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Feel the Burn as The Big Read Returns!

The temperature at which the pages of a book catch fire and burn: *Fahrenheit 451*. The place at which reading catches fire this winter: your library. During the month of February the Garfield County Libraries are excited to present "The Big Read" featuring Ray Bradbury's classic science fiction novel, *Fahrenheit 451*.

When an alternate reality consists of firemen who burn books, and family takes a backseat to technology, where can a questioning mind go? Follow along in Guy Montag's journey from a simple member of a controlled society to his discovery of a new view of the world.

The catalyst for his journey is a young girl who begs the basic questions typical of young minds: "Why?" and "What did you think?" While these are simple ideas, in Bradbury's reality society has forgotten - and has even decided to wage war against differing ideas and opinions.

Fahrenheit 451 is a wonderful book for libraries as it brings up topics of censorship and book burning. It illustrates the value of books, and the value of knowledge. Bradbury shows what could happen if people become complacent and if society thinks differences are "too hard."

To celebrate this novel all the Garfield County Libraries will have numerous copies of the book available. These copies are "read and return" books which do not need to be checked out.

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Nine shovels broke ground on the Parachute Branch Library project in December

Groundbreakings Mark a New Chapter

The Rifle Branch Library broke ground on the new 26,000 square foot facility on October 21st. The ceremony included over 100 community members who helped celebrate the first of the six planned building projects for the Library District.

The Parachute Branch Library held their groundbreaking ceremony for the expansion and renovation project on December 17th. This too was an exciting day for the residents of Parachute and Battlement Mesa who braved the cold to be part of the new chapter for their library.

Read more on the building projects on page 2...

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Adult Calendar of Events

January

- 1st **Libraries Closed** ◀ ◀
New Year's Day
- 13th Digital Camera Club
NC featuring Scott Pope 7 p.m.
- 14th Jerry Barlow, Celtic Guitarist
S Concert 6 p.m.
- 15th Jerry Barlow, Celtic Guitarist
GWS Concert 7 p.m.
- 18th Community Forum discussing
NC the town government 7 p.m.
- 21st Winter Lecture Series
GWS *From Redstone to Ludlow* 7 p.m.

February

- 9th Digital Camera Club
NC featuring Scott Pope 7 p.m.
- 11th Parent & Child Valentine Tea
NC 6:30 p.m.
- 18th Winter Lecture Series
GWS *Our Place* 7 p.m.

March

- 5th Valley Visual Art Show Opening
GCC 6 to 8 p.m.
- 6th Ukrainian Eggs with Jaci Spuhler
NC 2 classes - 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.
\$3 fee *Registration Required*
- 9th Digital Camera Club
NC featuring Scott Pope 7 p.m.
- 18th Winter Lecture Series
GWS *...Mary Hallock Foote* 7 p.m.



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Update from the Director - Hiring Local

I get asked frequently if we are using local contractors on the Rifle and Parachute Branch Library projects. The answer is an unequivocal yes! In hiring Adolfson and Peterson (A&P) as our General Contractors, we asked them to pay special attention to recruiting local subcontractors for both jobs. They have made significant efforts to reach out to the local subcontractor community including an open house in Rifle, extensive advertising and recruitment for bids.

A&P has a rigorous vetting process for all subcontractors, including a review of their business experience with similar projects, manpower availability and financial stability and not every local contractor has been able to qualify. In this economy this has proven to be a double edged sword; it is both difficult for some subcontractors to qualify for the projects, and the project could potentially serve as the lifeline they need at this time to keep their business afloat. While we understand this dilemma, we



also understand that while the project is under construction, A&P is in charge of the project and carries the liability should any subcontractor fail to fulfill his obligations, which ultimately affects the quality and timely completion of the project. I should note however, that currently we have seen a large number of bids, and the Library District is seeing a decline in the projected costs for the buildings. A&P has already hired a number of subcontractors that are new partners for them. Through the first two bid packets including site work, concrete and structure, 80% of the bids have gone to local subcontractors for the Rifle Branch Library, and 73% to locals on Parachute. I anticipate that we will not be able to keep these percentages as high on the remainder of the work, because there aren't as many subcontractors in Garfield County in the remaining trades being bid, but we expect to continue to hire local for much of the work.

-Amelia Shelley, Executive Director

Book Recommendations from Rifle Staff

Under the Dome
by Stephen King

On a seemingly normal fall day, a town in Maine is suddenly and inexplicably sealed off from the world by an invisible and completely impenetrable force field. The casualties begin to mount as an airplane crashes into the barrier followed by a number of cars. While the military scrambles to find a way to break through the dome, those trapped inside attempt to adjust to their new reality. And as many of us know, when Stephen King is at the helm it is only a matter of time before reality turns dark and sinister!

Having been disappointed with some of King's recent novels, I entered into *Under the Dome* with a bit of trepidation. However, I found myself thoroughly engulfed in the story and devoured it in record time!

-Amy Wright, Rifle

The Help
by Kathryn Stockett

The Help takes place in Jackson, Mississippi in 1962 where there are lines that are not crossed. The civil rights movement is getting started and three women start a movement of their own. Eugenia "Skeeter" Phelan has just graduated from college and decides to write a book that will include the stories of the black maids of Jackson. There is a lot of fear on the parts of the maids, but they do begin to tell their stories to Skeeter.

As someone who grew up in Colorado in the 60's, I never saw this side of the civil rights movement. I found this book very interesting and sad at the same time. It was definitely a great read and Kathryn Stockett is a great story teller.

-Judith Martens, Rifle

It's the Parachute Branch Library's Turn to Move!



The library's remodel and expansion project will soon begin. In preparation we will close for a short period in January while we move to our new, temporary location. Please visit us at the temporary space in February for the same great materials, services, and friendly staff.

Beginning in February the Parachute Branch Library will be at the northwest intersection of Fisher and Hill on 100 East 2nd Street

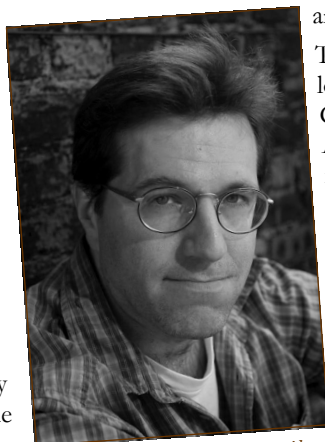
...Feel the Burn (continued)

Additionally, there will be graphic novel, audio book, movie, and Spanish versions available to check out. The books will also be found on the RFTA busses and in local businesses.

To bring this community event to younger audiences, the Library District will also offer "Middle Read" and "Little Read" books. The book *The City of Ember* by Jeanne DuPrau will be the "Middle Read" book available in middle schools around Garfield County. Additionally, *Fireman Small* by Wong Herbert Yee will be the "Little Read" picture book available for the youngest members of our community to enjoy.

There are many exciting events planned throughout the county in February. Each branch is offering different programs ranging from fire dancers to book discussions, and

from film screenings to programs with local firefighters. There will also be district-wide programs including the "Everyman Project" and illustrated short story contest.



Graphic novelist Tim Hamilton

The "Everyman Project" will feature local artist Annie Bell from the Glenwood Springs Center for the Arts. Annie will be creating six figures for each of the six libraries depicting the 'everyman' (which is also shown on the paperback book jacket and on page 1 of this newsletter). These life-size figures will be constructed by Annie, and she will then meet with various community groups to finish them with paper mache and paint. The "Everyman Project" is sponsored by Alpine Bank.

The Library District is also excited to bring in Tim Hamilton, artist of the new (and only) authorized adaptation of *Fahrenheit 451*. Barbara Hoffert of *Library Journal* described the adaptation as "a graphic novel that even

those who don't read graphic novels will love this visualization of Bradbury's classic looks bold, bright, and almost too hot to handle."

Hamilton will talk with students in high schools in Garfield County. He will also be featured Thursday, February 4th at 7:30 p.m. at the Glenwood Springs Community Center. This library sponsored event will be free and open to the public. Tim Hamilton lives in Brooklyn and has produced art for *The New York Times Book Review*, *Dark Horse Comics*, *Mad* magazine, DC Comics, and *Nickelodeon* magazine.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.

For more information on upcoming Big Read programs visit your local library.



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Jerry Barlow Returns

The Glenwood Springs and Silt Branch Libraries are pleased to welcome back Celtic guitarist Jerry Barlow in January. Barlow has become a local favorite over the past few years. Those who have seen him perform know his expressive arrangements of lively jigs, spirited reels, and hauntingly beautiful airs soothe the soul, warm the heart, and lift the spirit.

In concert, Jerry brings traditional Celtic tunes alive by sharing the history, humor and legends behind the music. "Jerry Barlow's performances reveal a performer who is skilled, funny and riveting.

Out of the many musicians performing today, the vast majority are skilled in either performing on their instrument or in entertaining an audience. It's very rare and extremely enjoyable to



Jerry Barlow at a Library District performance last year.

see a musician at the very top of his craft in both areas," says Scott Beach, Entertainment Director of Colorado Celtic Entertainment.

Jerry Barlow is a warm, accessible performer and storyteller. His unique and skillfully delivered repertoire incorporates favorite traditional pieces and his own compositions. For centuries, Celtic melodies have been played primarily on the harp, flute, pennywhistle, and fiddle. More recently, innovative guitarists such as Barlow have developed methods of playing this enchanting music utilizing alternate tunings combined with fingerstyle techniques.

Come enjoy his music with us Thursday, January 14th at 6 p.m. at the Silt Branch Library or Friday, January 15th at 7 p.m. at the Glenwood Springs Branch Library. Both performances are free and open to the public.



Meet Your Librarian

Megan Hagenson
Library Assistant
Parachute Branch Library

If the authors Masashi Kishimoto or Kazume Kawahara mean something to you, consider yourself a soul mate with Parachute's Megan Hagenson. A graphic novel addict, also known as a "manga maniac," Megan follows the Naruto and Bleach series on a regular basis. The anime-manga form of literature (which is highly influenced by the Japanese) fits with Megan's personal goal to not only travel to Japan, but read and speak the language while there. She has mastered the hiragana and katakana and is working on the vocalizations. Megan easily eats with chopsticks, experiments with Japanese cooking, and reads extensively on the culture and traditions of the tiny island nation.



Megan also enjoys organic gardening and grows impressive flower and vegetable gardens. Last year Megan conducted her own gardening workshop and is continually on the lookout for the latest gardening books and techniques for our Western Colorado climate and soils.

Born in Anchorage, Alaska, and raised in Hot Springs, South Dakota, Megan enjoys Colorado's outdoor opportunities: biking, fishing (she says she is the motor on the row boat) and camping. She is focused on trying to stay fit. She enjoys reading fitness magazines and is always on the look-out for tips, recipes and new workouts.

When you are in the area consider stopping in to drink a cup of mint tea with Megan and enjoy the traditional Japanese greeting "Konichiwa!"

Valley Visual Arts Show

The Carbondale Council on Arts and Humanities (CAAH) with the assistance of the Gordon Cooper Branch Library present the 30th Annual Valley Visual Art Show. Artists from up and down the valley display their work in this non-juried show. Painting and drawing, pottery, glass, jewelry, photography, wood, metal, fiber, and every other medium imaginable are on display at the library and at the CCAH gallery. The show's opening will be March 5th as part of First Friday events. Stop in the library during the month of March to discover the talent of your neighbors.



2009 People's Choice Award Winner

Sign up for the Newsletter

Did you know you can get this quarterly newsletter

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emailed or mailed to you when it's still hot off the presses? Simply sign up by giving your name and address (email or postal mail) to any Library District staff member. You can also email your request to gcpladmin@marmot.org. It's that simple!

Reading Buddies

The **Glenwood Springs Branch Library** hosts Reading Buddies every Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. January 5th through March 30th.



Each week Kindergarten through 3rd grade readers will buddy with older readers in 4th through 8th grade to improve their reading skills and enjoy books together. Stop by and ask how you can be a part of this great program!

Playdate Plus

The **New Castle Branch Library** hosts Playdate Plus every Monday at 10:30 a.m. This program is for parents of children (birth to age five) who are looking to share stories and ideas with others while their children play. The New Castle Branch Library invites speakers on a regular basis to address concerns of parents with young children. So come in to the library and join the conversation.



Storytime Schedule

The **Gordon Cooper Branch Library** in Carbondale has storytime on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. as well as lap sit storytime on Fridays at 11 a.m.

The **Glenwood Springs Branch Library** has toddler storytime on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. and preschool storytime on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

The **New Castle Branch Library** has preschool storytime on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and toddler storytime on Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

The **Silt Branch Library** has storytimes on Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m.

The **Rifle Branch Library** has preschool storytimes on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. as well as a Spanish storytime on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

The **Parachute Branch Library** has storytime on Fridays at 10:30 a.m.



Children's Calendar of Events

January

1st **Libraries Closed** ◀ ◀
New Year's Day

12th Bedtime Storytime
R 6:30 p.m.

20th Bedtime Storytime
GCC 6:30 p.m.

21st Kids Book Club
NC 4 p.m.

28th Movie Day!
NC 4 p.m.

February

9th Bedtime Storytime
R 6:30 p.m.

11th Parent & Child Valentine Tea
NC 6:30 p.m.

12th Wii Gaming for Kids
S 1 to 4 p.m.

17th Bedtime Storytime
GCC 6:30 p.m.

18th Kids Book Club
NC 4 p.m.

25th Movie Day!
NC 4 p.m.

March

9th Bedtime Storytime
R 6:30 p.m.

17th Bedtime Storytime
GCC 6:30 p.m.

18th Kids Book Club
NC 4 p.m.

31st Movie Day!
NC 1 p.m.



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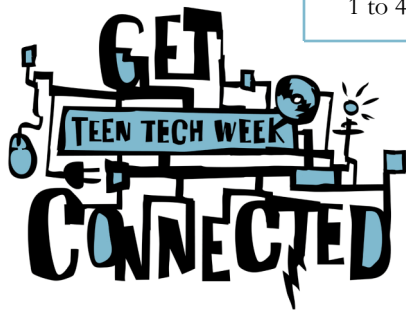
Teen & Tween

Spot

Wii Gaming

New Castle Branch Library
the following Mondays at 1 p.m.
January 18th, February 15th, & March 29th

Silt Branch Library
Friday, February 12th
1 to 4 p.m. @ the Silt Community Center



Produce & Direct @ the library

- Glenwood Springs Branch
- Tuesday, March 9th
- 5 to 7 p.m.

The Lightning Thief Book Party



Generate Some Sparks @ the library

- New Castle Branch
- Friday, March 12th
- 1 p.m.



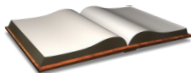
Glenwood Springs Branch Library
Thursday, February 25th
4 p.m.



Teen Video Game Club

*at the Glenwood Springs Branch Library
*from 1 to 4 p.m. on
January 16th,
February 6th and 27th,
& March 13th.

Book Club



Meeting Dates

Glenwood Springs - Teens
at 6 p.m. on
January 28th, February 25th,
& March 25th.

Glenwood Springs - Tweens
at 4 p.m. on
January 14th,
February 11th,
& March 11th.

TAG

Meeting Dates

Teen Advisory Group
Glenwood Springs Branch Library
at 4 p.m. on
January 28th & March 25th.

Tween OMG (Our Magnificent Group)
@ the Glenwood Springs Branch Library
Meeting Dates:
January 14th, February 11th,
& March 11th at 4 p.m.

Why Gaming?

Do you like to play video games? What about your parents? Show them these reasons why gaming is important for you, and why you can find games at the libraries.

1. Aren't libraries about books & reading?

In the 21st century, libraries are about much more than books! In fact, libraries work very hard to provide people of all ages with a rich and current menu of CDs and DVDs, as well as electronic and online resources. Video game resources and programs at the library complement these existing services. Featuring this new gaming media helps the library expand its reach while meeting community expectations.

2. Why should kids play video games at the library?

Lots of kids play video games at home – alone, with siblings, or with friends. The library is a safe and non-commercialized space. At the library, kids socialize with their friends and play video games while surrounded by books, librarians, and knowledge. Video gaming at the library encourages young patrons to interact with diverse peers, share their expertise with others (including adults), and develop new strategies for gaming and learning.

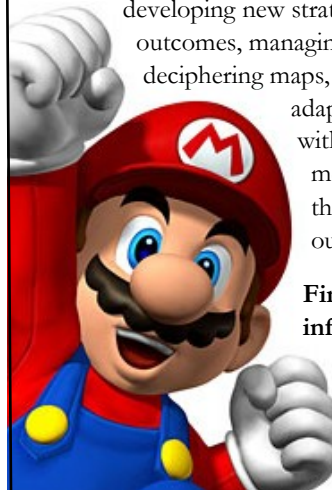
3. What do kids learn when they play games at the library?

Video games give kids a chance to practice reading, writing, and computing in the library's safe environment. Popular video games, the ones that kids really like to play, are immediately engaging and make them work hard to succeed and 'level up'. While playing these games, kids are constantly

developing new strategies, predicting possible outcomes, managing multiple resources, reading and deciphering maps, tracking complex statistics, and

adapting to increasingly difficult levels within the game. They learn a range of media literacies beyond basic reading that give them models for navigating our information-rich world.

Find more **Why Gaming?** information at your local library as well as a list of all the games offered in Garfield County.



Database Spotlight

TumbleBooks: Bringing Books to Life

On a recent snowy afternoon, my young son and I needed an interesting activity that did not involve going outside in the sub-freezing cold. I decided to try TumbleBooks, one of the library's free electronic resources available through the Databases page on our web site. TumbleBooks has hundreds of animated books, complete with voice-overs and music, that you and your child can read along with. This is a fun way to get tiny tots interested in stories and a great tool to help new readers improve their reading skills. The TumbleBook Library includes Story Books

for younger kids and Tumble Readables for older kids. Most titles in the Tumble Readables category also include information on appropriate grade level to help you find a story that's just



challenging enough for your young reader. You and your child can browse through subjects like holidays, sports, and adventure, or check out the list of New Books. My son was entranced by some great stories about bugs and dinosaurs.

The TumbleBook Library also includes educational games, books in Spanish and French, and the ability to navigate the site in other languages such as Spanish. To try TumbleBooks, visit our web site at www.garfieldlibraries.org. Click on

"Databases & Learning Tools" and scroll down the list of databases (it's in alphabetical order so TumbleBooks is near the bottom). Like most of the library's databases, TumbleBooks can be accessed at the library or from home with your library card number. Happy reading!

-Malia Burton, Administration



Literacy Outreach

Literacy Outreach Receives Statewide Award

Literacy Outreach Executive Director Martha Fredendall has helped hundreds of local adults learn reading, writing, math or English as a Second Language, a passion that stems from her youth.

She grew up with nine siblings, including a brother and an aunt with Down syndrome. Her parents also took in a foster child who had learning difficulties and struggled to learn to read. So, for Fredendall, running the county's literacy program turned out to be a great fit.

"It was like this position was tailor-made for me," said Fredendall, who started with Literacy Outreach 15 years ago as a volunteer doing computer work. She soon signed on as a part-time volunteer coordinator and moved into her role as director 12 years ago.

Fredendall said the students help her maintain her enthusiasm. "When you see the effects of illiteracy on people, it inspires you to keep wanting to do something and to work harder," she said.

The director's hard work has been rewarded this fall with the 2009 Jean Maio Award for Excellence in Adult Literacy, bestowed by the Colorado Association of Libraries.

The award, which was recently presented in Denver, recognizes excellence in

literacy programming by a Colorado academic, special, public or school library, or a library in collaboration with another agency. Priority is given to a program that serves economically disadvantaged individuals in settings where families work on literacy needs.

Literacy Outreach board member Linda English said of Fredendall, "Her heart and soul go into this program every single day."



Joe Maio and Martha Fredendall at the Awards Dinner in Denver

The director is quick to redirect attention to the program's hard-working students.

"I call them my heroes," Fredendall said, from her basement office in the Glenwood Springs library. "They work so hard."

Literacy Outreach, which began in 1986, currently works with 73 adult students from ages 18 to 64 who come from all walks of

life in Garfield County.

The nonprofit provides free, one-on-one instruction to adults with reading skills below the fourth-grade level. Although the successful program has 57 professionally trained volunteer tutors, with a waiting list of 70 students, the need for more tutors is great.

"Without Martha's tireless advocacy for adult literacy, Literacy Outreach as an entity would not have endured," noted Amelia Shelley,

Library District Executive Director, who nominated Fredendall for the award. "Martha serves as an excellent advocate, lifting up the issue of adult literacy for greater visibility to the community through frequent public events, trainings and fundraisers. Literacy Outreach seeks out students who are the hardest to reach, those without education, transportation and financial resources to get help on their own."

The nonprofit operated under the umbrella of Colorado Mountain College for close to a dozen years, and this summer transitioned to

operate under the auspices of the Garfield County Public Library District. Literacy Outreach has been housed in the Glenwood Springs Branch Library since 1993.

For more information, or to become a volunteer, contact Fredendall at 945-5282 or log on to www.garfieldlibraries.org and find Literacy Outreach under Learning Tools.



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Glenwood Springs 970-945-5958

Mon. & Wed. 10-6 Tues. & Thurs. 10-8
Fri. & Sat. 10-5 Sunday 1-5

New Castle 970-984-2346

Mon. & Wed. 10-6 Tues. & Thurs. 10-8
Fri. & Sat. 10-5 Sunday Closed

Silt 970-876-5500

Mon. & Wed. 10-6 Tues. & Thurs. 10-8
Fri. & Sat. 10-5 Sunday Closed

Rifle 970-625-3471 *139 W. 3rd Street*

Mon. & Wed. 10-6 Tues. & Thurs. 10-8
Fri. & Sat. 10-5 Sunday 1-5

Parachute 970-285-9870

Mon. & Wed. 10-6 Tues. & Thurs. 10-8
Fri. & Sat. 10-5 Sunday Closed

The libraries are closed on most
Federal holidays

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The Winter Lecture Series

Books to Begin a New Decade

*Presented by the Friends of the Glenwood Springs Library
and the Frontier Historical Society*

The Winter Lecture Series runs January through April at the Glenwood Springs Branch Library. All programs are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The series is free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be served..

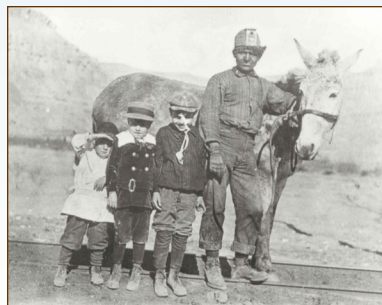
January 21st - From Redstone to Ludlow

Darrell Munsell, local author and former president of the Redstone Historical Society, examines John Cleveland Osgood's role in the early days of mining in Colorado. Osgood was the UMWA's most formidable foe in its efforts to organize workers in the Colorado coalfields. His approach to the threat of unionism ran the gamut from "The Redstone Experiment," a model company town to the Ludlow tent colony and its subsequent massacre at the hands of armed guards paid for by Osgood.

February 18th - Our Place: People and Conservation in the Roaring Fork and Colorado River Valleys

Author Martha Cochran, Executive Director of the Aspen Valley Land Trust, chronicles local landowners who have placed their property into a conservation easement to protect the land from future development.

The book is a beautiful pictorial legacy to these people who have sacrificed financial gain by not developing their property in order to preserve a piece of our agricultural heritage.



*Photo courtesy of the
Frontier Historical Museum.*

March 18th - Social Class in the Writings of Mary Hallock Foote

CMC professor Christine Hill Smith reintroduces us to the writings of Mary Hallock Foote who was one of the most popular female writers of her generation. Foote examined the lives of women experiencing the West and explored the issues of class and gender on the frontier.

April 15th - The Mining Camps Speak: A New Way to Explore the Ghost Towns of the American West.

Authors Beth and Bill Sagstetter go beyond typical guidebooks to help you get the most out of your visits to various ghost towns. In addition to guiding you to historic mining towns, they show how to become a historical sleuth and find clues to what life was like for residents in those mining towns many decades ago.