

# From The Bookshelf

Clear Creek County Library District Spring, 2015

## Jerry Barlow just one highlight of National Library Week

Local superstar Jerry Barlow is coming back to Clear Creek! Barlow is an acclaimed Celtic fingerstyle guitarist, animated storyteller and ardent library supporter. He is returning to the Idaho Springs Public Library at 6 p.m. Friday, April 10, to help the district kick off National Library Week.

According to the American Library Association, National Library Week "is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries." The Clear Creek Library District also wants to show our appreciation of our patrons. Each year we serve coffee and cookies to adults and host individual snack and story times for each class at Carlson and Georgetown Elementary schools. Be sure to come by between April 13th and 18th for some goodies.

National Library Week was established in 1958, and we are very excited to have Barlow help us celebrate the 57th year of this event with a free community concert.

Pete the Cat hugs Caleb and Oliver at Story Time at the Georgetown Library in February!



### Progress Report: Visits to our Libraries Continue to Climb

With the advent of the digital age, some people have said that libraries are no longer necessary. Those naysayers apparently need to spend some time in the library to get their facts straight!

Since 2009, patron visits to the Clear Creek County Library District have increased over 62%!

"This shows that people need libraries even more today than they did before," says Library Director Sue Lathrop.

Library visits grew from 45,990 in 2009 to 74,604 in 2014, with the biggest percentage of growth happening at the Georgetown Library, which almost doubled its attendance, going from 16,208 users in 2009 to 29,938 in 2014. As expected, the Georgetown Library usage increased during the renovation of the Idaho Springs Library, but unexpectedly the new users kept coming and, in fact, the numbers continue to rise. In Idaho Springs, usage dropped during the renovation but rebounded once the project was completed. The number of visitors to the ISPL in 2009 were 29,782 and 44,666 in 2014.

And those numbers do not include the number of people checking out ebooks, e-magazines, e-audiobooks, or being contacted through the library's outreach programs.

"The biggest reason behind our growth is that we are a community library. We are not satisfied with just serving the people who walk in the door – we want to make our community a better place to live and work, and we want to make sure the people here have the tools they need to succeed," says Lathrop. "One way we do this is to look at who is using our library and who is not. We try to serve the people already here and then try to add services that will attract those who do not."

For example, after school use of the library by kids used to cause disruptions at the library. However, realizing that the problem was really a community problem in that there was no other place for some kids to go, the library now provides snacks, computers, homework help, activities, and even Kindles.

In recent years, the library has added a digital collection, databases that serve the schools and patrons, programs that teach everything from earIdaho Springs Public Library

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#### Library District Board of Trustees

Marilyn Lunbery, President Lee Ann Cox, Vice President Marianne Loritz, Secretary Robert Loeffler, Treasurer Vickie Colle, Kate Foy The Clear Creek Library District Board of Trustees meets every 2nd Tuesday at 7 p.m. On the even numbered months the meeting is at ISPL and on the odd-numbered months at JTML.

#### **ISPL Building Activity Committee**

Denise Deese, Tric Omerod, Kate Foy, Marilyn Lunbery, Jeremy Morgan

Meets on the first Tuesday of each month, at the Idaho Springs Public Library, 6 p.m.

## JTML Building Activity Committee & Georgetown Library Association

Lee Ann Cox, Sophie Egan, Michelle McNeil , Bernie Hausherr, Jon Jennings Bob Loeffler, and Elaine McWain Meets on the third Monday of the month at the Georgetown Library, 5:30 p.m.

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## From the Library Director

Sue Lathrop

A constant battle we face at the library is deciding where to draw the line between being a "small town" library district that can do it our own way and a library that is part of a statewide system which has some pretty standardized procedures.

For example, for years we did not require our library patrons to have IDs or library cards in order to check out materials. We prided ourselves in being able to recognize most of our library patrons by name. But with growth comes necessary change! With so many people visiting the library now, and with so many employees who can work in either library, it's just not possible anymore. So please remember to bring your card or ID to the library when you come!

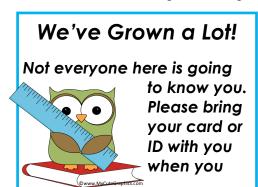
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As many of you know, we are embarking on a couple of new projects. In Georgetown, we are planning to renovate the library and, because usage has doubled in five years, consider ways to handle the growth. If you would like to be a part of this process, please contact John Ewers or a member of the JTML Building Activity Committee. There also will be a public process, and we would love your participation.

In Idaho Springs, the District has hired Hoehn Architects to help with the park design outside the library building. The yard will now be called the Plummer–Robbins Park, after the two women who helped develop the

library. Because the property is managed under a covenant with the State Historic Fund, Hoehn Architects will help us develop a park that meets the covenant rules while highlighting the most important historical feature on the cityowned land — the old Carnegie building itself.

Hoehn Architects is the



firm that did the design for the interior of the building, and they are excited at the opportunity to make sure the building is highlighted from the exterior as well — while also maintaining its usability to the library's many patrons who use the park to read, play, and use the library's resources.



Are you 3, 4 or 5 years old? If you are, come to the library for a free book! April 13-27th

www.onebookforcolorado.org



Cindy Neely (4th from right) at Eram Garden, an historic Persian site in Shiraz, Iran. The building and garden, built during the middle of the 19th Century, are a World Heritage Site and are protected by Iran's Cultural Heritage Organization.

### 'You're going where? Travels in Iran' at Friends annual meeting

Take a trip overseas at the annual meeting of the Friends of the John Tomay Memorial Library in Georgetown! The Friends program features Cindy Neely, who will describe her unique travels into Iran.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. Friday, April 24, at the Georgetown Community Center, 613 16th St.

Iran (Persia) has been the crossroads of Eurasia, Arabia and India for over 2,500 years and is rich in history. Neely, Executive Director of the Georgetown Trust for Conservation & Preservation, Inc., will answer why and how she went there and share some surprising lessons learned along the way.

## Solarium mural at Georgetown Library complete

The long awaited completion of the tile mural in the solarium of the library in Georgetown was celebrated at the Friends Soup on Feb. 12.



A sampling of Seanna Nelson's mural, called 'Stone's





For Kids in Grades 4, 5, & 6

The 25-foot-by-6-foot mural has over 250,000 hand cut pieces of glass, according to mural artist Seanna Nelson. Many hidden representations exist in the mural such as constellations, the man in the moon, comets and galaxies, and the silhouette of Mount Bierstadt and the Saw Tooth Ridge.

Seanna was inspired by Van Gogh's masterpiece "Starry Night". You can view the colorful mural through the windows of the non-fiction room downstairs or the children's wing upstairs.

### Library visits continue to increase

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ly literacy to lifelong learning, and the technological tools people need to keep up with what is happening globally. Programs include the after-school program for kids, games nights, adult crafting and cultural events

> such as musical concerts and *Dia de los Niños*.

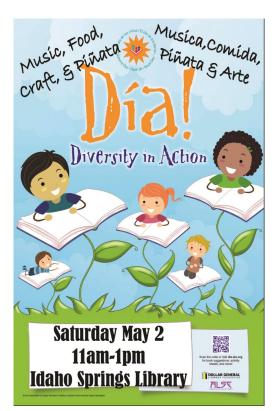
Last year, the library started an innovative "Technology for Seniors" program designed to help seniors and disabled people in our community get connected to the internet and use online resources as well as books and audiobooks. In addition, this year, the library has introduced a 3D printer for community use that has already been successfully used to build and fix things.

The library staff also works closely with the School District to make sure that library

### Adult crafting at the library off to a fabulous start in Georgetown

Arts are not just for kids — and that's apparent to anyone who has come to some of our recent adult crafting programs! After a wildly successful wreath-making class at the Georgetown Library in December, it was clear that there is an interest in continuing craft classes at the library.

In January, attendees repurposed wine bottles into candle holders and vases. In February, participants learned or practiced their skills in knitting and crocheting. The group meets downstairs at the Georgetown Library on the first Thursday of the month and at the Idaho Springs Library



Adult crafting at ISPL to begin in March! **Register Now!** 

meeting room on the second Monday. Interested participants need to register for each program since there is limited space and supplies. Register by emailing stephanie@clearcreeklibrary.org.

calling the library, or at the circulation desk.

In March, we will be exploring beading trends and making bracelets on Thursday, March 5, at the Georgetown Library and Monday, March 9, at the Idaho Springs Library. The April and May crafts will be announced at a later date. Also, look for upcoming details about a Sit n' Stitch crochet and knitting group

## Kids 3-5 can get free books from Friends, One Book for Colorado

More than 75,000 books will be given to 4-year-old Coloradoans in April for the One Book 4 Colorado book giveaway. For four years, the state literacy program has encouraged parents to read with their children. Providing young children with access to books promotes early literacy and helps families serve as their children's first and most important teachers.

At Clear Creek Library District, we agree that reading to preschoolers is important. So, while 4 year olds receive the same special book as others in the state, we are also giving books to 3 and 5 year olds.

Funding for One Book 4 Colorado comes from the Colorado State Library, the Lt. Governor's office and the Reach out and Read Program. Books for the 3- and 5-year-old preschoolers come from the Friends of the John Tomay Memorial and Idaho Springs Libraries. The Friends sell used books at the library to help fund the book giveaways including the Halloween Boo!kfest books and birthday books. Kids of all ages can sign up to receive a free book of choice as a birthday present from the library. Email stephanie@clearcreeklibrary.org or come

## **Friends of the Library Membership**

The Branch Librarians will be glad to welcome you as a Friend!

Please fill out this form and return to either library.

#### Georgetown Library I Idaho Springs Library

□ \$5/year: Seniors

□ \$10/year: Individuals

□ \$15/year: Families

□ \$20/year: Membership in both libraries!

Help with book sales

Help with events/programs

Library volunteer Help with Summer Reading

Please join us and help make a difference in our community!

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## What's New @ the Library!

#### **New E-Books**

#### Fiction

The Prodigal Son, by Danielle Steel World Gone By, by Dennis Lehane The Harder they Come, by T.C. Boyle The Fifth Heart, by Dan Simmons Wicked Charms, by Janet Evanovich and Phoef Sutton The Angel Court Affair, by Anne Perry The Pocket Wife, by Susan Crawford Fall With Me, by Jennifer Armentrout Blink of the Screen, by Terry Pratchett Last Things, by Jenny Offill The Wisdom of Perversity, by Raphael Yglesias The Buried Giant, by Kazuo Ishiguro Liars, Inc., by Paula Stokes

#### **Non-Fiction**

Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania, by Erik Larson The Upstairs Wife: An Intimate History of Pakistan, by Rafia Zakaria The 13<sup>th</sup> Disciple, by Deepak Chopra Rescue at Los Baños, by Bruce Henderson

## Easter Dye Party



## Easter Egg Hunt Saturday April 4

@10:30am Georgetown Kids ages 0 - 5 Werlin Park Kids ages 5+ Foster's Place

#### New Children

#### Fiction

Red: A Crayon's Story, by Michale Hall Smick, by Doreen Cronin The 39 Clues: Doublecross Bk. 1, by Scholastic, Inc. The Griffin's Riddle, by Suzanne Selfors My Weirdest School #1, by Dan Gutman Survivors #6: Storm of Dogs, by Erin Hunter Horses of the Dawn #1: The Escape, by Kathryn Lasky Genius Files Bk #4: From Texas with Love, by Dan Gutman Genius Files Bk #5: License to Thrill, by Dan Gutman The Adventures of Beekle, by Dan Santat Echo, by Pam Munoz Ryan Just Izzy, by Lana Krumwiede Last Stop on Market Street, by Matt De La Pena Moonpenny Island, by Tricia Springstubb Princess Pistachio, by Marie-Louise Gay Seven Wild Sisters: A Modern Fairy Tale, by Charles de Line Big Bad Detective Agency, by Bruce Hale

The Honest Truth, by Dan Gemeinhart



#### April Fools Day Capture the Flag Competition April 1st, 12pm-3pm

Georgetown vs. Idaho Springs \*registration required

#### **New Adult**

#### Fiction

Amnesia, by Peter Carey Breaking Creed, by Alex Kava Cane and Abe, by James Grippando The Empty Throne, by Bernard Cornwell Insatiable Appetites, by Stuart Woods The Girl on the Train, by Paula Hawkins West of Sunset, by Stewart O'Nan Trust No One, by Jayne Ann Krentz The Third Target, by Joel C. Rosenberg Crash & Burn, by Lisa Gardner The Nightingale, by Kristin Hannah Private Vegas, by James Patterson Double Fudge Brownie Murder, by Jo-

anne Fluke Mightier Than the Sword, by Jeffrey Archer

Motive:, by Jonathan Kellerman My Sunshine Away, by M. O. Walsh Obsession in Death, by J. D. Robb

Shame and the Captives, by Thomas Keneally

A Spool of Blue Thread, by Anne Tyler Twelve Days, by Alex Berenson

The Secret Wisdom of the Earth, by Chris Scotton

As Chimney Sweepers Come to Dust, by Alan Bradley

#### Adult Non-Fiction:

- The Dog Who Could Fly, by Damien Lewis
- A Matter of Breeding, by Michael Brandow

The Diabetes Reset, by George King He Wanted the Moon, by Mimi Baird Vitamania, by Catherine Price How the Body Knows Its Mind, by Sian Beilock The Secret History of Wonder Woman,

by Jill Lepore

#### Young Adult Fiction:

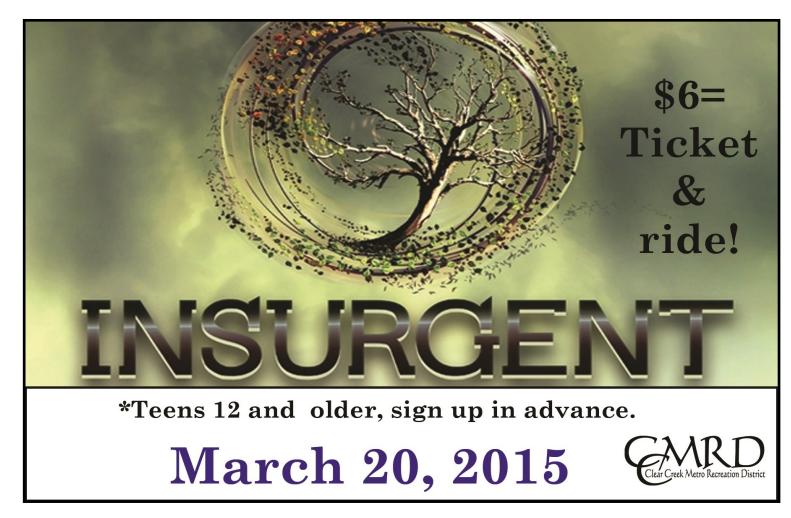
Audacity, by Melanie Crowder Playlist for the Dead, by Michelle Falkoff All the Bright Places, by Jennifer Niven The Art of Secrets, by James Klise Both of Me, by Jonathan Friesen Doable: The Girl's Guide to Accomplishing Just About Anything, by Deborah Reber Fairest: The Lunar Chronicles, by Maris-

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