

DECEMBER 2021 | EVENTS & MORE



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Library Information

Closures

December 23-25, Christmas
December 31 & January 1, New Year's

*RSVP Required

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

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Special Events & Exhibits

Crossroads Holiday Extravaganza! Friday, December 17 6-8pm

Laramie County Library System is throwing a Holiday Extravaganza! In celebration of the Smithsonian's *Crossroads: Change in Rural America* exhibit at the library, adults and families are encouraged to join us for an enchanting evening with this special after-hours event.

Enjoy a night filled with live music featuring the bluegrass band Wood Belly, trolley rides by the Cheyenne Street Railway, and decorations from the Historic Governor's Mansion. We will be serving food, providing maps for self-guided tours of the exhibit, crafting, taking pictures in a photo booth, and celebrating our wonderful community. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of this unique holiday party!
(Adults & Families; All Floors)



Due to COVID-19 considerations, any event may be cancelled at any time. Prior to arriving for an event, please check the library's website or call 634-3561 to ensure that it is still being held as previously scheduled. All participants, children and adults included, are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering when attending indoor library events.




CROSSROADS Change in Rural America

Crossroads: Change in Rural America has been made possible in Cheyenne by Wyoming Humanities.

Crossroads: Change in Rural America is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and State Humanities Councils nationwide. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress.

Crossroads: Change in Rural America December 11-January 23 Library Hours

Explore the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street exhibit on all three floors of the library to learn about our identity as rural Americans, who we were, who we are, and where we are going. Enjoy a variety of *Crossroads* events and activities, as well as an art exhibit, *Art at the Wyoming Crossroads*, featuring work by Joshua Brady, Narissa Kennedy, Danielle Kirby, and Steve Knox.
(All Ages; All Floors)

 Look for the *Crossroads* events throughout this calendar, signified by the green street sign.

Youth & Family Events

Holiday Craft Station

December 1–31

Library Hours

Pop in to the 2nd floor at any point throughout December to make a holiday-themed craft at the library. We'll have a different craft on the table every week. If you want, you can display your craft in the library after you finish.

(Children & Families; 2nd Floor)



Gift Crafts By Age

December 6–12

Library Hours

It is better to give than to receive and now is your chance to make something special for the giving season. For the first week of December, gift craft kits will be available to pick up and create at home. Pick them up at the 2nd floor Ask Here desk while they last!

(Pre-K, K–2, Tweens, Teens; 2nd Floor)

Virtual PJs and Cocoa Storytime*

Wednesday, December 15

6–7pm

Put on your coziest jammies, make a cup of hot cocoa and join us for a special evening storytime. Come to the library beginning December 8th to pick up an activity kit, then join us on Zoom for an evening of stories, songs, and other fun things.

(Pre-K & Families; Live via Zoom)

Winter Break Family Binge Bundles

December 20–22

Library Hours

The weather outside is frightful, so stay inside with something so delightful! Family Binge Bundles are the perfect way to gather the family and enjoy some quality time. Bundles will have two movies (free checkout!), books, and goodies for the whole family geared around a fun theme. Bundles will be limited, so get them while you can. One bundle per family, please!

(Families; 2nd Floor)

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Welcome 2022!

New Year's at Noon

December 27–December 30

Library Hours

It's time for our annual New Year's at Noon! This year, we will be counting down to noon at home with fun crafts and projects. Pick up your bag of fun between December 27th and December 30th to help us welcome 2022! Then, on December 31st, join us on our website and on Facebook for a countdown video!

(Children, Teens, & Families; 2nd Floor)

New Year's at Noon Sensory Bags*

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(Children, Teens, & Families; 2nd Floor)

Early Literacy Classes



Virtual Tales Together*

Thursdays: December 2, 9, 16

9:30–10am

Join us for a live virtual Tales Together via Zoom! During this interactive early literacy class, we will practice new skills incorporating books, songs, rhymes, movement, and more!

Stop by the Ask Here desk on the 2nd floor to pick up a weekly craft packet to go along with the week's early literacy classes and if you didn't already get one, we have brought back our free rhythm kits.
(Ages 18 Months – 5 Years; Live via Zoom)

Guided Play

Tuesdays: December 7, 14

10–11:45am

On Tuesday mornings, we invite you to come play with us! Each week we will feature a different playscape in the Early Literacy Center (ELC), along with suggestions of how to engage your child in guided play.
(Ages 18 months–5 Years; Early Literacy Center)

Guided Play Themes:

December 7: Roads and Ramps

December 14: Dress Up and Pretend

ELC Information:

Letters of the Month: K/L

Number of the Month: 6

Color of the Month: Purple



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



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

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!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Y Holiday Craft Station, LH, December 1-30 B & PB Photo Challenge LH, December 1-30 B & PB Reading Challenge LH, December 1-30 PB Minute-To-Win-It Christmas Madness, LH, December 1-30	2 *V. Tales Together, 9:30am PB Storytime to Go, 10am	3 A *V. Jeopardy!®, 7pm PB Craftastic Fridays, 1pm	4 T *V. SaturD&D, 1pm PB Saturday Matinee and Lunch, 12pm
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12 YT Gift Crafts by Age, LH	13 A *V. Crossroads Crafts from Our Past: Macrame Ornaments 6:30pm B Take It and Make It, 1pm	14 *V. Guided Play, 10am L *V. Business Tax Preparation & IRS Problem Solving, 6pm B Storytime to Go, 10am	15 Y *V. PJ's and Cocoa Storytime, 6pm	16 *V. Tales Together, 9:30am PB Storytime to Go, 10am	17 Crossroads Holiday Extravaganza! 6pm PB Craftastic Fridays, 1pm	18 T *V. SaturD&D, 1pm PB Saturday Morning Book Club, 10am
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Teen Events

Virtual SaturD&D*

Saturdays: December 4, 11, 18

1–3pm

Role-playing adventure is just a click away. Join our Teen D&D online community and get started on creating a character today.

(Teens; Live via Discord)



Don't have a Discord account yet?

No problem! Laramie County Library is now offering Discord Communities for teens to interact, chat, and play online. To participate, you will need a phone, tablet, or computer with internet connection and a Discord account.

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Adult Events

Virtual Jeopardy!®*

Friday, December 3

7–8pm

Think you've got what it takes to be a trivia champ? Join us for *Jeopardy!*® Battle for prizes and bragging rights! (Adults; Live via Zoom)

Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, December 7

6–7:30pm

Join our discussion for *A Yellow Raft in Blue Water*. From the high plains of eastern Montana to the city of Seattle, this debut novel by author Michael Dorris traces the life events of three generations of Native American women. Tea and scones will be provided. Visit the 3rd floor Ask Here desk to retrieve your copy of the book.

(Adults; Windflower Room)

Crossroads Crafts from Our Past:

Macramé Ornaments*

Monday, December 13

6:30–8pm

Macramé is back again! Join us to discover MORE macramé skills as we look forward to decorating for the holidays!

(Adults; Sunflower Room)

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Scan this code to get started.



Genealogy Events

Genetic Genealogy: How to Use Your DNA Genealogy Results to Find Your Ancestors *

Wednesday, December 8

3–4:30pm

Have you taken a DNA genealogy test and want to go beyond your ethnicity estimates? Or are you considering taking a DNA test and would like to know if they can help you move beyond your genealogy brick walls? In this class, we will explore the basics of genetic genealogy and show you how to begin using your family tree and matches to find more generations of ancestors. We will use examples from several DNA genealogy companies. Choose to attend virtually or in-person. If attending virtually, RSVP for the event to receive an email with the Zoom link.

(Adults; Sunflower Room or Live via Zoom)

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Library to Business Events

Business Tax Preparation & IRS Problem Solving*

Tuesday, December 14

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 meeting with a tax preparer. The Taxpayer Advocate Service will 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; Sunflower Room)

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Burns and Pine Bluffs Events

Crossroads Photo Challenge

December 1–30

Library Hours

All month long, we will have photos on display of Burns and Pine Bluffs from days gone by. We challenge you to find the places in these photos and take a current photo of the same building or area to show a side-by-side comparison of how much our communities have progressed.

(All Ages; Burns and Pine Bluffs Branch Libraries)

In Burns, submit your photos to burns@lclsonline.org or drop off printed photos to the Burns Branch Library. Employees will select one photo submission and give a prize to the winner.

In Pine Bluffs, submit your photos to pinebluffs@lclsonline.org or drop off printed photos to the Pine Bluffs Branch Library. Employees will select one photo submission and give a prize to the winner.

Crossroads Reading Challenge

December 1–30

Library Hours

All month long, you can find books depicting themes from the *Crossroads: Change in Rural America* exhibit. We challenge you to select one book from the display to read or ask staff for book suggestions from the reading list to find something that interests you. In the books, you will find a book review form to fill out and return when finished with your selection.

(All Ages; Burns and Pine Bluffs Branch Libraries)



Burns Events

Take It and Make It Mondays

Mondays: December 6, 13, 20, 27
1–5pm

Get crafty on Mondays! Take home a craft kit to create a hot cocoa ornament that will look sweet on your Christmas tree. (All Ages)

Seniors and Veterans Connect

Mondays: December 6, 20
2–4pm

Seniors and veterans are invited to come in and enjoy refreshments and free activities. On December 6, browse through books featuring local history and share stories of your own while enjoying some classic board games. On December 20, you can enjoy the film *Nebraska* (rated R), a movie recommended by the Smithsonian's *Crossroads: Change in Rural America* exhibit film list. In the film, an aging, booze-addled father makes the trip from Montana to Nebraska with his estranged son in order to claim a million-dollar Mega Sweepstakes Marketing prize. (Adults)

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Storytime To Go

Tuesdays: December 7, 14
10am–5pm

Each Tuesday, swing by the Burns Branch Library to pick up a storytime kit complete with a book, song, and craft that promotes early literacy fun at home. (Pre-K, Children & Families)

Holiday Ornament Workshop

Thursday, December 9
5–6pm

Celebrate the holiday season by creating a Christmas napkin decoupage ornament as you enjoy hot cocoa and treats. Christmas napkins will be provided but please bring your own if you want a certain design. Teens! We will have this ornament craft as a kit for you to take and make at home. (Adults & Teens)

Dinner and a Book Club

Tuesday, December 21
5:30–7pm

Join us for an evening discussion of *The Storyteller's Secret* by Sejal Bandani. Please bring a dish to share for our potluck supper. For more information, call 307-547-2249 or visit with library staff. (Adults)

Pine Bluffs Events

Minute-To-Win-It Christmas Madness

December 1–30
Library Hours

Are you in it to win it? Throughout December, try the weekly minute-to-win-it challenge and you could win prizes! You will have 60 seconds to successfully complete each week's challenge. (Grades K–12)

Storytime To Go

Thursdays: December 2, 9, 16, 30
10am–5pm

Each Thursday, swing by the Pine Bluffs Branch Library to pick up a storytime kit complete with a book, song, and craft that promotes early literacy fun at home. (Pre-K, Children & Families)



Craftastic Fridays

Fridays: December 3, 10, 17
1–5pm

Get crafty on Fridays! Take home a craft kit to create a chopstick Santa ornament that will look perfect upon your tree. (All Ages)

Saturday Matinee and Lunch

Saturday, December 4
12–2pm

Come to the Pine Bluffs Branch Library to enjoy a movie recommended by the Smithsonian's *Crossroads: Change in Rural America* exhibit film list. *The Magic of Ordinary Days* (rated PG) is set during World War II and tells the story of an educated, young woman who becomes pregnant out of wedlock and is pressured by her father into an arranged marriage with a lonely farmer. Please bring a side dish or dessert for the potluck lunch. (Adults)

Holiday Ornament Workshop

Tuesday, December 7
5–6pm

Celebrate the holiday season by creating a Christmas napkin decoupage ornament as you enjoy hot cocoa and treats. Christmas napkins will be provided but please bring your own if you want a certain design. Teens! We will have this ornament craft as a kit for you to take and make at home. (Adults & Teens)

Saturday Morning Book Club

Saturday, December 18
10–11am

Join us at the Pine Bluffs Branch Library for a relaxing morning discussion of *The Aspen Grove* by Jane Faulkner. For more information, please call 307-245-3646 or visit with staff. (Adults)

Bookmobile Schedule

Albin Community

Thursdays: December 2, 16
2–4pm

Capital Greens Apartments

Tuesdays: December 14, 28
3:30–5pm

Carpenter–Evans Park

Thursday, December 9
2–4pm

Pershing Pointe

Mondays: December 13, 27
3:30–5pm

Prairie View Apartments

Tuesdays: December 7, 21
3:30–5pm

West Winds Park

Mondays: December 6, 20
3:30–5pm

*Schedule is subject to change due to
unforeseen circumstances.*

Locations & Hours

Cheyenne

2200 Pioneer Avenue
Cheyenne, WY 82001-3610
307-634-3561
LaramieCountyLibrary.org

Hours:

10:00am–9:00pm	Monday–Thursday
10:00am–6:00pm	Friday, Saturday
1:00pm–5:00pm	Sunday

The Library Café Hours:

9am–2pm	Monday–Friday
Closed	Saturday, Sunday

Burns

112 Main Street
Burns, WY 82053
307-547-2249
[LaramieCountyLibrary.org /branches/burns](http://LaramieCountyLibrary.org/branches/burns)

Hours:

1:00pm–5:00pm	Monday
10:00am–5:00pm	Tuesday
Closed	Wednesday
10:00am–7:00pm	Thursday
10:00am–5:00pm	Friday
9:00am–12:00pm	Saturday
Closed	Sunday

Pine Bluffs

110 East 2nd Street
Pine Bluffs, WY 82082
307-245-3646
[LaramieCountyLibrary.org /branches/pinebluffs](http://LaramieCountyLibrary.org/branches/pinebluffs)

Hours:

Closed	Monday
10:00am–7:00pm	Tuesday
10:00am–5:00pm	Wednesday–Thursday
1:00pm–5:00pm	Friday
9:00am–12:00pm	Saturday
Closed	Sunday

Bookmobile

307-773-7228
[LaramieCountyLibrary.org /outreachservices](http://LaramieCountyLibrary.org/outreachservices)

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Warm up at The Library Café!