

Hearty Thanks to all Friends and Supporters of the October 22, 2009
LaGrange-Bear Creek Unity Association Library and History Center!

Dear Unity Friends:

Your continued interest, involvement, and financial support have nurtured this seed of an idea into a thriving, rewarding source of pride for the entire community and beyond.

Established in 1992, our Unity Association set out to provide a library, preserve local history, and promote appreciation of our community. As a Unity supporter, you have joined with many dedicated people who have contributed their time, talent, and resources. Your efforts have developed Unity's goals into a reality for both present and future generations. Just LOOK AT WHAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED IN 2009:

- Historic Preservation—The Town of LaGrange has begun transforming the LaGrange High School Building into LaGrange Heritage Square, the new home for the LaGrange-Bear Creek Community Library and History Center.
- Community Involvement—Patrons at Unity's Soup and Thanks Supper mapped out visions for the new library and museum's appearance, functions, space, and furnishings.
- Good Will Promotion—Fairer weather permitted an OUT-DOOR Easter Egg Hunt with over 50 children, followed by Bunny Food and Story Time. So much fun and literacy for ALL!
- Fostering Literacy—Another triumphant Summer Reading program was led by our esteemed Pat Ham and Patty Scott. The theme of "dogs and pets" engaged two age groups with stories, activities, and special events, including a tail-wagging visit from Pet Pals Animal Shelter. Equally thrilling was the day a historic Union Pacific train carrying 450 passengers made a special stop in LaGrange. Waving American flags, our summer reading students greeted the twelve-car train as UP officials presented T-shirts and encouragement to the young readers.
- Community Unity—About 70 community supporters joined in a Celebration of Literacy at the end of Summer Reading. The "no-charge" celebration included a hot dog picnic, high school renovations tour, summer reading awards, and a family movie.
- Volunteerism—Major strides have been made in inventorying, cataloguing, and maintaining our materials, thanks to our All-Volunteer Staff. We are excited to announce that **the library is now open five afternoons each week, including a story time on Fridays.**
- Growth—We currently have Library Cards registered to 47 families! Fabulous!
- Energy—Unity is propelled by the energetic Unity Board. These families readily listed books, stuffed and hid Easter eggs, and furnished soups, salads, treats, awards and activities. Now they have plans in place for the décor and function of the new library. New Unity members are always welcome. You'll be invigorated by Unity's good will and big heart. Join us!
- Grant Application—Moving to the new location will require additional funds. Unity applied for a grant to help purchase cozy library furnishings and a more efficient cataloguing and check-out system. Grant results will not be known until December.
- Community Ownership—Unity needs your continued financial support to provide these benefits and services. **Please bring or send your generous donation to LaGrange-Bear Creek Unity Association, P.O. Box 233, LaGrange, WY 82221.** Since Unity is a 501-C-3 not-for-profit organization, your donation might be tax-deductible. We also welcome memorial gifts. Another exciting way to give AND get in return is to purchase copies of Trails, Rails, and Travails, the LaGrange community history book for \$15 each. All proceeds from book sales support our library/history center. They make great gifts!

Unity expresses sincere appreciation to the Town of LaGrange, all of our Volunteers and Helpers, our Patrons and Board, the Community Organizations, and every one of our Donors and Supporters. Thank you for your generous support! Please make your donation TODAY!

Sincerely, LaGrange-Bear Creek Unity Association

Cheryl Grandstaff, President