

Dear Unity Friends:

October 1, 2011

Greetings from the impressive LaGrange Heritage Square,  
Home of LaGrange-Bear Creek Community Library & Museum!

Throughout Unity's first year in the renovated LaGrange High School building, visitors and patrons continue to marvel at this fine facility. What an undertaking by the Town of LaGrange! As you take in all that LaGrange Heritage Square has to offer, be sure to utilize the library and history center often. Your frequent visits provide purpose and direction for the future of LaGrange-Bear Creek Community Library & Museum.

By providing a library, preserving local history, and promoting appreciation of our community, Unity Association continues to uphold our 1992 founding purposes. Thanks to YOUR SUPPORT, the past year has been one of steady progress and upgrades.

- Historic Preservation: Be sure to browse our collection of local history books while sinking into our soft leather sofa. Enjoy the displays of memorabilia, or visit our "Cookery" Cupboard, displaying aprons and kitchen gadgets from Thelma Marshall, as well as a variety of cookbooks. Our thanks to Linda Mundell for designing this clever kitchen display. Kids' cookbooks may be given in memory of Carolyn Laycock, long-time member and past summer reading director.
- Grant Progress: Last year's grant-writing efforts resulted in two grant awards.
  - + Heartfelt Appreciation goes to the Union Pacific Foundation for their \$3000 grant. Thanks to Union Pacific, new oak bookcases crafted by Bob Watson will be custom-sized to provide much-needed additional shelving for our sprawling collection.
  - + Sincere Thanks goes to the McMurry Library Endowment Fund for their \$1885 grant. This money allowed Unity Library to purchase a computerized cataloging and tracking system, including bar codes and scanner, to improve access to our materials.
  - + Unity also wishes to thank Karen Simpson from New York for providing \$200 annually for the purchase of new juvenile literature. "Check out" our new titles.
- Community Appreciation: Unity's 2011 Easter Egg Hunt was held for the first time at the New Library. Egg-strewn lawns, eager children from near and far, prizes and bunny treats, as well as story time in the Library add to our reasons to treasure this caring community.
- Fostering Literacy: Unity faithfully works to keep kids reading, as evidenced by 23 children and 50 Hours 45 Minutes read during our summer reading program. Led by Miss Pat Ham and Miss Patty Scott, this year's theme "Lights, Camera, Read" used popcorn, movie stars, glamour shots by Jamie Beightol Photography, and movie posters relating to the book selections. As the Finale and Awards Outing, Summer Reading families went to a Cheyenne theater to see book-turned-movie Mr. Popper's Penguins.
- Growth: Library Cards are currently registered to 73 families! Sign up for yours soon.
- Community Unity: Unity thanks all who take part in Unity & Library events, such as the winter Soup and Thanks supper, Annual Meeting, tours, work-sessions, Mystery Basket, hosting, egg-stuffing, Easter Egg Hunt, Summer Reading, and the family outings; all who give donations of money, prizes, current literature, food, snacks, egg-hunt candy, office supplies, or time & talent; and all who keep us going: our patrons, hosts, Unity Board, Town of LaGrange, and supporters.
- Community Ownership: **None of this can happen without your HELP!** Unity needs your continued financial support to keep our library and museum thriving. **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 the LaGrange community history book Trails, Rails, and Travails for \$15 each. These make great gifts, and all proceeds support our library/history center. ~~As a valuable community resource, LGBC Unity needs your gift. ~~

*Thank you for your generous support! Please make your donation TODAY!*

*Sincerely, LaGrange-Bear Creek Unity Association*

*Cheryl Grandstaff, President*