Rawlins Library Newsletter

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Storytime 10 a.m. every Tuesday & Wednesday

4th—Chamber “Activities Roundup” @ YMCA 5-7 pm
6th—Valentine’s Storytime 1:00 pm
11th—Minion Movie 1:00 pm
   - “Read To Me” wrap up party 6:30 pm
13th—Adult Coloring Club 10:30 am
14th—Valentine’s Day
15th—Presidents Day (Library closed)
24th—BINGO Day for children, w/ prizes given

VALENTINE STORYTIME/CRAFT

February 6th (Saturday)
* 1:00 p.m.

Join us for valentine stories and a fun craft project! No registration is necessary.

Kids of all ages—join us at the Library to see The Minion Movie on Thursday, February 11th at 1:00 pm. Popcorn and CapriSun beverage will be served.

For participants in the “Read-to-Me” program, the final ‘Snowed in with a Good Book’ party will also be held that night at 6:30 pm.

FUN FACT:
Librarians Uncover a Surprising Book Thief: George Washington!

The first president of the United States of America borrowed two books from the New York Society Library in 1789 but failed to return them.

Adjusted for inflation, he has since racked up $300,000 in fines for being some 220 years late!

On October 5, 1789, Mr. Washington borrowed the following books from what was then the only library in Manhattan: Law of Nations, a dissertation on international relations, and a volume of debate transcripts from Britain’s House of Commons.

Washington did not even sign his name, an aide simply scrawled “The President” next to the title on the card to show who had taken them out.

Librarians uncovered the infraction as they were digitizing the library’s ledger from that time period.
American Wine
-Tom Acitelli
This is the triumphant tale of how America beat Spain from its pedestal as the world’s top wine producing and drinking nation. Told in a fast-moving, engaging style free of wine jargon, it is the first of its kind. A book focused solely on the rise of fine wine in the United States since the early 1900s, in California and elsewhere, and how that rise altered the way the world drinks for better or worse.

The Orion Plan
-Mark Alpert
Scientists thought that Earth was safe from invasion. But now, an alien species, from a planet hundreds of light-years from Earth, has found a way. A small, spherical probe lands in an empty corner of New York City. It soon drills into the ground underneath, drawing electricity from the power lines to jumpstart its automated expansion and prepare for alien colonization.

A Sweet Misfortune
-Maggie Brendan
Rachel Matthews isn’t one to rely on others to take care of her. Destitute and alone, she still wants to make her own way and have her own money, even if she’s forced into the life of a dance hall girl. Horrified by her circumstances,

Sweet Pepper Hero
-J. J. Cook
Fire chief Stella Griffin has been put in charge of judging the annual recipe contest, but Eric, her resident ghost and true culinary genius, has vanished. Before she can track down his latest haunt, she’s called in to investigate a local moonshine distillery that was set ablaze, making her realize there’s more than pies and cakes cooking in Sweet Pepper.

In Formation: One Woman’s Rise Through the Ranks of the US Air Force
-Cheryl Dietrich
When Cheryl Dietrich joined the US Air Force, she began a transformation from overweight introvert to military neophyte into one of the key personnel redesigning the structure of the Air Force within the Pentagon. In this stirring and revelatory memoir, Cheryl, one of only a hundred female officers of colonel rank or higher, explains what it takes to stay the course, overcome male domination issues, break the glass ceiling, and deal with the political issues facing the Pentagon.

The Road to Little Dribbling
-Bill Bryson
In 1995, Bill Bryson got into his car and took a weeks-long farewell motoring trip about England before moving his family back to the United States. Two decades later, he set out again to rediscover that country. Nothing is funnier than Bill Bryson on the road. Prepare for the total joy laughter.

Foolproof Crazy-Quilt Projects
-Jennifer Clouston
Embrace the versatility of crazy quilting with quick-to-sew projects! 10 small, useful items from a tablet case to summer slippers, each with full-size patterns. Beginning and experienced crazy quilters will love the dictionary of 60 embroidery and beading stitches, foundation piecing primer, plus stitch maps for all seam treatments and embellishments.

Wedding Cake Murder
-Joanne Fluke
Hannah makes a trip to New York City for the Food Channel’s dessert chef contest. It’s nerve-wracking enough being judged by Alain Ducasse, a celebrity chef with a nasal reputation. Now Hannah has not only lost her advantage, she’ll have to solve a mystery with more layers than a five-tiered wedding cake.

Find Her
-Lisa Gardner
Miraculously alive after her ordeal, Flora has spent the past five years reacquainting herself with the rhythms of normal life, working her FBI victim advocate, Samuel Keynes. She has a mother who’s never stopped loving her, a brother who is scared of the person she’s become, and a bedroom wall covered with photos of other girls who’ve never made it home.

Fit-It and Forget-It: Baking with your Slow Cooker
-Phyllis Good
You knew that slow cookers make delicious soups and stews, but did you know that they also make soft and chewy cookies, gooey bars, fluffy cakes, and moist breads? Featuring 150 new, mouthwatering recipes and all carefully tested. This will be the go-to book for bake sales, last-minute guests, holiday baking, and everyday treats!

Free Refills: A Doctor Confronts His Addiction
-Peter Grinspoon
Dr. Peter Grinspoon seemed to be a total success: a Harvard-educated M.D. with a thriving practice, married with two great kids and a gorgeous wife; a pillar of his community. But lurking beneath the thin veneer of having it all was an addict fuelled on a daily boatload of prescription meds. When the police finally came calling, after a tip from a sharp-eyed pharmacist, his house of cards came tumbling down fast. What finally moves him to recover and reclaim life, makes for inspiring reading.

The Girl in the Red Coat
-Kate Hamer
Newly single mom Beth has one constant, gnawing worry: that her dreamy eight year old daughter, Carmel, will one day go missing. And then one day, it happens. On a Saturday morning thick with fog, Beth takes Carmel to a local outdoor festival. They get separated in the crowd and Carmel is gone. Shattered, Beth sets herself on the grim and lonely mission to find her daughter, keeping on relentlessly even as the authorities tell her that Carmel may be gone for good.
Robert B. Parker’s Blackjack
-Robert Knott
Boston Bill is flashy and bigger than life. He’s a prankster and a notorious womanizer, and with eight notches on the handle of his Colt, he’s rumored quick on the draw. When he finds himself wanted for a series of murders, he quickly vanishes. Cole and Hitch locate and arrest him, but Boston Bill escapes once again. Another murder sets the duo on their trail, eventually taking them back to Appaloosa, where one woman in particular may, or may not, prove to be the apple of Boston Bill’s eye.

The Revolving Door of Life
-Alexander McCall Smith
Excitement abounds when the revolving door of life brings fresh faces and hilarious new developments to the residents of 44 Scotland Street. From the cunning schemes of the Association of Scottish Nudists the author guides us through the risks and rewards of friendship, love, and family with his usual inimitable wit and irresistible charm.

NYPD Red 4
-James Patterson
When a glitzy movie premiere is the scene of a shocking murder and high-stakes robbery, NYPD Red gets the call. Traversing the city’s high and lows, from celebrity penthouses to the depths of Manhattan’s criminal underworld, Zach and Kylie have to find a cold-blooded killer, before he strikes again.

Brotherhood in Death
-J. D. Robb
Sometimes brotherhood can be another word for conspiracy. Denis Mira just had two unpleasing surprises. First he learned that his cousin Edward was secretly meeting with a real estate agent about their late grandfather’s magnificent West Village brownstone, despite the promise they both made to keep it in the family. Then, when he went to the house to confront Edward about it, he got a blunt object to the back of the head.

Leonard: My Fifty-Year Friendship with a Remarkable Man
-William Shatner
Little did Shatner and Nimoy know their roles in a new science fiction television series would shape their lives in ways no one could have anticipated. In seventy-nine television episodes and six feature films, they grew to know each other more than most friends could ever imagine. Over the course of half a century, they saw each other through personal and professional highs and lows. In this powerfully emotional book, Shatner tells the story of a man who was his friend for five decades, recounting anecdotes and untold stories of their lives on and off set, as well as gathering stories from others who knew Nimoy well.

The Acid Reflux Escape Plan
-Sonoma Press
Break free from painful heartburn with a practical 2-week meal plan that empowers you to control your symptoms with smart dietary choices. Includes detailed shopping lists and over 100 low-acid, low-fat, Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease-friendly recipes that cut out aggravating triggers without sacrificing flavor or taste. Detailed food lists and easy-to-understand explanations arm you against acid reflux attacks.

The Right Kind of Crazy
-Adam Steltzner
Steltzner is no ordinary engineer. His path to leadership was about as unlikely as they come. A child of beatnik parents, he was a daredevil and avid mountain biker, breaking thirty-two bones before squeaking through high school. He blew off college in favor of work at a health food store and playing bass in a band. After an interest in the movement of the stars led him to enroll part time at community college, Steltzner discovered an astonishing gift for math and physics. Within years he got his PhD and ensconced himself within the offbeat Jet Propulsion Laboratory, NASA’s decidedly unbureaucratic cousin, where success in a mission is the only metric that matters.

Georgia: A Novel of Georgia O’Keeffe
-Dawn Tripp
In 1916, Georgia O’Keeffe is a young, unknown art teacher when she travels to New York to meet Stieglitz, the famed photographer and art dealer. Their connection is instantaneous. O’Keeffe is quickly drawn into Stieglitz’s sophisticated world, becoming his mistress, protegé, and muse. Yet as her own creative force develops, Georgia begins to push back against what critics and others are saying about her and her art. Soon she must make difficult choices to live a life she believes in.

Earnest
-Kristin von Kreisler
Earnest. It’s the perfect name for a sweet, eager-to-please yellow Labrador retriever. Anna and her boyfriend Jeff fall for him the minute they see those guileless eyes gazing up from behind his gate at Seattle’s Best Friends Shelter. During the day, Earnest keeps Anna company in her flower shop, located in a historic gingerbread Victorian on the island’s main street. But when that dream is threatened by Jeff’s actions, Anna’s trust is shattered. Yet Earnest’s devotion to his two people, and theirs to him, make it impossible for them to walk away from each other.

Book summaries and covers provided by publishers.

Interested in one of these titles?
Simply complete a request slip or give us a call at 773-7421 and request an item.
The newly released film “The Revenant” has rekindled interest in Hugh Glass, the mountain man who survived being mauled by a grizzly bear in what is now South Dakota. Readers can explore several titles at Rawlins Library that will help them separate the Hollywood hype from the real Hugh Glass.

Rawlins owns “The Revenant” by Michael Punke, the book that inspired the movie. The library also carries “Lord Grizzly” by Frederick Manfred. This telling of Glass’ story is considered a classic and established Manfred’s reputation as a writer. Both of these are fiction books and although they flesh out the tale of Glass, they are the author’s take on the events.

In nonfiction, “The Saga of Hugh Glass” by Jon Myers was first published in 1963. It portrays Glass and the incredible life he led before (as a pirate? really?) and after the attack by the grizzly, as well as offering insights into the character of the mountain man.

James Clyman was a contemporary of Glass. Clyman describes his experiences on the plains and in the mountains during the heyday of the American fur trade in “Journal of a Mountain Man.” Clyman tells about Glass being attacked by the grizzly bear, but makes it clear that he was not part of the group that was with Glass when it happened...he learned of it afterward.

In “Here Lies Hugh Glass,” author Jon T. Coleman examines the Hugh Glass legend, and the books and movies before “The Revenant” that have risen from it.


Young readers can also learn more about Glass. The juvenile biography section contains the volume “Hugh Glass, Mountain Man” written by Robert McClung.
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STEP ONE: Go to www.rawlinslibrary.org

STEP TWO: In the center of the homepage there is a blue “Search Rawlins Library” box with a Sign In link. Click on that and a new web page will open.

STEP THREE: In the top right hand corner of the page there is a box that says “Account.” Click on the LOG ON button.

STEP FOUR: An “Account Log On” box will pop up and ask for a user name and password. The username is your library card number. The password is your last name, all in lower case. Once you have typed these in, click the button that says “Log On.”

STEP FIVE: You will be brought to a screen that shows a recap of your account. You can search for books and put them on reserve. You can see any fines, the books you’ve read previously, etc. under the history tab. Feel free to click the tabs and play around with it to see all the things you can do on this page!

STEP SIX: On the “Items Out” tab it will show you what you have out. Notice that there is a “Renew” button or a “Select All” button.

STEP SEVEN: Click the item or items you wish to renew.

STEP EIGHT: Click the renew button and you will see a new due date appears. If you are at a public computer and are finished, be sure to log out in the top right hand corner.
Well-intentioned resolutions are close to being tucked away until the next New Year. However, there are plenty of days of cold weather to fill with activities yet.

Rawlins Library has books for almost any area of interest you might have...woodworking, quilting, cooking, jewelry making, hunting, dog training, knitting, fishing, coin collecting, crafts of all kinds, photography, origami, creative writing, painting, how to start a hobby farm...you get the idea (oh yes, and of course...READING!)

Our friendly staff would be happy to help you get started. Be warm and enjoy!

~ Judy Ulvestad, Circulation Manager
Rawlins Library receives Award for reaching the Enhanced level of state accreditation.

- GALE COURSES program purchased and offers classes free of charge to patrons.
- Open House/Ribbon Cutting with Mayor Gill, Commissioners, Library Trustees and the public to celebrate the remodeling and enhancement of Rawlins Library.
- Summer Reading Program—entertainment venues included the ‘LEGO Man’ and the ‘Sock Rockerz Dance Troupe’.
- Zonta Club donated money towards book/puppet sets for children’s area; Rotary Club sponsored LEGO Man; Lion’s Foundation donated Optelec flat screen magnifier for visually-impaired patrons.
- Library Newsletter published, beginning with September issue.
- “Read an E-Book Day” instructional classes on how to download free E-Books from the library’s website.
- Monitor installed with software to announce events and programs to the public.
- “Very Merry Movie Nights” program held throughout December for families.

PROGRAMS:  
- Children: Read-to-Me, Pete the Cat, Breakfast with the Bunny, Valentine’s Day storytime, Dr. Seuss’ birthday celebration, Go Green craft session, National Library Week with “Read-O-Poly” contest, Kids Safe Saturday promotion, Summer Reading programs for children of all ages, American Girls program, Read and Tell, “Read for the Record” national campaign to promote literacy, LEGO building events, Trails to Treats at LaFramboise Island on Halloween, Christmas Craft time.
- Adults: Blind Date with a Book, Adult Coloring Club, author Chad Lewis’ “South Dakota’s Most Haunted Locations.”

CONSTRUCTION:  
- Window project completed, beautiful Circulation Desk installed, Emergency Exit steps and ramp finished, Staff Restroom installed, motorized shades replace curtain, outdoor book drop installed, security gate mounted, AC unit restructured and pipes placed above ground.

STATISTICS:  
- Rawlins Library circulated 137,436 books and other materials, 11,930 e-books, and 2,938 checkouts to senior citizens through the Outreach program for a total circulation of 152,304 items. Computer usage was 25,551, attendance at programs was 5,457; the Library Staff answered 18,859 reference questions, proctored 331 tests, and loaned out the SD Room 157 times to groups and organizations.
- 144,059 patrons came through our doors in 2015 which is an average of 410 people per day. There are currently 9,128 Rawlins card holders throughout Pierre, Ft. Pierre, and Hughes & Stanley Counties.
My Guy’s Book Review:
“Pound for Pound” by Shannon Kopp

When you work at the library, you are surrounded by all different types of books, audiobooks, DVDs, music CDs and more. I bring books home for my husband, on a regular basis. He was in a rut. So, this time, I gathered books with different authors and topics.

Go ahead, browse our books, audiobooks and DVDs. Discover what’s new in the stacks and online. Stop by or visit our website: www.rawlinslibrary.org

Yet again, my wife brought home another book for me to read and this one I have to admit was way outside my comfort zone. The book was Pound for Pound by Shannon Kopp and it is Shannon’s story about her fight with bulimia and her eventual recovery with the aid of the shelter dogs who helped her see the way to defeat this powerful eating disorder.

Now normally I don’t read books of this ilk. I’m more of a sci-fi, history, aviation-related nut that would not normally pick up a book such as this. But I have to admit, I was intrigued by the premise of the book and thought I would give it a chance. The book starts with Shannon describing her life as a young girl, a young girl that loved and idolized her father. They did everything together. So when her father began to drink, to help himself deal with life, their relationship began to change. Her father wasn’t the happy, doting father he had always been.

As a young girl in middle school, she had trouble understanding why this was happening. She felt it was her fault. Was it because she wasn’t good enough? Not pretty enough? What could she do to make this better? To help with these feelings she began to binge eat. And with the binge eating came the feeling of worthlessness, the feelings of guilt, then came the purging.

Starting in middle school, and into her adult life, Shannon would suffer down the long road of bulimia. It would be a vicious cycle. She knew she had to stop, but she just could not find the willpower or the means to get past that last hurdle. That final leg of the race that would break her clear of this debilitating disease. Then came the dogs.

Now I don’t know about you, but I’ve always had a special place in my heart for pets. They are members of the family. My wife and I have adopted from the Humane Society and welcomed strays into our home. And each time we think we are saving them. But is that true? After reading this book, I can’t help but think it’s they who save us with their unconditional love and devotion. To help us open our eyes to our own lives and the world around us.

And this is what happens to Shannon. Through working with the shelter dogs, she would see ways in her own life that could be made better. Caring for the dogs would bring inspiration. It would break the hold bulimia had on her life. And along the way she would help those that would not have the means to help themselves. I highly recommend this book.

Best of the Best
New music CDs featuring the greatest hits of timeless musical acts such as:
- Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young
- Norah Jones
- Louis Armstrong
- Bee Gees
- Bob Dylan
- Anne Murray
- Neil Young
- Elvis Presley
- George Gershwin
- Chopin
- Van Morrison
- The Monterey Jazz Festival
- Nat King Cole
- Best Classical Hits
- Elvis Costello
- When Harry Met Sally
- Disney: Music From the Park
- 40 Most Beautiful Airas
Can You Name These Famous Couples of Television and Movies?

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