### Campbell County Public Library

**September 2022**

- **Sunday**
  - Books Unite Us
  - Censorship Divides Us
  - Banned Books Week
  - September 18-24

- **Monday**
  - Toddler Time 9:30am
  - Storytime 10:30am

- **Tuesday**
  - Toddler Time 9:30am
  - Storytime 10:30am
  - Genealogy Consultations drop in 9-8am

- **Wednesday**
  - Toddler Time 9:30am
  - Storytime 10:30am
  - Teen Anime 4pm
  - Hogwarts Escape Room 4pm

- **Thursday**
  - Play to Learn 9:30-11am
  - Volunteer Attorney Drop-in 9-4pm
  - Teen Anime 4pm

- **Friday**
  - CCPL Closed for Labor Day

- **Saturday**
  - No Toddler Time

### Wright Branch Library

**September 2022**

- **Sunday**
  - WBL Closed for Labor Day

- **Monday**
  - Storytime 11am
  - Tiny Tot Play 9:30am

- **Tuesday**
  - Storytime 11am
  - Makerspace 3:45pm

- **Wednesday**
  - Makerspace 3:45pm
  - YA Thursday 4pm

- **Thursday**
  - Movie Discussion 5pm
  - The Egg and I

- **Friday**
  - Tiny Tot Play 9:30am
  - YA Thursday 4pm

- **Saturday**
  - LEGO Club 3:45pm
  - Makerspace 3:45pm

### Used Book Sale

- **September 20-26**
  - Friends of the Library Used Book Sale • September 20-26

### Other Events

- **Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am-5pm • Saturday: 1-5pm**

### Contact Information

- **Campbell County Public Library**
  - 2101 S. 4J Road • Gillette, WY 82718 • 307.682.3223
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**Note:**

- **Open 1-5pm**
  - Friends of the Library Early Bird Sale 5-8:30pm
  - Friends of the Library Used Book Sale • September 20-26

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  - CCPLS Board of Trustees Meeting 4pm
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Books Unite Us
by Darcy Acord, Youth Services Librarian

Every year, libraries across the United States commemorate Banned Books week in September; the dates this year are September 18-24. The event focuses on raising awareness about efforts to challenge or ban books in school and public libraries, and is really a celebration of the freedom to read. The freedom to read and publish is considered part of free speech, protected, along with freedom of religion, by the First Amendment of the U. S. Constitution. Libraries recognize the importance of each individual’s First Amendment rights.

CCPLS is offering several ways to commemorate Banned Books Week here at your libraries. Join us for some of our events, or find your own way to celebrate intellectual freedom! Here are some ways to participate:
1. Read a banned book! In 2021, 729 challenges to library materials in school, academic, and public libraries were registered. Lists of frequently challenged books are available online; your librarian can help you locate these. Most likely you’ll be surprised to find some of your favorite books have been challenged over the years!
2. As you read or discuss banned books, consider who might appreciate finding that material on a library shelf. For whom is that material important? Alternatively, consider frequently banned books that have been important to you; why did you connect with those books? Share your thoughts with a friend or family member and discuss the idea that every book has its reader.
3. Wear a graphic t-shirt that displays a banned book character, or supports banned books and libraries.
4. Participate in Wright Branch Library’s READsquared Banned Books Reading Challenge or the Harry Potter Read for Your House Reading Challenge for 4th grade and up at your libraries in Wright and Gillette. While you don’t have to read a Harry Potter title to participate, it’s worth knowing that the series is one of the most frequently challenged in the United States. Sign up for both challenges on READsquared (ccplswy.readsquared.com).
5. Come to the library to check out the various Banned Books Week displays throughout the building.
7. Write a letter to an author whose books have been banned. Tell them how their work has affected you.
8. Learn about why moving books to out-of-sight areas of a library is considered censorship. Find one explanation of this concept on our Libraries Liberate blog, at ccpls.info/liberate.
9. Place a “Love my Library” sign in your yard. These are available for free at the circulation desks at your libraries in Gillette and Wright.
10. Participate in the CCPL Edible Banned Books Festival! Individuals or teams are encouraged to creatively display a favorite banned book with food. Look for entry details on the back page of this newsletter.

Celebrate Banned Books Week, and YOUR freedom to read!

Harry Potter @ Your Libraries!

Calling all Harry Potter fans! Your libraries are hosting several events in September and October to help you geek out with other Potterites. Look for the Harry Potter logo for events at CCPL and WBL.

Read for Your House
• September 1 - October 26
Sign up at ccplswy.readsquared.com

CCPL and WBL patrons in grades 4 through adult are invited to join our Harry Potter Read for Your House Challenge. Sign up on READsquared under your Hogwarts house and track pages or minutes to gain points. AND...explore your libraries in Gillette and Wright for Fantastic Beasts and get READsquared secret codes to add additional house points. The winning house will be announced October 27. Members will receive a small prize and will be entered in a drawing for larger prizes.

Escape Room – grade 4 through adult
• Thursday, September 1, 4-8pm
Can you and your team escape from Hogwarts? Teams have 30 minutes before disappearing forever! Call to reserve a time slot for your up-to-five-member team: 687.0115. Don’t have a team? Sign up and we’ll create one for you. Please arrive 15 minutes before your time slot or it may be given away to a drop-in team or individual – which are welcome but openings are not guaranteed.

October Harry Potter Fun...

• Quidditch in the Library
• Craft Class: Crochet a House Scarf
• Drop-in Wand Making
• Harry Potter Movie Nights
• Trivia and Awards Night

Volunteer Reference Attorney
• Thursday, September 1, 2-4pm
Get free legal information from a volunteer reference attorney. Civil (non-criminal) legal questions only. First come, first served. Sponsored by Equal Justice Wyoming and the Wyoming Access to Justice Commission in partnership with CCPL.

Genealogy Assistance
• Wednesday, September 7, 6-8pm
Drop by the CCPL reference desk for one-on-one genealogy assistance from our volunteer family history consultants. First come, first served.

Tech Classes @ CCPL
• Call 687.0115 to sign up.

Email Basics
• Wednesday, September 14, 5:30pm
Learn the basics of the most common email systems, how to attach items, how to send to multiple people, and how to use forward, reply, and reply all.

Green Screen Editing 101: Harry Potter Style
• Wednesday, September 28, 5:30pm
It’s like magic! Learn the basics of Adobe Premier Pro to cut some footage together and then edit out a green screen and create usable footage to upload to a USB or directly to Youtube. Use our Video Lab to make a short video with a wizarding background.

Book Club
We Shall Sing a Song into the Deep by Andrew Kelly Stewart
• Tuesday, September 20, 6pm
@ CCPL
Pick up a book at CCPL, available thanks to a grant from the Campbell County Community Public Recreation District, and then join us at the library to chat about it!
Wright Branch Library

Preschool Programs
Weekly preschool programs featuring stories, music and crafts for kids and their grownups are back starting September 5. Join us!
• Storytime (3-6 years): Wednesdays, 11am
• Tiny Tot Play (18 months-3 years): Thursdays, 9:30am

LEG0 Club
• Mondays, 3:45pm

Makerspace Activities
• Tuesdays, Wednesdays, 3:45pm starting September 13

Just for Teens...
• YA Thursdays: 4pm
READsquared Challenges
Sign up at: cplby.readsquared.com
• Banned Books: September 1-30
• Harry Potter Read for Your House: September 1-October 26

Harry Potter Trivia
• Monday, September 26, 5pm
Calling all Potter fans! WBL is hosting trivia night at 5pm! Test your knowledge of the wizarding world and compete for prizes! Teams of up to five people are welcome. Sign up in advance or on the day of the event.

Movie Night
The Egg and I
• Tuesday, September 20, 5pm

Harry Potter Read for Your House
• September 1-30
Join us as we celebrate Harry Potter and the magical world of wizardry! Throughout the month of September, stop by the Teen Room for a variety of events and activities inspired by the Harry Potter series.

New Volunteer Sign Up
Wednesday, September 21, 4pm
Want to help with teen clubs, programs, and other library activities? Stop by the Teen Room for an application.

Teen Clubs
• Anime Club: Thursdays, 4:5-5:30pm
• Open-Play Gaming: Saturdays, 1:30-4pm

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 21, 4pm
Come and meet the Teen Advisory Board, who help shape the programming and events for teens at the Wright Branch Library. This meeting is open to all teens who are interested in getting involved.

Hogwarts Escape Room
For teens
• Wednesday, September 21, 2pm
Join us for a fun and challenging escape room experience! Participants will work together to solve puzzles and riddles in order to escape before time runs out. This event is limited to 6 participants.

Regional Author Fair
Saturday, September 10
Campbell County Public Library’s fourth Regional Author Fair is a union of your library, books, authors, and readers! Join us and engage with local and regional authors, purchase their books, and have a chance to win a Kindle e-reader, thanks to the Friends of the Library.

10am-12pm • Writers Workshop: THE YEARNING FACTOR lead by Page Lambert • Desires. Secrets. Yearnings. We all have them. Our characters. Our narrators. Ourselves. Yearning is an embodied emotion, a manifested hunger for more. During this two-hour workshop, we will explore what it means to write from our gut, and not from our intellect. We will get to the hot-white center of what matters—to us, and to our characters.

Author of the classic Wyoming memoir In Search of Kirship (hailed by the Rocky Mountain News when it was released as one of the summer’s hottest reads), and the historical novel Shifting Stars (a Mountains and Plains Book Award Finalist), award-winning author Page Lambert has been leading outdoor adventures and writing workshops for twenty-five years, sometimes working in partnership with organizations such as True Nature Journeys, The Women’s Wilderness Institute, the Grand Canyon Field Institute, and the Aspen Writers’ Foundation. In 2006, O, The Oprah Magazine featured her River Writing Journeys for Women as “One of the top six great all-girl getaways of the year.” She is the recipient of numerous prestigious writing awards. Lambert designs and teaches graduate writing courses for the University of Denver’s professional creative writing program and writes the blog All Things Literary/All Things Natural, which features getaways of the year.” She is the recipient of numerous prestigious writing awards. Lambert designs and teaches graduate writing courses for the University of Denver’s professional creative writing program and writes the blog All Things Literary/All Things Natural, which features getaways of the year.

1-2pm • James Chandler • Wyoming-based, bestselling legal-thriller author James Chandler is our 2022 Author Fair keynote speaker! James Chandler is the pen name of Paul Phillips, who—along with his wife—has called Gillette home since 2004. His three novels One and Done (#12 on Amazon’s Kindle Political Thrillers & Suspense list), Misjudged (#11), and False Evidence (#13) follow Sam Johnstone, a troubled Army veteran who takes a job as an attorney in a small Wyoming town. The soon-to-be-released fourth novel in the series, Capital Justice, will be available at the Fair—along with all previous titles. Stop by to purchase autographed copies and support your Campbell County Libraries; the author is donating all proceeds to The Library Foundation!

Phillips spent his formative years in the western United States catching fish or footballs and roaming centerfield and trying to hit the breaking pitch. After a college baseball career, he exchanged his jersey for camouflage issued by the United States Army, which he proudly wore for twenty years before retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel of Air Defense Artillery. He holds a Bachelor’s degree, a Master’s degree, and earned his Juris Doctor by attending night school while assigned to the Pentagon. In 2004, the family relocated to Gillette, where he served as a law clerk for the Honorable Dan R. Price II, the Honorable John R. Perry, and the Honorable Michael N. “Nick” Deegan. In 2006, he went into private practice with the firm of Stevens, Edwards, Hallock, Carpenter & Phillips, P.C., where he practiced civil litigation until his 2017 appointment to the bench as a circuit court judge. When he isn’t working, he’ll likely have a fly rod, shotgun or rifle in hand. He and his wife are blessed with two wonderful adult daughters and one grandson. He is a recipient of the Western Horizon Award and a member of Wyoming Writers, Inc. and the Mystery Writers of America.

2-3:30pm • Author Fair featuring numerous local, regional—and potentially the next best selling—authors. Check the library’s website for a list of the participating storytellers and join us to celebrate our local authors!
Friends of the Library Annual Used Book Sale

Is your book bag running empty? The Friends of the Library Annual Used Book Sale is your chance to refill it! CCPL's Wyoming Room will be packed full of bargain books and open for business, thanks to numerous Friends members and library volunteers manning the sale.

Shop for books, DVDs, books on CD, Playaways, vinyl records, antique and vintage books, Wyoming and the west books, and more, for all ages and all genres! Adult fiction and nonfiction are priced at $2 for hardbacks and $1 for paperbacks, and children's and young adult books are $1—until Bag Days when all items will be $5 per bag.

Do you know that libraries across the country host used book sales every year? Have you ever wondered where all the sale items come from? Many of them are from you, the public. Every day, boxes of books are donated to libraries by people who are decluttering, downsizing, cleaning out grandad's house, etc. Someone wants to throw away books and it's hard for libraries, too! In order to keep library shelves full of new books, books with accurate information, books that aren't falling apart from lots of checkouts, as well as all our most-loved favorites, books have to be discarded, or weeded as libraries like to call it.

All library materials have a life cycle that includes having a spot on a library shelf, being checked out by book lovers, and being removed from the collection (weeded). Weeding happens every day in every library department and can be triggered by several factors: popularity–after a certain period of time, the item is not being checked out; overdue–the item is damaged or soiled (in this case, if the material is still popular, a replacement will be purchased provided it's still in print at an affordable price); loss–if a series book is lost or damaged but can't be replaced, the entire series is weeded; inaccurate information–think technology and science in particular, topics that change so fast our heads spin.

And that's where book sales come in. At your library in Gillette, if you ever want to use the stage in the Wyoming Room, you'll find, sadly, you can't because it's filled with boxes of books. CCPL is cramped for space so the stage is where donated and weeded books are stored all year long until they get hauled to Wyoming Room tables to be sold in the book sale. After the sale, the process begins again. What happens to items that don't get sold during our book sales? They are displayed on tables in CCPL's lobby and given away for free. If no one takes the items home, they are then recycled or thrown away.

The Friends of the Library mission is to build strong public support, community awareness, and sound stewardship values among all Friends in support of Campbell County Libraries. This nonprofit organization is an important part of Campbell County's cultural community. The book sale generates revenue the Friends use for advocacy and to purchase things like an early literacy computer for CCPL's Children's Department; a gaming system for Wright Branch Library; and video-editing software for library patron use in Gillette and Wright. The Friends also sponsor yearly college scholarships for Campbell County graduating seniors. How cool is that?

Interested in becoming a Friend or volunteering to help man the sale? Call Krisene at 687.9210. Or, simply stop by the Book Sale, get some great deals, and support your libraries in Gillette and Wright!

• Friends Early Shopping Event
  Tuesday, September 20, 5-8:30pm; Not a current Friend? Purchase your membership at the door.
• Wednesday, September 21–Friday, September 23
  Sale continues during regular library hours
• Bag Days
  Saturday, September 24–Monday, September 26: All books $5 per bag

Edible Banned Book Festival

Love getting creative with food? Love banned books? Enter our Edible Banned Book Festival! Individuals and teams are invited to get your creative juices flowing and enter an all-ages-activity-friendly work of food art that combines word play with books, decoration, and mostly-edible ingredients. Your entry doesn't need to look like a book, it simply must be made of mostly food and be inspired by a book—title, characters, or author.

To Enter: Bring your creation to CCPL 4pm September 19 through 10am September 20
• CCPL In-Person Voting: The public is invited to your library to vote in person September 20, 12-8:30pm
• Online Facebook Voting: Visit your library's Facebook page September 20-23 and "like" your favorite creation

Two overall winners—one under 18, one 18+—will receive prizes for the best entry in each category. Winners will be announced September 24. Each will receive $50 in Gold Bucks, thanks to The Friends of the Library.

Ride & Read Car Show

• Saturday, September 24, 10am-2:30pm
  • Show car check in: 9-10am

Don't miss CCPL's third annual Ride and Read Car Show! This event is free to the public from 10am-2:30pm and features activities for all ages. Have a car you'd like to show? Car check-in starts at 9am; no preregistration required.

Campbell County Classics & Customs is assisting the library with this event that will include cars (of course!), the final day of The Friends of the Library Used Book Sale (all books $5 per bag), library card signups, a kids’ corner, a 50/50 raffle benefiting The Library Foundation, and food vendors including The Ice Cream Cafe, Tacos Mexico, and Wild West Hot Dogs.

Medicare 101

Thursday, September 29, 7pm

If you’re approaching retirement and wondering about health insurance, this class will help you learn the basics of Wyoming Medicare coverage.

Vicky Schild, Senior Health Insurance Information Program counselor, and licensed health insurance agents, Susan Burke and Carol Maras have over 75-years combined experience in the industry. Together they will answer your questions and help you explore your options so you’re ready when you hit 65.