

DECEMBER 2019 | EVENTS & MORE



LIBRARY INFORMATION

CLOSURES

December 24, Christmas Eve
December 25, Christmas Day
December 31 (close at 6pm), New Year's Eve

RSVP REQUIRED





See a large asterisk beside an event you're interested in? This event requires an RSVP! Visit LaramieCountyLibrary.org to let us know you'll attend. If you RSVP and can't attend, please let us know!

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EXHIBITS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Artfest (Sponsored by RSVP)

Now – December 22

Library Hours

The annual Artfest returns! Enjoy art and photography created by area residents, located throughout the library. See a piece you'd like to buy? Contact RSVP at 307.635.2435. Exhibit coordinated and hung by the staff and volunteers of the Southern Wyoming Retired Senior and Volunteer Program (RSVP).
(All Ages; 1st and 3rd Floors)

Call for Panel Proposals - Library Con 2020:

Know a thing or two about cosplay? Star Trek vs Star Wars? Passionate about how science fiction has furthered the development of current science? Laramie County Library will be holding its 2nd Library Con on April 4, 2020, and we need you! Go to LCLOnline.org to find the Request for Panel Presentation submission form and fill it out! Submissions are open to teens and adults. *Remember the library is a family place and the event is a family-friendly Con.*

**Deadline for all submissions is
January 15, 2020.**

Note: If you are interested in being a vendor at Library Con, please contact Mynda at mcamphouse@lclsonline.org

Welcome 2020!

New Year's at Noon

Tuesday, December 31

10:30am–12:30pm

5...4...3...2...1! We are celebrating the New Year at our annual New Year's at Noon event! We will have crafts, snacks, and games a-plenty leading up to a fantastic balloon drop!

(Children & Families; Cottonwood Room and 2nd Floor)

New Year's at Noon Sensory Drop

Tuesday, December 31

11:45am–12:15pm

Everyone loves New Year's, except for those who can be overwhelmed by loud sounds and popping balloons. We'll provide a safe sound environment for children who want to participate in a fun "drop" without the overload it can create for those with sensory sensitivities! Instead of balloons, we will be dropping shiny crepe paper pieces and bubbles.

(Children & Families; Willow Room)

YOUTH & FAMILY EVENTS

Brown Bag Book Club

Thursday, December 5

6–7pm

Book club will meet for three meetings during the months of November and December. Participants can bring a “brown bag” meal and desserts and drinks will be provided. We will be reading *Book Scavenger*. (Grades 4–6; Sage Room)



Book description: Twelve-year-old Emily moves to San Francisco and teams up with new friend James to follow clues in a strange book they find, hoping to figure out its secrets before the men who attacked Emily's hero, publisher Garrison Griswold, solve the mystery or come after the friends.

Yoga Together

Wednesday, December 11

Saturday, December 21

10:15–10:45am

Come and experience stories, stretching, and fun with a special early literacy class. This month's theme is Winter Holiday. (Ages 18 Months–5 Years; Cottonwood Room)

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Friday, December 6

5–5:30pm

Have you ever wondered what happens at the library when it's closed? We will share our secret world with your stuffed animal friends at our Stuffed Animal Sleepover! When you bring your friend to stay the night you will need to sign a permission slip, then you and your friend can listen to a bedtime book and say good night. Come to our special storytime the next day, December 7, at 10:15am to see all that your friend got to do! *Dolls and other “babies” are invited as well. One stuffed animal per child please. (Pre-K–Grade 6; Early Literacy Center)

Storytime for Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Saturday, December 7

10:15–10:45am

Did you bring your special friend to spend the night at the library? If so, you're invited to a special storytime to see all the great things that your stuffed animal got to do! (Pre-K–Grade 6; Early Literacy Center)

Baby Music

Friday, December 13

10:15–11am

You and your baby can engage in musical activities at this unique session designed for caregivers and babies. (Ages Birth–24 Months; Early Literacy Center)

Kindermusik®

Saturday, December 14

10:15–11am

Sing, sway, laugh, and play with skilled educator Laura Sutton. (Ages 2–5; Early Literacy Center)

Family Make-It: Holiday Foodaments

Thursday, December 19

6–7pm

What is a foodament you ask? Well, it's an ornament made out of... FOOD! Grab the gang and come in out of the cold to make some great holiday ornaments you can eat! (Children & Families; Early Literacy Center)

Family Book Swap

Saturday, December 21

3–4pm

Got a book you're just dying to... give away? But, then you would be in need of another book? Well, we have a solution for you! Bring a book (in good condition) for our first-ever Family Book Swap! Wrap it up in special paper, come on in and have some hot cocoa and pie, and pick out a new book friend to take home! It's as simple and as fun as that! *Up to one book per person who would like to participate. (Children & Families; Early Literacy Center)

Winter Movie Double Feature

Friday, December 27

10:15am–3:15pm

Winter break is going strong and so are we! Come on in for our Winter Movie Double Feature. Start off your day with popcorn and a showing of *Abominable* (rated PG) at 10:15am. Bring a lunch or grab something from The Library Café and stay for our throwback showing of *The Mighty Ducks* (rated PG) starting at 1pm. (Children & Families; Early Literacy Center)

New Year's at Noon

See p. 2 for details.

New Year's at Noon Sensory Drop

See p. 2 for details.



MONTHLY STORYTIMES

Stories on My Own

Tuesdays: December 3, 10, 17

Wednesdays: December 4, 11, 18

Thursdays: December 12, 19

10:15–10:45am

This storytime is designed for older preschool children to practice sitting, listening, following directions, and interacting with others their age in a group setting without their caregivers. (Ages 3–5; Sage Room)

Tales Together

Tuesdays: December 3, 10, 17

Wednesdays: December 4, 18

Thursdays: December 5, 12, 19

10:15–10:45am

Join us for an interactive storytime session for preschool children and their caregivers. Practice new skills incorporating books, songs, rhymes, movement, and more! (Ages 18 Months–5 Years; Early Literacy Center)

Baby Lapsit

Fridays: December 6, 20

10:15–11am

Join us for a short storytime session designed just for babies and their caregivers. Enjoy books, songs, lap bounces, and rhymes! Afterwards, babies can play with our educational toys while caregivers visit. (Ages Birth–24 Months; Early Literacy Center)

Did you know?

All of our storytime sessions each week follow a theme, so you can attend whichever session works best for your schedule!

Storytime Themes by Week:

December 3: Art & Imagination

December 10: Pigs A Plenty

December 17: Here Comes Santa!

December 24: No Storytime This Week

December 31: No Storytime This Week



Look for Elsie's paw print for all storytime dates on the calendar grid, pages 7-8.

EARLY LITERACY ACTIVITIES

Early Literacy Center (ELC)

The ELC is open for playing, reading, singing, talking, and writing after storytime. We encourage you to take the opportunity to explore the Learning Spots (changed monthly) with your children, socialize with other caregivers, and enjoy your time in the library.

Letters of the Month: G and H

Color of the Month: Red

Number of the Month: 4

My Library Place

The space outside the Early Literacy Center is a great place to socialize and meet new friends after storytime while children play and interact with you and each other.

Who are these mountain lion cubs and what are they doing in the library?

Elsie and Eddie are the early literacy mascots for Laramie County Library System. You'll see them around the library and sometimes around town! Wherever they are, they are helping to get young children ready to read!

Elsie, we'll learn how to read when we go to school, so let's get ready!



Sign up for text messages to boost your child's learning with Ready4K!

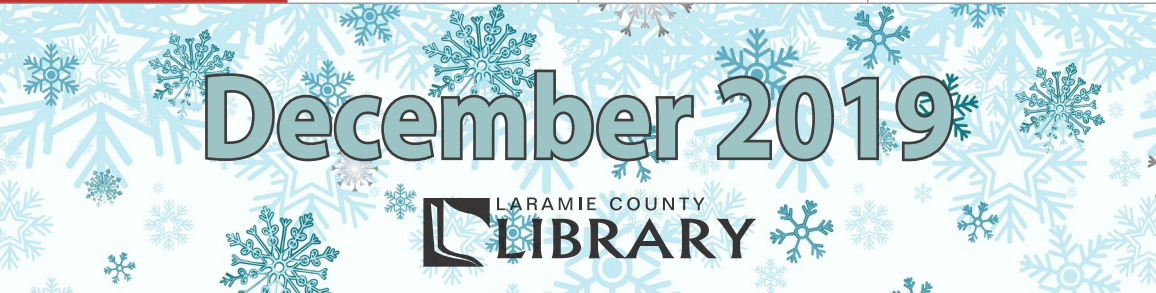
Ready4K is a research-based text-messaging program for parents. Each week, you will receive fun facts and easy tips to boost your child's learning.

Signing up is easy! All you have to do is follow these simple instructions:

- If your child is 3 years old, text **R4K WY3** to **70138**
- If your child is 4 years old, text **R4K WY4** to **70138**
- If your child is in kindergarten, text **R4K WY5** to **70138**

Visit [LaramieCountyLibrary.org/youth](https://laramiecountylibrary.org/youth) for information and details.

While there is absolutely no cost for signing up, data & message rates may apply.

A horizontal banner with a light blue background filled with various snowflake patterns in shades of blue and white. The text "December 2019" is prominently displayed in the center in a large, bold, light blue font with a dark blue outline. Below it, the Laramie County Library logo is centered, featuring a stylized black and white icon to the left of the text "LARAMIE COUNTY LIBRARY" in a dark blue, serif font.

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TEEN EVENTS

Pokémon League: Cosmic Eclipse

Thursdays: December 5, 12, 19

4–6pm

Thursday, December 26

1–3pm

Fall Pokémon League continues! The Cosmic Eclipse expansion has arrived, so let's discuss new battle strategies. Then, join us for the Stadium Tourney where you could win booster packs or other Pokémon swag at the end of the month!

(Grades 7–12; Teen Lounge)

Pokémon League: December 5, 12, 19
Stadium Tourney: December 26

Gamers Unite!

Fridays: December 6, 13, 20

3:30–5pm

Friday, December 27

1–3:30pm

If you're a fan of video game competition, modding, and restoring old hardware, then this is the perfect club for you! Check our activity schedule at the teen desk to see what we're doing this month.

(Grades 7–12; Sage Room)

FAFSA Workshop

Thursday, December 12

6–7:30pm

Pros from the TRIO Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) will be available to answer questions about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The workshop will include information on completing the application and understanding the deadlines. The EOC pros will explain where the application goes, who sees it, and how it is used. Corrections and verifications will also be reviewed.

(Teens & Adults; Computer Classroom)

SaturD&D

Saturdays: December 14, 28

1–3pm

Ever wanted to try out Dungeons & Dragons? Or find a party to play with? Then roll for initiative and join us for a campaign this month.

(Grades 7–12; Teen Lounge)

Netflix and Knit

Monday, December 30

12–4pm

Come hang with us over break! We're learning how to arm-knit a stylish infinity scarf while we watch a great Netflix series. See you there!

(Grades 7–12; Sage Room)

ADULT EVENTS

Strings Concert at Napoli's

Tuesday, December 3

7–8:30pm

What could be better than Italian food accompanied by live music? A strings concert featuring Mia Sutphin (violin), Megan Weidler (cello), Ruth Potter (violin), along with Lori Wagner (violin) of Bella Music Academy will be held at Napoli's Italian Restaurant on the corner of Central and 19th streets. A purchase of food and drink is suggested, but not required to attend.

(Adults; Napoli's Restaurant)

Library for All

Wednesday, December 18

11am–12pm

Welcome to our holiday program specifically geared for adults with disabilities. Our program meets consistently on the third Wednesday of the month. Join us to make a holiday candle holder, participate in a science experiment, and build with LEGO® bricks! Please bring your staff with you.

(Adults; Cottonwood Room)

Positive Aging

Friday, December 20

1:30–4pm

In the mood for a classic? Will George Bailey lasso the moon for Mary? Will Clarence Oddbody get his wings? Sip hot cocoa, enjoy popcorn, and experience *It's a Wonderful Life* (rated PG) all over again!

(Adults; Cottonwood Room)

Ernest Hemingway:

An Exploration of Life and Stories

Thursday, December 5

6–7:30pm

Delve into Ernest Hemingway's life of adventure, complexity, and intrigue with a presentation by Dr. Caskey Russell. The University of Wyoming professor will lecture on the biographical history of the famous author before discussing the diverse stories presented in this year's One Book Wyoming selection, *In Our Time*, with a fellow Hemingway expert. Join the library for an exciting evening of exploration on the life and stories of Ernest Hemingway.

(Adults; Cottonwood Room)



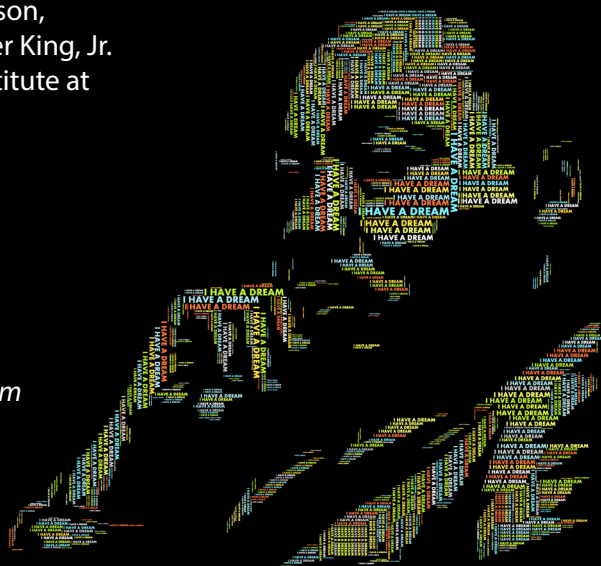
He had a dream. The dream lives on.

Laramie County Library System Presents

***A Dedication to the Dream:
Dr. Carson's Pursuit of MLK's Vision***
Featuring Dr. Clayborne Carson,
Founder of the Martin Luther King, Jr.
Research and Education Institute at
Stanford University

SAVE THE DATE:
February 13, 2020
6:30pm

Follow us on Facebook:
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for upcoming details!



Computer Help

Monday – Friday: December 2–6, 9–13, 16–20, 23, 26–27, 30–31
2–2:45pm
Saturdays: December 7, 14, 21, 28
11–11:45am

Register at the third floor Ask Here desk for a personalized 45-minute session to answer basic questions about the resources the library offers. Limited sessions available. Please provide your question(s) when registering so our staff has time to research if necessary.
(Adults; Computer Classroom)

LIBRARY TO BUSINESS EVENTS

Identifying and Developing Soft Skills*

Tuesday, December 3
6–7pm

Soft skills play an important role in resume writing, interviewing, coaching, and communicating with people at work and in other areas of your life. Learn how to identify and develop a variety of skills that lead to greater success in the workplace and how we can instill those skills in our children, our employees, and ourselves. Presented by Penny Fletcher, MEd, PHR, SHRM-CP in partnership with L2B.
(Adults; Sunflower Room)

Boomers: Side-gigs and Freelancing in Retirement

Friday, December 6
8–9:30am

Ready to retire but don't want to quit working altogether? Need a flexible "side-gig" to occupy some of your time? Come and chat with like-minded boomers and discover your next adventure. Drop in to enjoy a light morning snack and walk through an easy exercise that can help you decide whether self-employment or part-time work will meet your needs. Presented in partnership with Wyoming Women's Business Center.
(Adults; Willow Room)

Introduction to Nonprofit Proposal Writing*

Tuesday, December 10
3:30–4:30pm

Are you new to nonprofit proposal writing or want a quick refresher? This class will provide you with an overview of how to write standard project proposals to a foundation. It will include the basic elements of a proposal, the "dos" and "don'ts" of writing and submitting a proposal, and how to follow up whether the answer is yes or no. Presented in partnership with Funding Information Network by Candid and L2B.
(Adults; Windflower Room)

Business Tax Preparation & IRS Problem Solving

Wednesday, December 11
6–7pm

Do you find yourself scrambling to prepare for tax season? Have you been late filing your taxes in the past? This workshop will help you understand the documents you need to gather for tax season and build your confidence for a meeting with a tax preparer. The Taxpayer Advocate Service will also be available to answer questions regarding IRS tax problems and recommend changes to prevent future tax problems. Presented in partnership with the Wyoming Women's Business Center, Taxpayer advocate Service, and L2B.
(Adults; Cottonwood Room)

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[LaramieCountyLibrary.org/services/L2B](https://laramiecountylibrary.org/services/L2B)
then click on the program you're
interested in. Or scan this QR code on
your device to go directly to the page.



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BURNS EVENTS

Make It Monday

Mondays: December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

1–5pm

Make and take home a craft stick Christmas tree that's perfect for the holiday season! (All Ages)

Fun for Kids!

Tuesdays: December 3, 10

10–11am

Join us for an interactive storytime session to promote early literacy through books, songs, puppets, crafts, and more. (Pre-K)

Themes by Week

December 5: Pigs A Plenty

December 10: Here Comes Santa

Friday Matinee

Fridays: December 6, 13, 27

12:30–2:30pm

Spend your Friday afternoons at the library to watch a matinee. Each week will feature a different movie. Bring a favorite snack and enjoy the show! (Children & Families)

Movies by Week

December 6: *Mickey's Christmas Carol* (rated G)

December 13: *Toy Story 4* (rated G)

December 20: No Movie This Week

December 27: *The Lion King* (rated PG)

Seniors and Veterans Connect

Mondays: December 9, 23

2–4pm

Seniors and veterans are invited to enjoy refreshments and free activities. December 9 is all about "Remembering the Holidays" and on December 23, there will be a showing of the movie *Coat of Many Colors* (not rated), Dolly Parton's true story of the simple gift that changed her life forever. (Adults)

Ladies Night Out: Ornament Workshop

Thursday, December 12

5:30–6:30pm

Ladies, need a break? This event is for you! Get festive as you create different ornaments, including a marbled ball ornament, a twig and raffia star, and a cinnamon stick Christmas tree. (Adults)

Dinner and a Book Club

Tuesday, December 17

5:30–7pm

Join us for a relaxing evening as we discuss *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. Bring a dish to share for that evening's potluck. For more information about the book, call the library, or visit with staff. (Adults)

Holidays Around the World Celebration

Friday, December 20

2–3:30pm

Help celebrate the season with holiday traditions from around the world! Have fun with crafts, games, and music from Mexico to Germany, United States to Africa, and places in between. (Children & Families)



PINE BLUFFS EVENTS

Dinner and a Movie:

The Reading Room

Tuesday, December 3

7–9pm

Bring a potluck dish to share and enjoy the movie *The Reading Room* (rated PG). Fulfilling his beloved wife's dying wish, William Campbell restores an abandoned building they own into a reading room for a depressed community notorious for its ineffectual high school and street gangs. Against all odds, he's determined to give them a sense of self-respect. (Adults)

Fun for Kids!

Thursdays: December 5, 12, 19

10–11am

Join us for an interactive storytime session designed to practice new skills incorporating books, songs, rhymes, movement, and more! (Pre-K)

Themes by Week

December 5: Pigs A Plenty

December 12: Art & Imagination

December 19: Here Comes Santa

December 26: No Storytime This Week

Movies at the Library

Fridays: December 6, 13, 20, 27

1:30–3:30pm

Come to the library on Friday afternoons to watch a variety of family-friendly films. We'll watch a different movie each week. Feel free to bring your favorite snacks to enjoy as you watch! (Children & Families)

Movies by Week

December 6: *Merry Madagascar* (rated NR)

December 13: *Mickey's Christmas Carol* (rated G)

December 20: *Arthur Christmas* (rated PG)

December 27: *Santa Paws 2* (rated G)

Saturday Morning Book Club

Saturday, December 14

10–11am

Join us this month for an informal discussion of the book, *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*. This beautiful, illuminating tale of hope and courage is based on a true story, and is an unforgettable love story in the midst of atrocity. Stop by the Pine Bluffs Branch to pick up your copy of the book. For more information about the book, please call the library or visit with staff. (Adults)

Holiday Hoopla!

Tuesday, December 17

4–5pm

Join us for an hour of afternoon fun as we celebrate the holiday season with crafts, games, and some delicious refreshments for you to enjoy. Bring a friend! (Grades K–6)



Bookmobile Schedule

Albin Elementary

Thursdays: December 5, 19
12:30 – 3:10pm

Albin Post Office

Thursdays: December 5, 19
3:15 – 4pm

Capital Greens Apartments

Tuesday, December 10
3:30 – 5pm

Carpenter Elementary

Thursday, December 12
12:30 – 3:15pm

Carpenter – Evans Park

Thursday, December 12
3:20 – 4pm

Destiny Christian Academy

Tuesdays: December 3, 17
9 – 10:45am

Laura E. Mason Christian Academy

Monday: December 9
3 – 3:30pm

Pershing Pointe

Monday, December 9, 23
3:45 – 5pm

Prairie View Apartments

Tuesdays: December 3, 17
3:30 – 5pm

West Winds Park

Mondays: December 2, 16
4 – 5:30pm

Schedule is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Library Locations and Hours

Cheyenne

2200 Pioneer Avenue
Cheyenne, WY 82001-3610
307.634.3561
LaramieCountyLibrary.org

Hours:

10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Monday - Thursday
10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Friday, Saturday
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Sunday

The Library Café Hours:

7:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Monday - Thursday
7:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Friday
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Saturday
Closed	Sunday

Burns

112 Main Street
Burns, WY 82053
307.547.2249
LaramieCountyLibrary.org/branches/burns

Hours:

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Monday
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Tuesday
Closed	Wednesday
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Thursday
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Saturday
Closed	Sunday

Pine Bluffs

110 East 2nd Street
Pine Bluffs, WY 82082
307.245.3646
LaramieCountyLibrary.org/branches/pinebluffs

Hours:

Closed	Monday
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Tuesday
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Wednesday-Thursday
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Saturday
Closed	Sunday

Note: Occasionally libraries close and events are canceled due to weather or unforeseen circumstances. Please feel free to call your library to ensure it is open or your event is occurring as scheduled.