

## **BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**

### ***Wreath making classes & lots of fun programs at JTML and ISPL***

REGISTER NOW for our popular wreath-making program, because space is limited! We will be making holiday wreaths for our December Adult Craft Nights, and we are only able to have 10 patrons per class, so call or email us today!

These special craft nights will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, and Wednesday, Dec. 9, in Georgetown and Monday, Dec. 14, in Idaho Springs. Wreath-making has been a HUGE success in the past, and we can't wait to have another session to make something festive and be creative with friends!

In the past, along with wreath-making, we have used a variety of materials to create many different works of art. From Sculpey polymer clay to watercolors, Adult Craft Night has been a success. We are always looking for innovative craft ideas, teachers of different skills and adult patrons of all interests to join us while we laugh and design masterpieces!

"Although some creations may look juvenile (at least mine do), I still have fun making new friends and learning new skills," says Sharon Bassist. Don't be left out, register today!

#### **Christmas Tree Lighting**

On Nov. 28, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, the Georgetown Library will be hosting story time with Santa! We will be reading some beloved holiday tales and will also have Christmas cookie decorating

for the kids. The tree lighting will begin at 5:30 p.m. (or as darkness falls) at the Georgetown Library Stage. Story time and cookie decorating will follow inside the library.

#### **Georgetown Christmas Market**

On the first two Saturdays in December, Georgetown hosts its traditional Christmas Market, and we are happy to bring some of that holiday cheer into the Georgetown Library! Bring your children and your own camera to the library from 2-3:30 p.m. on Dec. 5 and Dec. 12 for a children's holiday craft and pictures with Santa.

#### **Clifford is Coming to Town!**

Clifford the Big Red Dog is coming to Clear Creek Library in February! We will host an evening PJ and cocoa story time at both libraries, along with a private story time for the Pre-K through 1st graders for each of



### ***He's back!***

***Clifford will be joining us for story time in February!***

our elementary schools. We are always so happy when we have a visit from a treasured literary character and we can't wait to share the experience with the community! Each child will receive a FREE Clifford book when they join us for any of the story times (one book per child please).

## **Input on strategic plan welcomed**

Clear Creek Library District is developing a strategic plan for the years 2016-2019, a draft of which is posted on our website at [www.clearcreeklibrary.org](http://www.clearcreeklibrary.org). We would love to know what you think about this plan, which outlines our goals and the direction of our library branches for the next several years.

Please take a look at it and send your thoughts to us in writing by email at [director@clearcreeklibrary.org](mailto:director@clearcreeklibrary.org); at PO Box 666, Georgetown CO 80444; or by turning them in at any library.

We also will host a public hearing at the District Board meeting on Jan. 12 if you would like to share your thoughts in person with the board.



## *From the Library Director*

*Sue Lathrop*

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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.*

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at the Idaho Springs Public Library, 6 p.m.*

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*Meets on the third Monday of the month  
at the Georgetown Library, 5:30 p.m.*

### **Newsletter Editor**

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We love adding books to our collection at Clear Creek County Library District. While times are changing and eBooks are more prevalent than they used to be, and use continues to grow, I believe that libraries will always be home to that most ancient and beloved technology – the physical book. It doesn't require a battery or an Internet connection. It doesn't turn itself off if you have to leave it for a moment or if you spill a cup of tea on it; it is enduring.

To those who have grown up – or are growing up – with computers and digital devices, there may not be much difference between the book you hold in your hands or the one that sits on your phone – they both have the same words and convey the same meanings. I, for one, love the digital format in that I can read while sitting in a darkened bedroom with my kids at night. I love being able to take several books on vacation with me, all of which fit in my phone/camera/book, *etc.*, without taking more suitcase space.

**There are many little ways  
to enlarge your child's  
world. Love of books is the  
best of all.**

–Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

But does anything really compare with the feel of a book in your hand? Or the pleasure of cracking open a book for the first time when you have been waiting months or years for an author to finish writing a new one? And certainly sitting with a child on your lap while you read a story and look at brightly colored pictures that can be touched is not just a pleasure, but a necessity for that child's growth and development.

A sad part of librarianship, however, is also knowing when to part ways with a book, which is why we have the expression "weeding the collection," or "de-selection," if you want to use the formal term. The sad fact of the matter is, we can't keep every book. We add more than 300 new titles to the library every month, and that means we have to get rid of 300 books, too. Many studies have shown that circulation actually increases in collections that are regularly weeded, because the books are more relevant and easier to find than those on a shelf crowded with outdated, obsolete and unused materials.

We use different criteria for deciding how to weed books. Some books are weeded because they become outdated – computers, for example, change so rapidly that we rarely keep a book about computers for more than three years. Other books are weeded because they are damaged, and they may be replaced by a newer book on the topic or, if interest has waned, they might not be replaced at all. Each book is examined individually, and a decision is made based on the merits of that particular title and subject. Other criteria might include how often the book is checked out, whether the book is easily obtained from the other building or Interlibrary Loan and, of course, content. For example, we rarely weed books with historic or local content unless they are severely damaged and can be replaced with another copy. At least two people make the decision to weed a book – the employee who recommends the book for weeding based on a set of cri-

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## Lunch with the Friends!

The JTML Friends are at it again with their popular and yummy event — the annual Soup Lunch at the Georgetown library!

From 11 to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11, the Friends will be serving soup made by the wonderful volunteers who do so much for our library.

This event is a great opportunity to catch up on the comings and goings of the Friends group and socialize with your community and neighbors.

You need not be a member to attend, but we would love to have you join our ranks. The Friends sponsor many programs and activities throughout the year and have funded a lot of special projects including the Summer Reading Program, the Easter Egg Hunt, the Birthday Book Club, the Reading Carnival, Halloween Boo!kfest, and more!



## Need a book? Try these staff picks...

***The Invention of Wings***, by Sue Monk Kidd

A wonderful piece of historical fiction! This is a book primarily about two girls, both of whom are trapped within lives that they cannot change, but who ultimately grow into extraordinary and inspirational women.

***Omnibus: Perfect Bedtime Stories for Sleepless Nights***, by Roald Dahl. This book was written for adults. The creepy and unsettling short stories that Dahl has created are truly enjoyable, although these “perfect stories for sleepless nights” may actually make you a little more sleepless due to their odd nature. Each page-turning story is different and creative!

***The Elegance of the Hedgehog***, by Muriel Barbery. It takes a lot of work for Renee, a concierge in a Paris apartment building, to make herself appear to be unintelligent. Just when she thinks she has done it, she is found out by a young tenant. This is a beautifully written story that really makes you think.

***Dark Eden***, by Chris Beckett

There is no sun on the planet Eden, and the future is not bright for the descendants of three people whose spaceship crashed there 160 years earlier. They have been told

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### Board Members Needed

- JTML Building Advisory/GLA
- District Board, East End at-Large Position

Send letter of interest to:

CCCLD, PO Box 666, Georgetown 80444

## What's New @ the Library!

### Adult Fiction:

*Avenue of Mysteries*, by John Irving  
*Career of Evil*, by Robert Galbraith  
*The Circle*, by Bernard Minier  
*The Crossing*, by Michael Connelly  
*Dark Corners*, by Ruth Rendell  
*The Japanese Lover*, by Isabel Allende  
*Named of the Dragon*, by Susanna Kearsley  
*One Man's Flag*, by David Downing  
*Stars of Fortune*, by Nora Roberts  
*The Promise*, by Robert Crais  
*After Alice*, by Gregory Maguire  
*All Dressed in White*, by Mary Higgins Clark  
*Cross Justice*, by James Patterson  
*The Mistletoe Inn*, by Richard Paul Evans  
*The Pharaoh's Secret*, by Clive Cussler  
*Through My Eyes*, by Barbara Delinsky  
*Tricky Twenty-Two*, by Janet Evanovich  
*The Improbability of Love*, by Hannah Rothschild  
*Crimson Shore*, by Douglas Preston

### New Non-Fiction

*The Gluten-Free Revolution*, by Jax Peters Lowell  
*Petty: The Biography*, by Warren Zanes  
*Becoming Nicole*, by Amy Ellis Nutt  
*The Devil's Chessboard*, by David Talbot  
*Bob Dylan: All the Songs*, by Philippe Margotine  
*Group f.64*, by Mary Street Alinder

### New Young Adult

*Winter*, by Marissa Meyer  
*Walk on Earth a Stranger*, by Rae Carson  
*The Shadow Behind the Stars*, by Rebecca Hahn  
*A Step Toward Falling*, by Cammie McGovern  
*Court of Fives*, by Kate Elliott  
*Calvin*, by Martine Leavitt  
*The Game of Lives*, by James Dashner  
*Traffick*, by Ellen Hopkins

### New Juvenile Books

*The After-Room*, by Maile Meloy  
*The Gross Book of Jokes*, by Little Bee Books  
*Voyagers 2: Game of Flames*, by Robin Wasserman  
*Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School*, by Jeff Kinney

### New Movies

<i>Spy</i>	<i>Mad Men: The Final Season Part 2</i>
<i>Pixels</i>	<i>Me &amp; Earl &amp; the Dying Girl</i>
<i>Self/less</i>	<i>The Man from U.N.C.L.E.</i>
<i>Mr. Holmes</i>	<i>She's Funny That Way</i>
<i>Trainwreck</i>	<i>Ricki and the Flash</i>
<i>No Escape</i>	<i>Testament of Youth</i>

## Zombie Barbie pageant to kick off Valentine's Day festivities

### Zombie Barbie Pageant

We're coming up on that time of year again — the Zombie Dance!!!! We are adding a new and fun facet to the dance this year, a Zombie Barbie Pageant! We will be turning Barbies and Kens into zombies after school on Tuesday, Feb. 2.

We will display the zombies in the Idaho Springs Public Library for the week leading up to the dance for patrons to vote on for the best zombie created.

We will have a People's Choice and a Kid's Choice award that will be announced at the Zombie Dance on Feb. 12. We are accepting donations of Barbie and Ken dolls as well as doll stands until Feb. 2.

The dance itself will be Friday, Feb. 12, from 6-9 p.m.

### Minecrafternoon

"Minecrafternoon" will be celebrated at both libraries on Dec. 30 from 12-3 p.m.

The kids have been creating a fun, safe world on our private Minecraft server in which we will be hosting a game of Freeze Tag: Idaho Springs Library vs. Georgetown Library.

Registration is required and space is limited, only 10 spots per library, so register right away!

We will also have a craft and a snack for the participating patrons.

### First Friday Movie Night

We are excited to continue our First Friday Movie Nights into the New Year! Movie selection and venues will be announced at the library.

Parents: Please understand that this is not necessarily a children's event. Some movies may not be appropriate for all children. Please be sure to check the rating.

Also, please eat dinner before coming to the movie. We will usu-

ally have popcorn, candy and water for sale. Event proceeds will go to pay for future library programs.

### Tween Book Group

It's almost time for the Tween Book Group at King-Murphy Elementary School. This afterschool reading program for 4-6th graders is full of fun. The featured book, *The Shadows: The Books of Elsewhere: Vol. 1*, by Jacqueline West, is filled with the hair-raising adventures of Olive Dunwoody in her new, creepy home.



### Santa is coming to the library again this year!

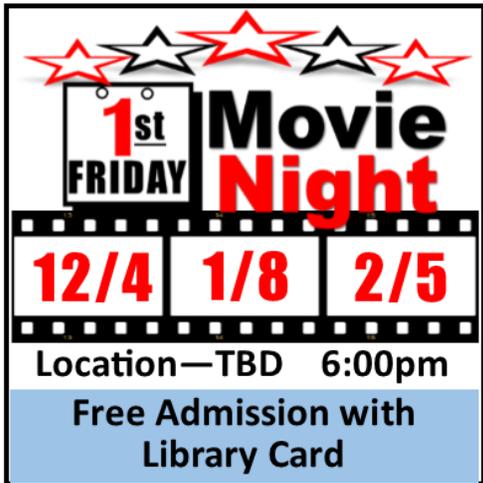
Visit Santa from 2-3:30 on Saturday, Dec. 5, and Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Georgetown Library! Bring your own camera and take as many pictures as you need with Santa.

*Pictured: Sebastian and Cecelia DuBien had Santa's ear at the 2014 Christmas Market!*

## Coming soon ...

It's taking us a bit longer than we thought it would to get things up and going at the Heritage Center in Georgetown, and we have had to cancel or move a few events — for which we apologize. In this case, we can't get our insurance settled until the building has a few more things completed, and the owner is working hard to get it all done. As soon as it is we will start hosting events such as movie nights at that location.

We have tested the equipment and are eagerly looking forward to our First Friday Movie Nights!



**1st FRIDAY** **Movie Night**

**12/4** **1/8** **2/5**

Location—TBD 6:00pm

Free Admission with Library Card

Idaho Springs Library

**3D Print Classes**

Monthly  
1st Saturday 1-3pm



What ideas do you want to bring to life?

February 11th, 11am-1:30pm



The Friends of Georgetown Library  
**ANNUAL SOUP LUNCH!**

**Georgetown Library**

## More Staff Picks — Because Libraries are still all about the books!

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to wait for rescue, but resources are running out.

***The Girl on the Train***, by Paula Hawkins—A psychological thriller told through the viewpoints of three very unreliable people. This story will grip you from the beginning, leading to an unforeseeable conclusion.

***The Language of Flowers***, by Vanessa Diffenbaugh—A troubled woman uses her gift with arranging flowers to help other people.

***A Wolf Called Romeo***, by Nick Jans—The true story of a black wolf in Alaska.

***When You Reach Me***, by Rebecca Stead—This juvenile fiction title is an incredible presentation of the unusual coincidences of life, tied

together with an extraordinary ending that will keep you thinking long after the book is finished. An excellent read for all ages.

***Bonk: The Curious Coupling of Science and Sex***, by Mary Roach Described as “compulsively readable,” this non-fiction title takes an all fact with some nonsense approach to the subject of sex, resulting in a funny and informative book.

## For the love of books: weeding just a new journey for a good book

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teria, and the branch librarian, who can overrule based on other factors such as who wrote the book, is the author local, does the story take place here, or any other reason deemed fitting.

When we decide to part ways with a book, we very rarely throw it away. We may occasionally recycle a severely damaged or filthy one, but we usually try to find the book a new home. Most weeded books are sent to the Friends of the Library Book Sale, so they can find new homes with the proceeds being returned to the library and the community. We have also sent books out to Native American reservations and schools in underprivileged areas, including other countries. We regularly place used books in several businesses and public locations around the county so

that those who can't get to the library can still get a book.

When the books don't or won't sell, even after several years at the book sale, they are donated to a

company so they can comb through them to either re-sell or recycle them. As R.D. Cumming once wrote, “A good book has no ending.”

**Clifford**  
**THE BIG RED DOG™**



**LIVE!**  
at Story Time

Idaho Springs Library

February 5, 5pm (PJs)

February 9, 11am

Georgetown Library

February 10, 11am

February 11, 6pm (PJs)

**ZOMBIES**



**THEY  
JUST WANNA  
DANCE!**

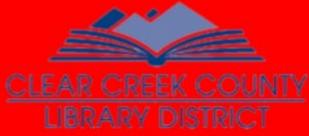
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**FRIDAY, FEB. 12th**  
*Idaho Springs Library*  
**6-9 pm**  
*\*Dancing \*Dinner \*Games*  
*\*Chocolate Fountain*  
*\*Face Painting*



**Zombie Barbie Pageant!**

*Best Zombie Prizes*




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