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Library Board of
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their service
and vision.

Library Board members included (from top left): Dan Becker, Bill Lamont, Michael Weerts, Bernie Grove, Nella Barker, Marilee Rippey, and Lanny Kroh. Dan Becker and Bernie Grove retired at the end of 2013. See page 6 for the current list of Board members.



Update from the Director

Making Libraries Accessible

The Garfield County Libraries recently completed the last of six new buildings, and each of them was designed to be accessible to everyone in the community. I'd like to share with you some of the devices and services we have that make it possible.

Have trouble hearing speakers when you attend an event?

The libraries in Carbondale and Glenwood Springs have hearing loop systems which allow people to directly receive sound from the library's PA system in their hearing aids.

Digital hearing aids have significantly improved in the last decade, but difficulties often remain in situations such as large meetings. Much like wifi for laptops, hearing loops help hearing aid users hear by broadcasting sound through an antenna without background noise or reverberation. We hope to install hearing loop systems in our other four libraries in 2014.

Are you sight impaired?

The Glenwood Springs Branch Library is getting two devices to assist readers and computer users thanks to a generous donation from the

Glenwood Springs Lion's Club. The library has purchased Kurzweil 1000 software that allows for both text enlargement and text-to-speech functions for computer use, and an ABiSee Zoom X Camera that allows users to scan and save bound books. Users will have access to the broad variety of reading, learning and productivity features found in the Kurzweil 1000 software which edits documents, creates bookmarks, saves materials in various formats, and completes forms. The software will be on a laptop and both items can be checked out through the front desk at the library starting in mid-January. Additionally, the Rifle Branch Library has a Magni-sight Explorer, a device that allows text to be enlarged for ease of reading. The Magni-sight Explorer is available thanks to a donation from 20/20 EyeCare.

Can't get to the library?

All our libraries offer a Homebound program. If you (or someone you know) can't get out to the library due to issues with mobility or illness, you may be eligible for our Homebound service which delivers books on a monthly basis in areas of specific interest to the reader.



Dr. Mary Doria Russell gave a talk for the first One Book, One Community event in Glenwood Springs last October. Events such as this one are now more accessible for those with hearing aids thanks to the hearing loop systems.

Book Recommendations

Fangirl

by Rainbow Rowell

As the Youth Services Coordinator in Carbondale, I read a lot of Young Adult novels and strongly encourage other adults to delve into these fantastic works as well.

Fangirl is a wonderful start (as is Rowell's first Young Adult novel, *Eleanor & Park*).

Fangirl is about Cath, a college freshman and sort-of-famous fan-fiction writer.

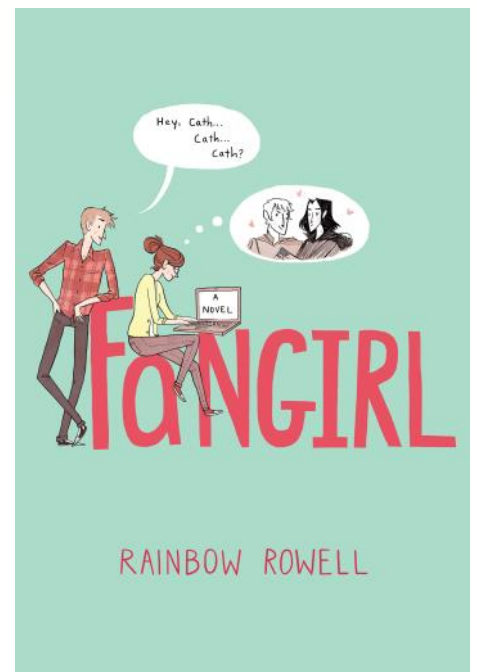
College starts off badly when Cath learns that her social twin sister and best friend, Wren, doesn't want to be her roommate because she wants to meet new people.

Cath would rather hide away in her room and write Simon Snow (which is hilariously similar to Harry Potter) fan-fiction than meet anyone new. But at least the friend Cath's roommate keeps bringing over is friendly. And seriously cute.

This is a delightful coming-of-age story about falling in love for the first time and learning to make your own way in the world. I highly recommend it for teens and

adults alike. *And, again, if you haven't read Eleanor & Park, you must read that one, too.*

-Jeannine Stickle, Carbondale



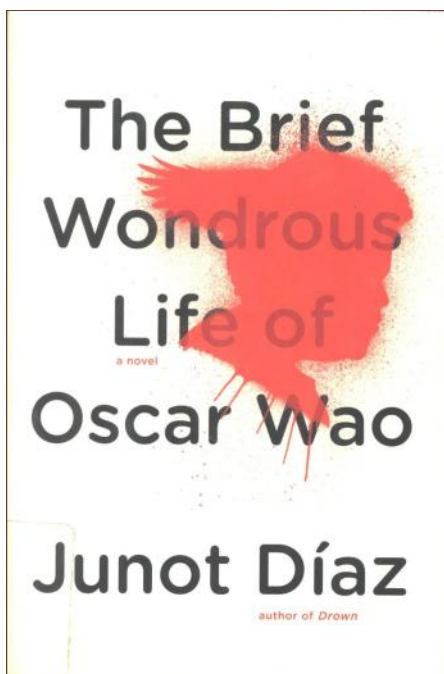
Meet Your Librarian

Toni Carsten
Library Assistant
Glenwood Springs Branch Library

Friendly, organized, and calm are some of the words one easily associates with Toni Carsten and her work at the Glenwood Springs Branch Library. Toni brought her skills to the library in March of 2011, and is held in high esteem by co-workers and library users alike for her competence and cheerful nature.

It's no surprise that reading tops the list of hobbies Toni enjoys during her free time, along with gardening, listening to music, and playing with a beloved boxer dog. Spending time with her family is of paramount importance to Toni. Her husband, Ron, is a local veterinarian who owns Birch Tree Animal Hospital. Toni and Ron have two grown children. Their son lives in Pasadena, California, where he is a robotics engineer and writes computer programs for Mars Rovers. The Roaring Fork Valley is home for their daughter who is an administrative assistant for a local accounting firm.

Toni mentions that the library is a labor of love for her, where she "works with awesome people" on the staff and enjoys her interactions with patrons who utilize the library. She finds the library "more interesting and challenging than I ever would have imagined" because of the variety of duties, the daily opportunities for learning and the need to multi-task. She is pleased with the additional space and resources in the new library building, and particularly likes hearing the delighted reactions of customers who enter the new library for the first time. Be sure to stop and say hello to Toni on your next visit to the library.



The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Díaz

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, this amazingly written story is about the members of a Dominican-American family based in a contemporary ghetto of New Jersey. It was one of my favorite books that the Bilingual Book Club in Carbondale has read. If you happen to be wondering: *Oscar Wao as in Oscar Wilde?* The answer is yes, and this gives us a hint of the wonderful ride that this Latino origin author (who writes in English and intersperses words and expressions in Spanish) gives to us readers. A ride between foreign worlds through the life and family of our anti-hero, Oscar Wao. From New Jersey to the Dominican Republic, past and present, laughter to tears, this book is hard to put down and easy to be enchanted by the fullness of its plot and characters.

Este maravilloso libro de personajes encantadores y profundos nos da un extraordinario viaje por extraños mundos que se entrelazan entre sí: Nueva Jersey y la República Dominicana, el tierno nerdismo y la trágica historia de una familia empañada por una tiránica dictadura.

-Alejandra Rico, Carbondale

Libraries Prepare to Open a Seventh Branch

Garfield County Libraries will soon have a new seventh branch. Did you think we were finished with construction? While we are all thoroughly enjoying our six new buildings, the library's reach extends far beyond each branch's walls.



The new website (pictured above) will feature a new layout, easier access for smartphone and tablet users, as well as new features.

So what is this seventh branch?

The website, of course! For the past year the library has been planning a new website to better meet the needs of our ever-changing community. The biggest shift has been the number of people with mobile devices. People using smartphones to access the library website has gone up 79% in the past year, while people using tablets on the site has increased 109%. Usage on mobile devices compared to 2011 (the current website was launched in the Fall of 2010) is up 219% for smartphones and 15,196% for tablets. The new library website was built with responsive design techniques that allow it to adjust to any size screen, making it possible for everyone- no matter what tech they use- to enjoy digital library services 24 hours a day.

Doesn't the library have an app?

For the past few years the library did have an app, GCPLD 2 Go, that offered some services to mobile devices. The new website will offer all of the existing services on the current app AND everything on the website AND it will be available on any device with a browser. The end result is that you won't be limited to what you do online at the library because you are using a mobile device.

What else is new?

The new website will offer increased access to digital resources including eBooks, digital magazines, and research databases. There will also be a new section including online courses where you can learn about almost anything. Access to some of these courses is paid for by the library, and some are free courses from top universities. The site will also include more booklists, some curated by librarians and some automatically updated, so that you can always see the newest items the library has to offer. Our most exciting events will be featured more prominently so you'll never miss out on the great things going on at your branch library.

When can I see this new website?

There will be a sneak preview of the new website on our current website soon!

Staff Music Recommendation

Fuse
by Keith Urban

Keith Urban is an amazing guitarist and performer, and his latest CD shouldn't disappoint his new or longtime fans. It meshes his usual blend of pop and country with some R&B and new age touches, as well as duets with Miranda Lambert and Eric Church. In an interview with Rolling Stone Urban said, "I just wanted to see how far I could go before it's not me." Give it a listen, even if you're not into country. How can you go wrong with a CD that contains Urban's new anthem "Little Bit of Everything" and three car songs?



-Sue Schnitzer, Carbondale



Book Bags Available

The Garfield County Libraries are pleased to now be selling book bags for \$2 each at all six branches in Carbondale, Glenwood Springs, New Castle, Parachute, Rifle, and Silt. Proceeds support the Libraries, so be kind to the environment while carrying your books in style!



Local Author Expo

The Garfield County Libraries are seeking local authors interested in sharing their written work with the community. Exhibitions showcasing up to ten local authors will be held in April at each of the six libraries.

Authors will have the opportunity to participate in exhibitions at up to three branches. At each exhibition, every author will be given a brief timeslot to speak about their written works to the general audience, followed by a meet and greet period. Audience members will have the opportunity to mingle at author booths, discuss authors' work and writing processes with the authors themselves, as well as purchase copies and have them signed. The events will be free to the general public.



New Books This Winter

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| <i>Bad Kitty Drawn to Trouble</i> Nick Bruel | January 7 Juvenile |
| <i>The Impossible Knife of Memory</i> Laurie Halse Anderson | January 7 Young Adult |
| <i>The Invention of Wings</i> Sue Monk Kidd | January 7 Adult |
| <i>Zom-B Gladiator</i> Darren Shan | January 7 Young Adult |
| <i>What's Your Favorite Animal?</i> Eric Carle | January 21 Juvenile |
| <i>Ripper</i> Isabel Allende | January 28 Adult |
| <i>Teen Spirit</i> Francesca Lia Block | February 4 Young Adult |
| <i>Private L.A.</i> James Patterson | February 10 Adult |
| <i>The Chase</i> Janet Evanovich | February 25 Adult |
| <i>Princess Labelmaker to the Rescue!</i> Tom Angleberger | March 4 Juvenile |
| <i>Stone Cold</i> C.J. Box | March 11 Adult |
| <i>Without Warning</i> David Rosenfelt | March 25 Adult |
| <i>Middle School: Get Me Out of Here!</i> James Patterson | March 31 Juvenile |

Authors living in Garfield and contiguous counties are welcome to apply. Authors writing in all genres and from all age groups will be accepted. Published, self-published, and e-published works will be accepted. Applications are available on the library's website or can be picked up at any of the six branch locations, and must be received by February 15 in order to be considered.



Staff Movie Recommendation

***The Way Way Back* (2013)**

This thoughtful and hilarious new movie captivated me from the beginning. A teenage boy is forced to spend his summer vacation at the beach with his mom and her new boyfriend. He escapes to the local water park every day where he is given a job and a chance at a real summer vacation. Both heart wrenching and gut wrenchingly funny, this movie is as close to the perfect modern story as you can find. Highly recommended.

-Mollie Honan, Carbondale

Database Spotlight

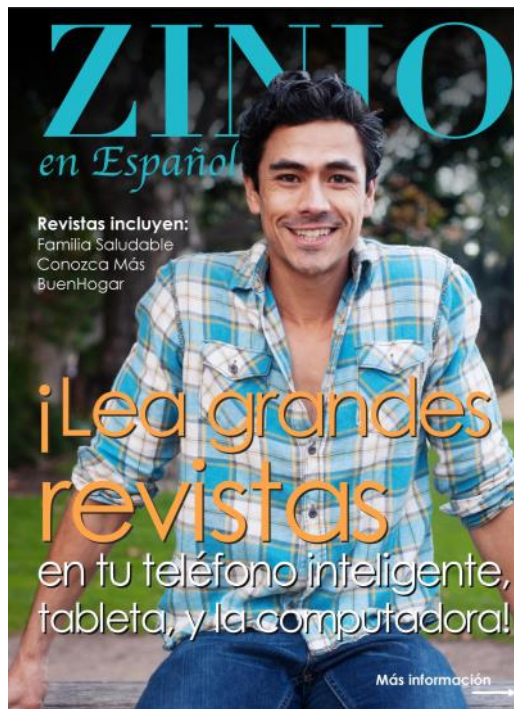


The Libraries first added Zinio, a digital magazine service, in April 2013. The service was made possible by generous support from Friends of the Library groups across the county. Twenty-five top titles were offered for the public, including *Backpacker*, *Digital Photo*, and *Newsweek*.

Wanting to add more magazines to this collection, the Libraries conducted a survey in the fall of 2013 to help determine what additional titles should be added. Then, in November the libraries purchased twenty-five new magazine subscriptions - including three in Spanish.

These digital magazines can be viewed on your tablet, smartphone, and computer. A step-by-step guide for downloading titles to your device can be found on our website. You can flip through magazines page by page, just as if the physical copy was right in front of you. There are also options to zoom in and out, read the articles in a text-only format, and print.

Once you check out a magazine issue with your library card, it is yours to keep and will stay on your device until you delete it. You can read as many of the available magazines you want, and back issues are now available as far back as the libraries have had a subscription for each magazine. With Zinio you never have to wait for any of these magazines to be "brought back" by someone else. If you see one you want to read, it is available to you instantly! Visit www.gcpld.org today and start reading these great new magazines.



New Titles Include:

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| 5280 Magazine | Guitar Player |
| Audubon Magazine | Knitter's Magazine |
| Buen Hogar | Martha Stewart Living |
| Conozca Más | Men's Journal |
| Country Gardens | New York Review of Books |
| Discover | Outdoor Photographer |
| Dwell | Outside |
| Eating Well | Prevention |
| Economist | Seventeen |
| Elle Décor | Ski Magazine |
| Familia Saludable | US Weekly |
| Family Circle | Women's Health |
| Forbes | |

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In Memoriam of our Friend and Volunteer

Larry Sacca

Main Library of Service: Parachute

Time Volunteering: 5 Years

The Parachute Branch Library lost a dear friend and volunteer on December 2, 2013. For more than five years, Larry was a jack-of-all-trades for the library staff. He helped with a variety of odd jobs around the library. He helped with off-site storage of donated books. He built and supplied materials for programs. As husband to our former branch manager, Karol Sacca, there are likely many unaccounted for volunteer hours that he was happy to provide for his library family.



Most importantly though, Larry delivered library materials to Parachute & Battlement Mesa's Homebound patrons. Once or twice a week, he would visit residents at Mesa Vista Assisted Living and bring books and movies that they otherwise would not be able to get. His visits were greatly appreciated by the residents and staff.

When Karol retired this past May, Larry was concerned the new Branch Manager, Sara Francis, would no longer need his services. Instead Sara said, "I couldn't imagine turning away a volunteer! Since I was new to the library and the community, I assured him I would give him more work to do since he was the expert around here."

Known throughout the community, Larry would strike up a conversation with anyone who would walk through the door. Kim Benson shared, "Larry was constantly teasing us, but was always quick to give us hugs, too."

Larry touched many lives in this community and we will miss him.

"Larry was constantly teasing us, but was always quick to give us hugs, too."

-Kim Benson



Changing lives one word at a time.

Literacy Outreach

Fine Gifts

At least 100 men and women close to us want to learn to read so badly that they call Literacy Outreach courageously, if a bit tentatively, hoping that someone – anyone – will volunteer to help them. These 100 people on our waiting list don't need a teacher with a degree in English or reading or math. They just want a person who is willing to give them some time. They hope for someone who cares enough to say, "Hi. I think I might be able to help you a bit." That's all.

Please think about giving the most perfect gift of all: your kindness. It takes very little else, just you.

Volunteer to work a few hours a week with one person.



We'll do everything else: match you with a student you'll do well with, provide materials, and teach you what you need to know. Maybe by next Christmas your student will know that you have, indeed, given a most precious gift.

- In Garfield County in 2003 the illiteracy rate was 11.53%. Today it is 15% or higher.
- Nationally, over 30 million people don't read well enough to fill out a job application.
- In Rifle alone, 26 adults are waiting to improve their basic literacy skills.

Literacy Outreach can help, but we need you. If you can volunteer, please do. We carefully match volunteer tutors with students so that your experience is good. We want volunteers from all walks of life; please let everyone know about us. Our phone number is 970-945-5282.

Never forget... the gift of your time is the most meaningful gift of all.





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Glenwood Springs 970-945-5958

Mon. & Wed. 10-6 Tues. & Thurs. 10-8
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New Castle 970-984-2346

Mon. & Wed. 10-8 Tues. & Thurs. 10-6
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

Mon. & Wed. 10-8 Tues. & Thurs. 10-6
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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Food for Fines



The libraries are excited to bring back the popular Food for Fines program during the month of February. Bring in non-perishable food items to any of the six Garfield County Libraries and receive \$1 credit on your library card account for each item you donate. Credits can only be applied to current fines and cannot go toward lost materials or fees.

All items will be given to the local LIFT-UP locations. Last February there were 4,542 items collected by the libraries!

Check your cupboards or head to the grocery store because this program is the perfect opportunity for you to take care of those pesky fines, while also helping out people in our local community.

**[Get rid of your fines
& help others too!]**

