

Hi Karlene,

Following is the article from our August calendar with a description of our event. Also attached is our flyer. Let me know if you need any more information.

Thanks for adding us to the agenda so quickly!

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**We Did It!!**

Together we met our fund raising goal for Campbell County's Wyoming Public Library Endowment Challenge.

*Thank you to all who generously contributed!*

In March 2008, the Wyoming State Legislature passed a Wyoming Public Library Endowment Challenge Program. An endowment of \$9.1 million was established to the foundations of the state's 23 public libraries. In March of 2010, an additional \$3 million was added for a total amount of \$12.1 million. As libraries raise funds, they are matched by the state from this endowment. Once libraries across the state raised \$2.3 million collectively, each received an additional \$100,000. Fundraising is ongoing until libraries meet their goal or the year 2022.

Your libraries in Gillette and Wright have met the goal and now have a \$1.5 million endowment fund that will help maintain the outstanding, vital services provided by Campbell County libraries through our "boom and bust" economy.

To celebrate, the Library Foundation, Inc. is hosting a free cowboy-style luau to say "thank you" to all who donated time and money towards meeting our endowment goal for Campbell County Public Library System. Author Craig Johnson, who generously held a character auction as part of our fundraising efforts, will speak and host a book signing featuring his latest novel, *The Highwayman: A Longmire Story*.

**Cowboy Picnic Luau**

hosted by The Library Foundation, Inc.

featuring Wyoming Author Craig Johnson

with music by Rob Staffig and catered by Pokey's BarBQue & Smokehouse

August 12, 5:30 p.m. • City Park • Free

Dress in your favorite cowboy luau attire, bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy dinner and a fun-filled evening as we celebrate meeting the eight-year Library Endowment Challenge goal.

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