

The Johnson County library is auctioning a beautiful quilt collection to raise supplemental funds for its children's department.

Charlie Ellis was a long-time library friend and supporter of reading who passed away in 2014. A US Navy veteran, Mr. Ellis taught special education in Wyoming for 24 years before his retirement brought him to Buffalo. He continued to work with children by volunteering with numerous organizations around town. After his death, his estate went to the local Masonic chapter in Buffalo. They offered the quilts for a silent auction and specified the money be used for children, a perfect way to honor a man who loved serving and educating children.

His estate continues to support Johnson County with the collection of 22 quilts donated by his estate to the library. Many were created in the 1920s and 1930s, with at least one dating back to the 1880s. The proceeds from this auction will benefit a yet-to-be determined project in the children's area. The auction ends in mid-December.

The full gallery is accessible on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Johnson-County-Library-WY-347440141949098/>.