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)

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)

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.

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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.
**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)*

**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)*

**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)*

**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)*

**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**  
**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 and we have fun sensory bags for children with sensory sensitivities. Sign up for a bag and pick it up between December 27th and December 30th to help us welcome 2022!  
*(Children, Teens, & Families; 2nd Floor)*

*RSVP REQUIRED*  
Visit LaramieCountyLibrary.org/calendar or scan this QR code to RSVP for an event and receive the Zoom link via email.
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)

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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

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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!
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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)

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

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)

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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**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)

**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)

**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)

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)

Satellite Library 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)

Holiday Ornament Workshop
Friday, December 17
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)

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Pine Bluffs Events

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)

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. (All Ages)

Storytime To Go
Thursdays: December 2, 9, 16, 30
10am–5pm
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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)
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

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

**Pine Bluffs**
110 East 2nd Street
Pine Bluffs, WY 82082
307-245-3646
LaramieCountyLibrary.org /branches/pinebluffs

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

**Bookmobile**
307-773-7228
LaramieCountyLibrary.org /outreachservices

**Note:** Library facilities may close due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. If you are interested in attending an event or utilizing a service, please feel free to call your library branch or check the library website to ensure that everything is operating as scheduled.