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Casper Cares, Casper Reads looking at statewide expansion



Clifford the Big Red Dog was mobbed at the door of the Natrona County Public Library as nearly 900 area first-grade students filed in and out of the building in the space of a few short hours on May 31. The children gathered around "celebrity readers" in every nook and cranny of the library and enjoyed an elegant peanut butter and jelly sandwich luncheon outside on the patio of the Nicolaysen Art Museum. They watched the drama of the Good Queen Sue, who loved children and

books more than anything and who taught them the magic spell of reading.

The best part, however, was when each was handed a book he or she had chosen - a gift from the Sue Jorgensen Library Foundation as part of the 7th Annual Casper Cares, Casper Reads celebration. Each hardbound book was personalized with the child's name and came in a bag of goodies that included summer reading materials, sports event tickets and, for some children, their first library card.

It's an event organizers want to take statewide. Libraries from across the state were invited to observe the day's festivities and to meet with its founder, John Jorgensen, to discuss the

possibility of a statewide "Wyoming Reads" event in 2006. Representatives from the Wyoming State Library and from public libraries in Laramie, Converse, Campbell, Fremont and Platte counties took part.

"I'm very excited about the possibility of taking this event statewide," said Amy Shelley, who attended. She is the Youth and Outreach Services Manager at Laramie County Library System. "It was such a wonderful opportunity to get first graders excited about reading as well as providing them with a book to add to their home libraries. All in all, it's a fantastic program."

John Jorgensen established the Sue Jorgensen Library Foundation in 1996 and founded the Casper Cares, Casper Reads festival to honor his late wife's commitment to literacy and children. He raises the funds to purchase all books distributed during Casper Cares, Casper Reads - and this year they gave away their 6,000th book.

"She was always very dedicated to children and to literacy," said Jorgensen. "She believed that until someone can read, they can't really do anything else."

Plans are currently underway to expand "Casper Cares, Casper Reads" into a statewide "Wyoming Reads" in 2006 and libraries are invited to join in! Book titles will be chosen in September, and there will be a presentation on "Wyoming Reads" at the MPLA/WLA joint conference in October in Jackson.

In the interim, interested libraries may want to:

- Consider what sites might be available and suitable for a Wyoming Reads celebration in your community
- Contact your community's educators and find champions for this event
- Determine the number of first graders in your county (don't forget homeschoolers and private schools)
- Develop a list of potential celebrity readers
- Think about other things to make the celebration fun and unique

For more information contact Bill Nelson, Natrona County Public Library, 307-237-4935 Ext: 115 bnelson@will.state.wy.us, Emily King, Natrona County School District, 307-577-0244, Emily_king@ncsd.k12.wy.us or John Jorgensen, Jorgensen_john@hotmail.com. Visit the Casper Cares web site at <http://www.natronacountylibrary.org/cccr.htm> for information and new updates.

Leona the Lion traveling Wyoming in July

Wyoming libraries are getting a visitor from the popular public television show, *Between the Lions*. In July, Leona the Lion will visit public libraries in all 23 counties to meet the many young readers in the state and share fun activities with them.

The Wyoming Library Community underwrites *Between the Lions* on Wyoming Public television, where it airs weekdays at 8 a.m. *Between the Lions* is an award-winning show that fosters literacy in children age 4 to 7. Four-year-old cub Leona Lion lives in a library with her seven-year-old brother Lionel and their father and mother, Theo and Cleo. More information about the show is available on its web site at <http://pbskids.org/lions/>

Leona Lion's schedule of Wyoming appearances:

- **Riverton** - July 6, Riverton Branch Library, 10:15 a.m.
- **Thermopolis** - July 7, Hot Springs County Library, 10:30 a.m.
- **Worland** - July 7, Washakie County Library, 3 p.m.
- **Basin** - July 8, Big Horn County Library, 10:30 a.m.
- **Cody** - July 9, Park County Library, 11 a.m.
- **Jackson** - July 11, Teton County Library, 10:30 a.m.
- **Pinedale** - July 11, Sublette County Library, 3 p.m.
- **Kemmerer** - July 12, Lincoln County Library System, 11 a.m.
- **Evanston** - July 12, Uinta County Library, 3:30 p.m.
- **Rock Springs** - July 13, Rock Springs Library, 11 a.m.
- **Rawlins** - July 14, Carbon County Library System, 2 p.m.
- **Laramie** - July 15, Albany County Public Library, 2 p.m.
- **Cheyenne** - July 16, Laramie County Library System, 11 a.m.
- **Torrington** - July 18, Goshen County Library, 10:30 a.m.
- **Wheatland** - July 18, Platte County Public Library System, 3 p.m.
- **Lusk** - July 19, Niobrara County Library, 10:30 a.m.
- **Newcastle** - July 19, Weston County Library, 3 p.m.
- **Sundance** - July 20, Crook County Public Library, 10:30 a.m.
- **Gillette** - July 20, Campbell County Public Library System, 3:30 p.m.
- **Buffalo** - July 20, Johnson County Library, 6 p.m.
- **Sheridan** - July 21, Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library, 10 a.m.
- **Casper** - July 22, Natrona County Public Library, 10:30 a.m.
- **Douglas** - July 22, Converse County Library, 3 p.m.

LSTA individual training grants undergo changes

The LSTA Individual Grant program advances the knowledge, skills and talents of library employees by funding education and training opportunities. Beginning June 1, 2005, guidelines for LSTA Training Grants to Individuals are changing.

This grant program has been incredibly successful. Over the past two years the LSTA funds have supported librarians for 21 graduate library science courses, 5 undergraduate library science

courses, 14 workshops, and 14 regional and national conferences. With limited funds available a revised list of eligible categories is needed.

Based on the recommendations of a Resource Sharing Council subcommittee, attendance at out of state conferences is no longer eligible for funding, unless the applicant is a presenter. Grant requests to attend as a participant or committee member will no longer be supportable.

For more information on the individual training grants, visit <http://will.state.wy.us/training/indivgrant.html>

Wyoming libraries' public relations materials among the best in the nation

Three Wyoming libraries placed in the Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA) Public Relations and Marketing Section's Swap and Shop "Best of Show" awards competition. All three competed in the \$2,000,000 to \$5,999,999 library budget range level.

The Wyoming State Library received Best in Show for printed materials promoting web sites for the *Wyoming Newspaper Project* (<http://wyonewspapers.org/>) posters and bookmarks. The *Wyoming Library Roundup* (<http://will.state.wy.us/roundup/>) earned an Honorable Mention in the newsletter category.

Teton County Library earned Best in Show for original young adult summer reading club materials, and the system's Alta Branch received an honorable mention for original children's summer reading club materials. Laramie County Library System received an honorable mention in original young adult summer reading club materials.

The annual Best of Show Awards recognize the very best in public relations materials produced by libraries in the previous calendar year. Winning entries will be on display during the Swap and Shop program scheduled for Sunday, June 26, 2005, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., during the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in Chicago. The awards will be presented to the winners on that day. Free samples of library public relations materials from dozens of libraries will be available for attendees to "swap and shop" during the program.

Standardized test practice now available through LearningExpress Library

Wyoming library patrons now have statewide access to practice tests for everything from the SAT to Real Estate to U.S. Citizenship. These are available through LearningExpress Library, the latest addition to WYLD's licensed databases. It's a great resource for students wanting to go on to higher education or people wanting to start a career or change careers. LearningExpress was purchased in part through the cooperation of the Department of Workforce Services. See all databases at <http://gowyld.net>

WYLD Council sponsors "Train the Trainer" workshops with LSTA funds

Nearly 60 members of the Wyoming library community learned how to teach and train adults in "Train the Trainer" workshops held in April at Rock Springs, Lander and Gillette. Workshops were conducted by Robbie Berg, a human resources manager for Multnomah County, Oregon.

The workshops were sponsored by the WYLD Regional Council and supported with LSTA funds to create a network of individuals "trained in training" who can share their expertise throughout the state. On evaluation forms, participants commented that they learned how to recognize and accommodate different learning styles and how to grab the audience quickly. They learned how to facilitate meetings - even when not leading them - and how to manage distractions in a group.

As one person wrote in their comments, "Robbie did an incredible job presenting an engaging, thorough and helpful topic. Can't wait to try it out."

Work group recommends streamlining statistics

A work group that met in April recommended reducing the length and complexity of the annual public library statistics survey that collects data for the Federal-State Cooperative System for the National Center for Education Statistics. Based on the recommendations, the Wyoming State Library's business office has drafted a revised questionnaire, which will be sent to public library directors for comments. WSL's goal is to send out the final survey questionnaire in July. The work group was facilitated by Keith Curry Lance from the Colorado State Library; it included seven representatives from libraries across the state and two WSL staff members. For more information about the work group or the statistics collection process, contact Deputy State Librarian Jerry Krois, 307/777-6496, jkrois@state.wy.us.

Wyoming State Library welcomes Markus



The Wyoming State Library welcomed its newest librarian, Jamie Markus to its Library Development Office on May 27. Markus recently earned his MLS from Indiana University, and he holds a B.S. in Liberal Studies in religion and philosophy from Montana State University - Billings. His wife, Jennifer, also has her MLS.

Both the work and the strength of Wyoming's library community drew Markus to WSL. His initial focus will be on state institution libraries, helping them develop their collections and training their staff on use of the WYLD databases - "helping libraries know what's available to them and how to best use their resources," he said.

"I'm looking forward to meeting people, working with libraries throughout the state, and becoming more involved in this community," he said, and added, "There's something about knowing at the end of the day that you've made a difference in the world."

Contact Jamie Markus at jmarku@state.wy.us or 307-777-5914.

Clymer named to head Park County Library

In April, the Park County Library Board announced that Frances Clymer would be the new director of the library system, beginning May 1.

Clymer has lived in Park County since 1983, the same year she began working at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, first as a volunteer and then in an interim position in the McCracken Research Library. After working in a variety of other positions within the Center, she was hired as assistant librarian in December 1993. She holds a B.A. in French and Art History from the University of Kansas and an M.A. in Medieval Studies from the University of Poitiers, France. In 1995, she began work on an MLS degree through Emporia State University's distance

education program. She was promoted to librarian in 1998 after she graduated, a position she held until accepting the Park County Library position.

"After over twenty years at the Historical Center, it was time for a new adventure," Clymer said. "It was a real challenge for me to think about stepping out of my comfort zone, reassess my priorities, and move on."

A lifelong reader, Clymer began working in libraries as an undergraduate at the University of Kansas, working for the book selection librarian and also worked in libraries at the University of New Mexico and Arizona State University.

"Although I tried other work - travel agent, tour planner, group tour packager, and the like - I always seemed to migrate back to libraries," she said. "I guess that's what feeds my soul."

Park County Library is planning for an expanded facility and Clymer is glad she can be part of that process. "The prospect of helping to develop the plan for a new Cody library, to move the county system forward in positive ways is incredibly exciting," she said. "My head is buzzing with all kinds of ideas for the new facility. I really see this as a chance to give something back to a community that has been home to me and my family."

Northwest College hires library director

Northwest College has hired Susan Richards from Appleton, Wisconsin as the new Library Director. She will replace Kay Carlson, who is retiring June 30, 2005. Nancy Miller, Acquisitions and Circulation Library Assistant at Northwest College, will be acting director from July 1 until Richards arrives in early August.

Richards currently works at Lawrence University as the University Librarian. Prior to that she worked as the Director of Library Services at Western State College of Colorado in Gunnison. She has her PhD in history from the University of New Hampshire, her M.L.S. from Kent State University, her M.A. in History from Clarion University in Pennsylvania and her B.A. from Gove City College in Pennsylvania.

Sally Scott Receives Distinguished Librarianship Award

Sally Scott, head of the University of Wyoming's Brinkerhoff Earth Resources Information Center, has been honored by her colleagues as the 2005 Agnes Milstead Distinguished Librarianship Award winner. The Milstead Award honors individuals who have made a significant contribution to the UW Libraries. It is named for Agnes Milstead, professor emeritus of education and library science, and a faculty member from 1966 to 1981. Scott holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in geology, and earned her MLS from the University of California, Los Angeles in

1990. She has worked in UW libraries since 1992 and has been head of the Brinkerhoff Information Center since 1999.

Writers group honors Kevin Anderson, Susan Vittitow

Two Wyoming library employees were honored by Wyoming Writers, Inc. during the organization's annual conference June 3-5 in Cheyenne.

Kevin Anderson, a Western History Specialist at Casper College's Goodstein Foundation Library, received the **Arizola Magnenat Award**, given to the person or organization who has done the most to encourage writers during the year. In her nomination letter, Casper resident Frances Hanson wrote, "Novice writers soon learn the importance of archival research and depend on the archivist to help them dig through mounds of archived material in search of their particular subject. Through my years of archival research I have experienced the good, bad and indifferent archivist, but nowhere have I found a more dedicated, passionate archivist than Kevin Anderson in the Special Collection section of the Goodstein Library."

"To be able to assist authors in their work is the next best thing to being an author oneself," Anderson said. "It is a great honor to have one's efforts recognized by such a respected group of professionals."

Susan Vittitow received a Western Horizon Award for the *Wyoming Library Roundup* magazine, a joint publication of the Wyoming State Library and Wyoming Library Association. Vittitow is a publications specialist at WSL and writes the majority of articles that appear in the magazine. The Western Horizon Award is given to a Wyoming Writers member for his or her first major work, typically either a first book publication or a first publication in a national periodical. It is the only major award where there may be multiple recipients.

For more information on Wyoming Writers Inc. activities and awards, visit <http://www.wyowriters.org>

Wyoming Library Association seeking nominations for 2005 awards

Know a colleague, co-worker, or supervisor who has done an outstanding job in Wyoming Library World this year? Want to see them get real recognition? Nominate them for one of the many WLA awards categories and they will be feted at the 2005 WLA/MPLA Conference in Jackson this Fall. Award categories are:

- **Distinguished Service:** A librarian who, for at least 5 years, has demonstrated inspired leadership, devoted service, and significant contributions.

- Librarian of the Year: A librarian who has shown excellence during the past 12-18 months.
- Meritorious Service: A library supporter who has provided beneficial support.
- Media Support: An individual or media organization that has consistently supported and communicated library news and programs.
- Trustee Citation: A member of a library board for accomplishments toward the advancement of library service.
- Unsung Heroine/Hero Award: An individual whose contribution to libraries might otherwise go unnoticed.
- Award Award: An individual who deserves an award, but does not necessarily fit into one of the other categories.

In addition, there are memorial awards for libraries and opportunities for special recognition. Nominations may be completed online. For details, visit <http://www.wyla.org/awards/awards.shtml> or contact Barbara Oakleaf boakleaf@will.state.wy.us or other Awards Committee members. Deadline for nominations is June 30.

The Mountain Plains Library Association Awards Committee is also soliciting nominations for its awards that will be given at the joint conference. A complete description and nomination forms are at <http://www.usd.edu/mpla/committees/awards/awardsindex.html>. Nominations are due by July 15.

WLA seeks nominees for board

The Wyoming Library Association is looking for nominees for the board for Chair-Elect (three-year commitment) and Recording Secretary (one-year commitment). For more information, contact one of the committee members: Mary Rhoads, mrhoads@will.state.wy.us; Katie Jones, kjones2@state.wy.us; Shari Haskins, shaskins@will.state.wy.us; or Richard Landreth, rlandreth@ccsd.k12.wy.us.

Wyoming Center for the Book names Letters About Literature winners

Top honors have gone to three Wyoming students in the 2005 Letters About Literature Contest. Letters About Literature encourages students to read, be inspired and write back to their favorite authors. The Wyoming Center for the Book awarded Worland student Jesse Busch first place in Level III (grades 9-12) for his letter to Lois Lowry about the book, *The Giver*. Katie Allegretto from Gillette placed first in Level II (grades 7-8) with her letter to Laurie Halse Anderson about her book, *Speak*. And for the second year in a row, Rebecca Thompson from Casper placed first in Level I (grades 4-6), this time with her letter to Kate McMullen, author of *The Story of Harriet Tubman, Conductor of the Underground Railroad*. Letters About Literature is a reading and writing promotion program of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, presented in

partnership with Target Stores. For more information and a full list of winners, visit http://will.state.wy.us/wcb/LAL2005_winners.pdf

AROUND THE STATE

Card catalogs go on auction block

The Library Foundation, Inc. of **Campbell County Public Library System** is holding a



silent auction of old card catalogs from May 25 to June 29. Minimum bid is \$25, and the top seven bids win! Originally priced at \$800, these well-used card catalogs are ideal storage for sewing, nuts and bolts, craft items--or fun for the interior decorator:

- Five two-section catalogs -- 30 drawers on stand, dark wood veneer, solid plastic shelves
- One two-section catalogs -- 30 drawers on stand, oak, drawers have open space
- One one-section catalogs -- 15 drawers on stand, dark wood veneer, solid plastic shelves

Delivery arrangements are the responsibility of the winners. Send name, bid and contact information by email to Patty Myers at pmyers@will.state.wy.us, by regular mail to The Library Foundation, Inc., c/o Campbell County Public Library, 2101 S. 4J Road Gillette WY 82718, or by calling CCPLS at 307-687-0009

Teton County Library hosts writers conference faculty

Several presenters from the Jackson Hole Writers Conference (<http://outreach.uwyo.edu/conferences/jacksonwriters/>) are making stops at the **Teton County Library** while they're in town. Nationally recognized authors **Sue Miller** and **Christopher Moore** will read from their work and sign books on **Friday, June 24** at 7:30 p.m. Miller is the author of seven published novels: *The Good Mother*, *Family Pictures*, *For Love*, *The Distinguished Guest*, *While I Was Gone*, *The World Below* and *Lost in the Forest*. She has also penned a collection of short stories, *Inventing the Abbots*, and a memoir about her father's illness and death from Alzheimer's disease, *The Story of My Father*. Christopher Moore is the author of eight novels including national bestsellers *Fluke* and *Lamb*.

On Saturday, **June 25**, Wyoming author **Karol Griffin** will present a three-hour craft lecture for writers, "Finding Your Voice in the West," from 9 a.m. to noon. The workshop is free but registration and a short application are required, and it is limited to 25 people. Griffin is the author of the autobiographical book, *Skin Deep: Tattoos, the Disappearing West, Very Bad Men*,

and My Deep Love for Them All, the story of how she became a Wyoming tattoo artist searching for love in all the wrong places.

Antique Evaluation Workshop held at Natrona County Public Library

By Hilery Walker, Community Relations Coordinator

A number of Natrona County residents seized the chance to discover if their prized "antiques" were worth more than just sentimental value on May 21 at Casper's **Natrona County Public Library**. Thirty-five people with possessions in tow attended the free Antique Evaluation Workshop, which was led by **Liane Chapman** and **Dennis Ridgeway** of **Wyoming Estate Services** and **Prairie Wind Antiques**. There was a broad spectrum of antiques present, from several pieces of iridescent "Carnival Glass," pewter teapots and flowery plates, to old Levis advertisements and a "birds-eye view" map of late 1880's Essex, Massachusetts. Those attending learned not only the possible value of their possessions, but also some history. "Carnival Glass," for instance, was mass-produced as a cheaper form of the fashionable, although expensive, Tiffany glass in the early 1900s. It was not as popular as the producers had hoped however and so the glassware was sold to carnivals to give away as prizes. It has since become very collectible and individual pieces could fetch anywhere from twenty to one hundred dollars. The estimates on the other antiques were varied, ranging from a couple dollars for some do-it-yourself "hand painted" plates, to over a thousand dollars for a set of bronze statues possibly produced in France in the 1800s. In addition to evaluating the individual pieces, Chapman and Ridgeway had many tips on how to use the library's books and the Internet to help identify, price and sell antiques. Although no one was made into an instantaneous millionaire, most people came away with a greater knowledge and appreciation of their possessions.

Albany County Library hosts League of Women Voters program

The **League of Women Voters of Laramie**, with a grant from the **Wyoming Council for the Humanities**, is sponsoring a series of public programs at the **Albany County Public Library** about the role of the U.S. in a changing world, foreign aid and foreign trade. Two sessions took place in May; four more are slated for, September and October. **Jean Garrison**, associate professor of political science at the **University of Wyoming**, will moderate each program. Garrison specializes in foreign policy and served in the State Department's Office of Chinese and Mongolian Affairs for several months in 2004.

Other notes from around the state...

- **University of Wyoming Libraries** and the **American Heritage Center** have combined their catalogs to improve access and service. The UW Libraries catalog includes 12,600 journal titles and 1.3 million book volume records. The AHC's catalog includes 8,000 rare books and 2,000 archives and manuscript collections records. With the merger, patrons can search both catalogs at the same time, or search them each separately. To use the catalog, visit <http://www-lib.uwyo.edu> and click on "Books and More."
- **Powell Branch Library** is looking for Elizabethan crafters, entertainers and hobbyists for an upcoming **Renaissance Fair** on **Saturday, Aug. 27** from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Washington Park. The fair is part of the activities surrounding the "**Elizabeth I: Ruler and Legend**" exhibit that will appear at the library from Aug. 19 to Sept. 30. For more information, contact Janet Meury, Powell Branch Librarian, at 307-754-8828 or 307-754-7107 or by email at jmeury@will.state.wy.us.
- A **small-reader-size tunnel** will soon provide an entry to the children's department at **Campbell County Public Library**. The tunnel is one part of the library's current remodeling and expansion project. Fortunately for adults and for children leaving with armloads of books, a normal-sized entrance will also be available.
- **Saratoga Branch Library** has a **new schedule** with more evening and Friday hours. The library is now open: MW 10-2 and 3-7:30, TTh 3-7:30 and F 10-2.
- **Converse County Library** in Douglas has launched its new newsletter, **Bridges**.
- **Riverton Branch Library's skylight** should no longer leak after planned repairs take place. Fremont County Commissioners approved funding for replacement of the skylight and lighting enhancements within the library. Director **Jill Rourke** said work on the skylight is the first of a series of improvements planned for Fremont County libraries.
- Due to overwhelming community requests, **Laramie County Library System** is offering a new book discussion series this summer on works by **gay and lesbian authors**. Discussions will be led by **Phil Moss**. The first discussion on Florence King's *Confessions of a Failed Southern Woman*. takes place on June 9. Other books in this series are Amy Bloom's *A Blind Man Can See How Much I Love You* (July 7) and Mark Doty's *Heaven's Coast* (Aug. 11). Materials are provided by grants from the Matthew Shepard Foundation and the Friends of the Albany County Library. FMI: 634-3561, opt. 5 or visit <http://www.LCLOnline.org>

- **Sweetwater County Library System** is the latest to go **fine-free**. Patrons will no longer be charged daily fines, although their borrowing privileges will be blocked if they have an item more than 21 days overdue.
- **Teton County Library** offers the community an in-depth, hands-on exploration of electronic medical information at **Lunch 'n Learn: Online Medical Resources** on **Wednesday, June 15** from noon to 2 p.m. The workshop will be led by **Mary Henning**, University of Wyoming Librarian and the liaison to the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. FMI, call 733-2164 ext. 106.
- **Alta Branch Library** celebrated the return of spring and the addition of Saturday library hours, by hosting a series of three **Garden Seed Swaps** on Saturdays from **May 21 through June 4**. Gardeners enjoyed seed cakes and honey tea while exchanging seeds, gardening tips, and favorite flower and vegetable variety recommendations and perusing the library's gardening books. The swap was sponsored in part by Teton Valley Garden Club, MD Nursery, Teton County Idaho Soil Conservation Service, Teton Valley Master Gardeners and Trail Creek Nursery.
- **Mrs. Robertson** at **Beitel Elementary School** reported in a newsletter to parents that students in grades 2-6 spent two weeks earlier this spring learning how to **GoWYLD!** Among other activities, they explored the Searchasaurus and Novelist K-8 licensed databases and looked up interesting Wyoming history facts using the GoWYLD portal at <http://gowyld.net/>

Personnel-ly speaking

- **Park County Library's Cheryl Wright** introduced her third book, *High Country Vegetables* at the Master Gardener's Conference in Casper in April. *Vegetables* and Wright's other two books, *High Country Herbs* and *High Country Tomato Handbook*, are available through local bookstores or directly from Pronghorn Press at <http://www.pronghornpress.org>.
- **Ellie Eaton** recently joined the **Sweetwater County Library** as the new **Youth Services Librarian**.
- **Bryan Tronstad** is a new faculty member at **University of Wyoming Libraries**. He joined the Science Library as a reference librarian. Formerly, he was an assistant in the technical services department.
- UW Assistant Librarian **Jenny Garcia** was approved for membership in the Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) at the Distinguished

Member level. For this level of membership, she was required to have a master's degree in library and information science, have worked in the health information field for 10 years and have demonstrated leadership skills.

- Also at UW Libraries, Fine Arts Librarian **Jennifer Mayer** and Principal Serials Cataloger **Lori J. Terrill** co-authored "Academic librarians' attitudes about advanced-subject degrees," an article that appeared in the January 2005 issue of *College & Research Libraries*.

Fund raising notes

- **Sweetwater County's new library foundation board** held its first meeting April 25 at White Mountain Library. Formerly, the foundation was under the governance of the library board of trustees. There are 12 regular members and 3 ex-officio members: **Paul Holland, Diane Elliott, & Vicki Roth**. Regular library staff members on the Foundation are **Micki Gilmore, Helen Grover and Connie Thimm**. **Lynne Demshar** was elected Chair. The group formed committees to begin tackling the task of raising money to benefit the library system.
- **Natrona County Public Library Foundation** has successfully completed the first phase of its \$1 million endowment campaign by raising **\$400,000 in permanent endowment funds**. The second phase goal is to raise another \$200,000 by July. For more information on the Foundation, visit <http://will.state.wy.us/natrona/found.html>
- **Sheridan County's Friends of the Library** presented a check for **\$52,000** to library director Cathy Butler during their annual meeting and author reception April 15. The group raised the money through its annual auction and book sale events. Of that \$52,000, \$20,000 is pledged to the **interior renovation project** and \$32,000 will supplement the library's **book, programming and technology budgets**.
- The **Kemmerer Foundation** awarded a **\$6,000** grant to **Lincoln County Library System** to purchase a new **microfilm reader/printer** for the main library in Kemmerer.
- A gift to **Albany County Public Library** from the **Laramie and Laramie Plains Lions clubs** purchased a **\$2,300 magnifying machine** to make print materials more accessible to patrons with limited vision. The library had been without a magnification machine for two years after the last one, also a gift from the Lions, broke after many years of service.

Authors in the libraries

- **Anthony J. Sacco**, author of *The China Connection* and *Little Sister Lost* will visit **Converse County Library** in Douglas on June 6 at noon to talk about his work and sign books. Sacco is a Wyoming author who lives in Pine Bluffs.
- Pulitzer Prize winning author **Annie Proulx** visited the **Natrona County Public Library** in Casper on May 25 to read excerpts of her work, talk about her experiences as an author and sign books. Proulx's works include *The Shipping News*, *Close Range* and *Bad Dirt*.

RESOURCES & EVENTS

2006 is Wyoming's "Year of the Book"

Interested in a fund-raising project for your local library? **Art of the Books**, a self-administered fundraising opportunity for libraries is scheduled for the summer of 2006 but requires planning throughout this fall.

The project is the brainchild of **Annette Chaudet**, the publisher at Pronghorn Press "I'm hoping that libraries will come together and make this a big statewide event," she said. She also hopes there will also be a book in the future featuring the Art of the Books pieces produced in Wyoming.

The fiberglass book sculpture is ready for production, the small papier maché book has found a manufacturer, and the "How To" book is now available along with more detailed information at <http://www.artofthebooks.com> or call Chaudet at Pronghorn Press, 307-765-2979.

Historical records board holds seminar in Gillette

The State Historical Records Advisory Board is sponsoring a seminar, "Managing Paper and Electronic Records, and Disaster Recovery," on Thursday, June 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Campbell County Library in Gillette. Cost is \$10, including handouts, lunch and breaks. Registration deadline is June 24. For more information, contact Tony Adams at tadams@state.wy.us or 307-777-7035 or contact the library.

Humanities grants available

The **Wyoming Council for the Humanities** offers several different types of grants for programs and events. The next deadline for regular grants (\$2,001-\$10,000) is September 15. Mini-grants

up to \$2,000 are reviewed every month except for July, and must be postmarked by the first working day of the month. Planning grants have the same deadlines as mini-grants and offer up to \$2,000 help in the preliminary phase of developing complex humanities projects. Opportunity grants of up to \$750 fund the honorarium and travel expenses of a presenter or discussion leader; applications are accepted on a rolling basis. The Humanities Council also has speakers available for a nominal fee for Humanities Forum presentations. For more information, call 307-721-9243 or email wych@uwyo.edu. Additional information is also available on the website at <http://www.uwyo.edu/wch>

Upcoming literary events:

- The **High Plains BookFest** is **June 23-26** in Billings, Mont. The theme this year is "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly: Exploring the legends of the American West." FMI: email Corby Skinner at corbyskinner@yahoo.com
- **Jackson Hole Writers Conference** will be held **June 23-26** at the Snow King Resort in Jackson. FMI: <http://outreach.uwyo.edu/conferences/jacksonwriters/>
- The 15th annual session of the **Sheridan Young Writers Camp** will take place **Aug. 6-13**, in Story, Wyoming. The camp accepts young writers ages 14-18 who wish to sharpen their skills in poetry, fiction, non-fiction, screenwriting, and critique. Tuition is \$250. FMI: email Micah Wyatt, marco_esquandoles@hotmail.com or micah@sheridan-wyo.com.
- "**Writers and Readers: A Relaxed Literary Retreat**," will be held **Aug. 17-21** at the Lucius Burch Center near Dubois. It will include regional authors Tim Sandlin, Ted Kerasote, Kent Haruf, Hannah Hinchman and Mark Spragg. Fee is \$795. FMI: traillake4ranch@dteworld.com.

Other news and notes

- **Snowy Range Nonprofit Institute** has added free chapters on Advocacy and Public Relations to its **Online Education Center**. Chapters are linked toward the bottom of SRNI's home page at <http://outreach.uwyo.edu/conferences/srni>. Information is also available at this web site on the Institute's **annual training conference** to be held at the **University of Wyoming** in Laramie **Aug. 7-9**.
- June is **Audiobook Month**, and the Audio Publishers Association is celebrating the importance and enjoyment of audiobooks. For more information, and to see which books with the "Audies" award for excellence, visit <http://www.audiopub.org>

- In Minnesota, one bride and groom decided they had enough already, so they set up their **bridal registry** so that guests could purchase books through the **Friends of the St. Paul Public Library**. See the details - and the happy couple - at <http://www.thefriends.org/patharris/index.html>
- The American Library association now has its 2003-2004 annual report available online at <http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2005/april2005/ALAannualreport20032004.htm>
- Having a book sale? List your event for free at <http://www.booksalefinder.com>.