**Thursday, October 21**

**Little America Hotel & Resort**

5:30 p.m. — Reception and Silent Auction
6:30 p.m. — Dinner, Live Auction and Dessert Dash
8:00 p.m. — Kathleen O’Neal Gear & W. Michael Gear

Kathleen O’Neal Gear and W. Michael Gear are New York Times bestselling authors and nationally award-winning archaeologists with 18 million copies of their works printed worldwide. They have published 84 novels and over 200 non-fiction articles in the fields of archaeology, history, and bison conservation. The Gears have won numerous awards, including the “Owen Wister Award” for lifetime achievement in western literature.

These prolific and renowned authors will bring their insights to Cheyenne, Wyoming for Laramie County Library Foundation's Booklovers Bash, and the evening promises to be as exciting as the many worlds they write about! Their talk will be accompanied by dinner, a silent auction, a live auction, and the infamous dessert dash. Don't miss the opportunity to hear from these accomplished authors, all in support of Laramie County Library System.

To purchase tickets, find more information about sponsorship opportunities, or inquire about the evening’s activities, please visit LaramieCountyLibrary.org/bash or call 307-773-7217.

**General Admission Tickets: $100**

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**Material + Metaphor**

**September 12–October 12**

**Library Hours**

Leah Hardy, Metalsmithing Professor at the University of Wyoming, tells intricate sculptural stories using metaphor and a vast array of materials. Enjoy this fascinating exhibit displayed on the 1st floor in the entrance gallery and elevator display cases. *(All Ages; 1st Floor)*

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**ArtFest**

**October 20–November 30**

**Library Hours**

Enjoy painting, photography, sculpture, and more by artists age 50+ at the 23rd Annual ArtFest! Art will be for sale, so if you see a piece you like, call 307-635-2435 to arrange a purchase. Presented by Laramie County Senior Services. *(All Ages; 1st Floor)*
Youth & Family Events

*RSVP Required through the Museum

Storytime at Wyoming State Museum’s Family Day
Saturday, October 1
10am–1pm
We’re taking storytime to the museum! Head on over to the Wyoming State Museum for their Family Day to participate in one of our early literacy storytimes and other fun activities. Visit the Wyoming State Museum’s website at wyomuseum.wyo.gov to register for the event. This month’s Family Day theme is Creepy Crawly Critters! (Children & Families; Wyoming State Museum–2301 Central Ave.)

Famous Illustrators
Tuesday, October 4
4–5pm
Ever wonder how the illustrators make the beautiful pictures you see in books? Join us to get a peek into how some of your favorite book illustrators make their art! This month, we will focus on Peter Reynolds. Wear play clothes as it could get messy! (Grades K–2; Early Literacy Center)

Kindermusik®
Saturday, October 8
10:15–11am
Sing, sway, laugh, and play with skilled educator Laura Sutton. (Ages 2–5; Sage Room)

Saturday, October 8
10am–2pm
“The force will be with you, always!” Especially today as we celebrate Star Wars Reads Day! Everyone is invited to participate as we host members of the 501st Mountain Region Garrison, study the way of the Jedi, and participate in a costume contest that is more stylish than the wardrobes of the senate! (Children & Families; 2nd Floor)

Welcome to our second annual House Cup reading challenge in Beanstack! Will Gryffindor be able to defend their title or will they be knocked off of the pedestal? Join us to see if Ravenclaw, Hufflepuff, or Slytherin can defeat Gryffindor and claim the House Cup! Recruit your housemates and sign up beginning October 1st to start logging minutes for your house. While competing in the reading challenge, your minutes will earn house points. At the end of the month, the house with the most points will be awarded the House Cup, a great honor! We will also be doing drawings for members of each house to win some fun Potter-themed prizes. The House Cup and winning house banner will hang in the library until October 2023 when the challenge begins again!

Sign up for the fun at lcsonline.beanstack.org beginning October 1st. Need assistance creating a Beanstack account? Call the library at 307-634-3561 for help getting started. (All Ages; Beanstack Challenge)
Youth & Family Events

Second Saturday STEAM
Saturday, October 8
3–4pm
Children in grades 3–6 can join us each month as we explore a variety of STEAM topics (Science Technology Engineering Arts Math) with crafts, games, experiments, and more! This month is all about spooky, scary spiders. Spiders are spin-artists, and there are a variety of spiders that spin a variety of webs. Become a spin-artist yourself and recreate the web of your favorite spider with the supplies we provide! (Grades 3–6; Early Literacy Center)

*RSVP Required

Brown Bag Book Club
Thursdays: October 13, 27
6–7pm
Book club will meet twice during the month of October. We will chat about the book, do some crazy activities, and enjoy a delicious treat! Participants can bring a “brown bag” meal and drinks will be provided. We will be reading Book Scavenger by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman (who will be visiting Laramie County Library in November to lead a Young Writers Workshop! Stay tuned for upcoming details).

Participants in grades 4–6 can pick up their book from the 2nd floor Ask Here desk after signing up.*Please note: you must sign up for the second session on October 27th separately.
(Grades 4–6; Sage Room)

Book description: Twelve-year-old Emily’s family is relocating to San Francisco, home of Garrison Griswold, creator of the online sensation Book Scavenger, a game where books are hidden all over the country and clues to find them are revealed through puzzles. But Emily soon learns that Griswold has been attacked and is in a coma. Then Emily and her friend James discover a book, which they believe is from Griswold and leads to a valuable prize. But there are others on the hunt for this book, and Emily and James must race to solve the puzzles before Griswold’s attackers make them their next target.

Crafty Family Challenge Featuring Artist Georgia Rowswell
Friday, October 14
4–6pm
Grab family and friends and join us for this very special Crafty Family Challenge. We will be hosting Wyoming artist Georgia Rowswell and together we will be constructing beautiful fabric rings that will be used as an interactive art piece! This is a drop-in event so stay as long as you want. We are all excited to be a part of this community art piece! (Children & Families; Early Literacy Center)

K–2 STEAM: Shadow Puppets
Tuesday, October 18
4–5pm
Explore light and dark, shadow and movement with us. Build your own shadow puppets from paper to experiment and play with.
(Grades K–2; Early Literacy Center)

Sit, Stay, READ!
Read to a Therapy Dog
Thursday, October 20
4–5pm
Everyone loves to hear a story, even our four-pawed friends! Come in to the library and practice reading aloud to one of our community’s therapy dogs. We know you’ll have a furry good time! This event is presented in partnership with The Alliance of Therapy Dogs.
(Grades K–6; Early Literacy Center)

*RSVP Required

Spooky Escape Room
Thursday, October 27
1–6pm
This spooky escape room is perfect for grades K–2! You’re not going to want to miss this challenging opportunity to break out of the haunted room and escape the things that go bump in the night! Sign up for a slot at the 2nd floor Ask Here desk or by calling the library’s Youth Services division today!
(Grades K–2; Early Literacy Center)

Family Storytime: Pumpkins!
Friday, October 28
10:15–11am
School is out so join us for a fun family storytime! We will have stories, songs, rhymes, and a fun pumpkin craft.
(Children & Families; Early Literacy Center)

Haunted Library
Friday, October 28
6–7:45pm
School is out and ghouls are out! Something spooky is happening at the library . . . drop in for a frighteningly good time. Bring your friends or come alone if you dare! Last group will be admitted at 7:45pm. This event is for children in grades 3 to 6 and their families.
(Tweens & Families; Cottonwood Room)

Young Readers Book Party
Sundays: October 9, 23
1:15–2pm
You’re invited to a party! A book party! Join us for a celebration of reading with young readers that’s a little bit early literacy class, and a little bit more! We will read and talk about books, sing, play, and learn.
(Grades Pre-K–2; Early Literacy Center)

Pokémon Jr.
Wednesdays: October 12, 26
4–5pm
Grab your cards, grab your friends, and join us for Pokémon Jr.! We will be playing the fun and exciting Pokémon Trading Card Game or PTCG!
(Grades K–8; 2nd Floor)

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Early Literacy Activities

Guided Play
Mondays: October 3, 17, 24, 31
10–11:45am
On Monday mornings, we invite you to come play with us! Each week we will feature a different playscape in the Early Literacy Center, along with suggestions of how to engage your child in guided play.
(Ages 18 months–5 Years; Early Literacy Center)

Guided Play Themes:
October 3: Block Party
October 17: Gross Motor Fun
October 24: Big Art
October 31: Dress Up and Pretend

Tales Together
Tuesdays: October 4, 11, 18, 25
Wednesdays: October 5, 19, 26
Thursdays: October 6, 13, 20, 27
Saturday, October 22
10:15–10:45am
Join us for an interactive early literacy class for preschool children and their caregivers. Practice new skills incorporating books, songs, rhymes, movement, and more!
(Ages 18 Months – 5 Years; Early Literacy Center)

Ready Readers
Wednesdays: October 5, 19, 26
Thursdays: October 6, 13, 20, 27
10:15–10:45am
Do you have a preschooler that will be going to kindergarten? Come join us! We will be reading books, singing songs, working on fine motor skills, and more to help get your child ready to jump into school! This event is meant for preschoolers who will be going into kindergarten in the fall of 2023.
(Ages 4–5; Sage Room)

*RSVP Required

Virtual Tales Together
Thursdays: October 6, 13, 20, 27
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!
(Ages 18 Months – 5 Years; Live via Zoom)

Book Babies
Fridays: October 7, 14, 21
10:15–11am
Join us for a short early literacy class 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)

Yoga Together
Wednesday, October 12
Saturday, October 15
10:15 – 10:45am
Come and experience stories, stretching, and fun with a special early literacy class. This month’s theme is Fall/Autumn.
(Ages 18 Months – 5 Years; Early Literacy Center)

Did you know?
All of our Early Literacy Classes follow a theme each week, so you can attend whichever session works best for your schedule!

Early Literacy Class Themes by Week:
October 4: Dinosaurs
October 11: Wiggle & Giggle
October 18: Barrel Full of Monkeys
October 25: Silly Spooky Stories

ELC Information:
Letters of the Month: E/F
Number of the Month: 16
Color of the Month: Yellow

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**

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**RSVP Required**

**Virtual SaturD&D**
**Saturdays: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**
**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. Don’t have a Discord account yet? No problem! Laramie County Library offers 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. You will receive the Discord invite link and information needed to create an account when you RSVP for the event.
(Teens; Live via Discord)

**RSVP Required**

**Teen Advisory Board**
**Saturday, October 1**
**2–3pm**
Want to have a say in teen events and services at the library? Come and join us for our ongoing Teen Advisory Board. We will discuss what we like about the library and all that it offers and brainstorm new ideas for additional events and services.
(Teens; Sage Room)

**RSVP Required**

**The Purple Society**
**Thursdays: October 6, 20**
**6–7pm**
Come and join fellow members of the LBGTQ+ and Allies community. We will meet to chat about LGBTQ+ related issues, work on fun crafts, and enjoy some snacks in a safe environment. This group seeks to offer understanding, support, and acceptance. All are welcome!
(Teens; Sage Room)

**RSVP Required**

**Cinemaniacs Film Club for Teens**
**Fridays: October 7, 14, 21**
**3–5:30pm**
Do you consider yourself an expert in all things cinema? Maybe you just like watching movies? If either apply to you come and join us for Cinemaniacs! For the month of October, we will be watching some spooky, scary, animated films and discussing the process of making movies and the film industry at large. *Please note: this event requires a signed permission slip from a parent or guardian.*
(Teens; Sage Room)

**RSVP Required**

**Improv for Teens**
**Tuesdays: October 11, 25**
**6–7pm**
Come laugh and learn at Improv for Teens! Create scenes through improvisational games, work cooperatively with others, and build real life skills. Experience new ways to think on your feet and unlock your creative potential in a supportive collaborative environment.
(Teens; Cottonwood Room)

**RSVP Required**

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**Haunted Library for Teens**
**Saturday, October 29**
**6–7:45pm**
School is out and the ghouls are out! Something spooky is happening at the library . . . drop in for a frighteningly good time. Bring your friends or come alone if you dare! Last group will be admitted at 7:45pm. This event is for teens in grades 7 to 12.
(Teens; Cottonwood Room)

**Julie & John Pennell In Concert**
**Friday, October 14**
**7–9pm**
Singer-songwriters Julie and John Pennell will perform from their album Keep on Walkin’ as well as material from a variety of musical styles. John’s songs have been recorded by major artists including Alison Krauss & Union Station, Sam Bush, and Alan Jackson, and they are both award-winning songwriters. Their instruments include guitar, bass, piano, trumpet, banjo, mandolin, and dulcimer. Don’t miss the chance to catch these two amazing artists in concert!
(Adults & Teens; Cottonwood Room)

**Julie & John Pennell Songwriting Workshop**
**Saturday, October 15**
**10:30am–12:30pm**
Join us for a free songwriting workshop taught by two of the best in the business! Julie and John Pennell’s workshop will have two parts. First, they’ll examine the musical and lyrical components of a song (including melody, harmony, rhythm, and form), play examples, and talk about their musical influences. Second, each participant will sing and play one of their own completed songs, and the group will discuss its musical and lyrical components. Participants may bring an accompanying instrument or a recording of their song. This workshop is limited to only 10 participants, so register today online to reserve your spot.
(Adults & Teens; Willow Room)
Adult Events

C.J. Box Book Signing:
*Treasure State*
Tuesday, October 4
6–8pm
Come listen to C.J. Box as he reads excerpts from and answers questions about his newest Cassie Dewell novel, *Treasure State*. Barnes & Noble will have a limited number of books available to purchase in the Willow Room before and during the event. Box will sign books in the Cottonwood Room after his talk.
(Adults; Cottonwood Room)

*RSVP Required

Positive Aging
Friday, October 7
1:30–4pm
Mark your calendar for a fun Friday as we take in *Abbott & Costello Meet Frankenstein* (1948, Not Rated). Hi-jinks ensue as the Wolf Man tries to warn a dimwitted porter (Costello) that Dracula wants his brain for the Frankenstein monster’s body. Enjoy free popcorn and a discussion afterward.
(Adults; Willow Room)

University of Wyoming Football Fest
Saturday, October 8
5–9pm
C-O-W-B-O-Y-S! Cowboys, Cowboys, Cowboys! Prepare your best University of Wyoming football cheer, don your brown and gold, and get ready for game day at the library! Join fellow fans to watch the game as the Wyoming Cowboys take on the New Mexico Lobos. Bring your comfy camping chairs—we’ll provide tailgate-style refreshments and door prizes.
(Adults & Teens; Cottonwood Room)

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

Classics Conversations:
Lunch & Learn
Friday, October 21
12–1pm
Join Maestro Intrilligator and guest pianist Sara Buechner for an informal and entertaining discussion including musical insights about the concert on October 22. Patrons may attend the event in the Cottonwood Room or view the livestream, on the Cheyenne Symphony Orchestra’s Facebook page.
(Adults; Cottonwood Room)

*RSVP Required for Authors

Local Author Celebration
Saturday, October 22
10am–5pm
Meet your favorite local authors or find a new one! Authors from around the region will gather in the library to sell and sign books. To reserve a space, authors must register at lclsonline.org/local-author-celebration starting Monday, September 12.
(All Ages; Cottonwood Room)

Virtual Jeopardy!
Sunday, October 23
2–3pm
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)

University of Wyoming
Book Discussion Group
Tuesday, October 25
6–7:30pm
For October, we will be reading C.J. Box’s standalone novel *Blue Heaven*, a psychological thriller set in the rugged landscape of northern Idaho. Two children stumble upon an execution in the woods and are relentlessly pursued by four former L.A.P.D officers who’ve not only been assigned to track down the missing runaways, but are also the perpetrators of the murder. Pick up your copy of the book from the 3rd floor Ask Here desk. Books will be available for pick up by September 29th.
(Adults; Willow Room)

*RSVP Required

Library for All Halloween Party
Thursday, October 27
12–2pm
Welcome to our event specifically geared towards adults with disabilities! Join us this October for a spooktacularly fun Halloween party with erupting pumpkins, pumpkin pie slime, candy corn marshmallows, and other treats. Costumes are encouraged! Please bring your staff with you.
(Adults; Cottonwood Room)
Taxpayer Advocate Service: Problem Solving Day
Thursday, October 6
9am–4:30pm
The Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) will be available throughout the day to educate taxpayers on filing accurate tax returns, provide refund timing information, and inform taxpayers about self-help tools and resources for checking on refund statuses. TAS can also assist individuals and small businesses with tax issues they have not been able to resolve with the IRS. Take advantage of this free service and drop in any time during the event for personalized, step-by-step guidance.
(Adults; Willow Room)

Start Your Own Business
Tuesday, October 18
6–7pm
Learn the fundamentals of starting a business in Wyoming! We’ll cover business models and plans, the feasibility of business ideas, legal structure and regulations, and the reality of start-up financing. Presented in partnership with the Wyoming Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).
(Adults; Sage Room)

Hispanic Genealogy
Saturday, October 1
3–4:30pm
This class will help you get started with genealogical research both on the internet and in print resources to find your Hispanic ancestors in the U.S., Mexico, and Central and South America.
(Adults; Sunflower Room)
Burns Events

Make It Mondays
Mondays: October 3, 17, 24, 31
1–5pm
Get crafty at the library every Monday! Make and take home a ghostly pop to get you in a spooky mood for October. (All Ages)

Storytime for All!
Tuesdays: October 4, 11
10:15–11am
Join us for an interactive storytime session to promote early literacy through books, songs, puppets, crafts, and much more! (Children & Families)

Themes by week:
October 4: Aaargh Pirates!
October 11: Forest Friends

Movies at the Library
Fridays: October 7, 14, 21, 28
1–3pm
Mark your calendar to come join us at the Burns Branch Library each Friday to watch a family-friendly film. Feel free to bring your favorite snacks; we’ll provide the popcorn! (All Ages)

Movies by week:
October 7: Coraline (rated PG)
October 14: Monster Family (rated PG)
October 21: Happy Halloween Scooby Doo (not rated)
October 28: The Addams Family (rated PG)

Dinner and a Book Club
Tuesday, October 18
5:30–7pm
Join us for a relaxing evening as we discuss The Girl on The Train by Paula Hawkins. Bring your copy of the book and a dish to share for our potluck. For more information about the book, call the library at 307-547-2249 or visit with staff. (Adults)

Craftastic Tuesdays
Tuesdays: October 4, 11, 18, 25
10am–6:30pm
Get crafty at the library! Make and take home craft stick candy corn to get you in a spooky mood for October. (All Ages)

Fun for Kids!
Thursdays: October 6, 13, 20, 27
10–10:45am
Join us for an interactive storytime session to promote early literacy through books, songs, puppets, crafts, and much more! (Pre-K & Families)

Themes by week:
October 6: Aaargh! Pirates
October 13: Forest Friends
October 20: Dinosaurs
October 27: Silly, Spooky Stories

Monster Mash
Thursday, October 27
1–4pm
Join us at the Burns Branch Library for our Monster Mash! We will have crafts, games, and lots of fun! We will also be providing some spooky snacks! Costumes are encouraged! (Children and Families)

Friday Matinee
Fridays: October 7, 14, 21, 28
1:30–3:30pm
Spend your Friday afternoons at the library to watch a family-friendly matinee. Each week will feature a different movie. Bring a favorite snack and enjoy the show! (Children & Families)

Movies by week:
October 7: Coraline (rated PG)
October 14: How to Train Your Dragon (rated PG)
October 21: Enchanted (rated PG)
October 28: Coraline (rated PG)

*RSVP Required

Bad Art Night
Tuesday, October 11
7–8pm
Create a disaster-piece! Get really creative with an array of materials and enter your creation in the bad art exhibition for some unconstructive criticism and guffaws. Your worst bad art could win the tacky trophy and bragging rights. Please register at the Pine Bluffs Branch Library or online by October 8th as space is limited. (Adults & Teens)

Saturday Morning Book Club
Saturday, October 15
10–11am
Join us for an exciting discussion of Born a Crime by Trevor Noah as we enjoy coffee and treats. For more information about the book, please call the Pine Bluffs Branch Library at 307-245-3646 or visit with staff. (Adults)

Pine Bluffs Events

A Tween Halloween
Wednesday, October 19
3:30–4:30pm
Hey tweens! Join your friends at the Pine Bluffs Branch Library to make a caramel apple. Stay for a few rounds of BINGO and a chance to win some ghoulish prizes. (Grades 4–6)

Halloween Spooktacular
Thursday, October 27
3:30–4:30pm
Join us at the Pine Bluffs Branch Library for a spooky hour filled with Halloween crafts, games, Scooby Doo photo booth, and refreshments. For even more fun, come to the party in costume! (Grades K–5)
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:
7:45am–6:00pm            Monday–Thursday
7:45am–5:00pm            Friday
10:00am–4:00pm            Saturday
Closed                   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
Closed                   Wednesday–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

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

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