

# Library week points out a unique national resource

This is National Library Week, and I am inspired to tell you why libraries are so important to our community, state and nation.

Libraries have played a large role in forging the fabric of this nation. The ability to read, learn and grow in knowledge is one of the cornerstones of civilization that have made people in this nation strong and willing to live out their democratic principles.

On Monday, Patrick Toth, library board chairman, was making some introductory remarks at the beginning of our luncheon activities.

"We probably take libraries for granted," he said. "We've always had access to a public library - all across our country."

"If all the knowledge, all the published divergent points of view that are housed in a public library as we know it isn't the source of our democracy..., it's certainly emblematic of the freedoms we enjoy...."

He said the African nation of Rwanda expects to open its first library in 2010 (www.kigalilibrary.org).

"Can you imagine, this is the country's first library ... now, in the 21st century?" he said.

We in the audience came to appreciate how blessed we have been to have libraries over more than two centuries. (Boston has the claim to the first public library in 1636, but Peterborough, N.H., has credit for establishing the first publicly funded library in 1833.)

Intellectual freedom and access to information distinguishes free people from those in bondage. Historically, issues promoting social well-being, cultural preservation, transcendence and economic improvement of Americans were a core impetus for the creation of public, academic and special libraries in the United States.

One of my favorite books, read while studying library science, was "The Power and the Dignity: Librarianship and Katharine Sharp," by Laurel Ann Grotzinger.



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It impressed on me the sheer, raw determination that library pioneers in the 19th and early 20th centuries embodied as they created libraries in the many small rural communities around the nation. Her biography showed how librarians and libraries contributed to the very fabric of our society in culture, economic health, educational attainment and democracy.

The existence of what is now the Pioneer Memorial Library began in 1911, when a group calling themselves the Civic League of Women rented a small room in the front of Dr. Beaver's residence. They gathered books from relatives, friends and their own homes, and then proceeded to sell everyone who would listen a library card for \$1.

In late 1925, hard times hit the library, and on Jan. 1, 1926, it closed due to a shortage of money and space. This did not sit well with some of our more forward-looking citizens. Those dedicated to the principles that libraries promote met with the City Council, and on March 14, 1926, (just two months later), the Colby Public Library was organized. It was first located in the Connelly building, but moved to City Hall in 1936.

Space became an issue, so in 1960 discussions began about a permanent building. Many of the original pioneering families donated money to help raise around \$120,000 for a new structure at 375 W. Fourth St. Beatrice Davis, head librarian, suggested the name be changed from Colby Public Library to Pioneer Memorial Library in honor of those donations.

The building was dedicated Sunday, Jan. 26, 1964. In 1999, a large capital improvement campaign was spearheaded by JoAnne Sunderman, then the library director. It produced a beautifully integrated addition to the original building.

In 2007, a basement renovation project was finished which allowed more programming for youth, public programs and use by community organizations. The library continues to thrive because of the grass-root pioneer spirit shared by citizens here. They value and use their library.

Come and use your library. Our phone number is (785) 460-4470. Our website (www.colbylibrary.com) has the catalog and other important informational links on it. Our blog (colbylibrary.blogspot.com) tells of events and happenings at the library.

We love to serve you, so come enjoy your library and the great resources we have prepared. The library has books, videos (disk and tape), computer games, audiobooks, cake pans, computers with wired and Wi-Fi Internet access, all at unbeatable prices - free.

## Atwood student chosen for ROTC college scholarship

Keegan K. Peckham, son of Charles and Connie Peckham of Atwood, a senior at Rawlins County High School, has been offered an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps college scholarship to Kansas State University.

He was selected on the basis of

comprehensive tests, high school scholastic achievement and extracurricular activities.

On graduation from college and completion of the ROTC program, the cadet will receive a bachelor's degree and a commission as a second lieutenant in the Air Force.

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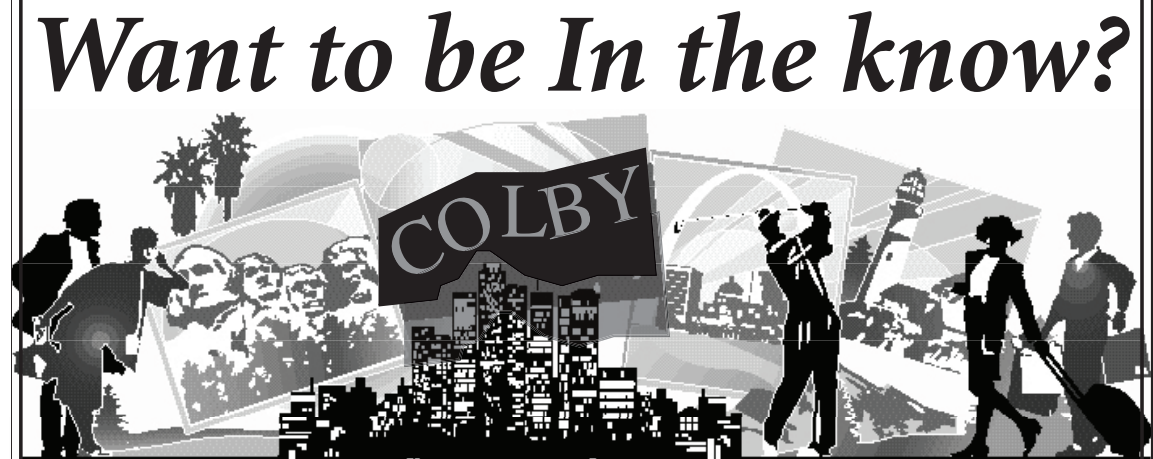
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|------------------|---|------------------|---|------------------|--|------------------|---|------------------|--|------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| KLBY/ABC (4/6)   | Good Morning Kansas Saturday  |                  | Good Morning America (N) (CC)           |                  | Good Morning Kansas Saturday   |                  | That's-Raven                            | That's-Raven     | Hannah Montana   | Zack & Cody      | Emperor                            | Replacements                      |
| KSNK/NBC (8/8)   | Today (N) (CC)  |                  |   |                  | Paid Program   | Paid Program     | Veggie-Tales                            | Pen-guins        | Turbo Dogs   | Babar (E) (CC)   | Zula Patrol                        | Friend Rabbit                     |
| KBSL/CBS (12/11) | The Early Show (N) (CC)   |                  |   |                  | News (N)   |                  |   |                  | Straw-berry  | Care Bears       | Paid Program                       | Paid Program                      |
| K15CG (2)        | Thomas-Friends  | Bob the Builder  | Market-Market                           | Lassie's Pet Vet | Big Big World  | Bob the Builder  | Thomas-Friends                          | Biz Kids (CC)    | Saddle Club  | Motor-Week (N)   | For Your Home                      | Victory Garden                    |
| ESPN (28)        | SportsCenter (CC)   |                  | SportsCenter (CC)                       |                  | SportsCenter (CC)  |                  | SportsCenter (Live) (CC)                |                  |  |                  | 2008 World Series of Poker: Europe |                                   |
| USA (37)         | Paid Program  | Paid Program     | Paid Program                            | Paid Program     | Becker (CC)  | In Plain Sight   | In Plain Sight                          |                  | In Plain Sight (CC)  | In Plain Sight   | Don of the Dead (CC)               |                                   |
| TBS (38)         | Movie: The Pallbearer (1996) A man's life is complicated by a forgotten friend's death. |                  |   |                  | Movie: Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde **½ (2003) Reese Witherspoon. |                  |   |                  | Movie: Housesitter **½ (1992, Comedy) Steve Martin, Goldie Hawn. (CC)              |                  |                                    |                                   |
| WGN (39)         | Paid Program  | Adelante Chicago | Paid Program                            | Paid Program     | Paid Program   | Paid Program     | Paid Program                            | Paid Program     | Paid Program   | Paid Program     | H'wood-Dine                        | Cultivating Life                  |
| TNT (40)         | Angel Habeas Corpus (CC)  |                  | Law & Order: Criminal Intent (CC) (DVS) |                  | Law & Order: Prejudice   |                  | Law & Order: Deep Violette (CC) (DVS)   |                  | Movie: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring **½ (2001)                |                  |                                    |                                   |
| DSC (42)         | Paid Program  | Paid Program     | P90X: Proof                             |                  | Anaconda Adventure (CC)  |                  | Dirty Jobs Least attractive water jobs. |                  | Out of the Wild: Alaska Experiment   |                  | Man vs. Wild Desert Survivor (CC)  |                                   |
| A&E (47)         | Biography Different Strokes (CC)  |                  | Sell This House!                        | Sell This House! | Sell This House!   | Sell This House! | Sell This House!                        | Sell This House! | Sell This House!   | Sell This House! | Flip This House (CC)               | Flip This House Texas ranch. (CC) |
| HIST (48)        | Heavy Metal Liberty Convoy (CC)   |                  | To Be Announced                         |                  | To Be Announced  |                  | To Be Announced                         |                  | To Be Announced  |                  | To Be Announced                    |                                   |
| NICK (55)        | Jimmy Neutron   | Jimmy Neutron    | OddParents                              | OddParents       | SpongeBob  | SpongeBob        | Pen-guins                               | Barn-yard        | Mighty B   | SpongeBob        | SpongeBob                          | SpongeBob                         |
| DISN (56)        | Tigger & Pooh   | Mickey Mouse     | Agent Oso                               | Agent Oso        | Handy Manny  | Handy Manny      | Handy Manny                             | Handy Manny      | Phineas and Ferb   | Phineas and Ferb | Movie: HalloweenTown               |                                   |
| FAM (58)         | Step by Step  | Step by Step     | Sabrina-Witch                           | Sabrina-Witch    | Full House   | Full House       | Grounded-Life                           | Grounded-Life    | Movie: Chasing Liberty (2004) A Briton and the president's daughter travel Europe. |                  |                                    |                                   |
| HALL (60)        | Golden Girls  | Golden Girls     | Golden Girls                            | Golden Girls     | Movie: The Ugly Dachshund ** (1966, Comedy) Dean Jones. (CC)               |                  |   |                  | Movie: Benji the Hunted **½ (1987, Adventure) Benji, Red Steagall. (CC)            |                  |                                    |                                   |

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|                  | 12 PM  | 12:30   | 1 PM   | 1:30                            | 2 PM  | 2:30           | 3 PM       | 3:30  | 4 PM  | 4:30  | 5 PM   | 5:30                            |
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| KLBY/ABC (4/6)   | Paid Program   | SELF CHEV   | Paid Program   | NBA Count                       | NBA Basketball: First Round -- Teams TBA. (Live)  |                |            | Colon Detox   |   | Paid Program  | ABC News   |                                 |
| KSNK/NBC (8/8)   | NHL Hockey: Conference Quarterfinal Game 2 -- Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)                                     |   | PGA Tour Golf: Champions -- Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am -- Second Round.   |                                 | PGA Tour Golf: Verizon Heritage -- Third Round. From Hilton Head Island, S.C. (Live) (CC) |                |            | Paid Program  | NBC News  |   | NBC News   |                                 |
| KBSL/CBS (12/11) | Paid Program   | Paid Program  | Paid Program   | Paid Program                    | PGA Tour Golf: Verizon Heritage -- Third Round. From Hilton Head Island, S.C. (Live) (CC) |                |            | Paid Program  | CBS News  |   |  |                                 |
| K15CG (2)        | Yankee Shop  | This Old House  | Ask This Old House   | Home-time (N)                   | Woodwright  | Cook's Country | Taste This | School-Fine Art   | Auction Viewers may phone with bids on items and/or services. |   |  |                                 |
| ESPN (28)        | 2008 World Series of Poker: Europe   |   | 2008 World Series of Poker: Europe   |                                 | ESPN Spring Football (Live)   |                |            | Sports-Center   | NBA Basketball: First Round Game 1 -- Teams TBA. (Live)       |   |  |                                 |
| USA (37)         | In Plain Sight Good Cop, Dead Cop (CC)   | In Plain Sight To Sarge With Love   | In Plain Sight Stan by Me (CC)   | In Plain Sight A Fine Meth (CC) | House Words and Deeds (CC)  |                |            | House One Day, One Room (CC)  |   |   |  |                                 |
| TBS (38)         | Movie: Clueless *** (1995) Spoiled Beverly Hills teens career through the good life. Alicia Silverstone. |   | Sex and the City   |                                 | Sex and the City  | Ray-mond       | Ray-mond   | Ray-mond  | King of Queens  | King of Queens  | Movie: The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers **½ (2002, Fantasy) Members of a fellowship battle evil Sauron and his pawns. Elijah Wood. (CC) |                                 |
| WGN (39)         | Boston Legal (CC)  |   | Movie: She's All That ** (1999, Romance-Comedy) Freddie Prinze Jr..  |                                 | Legend of the Seeker Denna (CC)   |                |            | Legend of the Seeker Puppeteer  | Boston Legal Too Much Information                             |   |  |                                 |
| TNT (40)         | (10:15) Movie: The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring **½ (2001)                              |   | Movie: The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers **½ (2002, Fantasy) Members of a fellowship battle evil Sauron and his pawns. Elijah Wood. (CC) |                                 | Survivorman Wilds of Alaska. (CC)   |                |            | Surviving Alaska (CC)   | Man vs. Wild (CC)   |   | Untamed Alaska Alaska.   |                                 |
| DSC (42)         | Flip This House It'll Cost You (CC)  |   | Psychic Kids: Paranormal   |                                 | Paranormal State I Am Six (CC)  |                |            | Paranormal  | Paranormal  | Paranormal  | Paranormal   | CSI: Miami Freaks & Tweaks (CC) |
| HIST (48)        | To Be Announced  |   | To Be Announced  |                                 | To Be Announced   |                |            | To Be Announced   |   | Time Machine  |  |                                 |
| NICK (55)        | iCarly (CC)  | iCarly (CC)   | SpongeBob  | Mighty B                        | Mighty B  | Barn-yard      | Barn-yard  | Barn-yard   | SpongeBob   | SpongeBob   | SpongeBob  | SpongeBob                       |
| DISN (56)        | (11:00) Movie: Zack & Cody   | Zack & Cody   | Zack & Cody  | Zack & Cody                     | That's-Raven  | That's-Raven   | Suite Life | Suite Life  | Hannah Montana  | Hannah Montana  | Zack & Cody  | Zack & Cody                     |
| FAM (58)         | (10:00) Movie: Ice Princess (2005) A teen chases her dream of becoming a figure skater.                  | Movie: The Prince & Me ** (2004) A collegian and a Danish prince fall in love. Julia Stiles. (CC) |  |                                 | Movie: Little House: Look Back to Yesterday ** (1983) Michael Landon.                     |                |            | Little House on the Prairie The residents of Walnut Grove may lose their homes. |   | Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House on the Prairie (CC) |  |                                 |
| HALL (60)        |  |   |  |                                 |   |                |            |   |   |   |  |                                 |

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| KLBY/ABC (4/6)   | News (N) (CC)   | Kake News   | Movie: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone *** (2001) J.K. Rowling's student wizard has his first adventure. Daniel Radcliffe. |                                      |   |  |              |                                | News (CC)                      | Desperate Housewives (CC)   | Ent. Tonight                      |                |  |
| KSNK/NBC (8/8)   | News (N) (CC)   | Wheel of Fortune  | Kings Judgment Day (N) (CC)  | Law & Order: SVU                     | Law & Order Crimebusters (CC)   |  |              |                                | News (N)                       | Saturday Night Live (CC)    |                                   |                |  |
| KBSL/CBS (12/11) | News (N) (CC)   | Paid Program  | CSI: NY Personal Foul (CC)   | 48 Hours Mystery (CC)                | 48 Hours Mystery (CC)   |  |              |                                | News (N)                       | M*A*S*H (CC)                | Boston Legal Too Much Information |                |  |
| K15CG (2)        | (4:00) Auction Viewers may phone with bids on items and/or services.  |   |  |                                      |   |  |              |                                |                                |                             |                                   |                |  |
| ESPN (28)        | NBA Basketball: First Round   | NBA Basketball: First Round Game 2 -- Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)          | NBA Basketball: First Round Game 1 -- Teams TBA. (Live) (CC)   |                                      |   |  |              |                                |                                |                             |                                   |                |  |
| USA (37)         | House Simple Explanation (CC)   | House Half-Wit (CC)   | House Top Secret (CC)  | House Needle in a Haystack (CC)      | Law & Order: Criminal Intent  | In Plain Sight A Fine Meth (CC)  |              |                                |                                |                             |                                   |                |  |
| TBS (38)         | Movie: The Wedding Date ** (2005) Debra Messing.  |   | Movie: The Holiday **½ (2006) Two women from different countries swap homes at Christmas. (CC)                                   |                                      |   | Movie: Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason **½ (2004) Renee Zellweger.           |              |                                |                                |                             |                                   |                |  |
| WGN (39)         | MLB Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Tampa Bay Rays.  | Tropicana Field. (Live) (CC)  | WGN News at Nine (N) (CC)  |                                      |   | Scrubz (CC)  | Scrubz (CC)  | Bullwin-kle                    | Movie: (CC)                    |                             |                                   |                |  |
| TNT (40)         | (5:45) Movie: The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King **½ (2003, Fantasy) Humans and creatures unite to battle Sauron and his army. Elijah Wood. (CC) |   |  |                                      |   | MythBusters Northern exposure.   |              | Arctic Roughnecks              | MythBusters Northern exposure. | Dirty Jobs Sled Dog Breeder |                                   |                |  |
| DSC (42)         | Alaska: Most Extreme  |   | MythBusters Northern exposure.   |                                      | Dirty Jobs Sled Dog Breeder   | Arctic Roughnecks  |              | MythBusters Northern exposure. | Dirty Jobs Sled Dog Breeder    |                             |                                   |                |  |
| A&E (47)         | CSI: Miami Hurricane Anthony  | CSI: Miami Grand Prix (CC)  | CSI: Miami Big Brother (CC)  | CSI: Miami Murder at a wedding. (CC) | CSI: Miami A Horrible Mind (CC)   | CSI: Miami Grand Prix (CC)   |              |                                |                                |                             |                                   |                |  |
| HIST (48)        | Modern Marvels (CC)   |   | Black Blizzard (CC)  |                                      |   | Countdown to Armageddon Some people believe that the end of the world is near. |              | Black Blizzard (CC)            |                                |                             |                                   |                |  |
| NICK (55)        | iCarly (CC)   | iCarly (CC)   | iCarly (CC)  | True Jackson                         | iCarly (CC)   | iCarly (CC)  | George Lopez | George Lopez                   | Home Improve.                  | Home Improve.               | Family Matters                    | Family Matters |  |
| DISN (56)        | Zack & Cody   | Hannah Montana  | Movie: Return to HalloweenTown (2006) (CC)   |                                      | Phineas and Ferb  |  | Zack & Cody  | Cory in House                  | Zack & Cody                    | Hannah Montana              | Life With Derek                   | Cory in House  |  |
| FAM (58)         | (5:00) Movie: Prince & Me 2   | Movie: A Cinderella Story ** (2004, Romance-Comedy) Hilary Duff. (CC) |  |                                      | Movie: Another Cinderella Story (2008, Romance-Comedy) Selena Gomez. (CC) |  | Fresh Prince |                                |                                | Fresh Prince                | Fresh Prince                      | Fresh Prince   |  |
| HALL (60)        | (4:00) Laura Ingalls Wilder's Little House on the Prairie Charles Ingalls moves his family to the Kansas prairie. (CC)                                      |   | Little House on the Prairie The residents of Walnut Grove may lose their homes.  |                                      |   |  |              |                                |                                |                             |                                   |                |  |



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