford the newlywed couple, the Churches left the safe confines of their childhood home and journeyed west in search of new beginnings in Wyoming.

The three homesteaders were lured to Wyoming by its beauty, and with hopes and dreams they established their ranches along Porcupine Creek in western Weston County. Little did they know that their arrival in Wyoming would lead to their deaths, resulting in the most infamous murders in Weston County history.

Lucas Keeler is a life-long resident of Wyoming. He enjoys spending time with his family and continues to research and write about the forgotten history of the Black Hills. Copies of *"Murder on the Plains"* will be available for sale. Plan to attend and learn more about this historical event.

PAINT @ THE LIBRARY

Three *Paint @ the Library* programs will be held this summer. **Monday, June 3** a seascape will be featured. A *Legend of Rawhide* teepee will be the focus on **Monday, July 1** and a still life will be the subject on **Monday, August 5**. Barb Orr will share her expertise during the sessions which will be held from 1-3 p.m. Registration is required, please call the library at (307) 334-3490; children under the age of 10 should be accompanied by an adult.



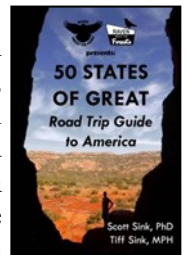
TIPS FOR SUMMER TRAVELING

Cheyenne, Wyoming travel bloggers and authors, Scott & Tiff Sink will share *The 6Ps of Travel Planning* at the library on **Wednesday, June 5 at 6 p.m.** Scott and Tiff



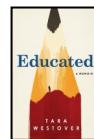
are proud to call Cheyenne home, which means a lot as they have lived in 10 different states, and have traveled extensively throughout the US, including spending at least one night in every state and going to every

state at least twice! Scott studied forest ecology, which supplemented his love of the outdoors. After being a professor, he began traveling, drawing, and writing full time, which has resulted in an extensive travel website and recently three guidebooks and a coloring book. Tiff's background is in public health and she works at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center. They believe in the "happiness of pursuit" and are continually seeking new experiences. As they say, while they haven't been everywhere, it is on their list! Attendees will get great ideas from these experienced travel guide writers and Wyoming residents! Mark your calendar!



READ & FEED RETURNS

A three book discussion series is planned for the summer with discussions planned for **Monday, June 17, Monday, July 15** and **Monday, August 12** at noon.



Educated by Tara Westover is scheduled for discussion on June 1. Westover was born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho and at the age of 17 set foot in a classroom for the first time. This book gets to the heart of what an education is and what it offers. Other books planned are *ShadowMan: An Elusive Psycho Killer and the Birth of FBI Profiling* by Ron Franscell and *Grit, Not Glamour: Female Farmers, Ranchers, Ropers, and Herders of the American West* by Cheryl Mullenbach.



Stop by the library to register and pick up the first book. Plan to bring your lunch and enjoy a leisurely discussion with friends. For more information stop by the library or call (307) 334-3490.

SUMMER READING AND PROGRAMS

Adventure Begins At Your Library is the theme for summer reading and children's programming at the library this year. Summer reading programs are designed to encourage children to keep reading during summer vacation. To help prevent the "summer slide" continues to be the main objective of library reading programs.

The benefits of library summer reading programming for children include motivation, maintaining and growing reading skills and getting to know their library.

Adventure Begins At Your Library begins the end of May for all ages and continues throughout the summer. Stop in the library after **May 20** to set your reading goals and check out your library books. The tracking week ends each Friday beginning May 31 and continues through August 2. When a goal is met for two weeks, a certificate for swimming or a treat will be awarded. In mid-August, children who have completed their reading goals each week throughout the summer will be eligible for additional prizes. The Summer Reading Program is extended to young adult and adult participants as well!

Regularly scheduled programs at the library include:



LegoTime will be held each Tuesday at 1 p.m. beginning on May 28 through July 30 for all ages.

Read with Delilah is scheduled each Tuesday at 2 p.m. beginning May 28 through July 30. Delilah will be available for children to practice their reading, offering a fun option for children each week.



Crafting and activity sessions are planned for Wednesdays beginning May 29 at 1 p.m. through July 31. A wide variety of 'adventure' projects will be available!

Afternoon movies will be featured on Thursdays at 1 p.m. beginning May 30 and running through August 8. The library provides the popcorn; please bring your own drink.



BoardGames & OpenCraft Time will be held at the library on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 6 & 7 at 1 p.m. Come play a variety of games or independently craft with your friends!

COLORADO PEACHES EXPECTED

The Niobrara County Library Foundation is now taking orders for Palisade, Colorado peaches! The 18-20 pound box is expected late this summer or early fall. Proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the Twenty-Five by 2025 Campaign. Contact the library at (307) 334-3490 or any foundation member to place your order.



AVAILABLE LIBRARY SERVICES

The library offers a variety of convenience services with varying charges including copying, printing, scanning, and faxing. Laminating for paper (sized 2 x 3 through 11 x 17) has been available and recently a 27" roll laminator was added with funding from the library foundation's Bricks 'n' Books fund. Several desktop computers are available with Microsoft software, along with laptops for in-library use. Call the library for pricing information.



Wi-Fi is available 24/7 and mobile hotspots and internet-ready Chromebooks are available to check out (with restrictions).

Large-scale printing/copying is available as well as comb-binding of documents. Call Debbie at (307) 334-3490 or email director@niobraracountylibrary.org for pricing information on large jobs and scheduling large laminating jobs.

BOOK SALE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale and Ice Cream Social fundraiser will be held on **Saturday, June 22**. The Book Sale begins at 8 a.m. and the Social at 11 a.m.



There is sure to be something for everyone! Proceeds help fund live performances, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and more!



WYOMING LIBRARY TO BUSINESS AVAILABLE

Wyoming Library to Business is a business-focused, community driven and completely free resource, based in your local library! This program is part of a national initiative by the American Library Association (ALA) intended to build capacity in libraries offering programming or services to local entrepreneurs and the small business community, prioritizing low-income and underrepresented entrepreneurs.



The goal is to connect Wyoming entrepreneurs and business owners with a curated network of business experts, resources to learn new skills, and the tools to succeed at every stage. Tools available to check out at the library include a laptop with Microsoft Office, webcam, projector, portable foldable photo studio box, flexible tripod kit, microphone stand kit, ring light tripod, collapsible background kit and a complete podcasting station.

Candid Databases are also available in the library! This provides free access to Candid's Foundation Directory, Grants to Individuals and Foundation Maps. LinkedIn Learning also provides free online courses!



Dates to Remember

JUNE 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30	May 31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29

JULY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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AUGUST 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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-  **LegoTime @ the Library**
Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m. — May 28 to July 30
-  **Read with Delilah**
Tuesdays, 2:00 p.m.—May 28 to July 30
-  **Summer Crafts & Activities**
Adventure Begins at Your Library
Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. — May 29 to July 31
-  **Afternoon Movies @ the Library**
Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. — May 30 to August 8
-  **BoardGames & OpenCraft Time @ the Library**
Tuesday & Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. — August 6 & 7

SPECIAL EVENTS @ THE LIBRARY

Jeff Quinn's Adventures in Magic

Wednesday, May 29 — 4:00 p.m.

Paint with Barb @ the Library

Mondays, 1:00 p.m. — June 3, July 1 & August 5

6Ps of Travel Planning with Scott & Tiff Sink

Wednesday, June 5 — 6 p.m.

Read & Feed @ the Library

Monday, June 17, July 15 & August 12—Noon

Dr. Noize in Concert

Tuesday, June 18 — 1 p.m.

Friends of the Library Alumni Activities

Saturday, June 22—Book Sale/Ice Cream, 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Dinosaurs for Kids with Marcus Eriksen

Wednesday, June 26 — 1 p.m.

Wisconsin Schneider and the Magic of Music

Tuesday, July 2 — 4:30 p.m.

Entertainer Aaron Fowler in Concert

Wednesday, July 10 — 1 p.m.

Lucas Keeler—Murder on the Plains: Slim Clifton

Wednesday, July 17 — 6 p.m.

Logan & Kyra Wasson: Travel for Kids

Thursday, July 18 — 1 p.m.

Meghan Casey & Rocky Mountain Puppets

Monday, July 22 — 10:00 a.m.

Ann Lincoln Entertainment: Foam Party @ the Library

Tuesday, August 6 — 5:00 p.m.

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

Holiday Closures

Memorial Day — Monday, May 27
Independence Day — Thursday, July 4



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BLOOD PRESSURE KITS AVAILABLE

Self-measured blood pressure monitoring kits are available for checkout, thanks to a partnership with the University of Wyoming's Wyoming Center on Aging (WyCOA) and the Wyoming Department of Health's Chronic Disease Prevention Program.

The kits include an automated home blood pressure cuff, blood pressure logbooks, educational materials from the American Heart Association, information on what blood pressure is, and ideas for healthy lifestyle changes. The kits also include a resource directory of local community-based organizations and referral resources to the Cent\$ible Nutrition Program and the Healthy U chronic disease self-management program. Stop by the library for more information.



STORYHOUR AVAILABLE WEEKLY

Join Miss Tina on **Tuesdays** throughout the year for Children's Storyhour! Preschool-aged children will enjoy stories, activities, puzzles and the opportunity to socialize with other children. Storyhour is held from **10 to 11 a.m.**



LIVE PERFORMANCES & PROGRAMS @ THE LIBRARY!

Programs are free and open to the public.

MAGICIAN JEFF QUINN



Magician Jeff Quinn will present *Adventures in Magic* at the library on **Wednesday, May 29 at 4 p.m.** Jeff has put together a show filled with tricks involving astronauts, cowboys, pirates, explorers and more! The show contains lots of audience participation, family-friendly humor and (of course) amazing magic that is fun for the whole family. Jeff Quinn is a multiple award-winning magician from Omaha, Nebraska. This show is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

DR. NOIZE IN CONCERT



The Friends of the Library are pleased to have Dr. Noize return to the library on **Tuesday, June 18 at 1 p.m.** This *Unplugged* concert will have you dancing and singing and, in general, having a great time! Plan to attend!

DINOSAURS FOR KIDS



Dinosaurs for Kids will be presented at the library on **Wednesday, June 26 at 1 p.m.** Marcus Eriksen has been excavating dinosaurs in Niobrara County since 1991, building his first life-size dinosaur skeleton for the Stagecoach Museum on Main St. in Lusk in 2000. Plan to see and touch a variety of real-life bones and learn about the dinosaurs who have roamed our county.



WISCONSIN SCHNEIDER AND THE MAGIC OF MUSIC



Who needs Indiana Jones for an adventure when you can have Wisconsin Schneider (a.k.a. Mike Schneider) instead? Mike will bring music, magic & comedy to the library on **Tuesday, July 2 at 4:30 p.m.** Mike will unveil his brand-new magic trick as he turns a cup full of graham crackers into a cup full of hot chocolate and marshmallows! Perfect for your summer camping trip!

AARON FOWLER IN CONCERT

The Adventure Begins Today with Aaron Fowler in concert on **Wednesday, July 10 at 1 p.m.** There will be singing, moving, playing instruments, and sharing of stories with this Kansas performer! Plan to attend! Brought to you by the Friends of the Library.



TRAVEL FOR KIDS



Thursday, July 18 at 1 p.m. *Travel for Kids* with Kyra and Logan Wasson will be featured at the library. In an epic summer adventure, Logan and Kyra Wasson went on a super cool journey across the United Kingdom, Greece, Italy, Switzerland, France, and Iceland! Their travels were like something out of a storybook, full of excitement and wonder at every turn. Join them at the library to embark on your own adventure or to help them find the missing treasure!

EXPEDITION UNDERGROUND

Ventriloquist Meghan Casey & Rocky Mountain Puppets return on **Monday, July 22 at 10 a.m.** After months of preparation, Meghan and Aidan are finally embarking on their quest to uncover rare fossils in a mysterious cave, but they got more than they bargained for after an earthquake hit trapping them **INSIDE** the cave! The duo discovered an ancient petroglyph drawing that appears to be a map with puzzles that needed to be solved to make it to the cave exit. One wrong move and they could fall into a dangerous trap. Everyone involved will need to work together and harness their Indiana Jones alter-ego to make it out safely during this "*Expedition Underground*."




ANN LINCOLN ENTERTAINMENT FOAM PARTY!



The Friends of the Library are very excited to bring a Foam Party to the library on **Tuesday, August 6 at 5 p.m.** Watch for more details as this event is still in process!


This unique entertainment concept is very popular and it's clean, fresh, biodegradable, hypo-allergenic foam that is guaranteed to bring sheer joy to children (and adults!).

 **StoryHour: Tuesdays, 10-11 a.m. Year-Round**

 **LegoTime: Tuesdays, 1 p.m. May 28-July 30**

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