



Library invaded by zombies!

What is Valentine's Day without zombies? That's what the kids at the Zombie Dance Feb. 12 want to know!

This year's Zombie Dance featured a Zombie Pageant for Barbie Dolls. The winners were voted for by library patrons. It was a tie! Eahdon Peterson's Barbie tied with The Zombie Barbie Van, put together by Trivi Woods, Jasmine Hall, Andal Innis, Hailey Parker and Emma McBrierty. Winners of the zombie costume

contest were Michaela Peterson and Emily Lucero. The winners all received tasty hearts — chocolate candy hearts, that is!



Left, what self-respecting zombie would want to eat brains when there is a chocolate fountain in the next room?

Many Barbie Dolls lost their heads just in time for the Zombie Pageant — part of the Zombie Dance at the Idaho Springs Pubic Library

Changes at mine will greatly impact library services

The Henderson Mine (Freeport McMoran) has been a good friend to the library for many years, providing us with grants for our building projects and programs, in addition to being the county's largest taxpayer. For those reasons, and because many of their families use the library, their projected closure is going to hit the library hard.

"Within just a couple of years, we could lose as much as half of our budget," said Library Director Sue Lathrop. If the mine ceases operations this year, we could be down to 50% of our current budget by 2019.

Because of this, the budget is being examined carefully, including all services such as staffing and programs. This will be particularly tough for our community, because library use typically goes up when the economy is stressed — and this closure is going to reverberate throughout the county.

We will keep you posted on the situa-

tion as it unfolds. In the meantime, we will be taking as many cost-saving measures as we can. For example, we are unlikely to continue mailing this newsletter out to all the homes in our community. We will be reducing the

number of databases we offer as they expire, and will be examining every area of our library operations to find where we can make cuts. Where possible, we will try to find alternative sources of funding.

Use of Clear Creek libraries continues to climb

The number of people visiting Clear Creek County libraries in 2015 rose over 11%, with 82,883 visits (compared to 74,604 in 2014). This marks the third year the number of visitors has increased. The last time the library had a decrease in visitors we were in the middle of the Idaho Springs remodel.

Both libraries showed growth in numbers last year. Georgetown went from 29,938 visits in 2014 to 31,873 in 2015, while Idaho Springs went from 44,666 visits in 2014 to 51,010 in

2015.

The circulation of materials has also increased for the last four years, with 74,172 items being circulated in 2015, compared with 55,137 in 2012. The circulation of the library's digital collection was up 53% over 2014. The digital collection includes e-books, e-audio books, e-magazines and e-video.

The use of e-magazines did not significantly increase, and the library will be evaluating whether or not to keep them in the future.



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A question I have been asked recently is why we have just one person buy books for both the Idaho Springs and Georgetown libraries. The answer is that we don't. While the two libraries are purchasing together in order to save money, each library has unique needs, and we try to buy the books with the greatest appeal to each population base. All library staff members have the opportunity to make suggestions about what to buy. We keep statistics to tell us what kinds of books are in the highest demand at each library to help us make the choices. Many of our choices are directly dependent upon recommendations from our library users.

Some titles are in high demand at both libraries. When that happens, we buy a copy for each. But for new authors, or authors with fewer followers, we will likely buy only one copy. When we do this, we house it at the library where we think the patrons will read it most often. After a few weeks, we move the book for a time to the other library. This ensures that every library patron in Clear Creek has a chance to take a look at the book at some point.

But the best reason for purchasing together is it allows us to buy more titles for our patrons. Rotating the books between the libraries gives each book a second chance to make an impact with our readers.

Because we do this, it is easy to get a book to the patron who wants it, no matter which library building the reader uses. This method is ensuring that your tax dollars are getting their best use. Since we have begun sharing the collection in this manner, the circulation of materials has increased, and we believe this is a major contributing factor. If you think we need more of the kinds of books you love, make sure you share that with the staff! Tell us what books you couldn't find, or what authors we are missing out on. Chances are, someone else wants to know, too!



Are you 3, 4 or 5 years old?
If you are, come to the library
for a **FREE** book! April 11-25th.

www.onebookforcolorado.org

Retirement Fun Ahead!

Friends, family, employees, former employees, library patrons and kids all gathered Jan. 29 to say a temporary goodbye to Susan, who retired from the library after 8 years.

Susan plans to do some traveling, but will still be around the county and plans to keep up with some Library activities, such as book group!



Free books for Colorado preschoolers to take home

Once again, the Friends of the Library will be supplementing the One Book for Colorado in Clear Creek County, so that all children aged 3-5 can get a free book to take home.

One Book for Colorado is a program that gives a free book to every four year old in the state. Voting is currently underway to decide what this year's book will be. In Clear Creek County, the friends of the Library will supplement those books, so that families with multiple preschool aged kids can all take home different books.

The goal is to set children up for success when they get to school. There are a lot of things you can do to get your child ready to learn to read. Here are a few:

- Talk to your child and ask questions! This will help with increasing vocabulary.
- Read at home with your preschooler. Pick books with fun pictures and read them over and over. Use funny voices and use sound affects! Ask your child questions about the story, like what will happen when you turn the page?
- Have paper, crayons and markers available for your child to practice writing with – even scribbling is a good activity to get the child used to holding writing materials.
- Play together – this can increase the child's vocabulary and help kids learn to relate to each other. Imaginative play is also fun!
- Singing together will help your child remember words.

Friends of the Georgetown Library
USED BOOK SALE



Recent LARGE Donation

Check out our great selection of Books, Movies & Audio Books!

Downstairs in the Georgetown Library

We've Grown a Lot!

Not everyone here is going to know you. Please bring your

card or ID with you when you visit the library!



Come visit us during National Library Week!

We will be serving refreshments during National Library Week at both libraries, so come and visit us during the week of April 10-16!

We will be inviting all the classes at school to come down for a story and to find out about this year's fun Summer Reading Program, which Miss Sharon (and the rest of the staff) is already working hard on.

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PARENTS! While our fun movie nights are free and always will be, and while you are more than welcome to bring your own snacks and drinks, consider buying popcorn from us during the movie. All proceeds from popcorn, candy and drink sales will go to pay for more library programs!

Meanwhile, you might also consider bringing a blanket and pillow for the kids to cuddle up with on the rug in front of the movie screen.

First Friday Movie Nights at the Heritage Center in Georgetown are a very fun way for families to watch movies together on a big screen without worrying whether the toddler is disturbing anyone!

Don't forget our fun programs for adults, such as crafting and book groups!

John Tomay Memorial Library would like to give a huge thanks to Marc Reagon with BNR Electric for donating his time to repair the clock in the park.



**Minecrafternoon
Dream House Design**

Kids 6-16 years old

**March 23, 12pm-2:00pm
Georgetown & Idaho Springs
Libraries**

***Registration Required**

1st FRIDAY Movie Night

3/4 4/1 5/6

March 4: The Good Dinosaur
April 1: Mockingjay 2
May 6: Star Wars 7

**Georgetown
Heritage Center - 6pm**

**Free Admission with
Library Card**

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 Idaho Springs Library

\$5/year: Seniors \$10/year: Individuals
 \$15/year: Families \$20/year: Membership in both libraries!

Help with book sales Library volunteer
 Help with events/programs Help with Summer Reading

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Date: _____

What's New @ the Library!

New E-Books

Adult

The High Mountains of Portugal, by Yann Martel
A Few of the Girls, by Maeve Binchy
A Doubters Almanac, by Ethan Canin
No Cure for Love, by Peter Robinson
Violent Crimes, by Phillip Margolin
She's Not There, by Joy Fielding
Cometh the Hour, by Jeffrey Archer
No Shred of Evidence, by Charles Todd
Death of a Nurse, by M.C. Beaton
Night Study, by Maria V. Snyder

Upcoming in March:

The Little Red Chairs, by Edna O'Brien
The Summer Before the War, by Helen Simonson
No Safe Secret, by Fern Michaels
The Total Package, by Stephanie Evanovich
The Atonement, by Beverly Lewis
The Steel Kiss, by Jeffery Deaver
Treachery at Lancaster Gate, by Anne Perry

Nonfiction

Jesus Before the Gospels, by Bart D. Ehrman
In a Different Key: The Story of Autism, by Donvan & Zucker
The Real Heaven: What the Bible Actually Says, by Ingram & Witt

Children's

Mrs Meyer is on Fire, by Dan Gutman
Fizzopolis, by Patrick Carman
The Thicket: Well of the Witches, by J.A. White
The Deavys, by Alan Dean Foster

Young Adult

Calamity, by Brandon Sanderson
Zom-B Goddess, by Darren Shan
Snow Job, by Charles Benoit
I'm From Nowhere, by Suzanne Myers
The Girl from Everywhere, by Heidi Heilig
The Siren, by Kiera Cass

New Adult

Fiction

The Art of War, by Stephen Coonts
Breakdown, by Jonathan Kellerman
Breaking Wild, by Diane Les Becquets
Brotherhood in Death, by J D Robb
Find Her, by Lisa Gardner
Arcadia, by Iain Pears
The God's Eye View by Barry Eisler
The High Mountains of Portugal by Yann Martel
A Friend of Mr. Lincoln by Stephen Harrigan
And Again, by Jessica Chiarella
Cometh the Hour, by Jeffrey Archer
Back Blast, by Mark Greaney
Death of a Nurse, by M C Beaton
I'll See You in Paris, by Michelle Gable
Wedding Cake Murder, by Joanne Fluke

New Non-Fiction:

The Geography of Genius, by Eric Weiner
Brown Is the New Black, by Steve Phillips
The Black Presidency, by Michael Dyson
The Great Divide, by Stephen Grace
American Girls: Social Media and the Secret Lives of Teenagers, by Nancy Sales

New Movies:

The 33
Spectre: James Bond
Straight Outta Compton
Grandma
American Horror Story: Coven
Batman: Bad Blood
Bridge of Spies
Suffragette
Creed
Peanuts
Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2
Game of Thrones: Season 5
CHI-RAQ
Woodlawn
Sisters

New Children

Fiction

Chomp of the Man-Eating Vegetables #4, by Troy Cummings
Magic Tree House: Balto #54, by Mary Pope Osborne
Pax, by Sara Pennypacker
Nettie & Nellie Crook: Orphan Train, by Susan Hill
A Dragon's Guide to Making Your Human Smarter, by Laurence Yep
A Hungry Lion, by Lucy Ruth Cummins

New Young Adult:

Raging Sea: Undertow #2, by Michael Buckley
Salt to Sea, by Ruta Sepetys
Stars Above, by Marissa Meyer
Symptoms of Being Human, by Jeff Garvin
Blue Screen, by Dan Wells
The Pages Between Us, by Lindsey Leavitt
Exit, Pursued by a Bear, by Emily Kate Johnston
The Girl Who Fell, by S. M. Parker



**Music, Food, Craft & Piñata
 Musica, Comida, Arte & Piñata**

Saturday, April 30th

11am - 1 pm

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