



Juli Preston (left) and Orrin Gorham are among the teen knitters in the LOFT makerspace.



The late Peter Torrey gave every Summer Reader a \$2 bill for the last 5 years. Here he is with the Wiles family in the Cody Kids' Library.

“Build a Better World” with 2017 Summer Reading at the library.

Signup for summer reading begins Tuesday, May 30. The program is free and open to babies – age 18. They may join any time during open hours May 30 - July 30.

Participants earn raffle tickets for donated prizes by reading or being read aloud to for 20 minutes a day. To track progress, a calendar will be provided at registration. Tickets may also be earned for website exploration, community involvement, craft projects, writing and other activities.

Savvy summer readers improve the odds of winning by entering as many tickets as possible by the final day – Sunday, July 30.

Entertainment

- “Wonders Down Under: Australian Stories and Music” with Paul Taylor, 2 p.m., Tuesday, June 6. Taylor plays didgeridoo, tells stories and leads his audience in interactive versions of classic Australian songs – some in sign language.
- Ann Lincoln will return with comedy, magic and juggling, 10-11 a.m., Wednesday, June 21.
- “The Quest for the Junkyard Dragon” with puppeteer Markie Scholz includes a show at 1 p.m., Thursday, July 13. She will offer a workshop on the same day at 2 p.m.
- The Ann Simpson Artmobile exhibition tentatively titled: “STEM and the Arts: Architectural Design and Interpretation” will be open Thursday – Friday, July 20-21. Original artwork will travel from the University of Wyoming Art Museum. Artmobile Educator Erica Ramsey will teach workshops inspired by the collection.

These programs are free, family-oriented and open to the public.

Summer Reading is the most popular library program. From 200 participants in 2004, it has grown to more than 1200 in 2016.

Weekly programs provided by local early childhood professionals are ideal for preschoolers. Children in grades K- 5 may register for various crafts, cooking, exercise and LEGO club

sessions. Read to a Dog and Read to a Teacher offer relaxed settings to help keep skills current over the summer.

The teen library will be a Makerspace for grades 6-12. At the “Not for Sale” sale organized by teens, community members may shop for things they need at no cost.

The teens have become accomplished knitters. Making hats for people undergoing cancer treatment is an advanced project planned for this summer.

In keeping with the “Build a Better World” theme, teens will tackle the library recycling.

Thanks to broad community support, the quality and number of incentives increases every year. Participants will find out what they have won at the August 4 prize picnic.

Wyoming subscribes to a national initiative, the Collaborative Summer Library Program, which provides yearly themes and supportive materials including artwork by a noted children’s illustrator. To learn more about the proven benefits of the program visit cslpreads.org.

At the library we celebrate the joy of reading and learning to build a better world.

In the LOFT

- Teen Book Sale, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Friday, May 5. All proceeds benefit the LOFT.
- Senior Computer Training, free and open for ages 55 and up, 9-11 a.m., Mondays.
- Recycling Task Force, 4-5 p.m., Thursday, May 11.
- Home School Hour for grades 6-12, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Wednesdays through May 17.
- Study Afternoon, Thursday, May 18.
- End of School Bingo Party complete with prizes and snacks, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Friday, May 19.
- Tuesday, May 30 – Sunday, July 30, sign up for “Build a Better World” Summer Reading for grades 6-12.

Stop by the LOFT for a calendar or contact Teen Librarian Shelly Waidelich (307) 527-1889. You can also email sw@parkcountylibrary.org or visit parkcountylibrary.org/teens. On Facebook follow Park County Public Library Teen Room.

In the children’s library

Sign up for:

- Come in any time beginning Tuesday, May 30 to join the fun for babies – grade 5.
- Children’s Resource Center playgroup for ages 18 months - 3 years, 10-11 a.m., Friday, May 12.

Drop in for:

- Toddler Time, 10 – 10:20 a.m., Mondays through May 22. Short stories, music and movement, all to develop a comfort in the library and love for books. It’s also a great networking time for adults.
- Story Time for ages 3-6, 10-10:45 a.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays through May 23 -24. Stories are based on a theme each week, accompanied by songs, games and crafts, all to promote early literacy skills plus a love for the library.
- Home School Hour for grades K-5, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Wednesdays through May 24.
- Screen-free haven, 3-8 p.m., Thursdays. Take a rest from technology with craft projects, games and books.

The 2017 Summer Reading program “Build a Better World” begins May 30. For those interested in donating prizes, volunteering or teaching a class, please contact the children’s

library staff.

For details contact Holly Baker, (307) 527-1884, hbaker@parkcountylibrary.org or visit parkcountylibrary.org/cody/kids. Follow codykidsread on Twitter and Facebook.

The Cody, Meeteetse and Powell libraries will be closed Saturday - Monday, May 27-29 for Memorial Day weekend.

For more information call (307) 527-1880, visit parkcountylibrary.org, find Mabel Wilkinson or Park County Public Library, Cody on Facebook or email news@parkcountylibrary.org.

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