Summer Reading Challenge 2023
June 1–August 15
Read for prizes in our annual Summer Reading Challenge! We’re celebrating this year’s theme, Peace, Kindness, Reading, with ticket drawings, level prizes, completion prizes, and activities throughout the summer. Visit LaramieCountyLibrary.org/SRC2023 to begin this year’s Summer Reading adventure. Register for a Beanstack account or sign in with your existing account to start tracking your progress. Don’t want to track online? No problem! Visit any of our Laramie County Library System locations, including the bookmobile, to pick up a reading log. We are challenging you to read for 25 days to earn your final completion prize. Earn extra drawing tickets by continuing to Read for a Cause and participating in our fun challenge activities. Register today to get groovy and read your way through the summer!
(All Ages; All Branches)

3rd and 4th Grade Bookmark Contest Exhibit
June 5–September 5
Library Hours
Come enjoy the boundless creativity of Laramie County’s 3rd and 4th grade students in the annual bookmark contest! Pick up bookmarks featuring the winning designs from any library location.
(All Ages; 2nd Floor)
**StoryWalk® Sunday**
**Sunday, August 6**
1:15–2pm
Let us introduce you to our StoryWalk® title for August: *The Button Book* by Sally Nicholls. We will meet in the Willow Room, but the StoryWalk® will be outside, so dress for the weather! Afterwards, we will have snacks and crafts in the Willow Room. If you can’t make it to the StoryWalk® Sunday event, the outdoor StoryWalk® is available rain or shine (or snow), all year round, even when the library is closed! The Laramie County Library StoryWalk® has been made possible thanks to funding from the Microsoft Community Challenge and support from ChangeX.
(Children & Families; Willow Room)

**Youth Chess Club**
**Tuesdays: August 8, 15**
4–5pm
Our summer Youth Chess Club is back! Whether you’re a beginner or an expert, all are welcome to learn moves and strategies, and to just have fun! Children and teens in grades 2–12 are welcome to participate.
(Grades 2–12; Early Literacy Center)

**Pokémon Jr.**
**Wednesday, August 9**
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)

**LEGO® Build**
**Wednesday, August 16**
1:30–5:30pm
School is out and so are our LEGO® bricks! Use them to show off your building talents. Come to the 2nd floor tables and participate in the challenge build of the hour or spin the wheel for an individual challenge. It will be more fun than a bin full of LEGO® bricks!
(Children & Families; 2nd Floor)

**Art Club Around the World—Victoria Villasana**
**Monday, August 7**
2:30–3:30pm: Grades K–2
4–5pm: Grades 3–6
Join us as we explore the art and life of Victoria Villasana, a contemporary Mexican artist who works with photographs and embroidery. During each session of art club this summer, we will read a book, talk about an artist’s art, and work on a personal project and a collaborative project that will be displayed in the library. We will have two sessions of Art Club: grades K–2 will run from 2:30–3:30pm and grades 3–6 will run from 4–5pm.
(Grades K–2 & Grades 3–6; Early Literacy Center)

**Cuentos y Amigos (Spanish Storytime)**
**Wednesday, August 16 miércoles 19 de agosto**
6–7pm
Join us for a special Spanish/English story time in collaboration with the Cheyenne Hispanic Festival. Come enjoy special stories, songs, snacks, and a craft in Spanish and English!
Presentaremos una hora de cuentos en español. ¡Disfrute de cuentos especiales, canciones, meriendas y manualidades en español y en inglés!
(Children & Families/niños y familias; Early Literacy Center)

**Sit, Stay, READ! Read to a Therapy Dog**
**Thursday, August 17**
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)

**Tween Tasters: Pizza-mania!**
**Thursday, August 17**
6–7pm
Children in grades 3–6 can join us each month for a fun food-related activity such as food-themed parties, taste-testing challenges, edible science experiments, and more. This month, its pizza-mania! Enjoy fun, pizza-themed activities such as a taste-test challenge, a craft, a game, and more!
(Grades 3–6; Early Literacy Center)

**Saturday STEAM: Kool-Aid® Eruptions**
**Saturday, August 19**
2:30–3:30pm
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, we will be creating lovely works of art with paint made from Kool-Aid® eruptions! How do you make a Kool-Aid® eruption? You’ll have to come to find out!
(Grades 3–6; Early Literacy Center)
Youth & Family Events

*RSVP Required

**Brown Bag Book Club: Rooftoppers**

**Friday, August 18**

12–1pm

Brown Bag Book Club is back for the summer! Each month, children in grades 3–6 will read a book and enjoy fun activities along with a sweet treat. Participants may bring a “brown bag” lunch if they choose; beverages will be provided. For August, we will be reading **Rooftoppers** by Katherine Rundell. Participants can pick up their book from the 2nd floor Ask Here desk after signing up online.

*(Grades 3-6/Ages 8-12; Sage Room)*

Quick Book Description: Sophie may have survived a shipwreck as a baby, but her life really began when an eccentric but loving bachelor, Charles, brought her home. Charles uses toast as a bookmark and welcomes Sophie writing on the walls. When Child Protective Services threatens to remove Sophie to an orphanage, she and Charles flee to Paris to search for the one thing that might save her: her long-lost mother. There, Sophie meets a group of children who live under the radar, atop the rooftops in Paris—and she learns that when you never ignore a possible, sometimes the impossible comes true.

**Family Crafting**

**Friday, August 18**

4–5:30pm

Summer is almost over! Gather your family and join us to decorate a picture frame to commemorate your favorite memories from the summer. Supplies will be provided, but please feel free to bring whatever materials you like!

*(Children & Families; Early Literacy Center)*

**Chillville**

**Saturday, August 12**

10am–1pm

We know that large events at the library can be overwhelming! We would like to invite children with sensory needs and their families to take advantage of Chillville. This special area will have items such as fidget devices, bubbles, a sound machine, and more. Stop by the Ask Here desk on the 2nd floor to ask to use the space, and keep an eye out for Chillville at our large events all year long! In August, this space will be available during the End of Summer Party with Mr. Kneel.

*(Children & Families; 2nd Floor Study Room)*

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*RSVP REQUIRED
Visit LaramieCountyLibrary.org/calendar or scan this QR code to RSVP for an event.*
Early Literacy Activities

Tales Together
Tuesdays: August 1, 8, 15, 29
Wednesdays: August 2, 16, 30
Thursdays: August 3, 17, 31
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)

*RSVP Required
Virtual Tales Together
Thursdays: August 3, 10, 17, 31
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! RSVP online to receive an email with the Zoom link. (Ages 18 Months – 5 Years; Live via Zoom)

Ready Readers
Wednesdays: August 2, 16, 30
Thursdays: August 3, 17, 31
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)

Book Babies
Fridays: August 4, 11, 18
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, August 9
Saturday, August 19
10:15 – 10:45am
Come and experience stories, stretching, and fun with a special early literacy class. This month’s theme is Oceans. (Ages 18 Months – 5 Years; Early Literacy Center)

Play Together
Thursday, August 10
Monday, August 14
10:15–11am
Welcome to our new “Guided Play” early literacy class. Enjoy a few stories on Art and Imagination, then play together with some of our fun art supplies and open-ended art projects. We will have fun prompts on getting the most out of our art play, as well as ideas for how to do art at home! You might want to wear play clothes, as it could get messy. (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:
August 1: Around the World
August 8: Get Outdoors
August 16: Good Things to Eat
August 22: No Early Literacy Classes this week
August 29: Concepts (ABC’s & 123’s)

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!

ELC Information:
Letters of the Month: Y/Z
Number of the Month: 6
Color of the Month: Black

StoryWalk®
Title of the Month: The Button Book
by Sally Nicholls

*RSVP REQUIRED
Visit lclsonline.org/early-literacy-programming or scan this QR code to RSVP to an early literacy activity.

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Visit LaramieCountyLibrary.org calendar or scan this QR code to RSVP for an event.
Teen Events

*RSVP Required

**Virtual SaturD&D**
**Saturdays: August 5, 12, 19, 26**
**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 online. (Teens; Live via Discord)

**Gamers Unite!**
**Friday: August 11**
**3–5pm**
Come and play some fun games with friends! We could be brawling with Super Smash Bros. or racing to the finish with Mario Kart. You never know what will happen, but you can always count on a good time! (Teens; Sage Room)

**Youth Chess Club**
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**4–5pm**
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**Teen LEGO® Challenge**
**Wednesday, August 16**
**1:30–5:30pm**
Are LEGO® bricks more than a hobby for you? Need some new kits to build? Join us for our last Teen event of the summer and build your biggest, baddest structure yet! (Teens; Teen Lounge)

**Genealogy Events**

**Do You Know Your Way to DNA?: DNA Genealogy Research Basics**
**Saturday, August 12**
**4–5:30pm**
Have you recently submitted a DNA genealogy test and are perplexed by the results? Or are you just interested in how a DNA genealogy test can help you with your family history research? Join us for an exploration of several current DNA genealogy testing companies, and go beyond the ethnicity percentages to learn how to use your distant cousin matches to help you find your ancestors. (Adults; Sunflower Room)
**Adult Events**

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*RSVP Required

**Computer Help**
*Tuesday:* August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
  2–2:45pm
*Wednesday:* August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
  11–11:45am
Visit the library for help navigating your digital devices! From learning to use a mouse to getting acquainted with social media, we’ve got you covered. Please call the library at 307-634-3561 or visit the 3rd floor Ask Here desk to register. More information is available online.

(Adults; Computer Classroom)

**Adopt a Shelter Pet at the Library**
*Saturday,* August 5
  10am–12pm
Visit with some adorable, adoptable dogs and cats from local animal shelters and possibly take one home to join your family! While you are here at the library, you can also donate pet food and supplies, learn more about pet care, and fill out adoption papers.

(Adults; Cottonwood Room)

**Seed Library Wildflower Garden Talk and Craft Project**
*Saturday,* August 5
  2–4:30pm
Master Gardener Nancy Loomis will give a guided tour of the Laramie County Library Wildflower Garden on the southwest corner of our property. Then patrons will be taught the art of flower pounding. Patrons will be allowed to pick some flowers from the wildflower garden as well as bring in any from their own gardens they would like to use for their craft.

(Adults; Laramie County Library-Wildflower Garden/Sunflower Room)

**Know Your Blood Pressure**
*Thursday,* August 10
  11am–1pm
Did you know that your library has Self Monitored Blood Pressure kits available for check-out? Come speak with a Healthy Heart Ambassador (HHA) from HealthWorks to discuss blood pressure monitoring. HHAs will share best practices for checking your blood pressure. They will also provide information on chronic disease care management programs that may be of benefit to you and/or your family.

(Adults; Willow Room)

**Library for All**
*Thursday,* August 10
  12:30–3pm
Welcome to our program geared specifically toward adults with disabilities! Join us for crafts, science, and LEGO® fun! Join Library for All for a fun and colorful time tie-dying under the sun! Bring your own t-shirt, shorts, socks, scarves whatever you want—to tie-dye at Performance Park. Cotton items will work best to hold the color. We will also have sidewalk chalk and bubbles. Refreshments will be available in the Cottonwood Room to tide us over as we wait for our items to dye. Please bring your staff with you.

(Adults; Laramie County Library-Performance Park/Cottonwood Room)

**Positive Aging: Nomadland**
*Friday,* August 11
  1:30–4:30pm
Please join us for a viewing of *Nomadland* (R, 2020) starring Francis McDormand. Based on the book and live footage, McDormand portrays a woman entering her sixties living the increasingly common contemporary nomadic life. Along the way, she is mentored by seasoned nomads and forges unexpected connections with her fellow travelers. Optional chair yoga at the start of the event and discussion to follow the movie.

(Adults; Sunflower Room)

**Adult Science Night: Stargazing**
*Thursday,* August 24
  7:30–9pm
Attention, stargazers! Let’s get together (and hope for clear skies) to see the beautiful events happening just above our heads in the night sky. We will gather at dusk to hear about the stars and planets that are starting to appear and gaze until closing time. If you have them, bring your own binoculars to use between turns at the library’s big telescope. If we have inclement weather or cloudy skies, this event will be cancelled or rescheduled.

(Adults; Laramie County Library-Performance Park)

**Book Discussion Group**
*Tuesday,* August 29
  6–7:30pm
Join us in reading Robert Penn Warren’s Pulitzer Prize-winning 1964 novel *All the King’s Men*. Following the political ambitions of Willie Stark in the Great Depression-era South, Warren’s novel parallels the life of Louisiana populist Huey P. Long, who was serving as a United States senator when he was assassinated in 1935. A limited number of books are available; please visit the 3rd floor Ask Here desk to check out a copy while supplies last!

(Adults; Windflower Room)
Bookmobile

Use the Bookmobile at any stop to:
• Check out books
• Get a library card
• Return library materials
• Place and pick up holds

Visit lclsonline.org/outreachservices or scan the QR code to review scheduled stops and learn more.

Library to Business Events

Taxpayer Advocate Service: Problem Solving Day
Thursday, August 3
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)

Burns & Pine Bluffs Events

Fun for Kids!
Tuesday, August 1
10:15–11am
Join us for an interactive storytime session to promote early literacy through books, songs, puppets, crafts, and much more! This month’s theme is Construction.
(Children & Families; Burns Branch Library)

Themes by week:
August 3: Construction
August 10: Once Upon a Time
August 17: Around the World
August 24: No story time
August 31: No story time

Fun for Kids!
Thursdays: August 3, 10, 17
10–10:45am
Join us for an interactive story time session to promote early literacy through books, songs, puppets, crafts, and much more! (Pre-K & Families; Pine Bluffs Branch Library)
Burns Events

Movies at the Library
Fridays: August 4, 11, 18, 25
1–3pm
Come to 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; Burns Branch Library)

Movies by week:
August 4: Secret Headquarters (PG)
August 11: Lightyear (PG)
August 18: The Croods: A New Age (PG)
August 25: Super Mario Brothers: The Movie (PG)

Make It Mondays
Mondays: August 7, 14, 21, 28
1–5pm
Come to the Burns Branch Library to make some fun and unique crafts! On August 7 & 14 we will be crafting chameleons with moving tongues. On August 21 & 28, we will create tissue paper peaches.
(All Ages)

Dinner and a Book Club
Tuesday, August 15
5:30–7pm
Join us at the Burns Branch Library for a potluck dinner and a lively discussion of this month’s book, *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. In this 2021 novel, eight people become unlikely friends during a hostage situation created by an inept bank robber. Please bring a dish to add to the potluck as well as your copy of the book. For more information, please call the Burns Branch Library or visit with staff.
(Adults)

Chalk It Up!
Friday, August 11
1:30–3:30pm
We have the chalk, you bring the imagination! Decorate the sidewalk around the library with your cool ideas for all to see. Be sure to wear sunscreen and a hat. Bottled water will be provided to keep you refreshed.
(Children & Families)

Craftastic Tuesdays
Tuesdays: August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
10am–6:30pm
Get crafty at the library! Make and take home your choice of either a dotty paper mushroom or a cool pet rock.
(All Ages)

Friday Matinee
Fridays: August 4, 11, 18, 25
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:
August 4: Blue’s Big City Adventure (Not Rated)
August 11: The Croods: A New Age (PG)
August 18: Yogi Bear (PG)
August 25: Wonder Park (PG)

Comic Book Club
Tuesday, August 8
1–2pm
Get together with others who love the art and format of graphic novels to discuss and celebrate this month’s book, *Superman Smashes the Klan* by Gene Luen Yang. Enjoy some treats and a cool activity, too!
(Grades 6–8)

End of Summer Party with Mr. Kneel
Saturday, August 12
1–2pm
The Summer Reading Challenge is nearly over and we are celebrating all the great achievements! Join us for a performance from Mr. Kneel, hip-hop emcee extraordinaire! With beatbox and vocal percussion, Mr. Kneel can make magic and emotion! You won’t want to miss this exciting chance to dance the summer goodbye.
(Children & Families)

Groovy Outdoor Obstacle Course
Tuesday, August 15
2–4pm
Let’s end our Summer Reading Challenge in a far out way! Come on over with your family, friends, or just yourself and see if you can complete a groovy outdoor obstacle course around the library. When finished, come inside for a Popsicle and take your chances on the awesome prize wheel.
(All Ages)

Lunch Bunch Book Club
Saturday, August 19
12–1pm
Join us for an exciting discussion of *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance as we enjoy a potluck lunch. Coffee, tea, and lemonade provided. 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

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Locations & Hours

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

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

The Library Café Hours:
Monday–Thursday 7:45am–6pm
Friday 7:45am–5pm
Saturday 10am–4pm
Sunday Closed

Burns
112 Main Street
Burns, WY 82053
307-547-2249
LaramieCountyLibrary.org /branches/burns

Hours:
Monday 1pm–5pm
Tuesday 10am–12:30pm; 1pm–5pm
Wednesday Closed
Thursday 10am–12:30pm; 1pm–7pm
Friday 10am–12:30pm; 1pm–5pm
Saturday 9am–12pm
Sunday Closed

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

Hours:
Monday Closed
Tuesday 10am–12:30pm; 1pm–7pm
Wednesday-Thursday 10am–12:30pm; 1pm–5pm
Friday 1pm–5pm
Saturday 9am–12pm
Sunday Closed

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.