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Get Ready to Read Every Day

As spring break is now over, a lot of people will have summer on their minds. This year the Garfield County Libraries would like to be a part of your entire family's summer plans with "Read Every Day," a summer reading program for children, teens, and adults. We are hoping to transform the way everyone thinks of the summer reading program by making it simple, enjoyable, and something you can do alone or as a family.

With "Read Every Day" the libraries will be encouraging you to read at least 20 minutes each day in June and July. Children (11 and under) will get reading logs and fun stickers to track the days they read, while teens (12 to 18) and adults will get bookmarks for the same purpose. Once children read for seven days they can bring in their reading log and pick a prize off our prize board. Prizes include books

and coupons generously provided by local businesses. Once teens and adults read for seven days they can bring in their completed bookmarks for entry into prize drawings. In addition to drawings throughout the summer for teens and adults, we will also have an end of the summer drawing at each library where we will be giving away a Nook (the Barnes and Noble eReader) to one lucky adult and one lucky teen at each branch.

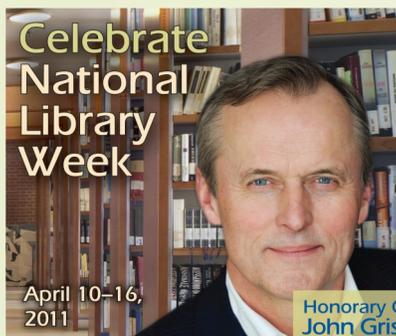
The more you read, the greater your chances of winning.

As in past years we will continue to have exciting programs for children and teens throughout Garfield County (see pages 6 and 7). These free events are a great venue to explore creatively, learn, and laugh with friends.

The program runs from June 6th to July 31st. Online registration begins on May 23rd.



Celebrate National Library Week



Celebrate
National
Library
Week

April 10-16,
2011

Honorary Chair
John Grisham

John Grisham is widely recognized as the world's most popular storyteller, with more than 250 million books in print worldwide. In addition to writing numerous adult bestsellers, John has recently written his first book for young readers, *Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer*.
www.theodoreboone.com

We encourage everyone to visit their local library this week to take advantage of the superb library resources available.

- Libraries provide free access to all – from books and online resources for families to library business centers that help support entrepreneurship and training.
- Librarians help people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn and work in a challenging economy.
- Libraries are helping level the playing field for job seekers, with 88% of public libraries (the Garfield County Libraries among them) providing access to job databases and other online resources.

- Libraries are places of opportunity, providing programs that teach all forms of literacy, promoting continuing education and encouraging lifelong learning.
- In times of economic hardship, Americans turn to – and depend on – their libraries.
- Libraries, librarians, and supporters across America celebrate National Library Week, April 10th through 16th. We hope you celebrate and *Create your own story @ your library.*

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Update from the Director

Keep Your Hard Hats On!

Residents in New Castle began using the temporary library facility located in the shopping center by City Market at 820 Castle Valley Blvd in February as construction got under way downtown. The renovation of the old library building has begun, and we will be adding 6,000 square feet to its main floor. Some of the improvements include a large community meeting room, access to the library's local history collection, dedicated children's and teen spaces and study rooms. The entire main floor of the library will be renovated with a total project cost of around \$2.3 million.



Inside New Castle's temporary space.

The architect on the project is A4 Architects of Carbondale and the project is being managed by B&H General Contractors of Glenwood Springs. Construction on the new facility should take about ten months, and the library will reopen in early 2012.



The Library District took a huge step forward in Silt in March with the acquisition of the property at the corner of Seventh Street and Home Avenue. Next door to the Silt Town Hall and across the parking lot from the existing library, the new site will allow for the construction of a new 7,500 square foot building. The existing library will remain and will be taken over by the Town for other purposes.



The temporary New Castle Branch Library.

The new library will feature a community room and expanded space for books, computers and seating. The Library District is working with the Town to develop a joint parking lot and civic plaza area as part of the project. Construction could start as early as this fall.

The Carbondale Branch Library (Gordon Cooper) is looking to relocate to the corner of Sopris Avenue and Third Street, adjacent to the Bridges High School in Carbondale. This library will be approximately 13,000 square feet and will share parking with the existing school and businesses located nearby. The Library District is completing work on an agreement with the Roaring Fork School District #1 on a parking agreement, as well as with the Town of Carbondale, before going forward with the project. We anticipate starting the planning process for this

library before the end of 2011.

Finally, the Library District has been involved in a joint effort with the City of Glenwood Springs, the Glenwood Springs Downtown Development Authority and Colorado Mountain College to select a location in downtown Glenwood for a new library. A site at the corner of Eighth Street and Cooper Avenue has been identified as a possible location for a new library, parking lot and plaza area. The Library District continues to be in negotiations with the other partners on this property and hopes to move forward with a new library location in the coming year.

Sign up for the Newsletter

Did you know you can get this quarterly newsletter

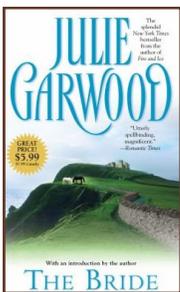
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emailed or mailed to you when it's still hot off the presses?

Sign up by giving your name and address (email or postal mail) to any library staff member.

You can also email your request to gcpladmin@gcpld.org. It's that simple!

Book Recommendations from Staff Members



The Bride by Julie Garwood

This is an historical romance set in England and Scotland in 1100. Alec Kincaid has been instructed by his king to marry an English bride, one of the daughters of Barron Jamison. Jamie has been ordered to marry a Scot by her King. Both rulers believe that this marriage alliance will help avert war between the two nations. Alec and Jamie find themselves married and traveling to Kincaid land in the Highlands where they will face a group of Highlanders

contemptuous of the English, a killer who will not abide Alec's happiness even in an arranged marriage, and the marriage that will either make or break them. This was the first romance I read where I laughed out loud. Alec and Jamie's banter, attraction and eventual fall into love are funny, touching and realistic. The steam level is low, but the readability is blazing! This is the first book by Julie Garwood that I read and I enjoyed it so much that it has become a comfort read that I've read again and again. Don't miss it.

-Beret Brenckman, Parachute

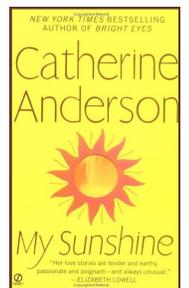
My Sunshine

by Catherine Anderson

After sustaining a brain injury, Laura Townsend learns to walk and talk again, but has trouble with numbers and big words. She finally finds a job as a kennel keeper with an animal clinic. Laura loves her job taking care of the animals, but finds herself falling in love with her boss. When things begin to go wrong at the clinic, she starts to question her ability to do the job. Being out in the world again is great, but someone wants her to fail.

This book has just the right amount of suspense and I think even those who don't necessarily read romance will find this an entertaining and heartwarming story. It grabs you right away and you suffer with Laura's trials and cheer with her successes.

-Jennie Campbell, Parachute



...Update from Director (continued)

Why are we spending money now and where does it come from? When the Library District was formed in 2007, the voters gave us 1 mill of property



The windows near the children's area in the temporary New Castle Branch let in plenty of natural light.

tax for twenty years to construct and operate new libraries. All six libraries were in need of expansion at that time and we knew that inflation would eat away at our ability to build if we waited too long to start. The Library District made the decision in 2009 to sell Certificates of Participation and have financed four of the six library projects this way. Despite the downturn in sales and property tax, we intend to continue to aggressively pursue

the remaining library projects in Garfield County to take advantage of current cost savings associated with the slower economy.

Meet Your Librarian

June Fox
Youth Services Librarian
Gordon Cooper Branch

On March 2nd, June Fox came to work sporting her Dr. Seuss hat in preparation for the famed author's birthday celebration. For the Super Bowl, she brought in her official cheese head hat, proudly supporting her Packers. These are not June's only hats, though, enlivening the Gordon Cooper Branch.



June Fox recently celebrated her one year anniversary working as the Youth Services Librarian at the Gordon Cooper Branch Library. Before revolutionizing office space efficiency in the library, June worked as a kindergarten teacher and then as a middle school librarian. Every day June wears her library hat like a crown, dancing through story time, shelving books with a snap, scaling impossible obstacles (what do teens really want?), and dazzling patrons with her brilliant smile. Twice a week, June transforms from a librarian by day to an ESL teacher by night at Colorado Mountain College.

June wears more than just her working hats. June has hats for chatting with friends, hats for cheering on her grandchildren, hats for long road trips back east, hats for listening to her husband perform, and her favorite gardening hat on hand for spring.

Among these numerous hats, both literal and figurative, there is one which she never takes off: her warm and delightful personality which adds a comforting and exuberant feel to the library. Whether a babe in arms visiting the library for the first time, a senior citizen looking for a great book or anyone with a question, June tips her hat and happily helps.

Food or Fines



The Garfield
County Libraries
would like to
thank everyone

who donated items during February for the Food for Fines program.

**3,297 items were donated
to LIFT-UP this year!**

**It was the first time we've
collected over 3,000 items,
and it's a 14% increase from last year!**

Books for Babies

The Garfield County Public Library Foundation has launched "Books for Babies," a program aimed at families of newborn children. Books for Babies provides a book bag with a library card application and a high-quality, age-appropriate board book, as well as information on the importance of reading to young children and library services available to new parents. The bags are being distributed through pediatricians' offices and family medical clinics throughout Garfield County at a child's first well-visit. Books for Babies allows the library to connect with new parents from the start, with information about the importance of reading and language in a young child's development. The board books and other materials are bilingual (English and Spanish) and the books are designed to be engaging and interactive for parents and children. The Library Foundation hopes Books for Babies will make a strong and early connection with parents of young children and the public library. Books for Babies is funded through the Library Foundation and the City Market Cares program. For more information on this program, contact 625-4270.



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Garfield County Libraries Calendar of Events

Gordon Cooper Branch (Carbondale)

Mother/Daughter Book Club -
Every First Monday of the Month
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG) -
Every Third Monday of the Month
4 to 5 p.m.

Discover our Databases - April 12th
In celebration of National Library Week, the library invites everyone to a hands-on demonstration of databases available thru our new website. We will be demonstrating enhanced searching methods in our catalog as well as how to find accurate, reliable information on the library's subscription databases. The databases include everything from online Chilton's car repair manuals to legal forms, and access to them is free to anyone with a Garfield County library card. Also during National Library Week, April 10th – 16th, everyone who signs up for a new library card or attends the Discover Our Databases demonstration will be entered into a drawing to win a NOOK! 6 to 8 p.m.

Día de los Niños / Día de los Libros April 30th

This is a very special bilingual event celebrating the magic of books and family reading. We will have one English and one Spanish reader present to help celebrate. All ages are welcome, but children under 5 must be accompanied by a parent. 10 to 11 a.m.

Sunflower Summer - May 7th
This event is for the whole family!
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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Glenwood Springs Branch

Teen Video Game Club - April 2nd and 23rd, May 14th, June 4th and 25th - 1 to 4 p.m.

Reading Buddies -
Every Tuesday through May 24th
Join us for reading and reading related activities. Buddy with a partner to practice and develop a love for reading. K-8th grade. 3:30 p.m.

Preschool Storytime Learns about Fire Safety - April 6th
The Glenwood Springs Fire Department will come to talk about fire safety and bring their gear to show us what they look like in uniform. 10:30 a.m.



Tween Book Club -
Every First Wednesday of the Month - 4 p.m.

Teen Book Club -
Every Second Wednesday of the Month - 3:30 p.m.



TAB (Teen Advisory Board) -
April 20th, May 18th - 4 p.m.

A History of Glenwood Springs in Photographs: An Encore

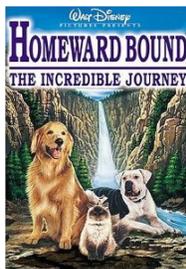


Presentation -
April 21st
View nearly 100 photographs from the Frontier Historical Society Museum's

collection, some dating back to the 1880's. It's the final installment of the 2011 Winter Lecture Series. 7 p.m.

Summer Family Movie Night -

June 24th
We will be showing "Homeward Bound" and enjoying freshly-popped popcorn together. 6 p.m.



New Castle Branch

Ukrainian Eggs - April 2nd

Jaci Spuhler will guide each class through the traditional method of creating a Ukrainian Egg

for Easter. Registration is required. \$3 material fee.

Ages: 9th grade and above.

Class #1 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Class #2 2 to 5 p.m.



Drawing Comics and Manga -

Every Monday and Wednesday
Teens and manga artists, join your peers at the library to learn techniques and share your talents. Bring a pencil, paper and your imagination. All levels are acceptable. 4:30 p.m.

PAWS to Read - Every Second Tuesday of the Month

You can sign up to have a reading session with a wonderful trained dog who loves being read to by children. Paws to Read provides a fun, stress-free environment where children practice reading aloud. Registration is required. 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Digital Camera Club - Every Second Wednesday of the Month

Join the discussions of lighting, focus, color, angles, lenses, software, and all the other aspects of turning a photo into art. 7 p.m.

Stitchers in Thyme - Every Third Thursday of the Month

This is a group of all ages that meets once a month to learn new skills, work on ongoing projects, and just enjoy spending time together. 6 p.m.

****LIBRARY**

All six branches of the
will be closed on
Sunday, April 24th,

for Adults Teens Tweens & Children

Silt Branch

Beginning Knitting - April 16th

Want to learn more about knitting? Here is a chance for you to attend a beginning knitting class and learn from Michelle Duran.

You don't need to worry about what materials to bring - we've got you covered, and there is no charge for the starter kit you can take home with you. There are only 8 spots available so please contact the library to

register for this event and reserve your space. **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Spring Booksale - April 28th through 30th

Even the library is doing Spring Cleaning! We have a bunch of books that need a new home, so we are doing a Spring Booksale inside the library during regular library hours. Your donated dollars for these items will go to the Friends of the Silt Library.

Basic Computer Skills Classes - Date & Time by Request

The Silt Branch is offering one-on-one computer skills classes, available in English or Spanish. We cover basic skills like setting up an email account or creating a resume, but we can tailor the session to what you need. There is no cost for these sessions but you must contact the library to set up a time.



Rifle Branch

Art in the Stacks - April 2nd

Featured artist Betsy Blackard will be on hand for an Artist Reception at the library. **5 to 7 p.m.**



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Bedtime Storytime - Every Second Tuesday of the Month

Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy bear for a fun-filled night of stories. **6:30 p.m.**



Wii Wednesdays - Every Wednesday of the Month

The library is now hosting open play gaming every Wednesday after school for everyone in middle and high school. Drop in for fun, friends, and food each week as we play different games on the Wii. **3:30 p.m.**



Parachute Branch

The Good, the Bad, and the Gross - April 6th

Featuring... snot! Registration is required. **3 to 4 p.m.**

Reel Readers - April 8th

Read *Never Let Me Go*, then watch the movie on our giant screen and join a discussion afterwards. Registration is required. **6 to 10 p.m.**



Book Expo - April 12th

Join the library staff celebrating National Library Week at an open house where our community room will be filled with tables of available books, media and magazines. Michelle, our youth librarian, Karol, avid teen reader, and Beret, adult fiction specialist, will be on hand to showcase some of the best books available - and some personal favorites. **6 to 8 p.m.**

Hands on Pruning Workshop - April 14th

Meet at the library for a quick breakfast, then travel to the site to really get "hands on" pruning experience with Master Gardener Patrick McCarty. Class size is limited and gloves and garden clothes are required. **9 a.m.**

Page Turners Book Club - Every Second Tuesday of the Month 7 p.m.

Ladies Who Do Lunch Book Club - Every Third Tuesday of the Month 12 p.m.

Learn Gmail - May 2nd, 10th and 17th This course is designed to help you set up an email account through Gmail and give you the skills to enter the age of email. Basic mouse skills required. **9 to 10 a.m.**

Flip Flap Jack Breakfast - May 6th

You know the song, now it's your turn to make it happen! Storytime to follow breakfast. This is a ticketed event, but tickets are free at the library. **10:15 p.m.**

CLOSURES**

Garfield County Libraries
Friday, April 22nd,
and Monday, May 30th.

Children's Corner

Read Every Day & Enjoy Summer Programs

This Year's Theme: One World, Many Stories

As described on the front page, this year the libraries are encouraging you to Read Every Day. We are also planning numerous programs to keep you entertained and excited throughout the summer.

June 21st - 23rd

Charlie "The Noiseguy" Williams returns with his "Many Noises, One Mouth" show. Charlie is a vocal sound impressionist who can imitate the sound of lightsabers, cars, planes, and much, much more! He's also a kids' comedian, author, illustrator, and onomatopoeist. He encourages even the most reluctant reader to make noise when they're reading. Learn more about him at www.noiseguy.com.

July 11th, 13th, and 15th

The Denver Zoo will be bringing their van full of animals from around the globe. This program is only for children in Kindergarten to 5th grade.

July 26th - 28th

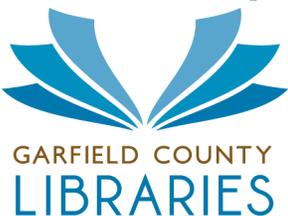
Ann Lincoln will amaze you with her incredible magic tricks, expert juggling, and impressive escapist abilities. Ann can even juggle bowling balls while eating an apple! Plus, she's sure to tickle your funny bone.



Raising a Reader

Another group of children graduates this program and receives their Blue Bags!

The libraries are excited to host children from all over Garfield County who have participated in the Roaring Fork Valley Early Learning Fund's Raising a Reader program this year. These children have practiced how to take home books in special red bags, read them with their families, and return those books



for new ones. Preschool classes and daycares will now converge at the libraries in April and May to introduce children to the buildings, and show them the wealth of books now available to them with their very own, brand new library cards. Each child also receives a special Blue Bag to carry their treasures to and from the library. We hope if you see one of these groups you can take a moment to appreciate the intense joy on the faces of these children as a whole new world is opening for each of them.

Database Spotlight

Subscribe to Magazines Online

Are you in need of a new vacuum cleaner or washer and dryer? Choosing a new appliance or vehicle can be a daunting prospect because there are so many brands to choose from. What if you buy something that doesn't have the features you need? And sales people are often not as helpful as we'd like them to be. How are you going to go to figure out which one to buy?

Many people choose to use Consumer Reports as a guide for purchases such as these. But a subscription to the magazine can be expensive, and sometimes you just don't have time to come to the

library to find the issue you want.

Never fear, you can access all of the issues of Consumer Reports since 1991 for free online through the library!

We now have a PowerPoint on our website explaining how

titles we have access to through our subscription to EBSCO. You can get BusinessWeek through Business Source Premier, and you can access Discover magazine through MasterFile Premier.

Consumer Reports

DISCOVER

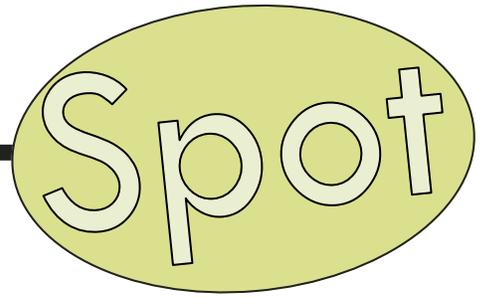
Science, Technology, and The Future

BusinessWeek

to subscribe to the Consumer Reports magazine online for free through our EBSCO databases. You can use these instructions to subscribe to any magazine

The PowerPoint can be found on the homepage of www.gcpld.org under "Featured News". Feel free to contact us if you have any questions. There is a link to email the libraries on the homepage, as well as a link to listings of the phone numbers and addresses for all the library branches.

Teen & Tween



Read Every Day and Participate



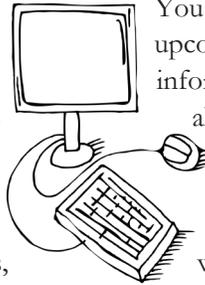
The Read Every Day program for teens is outlined on the front page - including how the libraries are giving away a Nook eReader at each branch at the end of the summer. In addition to encouraging reading, the libraries will offer programs just for you during the summer. There will be digital days for you to try out cool

new gadgets and learn how to download books and music from our website, Amazing Races to challenge your skills on goofy events, scavenger hunts which will test your searching abilities, and we'll even tempt - or dare - you to eat bugs. Whatever your interests, we hope you explore what's going on this summer at the libraries.

Teen Web Page Now Live!

The Garfield County Libraries would like to invite you to explore the all-new teen page on our website. The teen homepage is a place to find great books, movies, and music, as well as hot new titles from each category. There you can also search the library's catalog or test your knowledge of popular and obscure quotes from all types of materials available at the libraries. From the homepage you can link to the "Homework Help" page for easy access to tutors,

practice tests, and help with writing papers.



You can also link to the "Events" page for upcoming and recurring events (this is where you'll see information on this year's Read Every Day program). There is also a page called "Teen Stuff" which is where you'll find everything else... links, polls, career and college info, and a collection of stuff that's just for fun. Check it out today at www.gcpld.org/teens.



Literacy Outreach

Dig Deep for Literacy: The Mammoth Event of the Season

Brain feeling a bit fossilized lately? Is some of that sharp thinking getting a bit woolly? It's time to climb out of your cave and roll on over to the Mammoth Event of the Season; it's time for Spellebration, Literacy Outreach's annual fund-raising extravaganza.

Spellebration will be held on Friday, April 15th, at the Glenwood Springs Community Center. The Community Center is a new venue for us this year and it promises to be a great place for a blast from the Pleistocene past.

Every year Spellebration raises badly needed funds so that the work of Literacy Outreach can continue. We invite YOU to get some buddies together, create your team name, and be as wild you want. You'll spell a few words, get some great

goodies, and have a rockin'-good time while we all Dig Deep for Literacy.



2010 Winners: KMTS a Trois. Also pictured: Pepe Le Pew and Fiona the Fastidious French Maid.

Just a word to you out there who may be thinking you'd like to be on a team but you're not the world's best speller: if you have ever been to a Literacy Outreach Spellebration you'll know it makes no difference at all! Our event is about having fun and helping, not

"who-can-outspell-the-old-state-spelling-champion." Everyone has a good time and everyone wins; especially our students who, every day of their lives, are faced with challenges in reading, writing, and getting along in a culture that revolves around the written word.

Would you like to help, but a spelling team just isn't your thing? We also have a silent auction and would gladly accept donations. Maybe you'd like to help in another way. Call Martha Fredendall at 945-5282 and she'll have a job waiting that is the perfect fit.

But remember, cave men and women just want to have fun, and that's what we promise on April 15th at the Community Center. How do you carve "Mammoth Event of the Season" in stone?

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Fri. & Sat. 10-5 Sunday Closed

Glenwood Springs 970-945-5958

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Fri. & Sat. 10-5 Sunday 1-5

New Castle 970-984-2346 *temporary location

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

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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Art in the *Stacks*

Featured Artist: Betsy Blackard

Betsy shows her love for color through portraits, animals, still life, and especially landscapes done in pastels. Betsy is the inaugural artist for the new Rifle Branch Library's Art in the Stacks program. Join us for refreshments and a short talk during the Artist Reception. Her work will be on display from April 2nd until May 31st in the library's Colorado Room.

Artist's Reception
Saturday, April 2nd
5 to 7 p.m.
Rifle Branch Library
Community Room

