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The Goshen County Library Newsletter
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100 Years of Service

In 1886, the Ninth Territorial Assembly of Wyoming passed the first county library law in the country, "an Act to promote the public welfare by encouraging the establishment of free public libraries." Laramie County would be the first county to establish a library later that year.

In 1921, civic-minded citizens of Goshen County laid the groundwork for the establishment of the community facility. The Women's Club and the Community Dames secured both the donations of cash and books for the library. The initial collection was 100 books, donated by Goshen County citizens.

After more than a year of planning, the Goshen County Commissioners appointed Erle H Reid, Odessa Dearing, and Lois E. Sevison as the first Library Board of Directors. On November 14, 1922, the Goshen County Library was incorporated under the laws of Wyoming, with a one-eighth of one-mill levy for funding. School District #3 agreed to furnish a room in the newly constructed Torrington High School building.



Torrington High School which housed the library from 1921 - 1947



Helene R. Warthen

Helene R. Warthen was named the first librarian, along with her other duties as full-time teacher, secretary to the district superintendent, and school supply stock keeper. Dearing was the assistant librarian. The only source of books in the early days was donations, and most of the patrons consisted of high school students.

In 1947, the library moved to the newly constructed City Hall. Then in 1965, when the City Hall needed additional space, the library was moved to the basement of the IOOF building. In 1969, when the library was moved to its current location, a conveyor belt was used to transport books across the street. The library was renovated in 1999 and, again, in 2020.



Torrington City Hall

The longest-standing library director, holding the position for 40 years (from 1977-2017), was Isabel Hoy. Hoy built the foundation that has allowed the library to move with grace into the future.



Moving books from the IOOF building to the current location



Library in 1969



North entrance, 2021

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Hours

Monday
 9 am - 6pm
 Tuesday - Friday
 9 am - 5pm
 Saturday
 10am - 12pm

Staff

Cristine Braddy - Director
 Janet Flock
 Anita Sanchez
 Andy Espinoza
 Bethany Rose

Library Board

Ellen Creagar - President
 Larry Curtis
 Larissa Felipe
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Library Board meets on the
 2nd Wednesday of each month
 at 11:15 am in the Activity
 Center

Foundation Board

Cathy Marsh - President
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Your Library... Books and So Much More

Goshen County Library is in its 100th year of operation and will celebrate its Centennial birthday on November 14, 2022. As that significant date gets closer, the Library plans to spend the start of its next decade fostering old and cultivating new relationships and partners, taking actions informed by ongoing dialogue about the role of the library in the community, and thinking proactively and socially.

The Library has been working to align its programs and services with community priorities, to provide access to content in all formats, to ensure the sustainability of the library, and to cultivate leadership in and champions of our library. Goshen County Library serves and supports the community as a legacy anchor institution. In so doing, we quickly operationalize new programs and services supporting the educational, economic development, social- cohesion, health, and equity needs of our community. To this end, we put donations to immediate use in smart, effective, and measurable ways.

The Library is about so much more than books. It is a center for lifelong experiential learning, a hub for civic and cultural gatherings, and a partner in community-wide innovation. Goshen County Library is well on its way to becoming the center of our community, a place like no other for gathering, learning, engagement, and support.

Celebrating

with monthly events

Offered at the Library



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| January 22
Sip and Paint** | July 13
WyoGives - Fundraising Event |
| February 12
Library Lovers** | July TBA
Margaritas and Nacho Bar** |
| March 19
Mini Golf in the Library | August 13
Tea Party |
| April 7
Flower Arranging** | October 13
Octoberfest at the Library** |
| May 1
Create Your Own May Basket | October 28
SpookyWalk on the StoryWalk |

November 14 - Birthday Party

ticketed events

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| Monday
One Monday a Month - Family Activity |
| Tuesday
StoryTime - 10:15am |
| Wednesday
StoryTime - 10:15am
2nd Wednesday - Board Meeting - 10:15 am
3rd Wednesday - Literary Lunches Book Group - 12 pm |
| Thursday
2nd Thursday - Literary Ladies Book Group - 4 pm |
| Friday |
| Saturday
4th Saturday - Lego Challenge |

Needing something to do over the winter months?
These are always available to be used within the library:
Board Games
Legos
SnapCircuits
Strawbees STEAM Kit
Puzzles
KEVA Blocks

NEW items available for check out at the Library:

Memory Care Kit -
This kit is intended to help families connect with loved ones experiencing memory loss. Kit includes a "game" to help promote conversations , puzzles and busy board.

STEAM Kits -
These kits are for preK children to upper elementary. We have 6 kits ranging from coding to trucks.

Tech Services with Andy
Need tech assistance? Andy is available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9am -12pm or by appointment



I am including a check for _____

- Donor Levels
- Bronze - \$100
 - Silver - \$250
 - Gold - \$500
 - Platinum - \$1500

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