Library Café employees work hard for their money, and we should support them
From Gregg Ficht
Cheyenne

I support the Library Café. It provides coffee and snacks going to the library.
People, wake up. You people have one of the best libraries in the U.S. Get out and support it.
I am a person that favors the Library Café. The people of Laramie County asked for it, so support it. But do not knock it if the place loses some money.
Do you people expect for those hard-working café workers to work for nothing? Come on, they work hard for their money.

Continue to adequately fund our wonderful library
From Vanda Edington
Cheyenne

The primary election is past, and whomever is elected to the county commission in November will be faced with limited resources and numerous challenges on how to utilize the budget.
I trust they will realize that the library is extremely important to the residents of Laramie County for more than just books.
The library serves citizens of the county from the youngest to the oldest, no matter if they have money or no money in their quest for lifelong learning. It provides exceptional service with a highly trained staff to assist people in their informational needs and is responsive to the needs of all its patrons.
I have three young grandsons that beg to go to the library store, as they call it. They don’t realize everything is free. Story time, making videos and the wonderful book machine all create a place they love. I love that they want to go to the award-winning library that we have created.
Today, technology is an essential part of all good libraries. Up-to-date computers are how people obtain information, find and use books, access job information, become connected to the world. Computers allow the library staff to do their jobs efficiently and effectively.
As the funding sources are explored, remember, our library is a gem and needs to be adequately funded.

Not everyone wanted a money-losing cafe
From Christine Fitzgerald
Cheyenne

I was furious to read that the library cafe lost $44,000 last year. I am a small business owner and I can say that I have never been given $44,000 to run my business.

When my business is down, I have to do all that I can to make a profit. What is so infuriating is that I put money into my business, but I also have to put into the library cafe with my taxes. So I am funding my business and theirs.
All business owners have to recognize when it is time to cut your losses. I was irritated by Laura Block’s flippan comment that “anytime the newspaper has run an article about the library cafe, we’ve seen a boost in the number of people who come in.”
I guess next time my business has a down week, I will just call the paper and get them to do a story on it. I have been paying for my ads all these years. I know that if my business lost $44,000, I would be in panic mode. I would not have the attitude that everything is great and this is just what people wanted, because it is not.

Quit picking on the library and its money woes
From Joel Helleso
Cheyenne

I’m having a hard time understanding why someone on the editorial board has chosen to single out the library, the cafe, and several of its managers, in an almost daily personal attack.
Does everyone on the board share the same opinion?
It seems that the WTE suffers from the same “pro-progress” thinking that doesn’t seem to make a connection between government projects and wasting the taxpayers’ money. It seems like yesterday I was reading that the WTE was in favor of all sixth-penny projects that were proposed in the recent election. Is it that you can later criticize how each of these projects seem to use more money than projected?
The only conclusion I can draw from this is that it is personal, or someone just doesn’t like the library but wants to ignore “bad government” everywhere else. This sounds like “bad reporting.”