



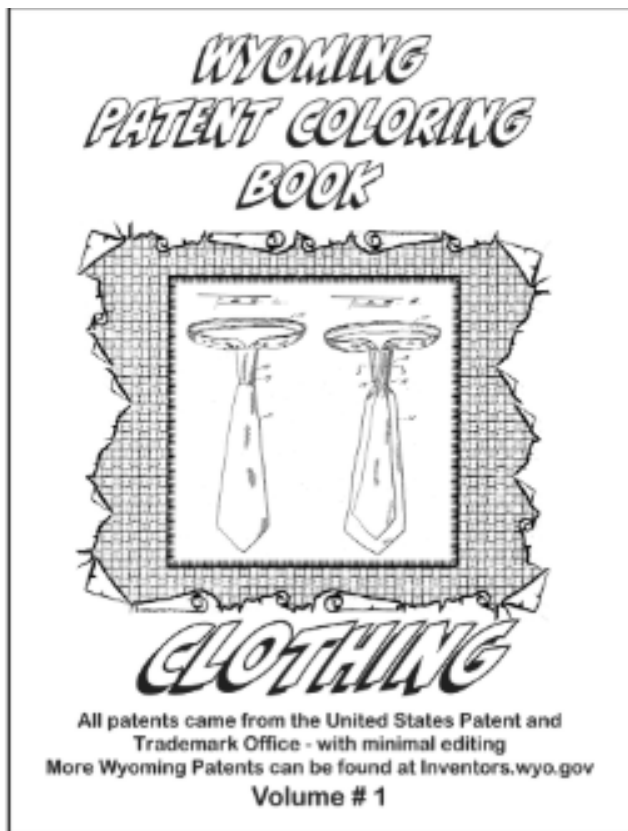
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New Coloring Books Illustrate Innovations Made by Wyoming Inventors



Did you know the Wyoming State Library has coloring books available for patrons to print and use to learn more about Wyoming inventions?

These fun and informative resources are the result of a collaboration between Anne Kuipers, WSL State Publications Librarian, and Joanne Pruitt, WSL Youth Services Specialist.

“We created these coloring books as a way to make Wyoming inventions available to everyone and to introduce kids to the idea of innovation,” said Anne. “There are so many cool things that people have made in our state.”

So far, five coloring books have been compiled from historical documents about inventions patented by Wyomingites, including [Clothing](#), [Outdoor Fun](#), [Toys](#), [Transportation](#), and [Western](#). Patrons are encouraged to download and print copies for their own use and learning.

“Other PTRC’s have made coloring books, but they’ve all been based on national patents or for colleges,” said Anne, commenting on the novelty of the project. “This was a fun way to show off the awesome [Wyoming Inventors database](#) on the WSL’s Digital Collection Suite.

WSL News

WYOMING STATE LIBRARY SEEKS SENIOR LIBRARIAN FOR LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT



The Wyoming State Library is seeking a dynamic and experienced leader to support the administrative priorities of the State Librarian and contribute to the development of libraries statewide as a **Senior Librarian**.

This position plays a key role in advancing the mission of the State Library by promoting statewide library development, fostering library cooperation, and ensuring access to reliable information for our customers. As a vital member of the agency's Management Planning

Team, this role provides strategic direction and decision-making support, including serving as Acting State Librarian when needed.

The position manages and implements federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) projects and funding to enhance library services across the state. The successful candidate will collaborate with librarians, library boards, and library foundations, offering expert consultation on a wide range of topics to strengthen the library community and support innovation, growth, and sustainability within the field.

Minimum qualifications include a bachelor's degree (typically in library science) and 1-2 years of progressive work experience with acquired knowledge at the level of a librarian or 4-6 years of progressive work experience with acquired knowledge at the level of a librarian.

To apply, please visit the [State of Wyoming Jobs website](#) or contact Lindsey Galindo for more information at (307) 777-6798 or lindsey.galindo@wyo.gov

Share the News!

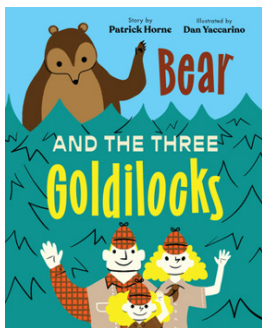
Do you have colleagues who aren't on the *Outrider* mailing list? Encourage them to [sign up](#) and catch all the library news.

Youth Services

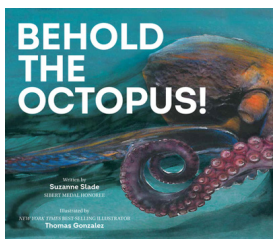
WYOMING READS ANNOUNCES THE TEN TITLES CHOSEN FOR 2026

Ten children’s books were recently selected for Wyoming Reads 2026. Every Wyoming first-grade student will have the chance to choose one of these exciting titles to add to their personal library at home.

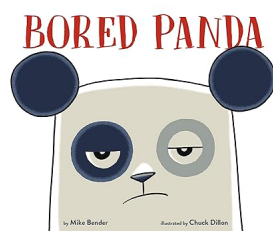
Here’s a peek at each of this year’s engaging titles:



Bear and the Three Goldilocks by Patrick Horne and Dan Yaccarino turns a traditional fairy tale upside-down as a mischievous bear invades the Goldilock family’s campsite.



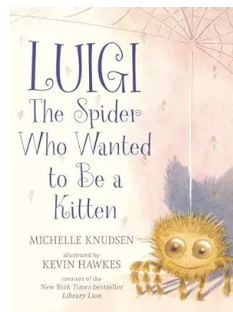
Behold the Octopus by Suzanne Slade and Thomas Gonzalez, combines lyrical poetry and factual prose to dive into the fascinating life of the octopus.



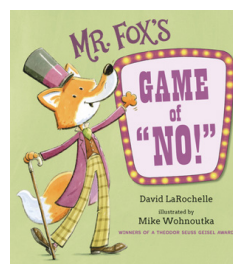
Bored Panda by Mike Bender and Chuck Dillon, follows a young Panda’s quest to escape boredom when the power’s goes out and he can’t use his tablet.



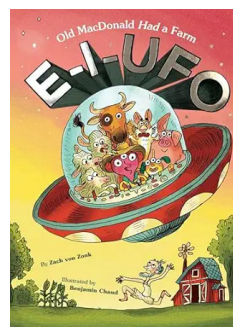
Don’t Trust Fish by Neil Sharpson and Dan Santat, offers facts about fish and a variety of other creatures with a side of funny and some funny, convincing arguments against the credibility of fish.



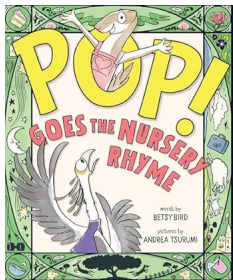
Luigi, The Spider Who Wanted to Be a Kitten, by Michelle Knudsen and Kevin Henkes, is a heartwarming tale of the unlikely but sweet friendship that blossoms between an elderly woman and a spider.



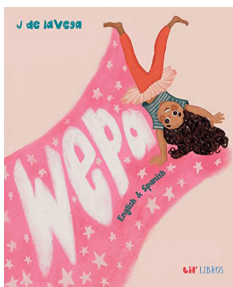
Mr. Fox’s Game of “No!” by David LaRochelle and Mike Wohnoutka, challenges readers to a battle of wits with a fox who asks many questions that are sure to produce laughter..



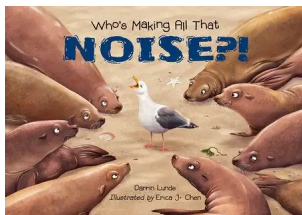
Old MacDonald Had a Farm E-I-U-F-O, by Zach von Zank and Benjamin Chaud, follows a group of animals from Old MacDonald’s farm to outer space onboard an alien spaceship where chaos ensues..



Pop! Goes the Nursery Rhyme, by Betsy Bird and Andrea Tsurumi, observes the plight of nursery rhyme characters whose rhymes are constantly interrupted by a persistent and obnoxious weasel.



Wepa by J de laVega tells the story of a young girl who is bit too everything who searches for a place she can finally be herself. This book is written in both English and Spanish.



Who's Making All That Noise?! by Darrin Lunde and Erica J. Chen is a fun exploration of animals and their unique noises.

First-graders across Wyoming eagerly await receiving their chosen books at a Wyoming Reads Day event in their community next May. This year's titles are currently displayed at the Wyoming State Library.

Every year through [Wyoming Reads](#), the Sue Jorgensen Library Foundation gives thousands of first-graders a book of their very own to keep and cherish. The Wyoming State Library's [Central Acquisitions Program](#) acquires these books at discounts up to 40 percent, stretching

precious dollars so more books can be delivered to grateful young readers. Over 100,000 books have been distributed to Wyoming first-graders since the program's inception. Learn more about Wyoming Reads at wyomingreads.org.

Check This Out

This **brand-new section** is the place to find all kinds of cool stuff that doesn't fit under another heading in the Outrider. Be sure to "check it out" each month from now on!

UW AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTER CALLS FOR PHOTOS OF HISTORICAL OBJECTS REPRESENTATIVE OF WYOMING



As part of Wyoming's celebration of the USA's 250th anniversary in 2026, the American Heritage Center at the University of Wyoming is creating a book called Wyoming's History in 76 Objects, and they would like your help! Please submit a historical object for consideration to represent the history of your county.

The book will bring together these items representing Wyoming's history—each with a photograph and a description of its historical significance—and place them into the sweep of history.

The editorial team wants to make sure that all Wyoming is included, with objects from every county and tribal territory appearing in the volume. We encourage individuals from across the state, as well as tribal nations, museums, archives, libraries and historical organizations, to consider the history of their county or territory and identify an object that tells its story.

What is an “object”? Almost anything! You could suggest a manuscript, a painting, a photograph, a personal or family object—whether a small item (clothing, weapon, cooking utensil) or a larger one (such as a saddle or wagon)—or even a building or part of Wyoming's landscape. These are just some suggestions; there are no limitations to what you can send in.

To submit a suggestion for a historical object to be included, take a picture of it and then go to [this web location \(URL\)](#).

There you will find a short form asking you to upload the photograph, describe the object and its historical significance, and indicate its location (county or reservation). That's all there is to it, so choose your favorite historical object, take a photo of it, and send it in!

FREE SCIENCE FICTION BOOK COLLECTIONS AVAILABLE TO LIBRARIES



Is your library looking to expand your science fiction book collection? Sets of twenty award-winning science fiction titles are available to your library!

Here are the titles included in the Prometheus Award Collection:

- *Critical Mass*, by Daniel Suarez (2024)
- *The Hook*, by Barry Longyear (2021)
- *The Powers of the Earth and Causes of Separation*, by Travis Corcoran (2018-19)
- *The Core of the Sun*, by Johanna Sinisalo (2017)
- *Darkship Thieves*, by Sarah Hoyt (2011)
- *Little Brother*, by Cory Doctorow (2009)
- *Night Watch*, by Terry Pratchett (2003)
- *Psychohistorical Crisis*, by Donald Kingsbury (2002)
- *A Deepness in the Sky*, by Vernor Vinge (2000)

- *In the Country of the Blind*, by Michael Flynn (1991)
- *Solomon's Knife*, by Victor Koman (1990)
- *The Probability Broach*, by L. Neil Smith (1982)
- *The Dispossessed*, by Ursula Le Guin (1993)
- *An Enemy of the State*, by F. Paul Wilson (1991)
- *Alongside Night*, by J. Neil Schulman (1989)
- *Anthem*, by Ayn Rand (1987)
- *Illuminatus!*, by Robert Anton Wilson and Robert Shea (1986)
- *Trader to the Stars*, by Poul Anderson (1985)
- *The Moon Is a Harsh Mistress*, by Robert Heinlein (1983)

For more information, please visit this [link](#). To request a set, email lfs.book.collection@gmail.com using your official library email address. Please include your library's website and mailing address for verification.

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Electronic Resources

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL



Happy Thanksgiving to all from the Wyoming State Library! We are thankful for our Wyoming libraries who provide amazing resources and services to Wyoming citizens all year long, as well as the patrons they serve, and we hope you have a wonderful, fun, and safe holiday!

However you decide to spend your Thanksgiving, be sure to take time to be thankful for the special people in your life, and to express your gratitude for all the things that make life beautiful, including (but not limited to) family, friends, football, films, fun, and festive shopping.

Check out our [GoWYLD databases](#) for information on holidays or any other topic, and find answers about days past using the wealth of primary source material found in the Wyoming State Library's [Wyoming Newspaper Collection](#).

For a peek at how Wyomingites used to celebrate Thanksgiving a hundred years ago, read this [blog post](#).

Training and Professional Opportunities

FREE WEBINAR-SHARE YOUR WHY: STORYTELLING WITH STATISTICS



Did you know Wyoming saw the most library visits per person in the entire nation during Fiscal Year 2022? That's quite the accomplishment for the lowest populated state! How about the 150% decrease in library visits

during the COVID pandemic that led to a 99% increase in total item circulation during that same time?

Looking at statistics can be confusing, overwhelming, and, let's face it—boring. Let's talk about the power of storytelling with library data!

The Wyoming State Library will host a free webinar, *Share Your Why: Storytelling with Statistics*, on **Wednesday, December 3 at 10:30 a.m.**

This webinar will provide participants with a comprehensive overview of library statistics, including crucial data points, data collection methods, and analysis techniques to assess library performance, make informed decisions, write stronger grant proposals, and communicate your library's impact to stakeholders.

For those who missed it, or would like to see it again, this is a slightly modified version of the *Share Your Joy: Storytelling with Library Statistics* session presented at the Wyoming Library Association Conference in September 2025. A recording will be sent out to registrants and available on the Wyoming State Library's YouTube page after the event.

Register for this event using this [link](#).

WYOMING ENRICHMENT NETWORK OFFERS TIME TO THRIVE CONVERSATION SERIES



Adults across Wyoming—youth professionals, caregivers, mentors, educators, and employers—are equipped and inspired to help young people **Thrive Beyond the Bell**: after school, on weekends, over summers, and in every space where learning happens.

The Wyoming Enrichment Network (WYEN) invites Wyoming librarians to join a growing network of youth-serving organizations and adult allies (parents, employers, educators, community leaders) committed to:

- **Expanding enrichment** during out-of-school time
- **Deepening developmental relationships**
- **Building adult capacity** to mentor and inspire youth
- **Creating connected, career-relevant pathways**

One of their first community-building events will be a book study held in partnership with the Wyoming State Library.

[Engaging Adolescents: Insights from 10 to 25 on December 2](#) will be centered around the book, *10 to 25: A Groundbreaking Approach to Leading the Next Generation—And Making Your Own Life Better* by developmental psychologist David Yeager, PhD—a must-read for educators, mentors, parents, and coaches that explores the science of motivating young people in the 10-25 age range.

Two more conversations are scheduled for December:

- [December 9: Career-Connected Learning Across Young People's Development](#)
- [December 16: Elevating Youth Voice in Local Decision-Making](#)

You can find more information or register for either or both of these conversations with the links above, or by visiting the [WYEN website](#).

When young minds flourish, Wyoming flourishes with them. Learn more at the [WYEN website](#) or contact WYEN Director Michelle Sullivan at michelle@wycf.org.

What's Up? If you have great happenings at your library, we'd like to know! Send news to Christi Weinzierl at christi.weinzierl1@wyo.gov.

WYOMING ARTS COUNCIL'S CREATIVE AGING PEER LEARNING GROUP VIRTUAL MEETUP



The Wyoming Arts Council, in partnership with Lifetime Arts, the Wyoming State Library, and the Wyoming Department of Health Aging Division, invites Wyoming teaching artists, librarians, and senior center staff to join the Creative Aging Peer Learning Group. These virtual conversations support professionals who are developing Creative Aging programs that foster social connection and lifelong learning for older adults.

The next virtual meetup will be held on Thursday, December 11 at 1:00 p.m. Register using this [link](#) on the [Wyoming Art Council's website](#).

Library Jobs

Senior Librarian

Wyoming State Library
 Cheyenne, WY
 Open until filled
 Posted October 15, 2025
[Vacancy Announcement](#)

Library Director

Carbon County Library System
 Baggs, WY
 Open until filled
 Posted October 24, 2025
[Vacancy Announcement](#)

Assistant Law Librarian

University of Wyoming-George W. Hopper Law Library
 Laramie, WY
 Open until filled
 Posted November 21, 2025
[Vacancy Announcement](#)

Customer Service Assistant-Circulation (part-time)

Natrona County Library
 Casper, WY
 Open until filled
 Posted November 21, 2025
[Vacancy Announcement](#)

Assistant Librarian – Scholarly Communications & Open Publishing Librarian

University of Wyoming-Digital & Distinctive Collections Unit
 Laramie, WY
 Open until filled
 Posted September 18, 2025
[Vacancy Announcement](#)

Grant and Award Opportunities

[Joann Sweetland Lum Memorial Grant](#)

Deadline: December 1, 2025

This grant aims to recognize a librarian who has a creative, innovative project that promotes literacy and is designed to recognize a creative, innovative literacy project for and with youth (ages 10-19). Examples of literacy include, but are not limited to, digital, media, visual, computer, data, financial, civic/ethical, news, information, multicultural, and cultural.

[Libraries Transforming Communities](#)

[\(LTC\): Accessible Small and Rural](#)

[Communities Grants](#)

Deadline: December 11, 2025

More than \$7 million in Libraries Transforming Communities (LTC): Accessible Small and Rural Communities grants to increase the accessibility of facilities, services, and programs to better serve people with disabilities. Up to 300 libraries will be selected for the fourth round of grants and receive \$10,000 or \$20,000 to support a community engagement project; virtual training; online resources; and technical and project support from the ALA Public Programs Office throughout the grant term. Selected libraries will conduct community input-gathering sessions to

ensure alignment with local community needs. Libraries will identify the primary audience they hope to reach (e.g., people with physical disabilities, people with learning disabilities, older adults with mobility disabilities, children with autism, Deaf community members) and facilitate a community conversation with the impacted populations to guide the improvement of services. Grantees will then use the funds to create services or improve facilities based on the needs identified by their audience. The opportunity is open to libraries serving small and rural communities in the U.S. and U.S. territories, located in an area with a population of 25,000 or less, and that are at least five miles from an urbanized area, in keeping with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) definitions of small and rural libraries. The initiative is offered by the American Library Association in partnership with the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) and is supported by a private donor.

[Aerie Real Foundation](#)

Deadline: December 27, 2025

The Aerie Real Foundation, the philanthropic arm of American Eagle Outfitters, supports nonprofits that create a more positive and inclusive world. Its Community Grants program funds initiatives that empower women and promote confidence through education,

advocacy, and community connection. Grants are open to nonprofit organizations based in the U.S. or Canada.

[Walmart Spark Good Local Grants](#)

Deadline: December 31, 2025

Walmart believes that investing in local communities strengthens our business as well as the communities they serve. Local grants are designed to support local organizations that meet the unique needs of the communities where they operate, build pride among all associates, and deepen relationships with their customers. Each year, Walmart U.S. stores, Sam's Clubs and Distribution Centers award local cash grants ranging from \$250 to \$5000.

[Geico](#)

Deadline: December 31, 2025

The GEICO Philanthropic Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations nationwide that deliver programs to support and uplift diverse communities. Its funding priorities include expanding access to education, particularly in STEM, early childhood learning, and safety. The Foundation also invests in community engagement efforts that address issues such as financial literacy, food insecurity, environmental conservation, animal welfare, and health and wellness. In addition, it supports organizations advancing equity, justice, diversity, and inclusion to create fairer opportunities for all.

[Dr. Scholl Foundation](#)

Deadline: January 31, 2025

The Dr. Scholl Foundation was established by William M. Scholl, M.D. in 1947, almost 40 years after he founded the foot care company. The foundation is a private, independent grant-making foundation for charitable purposes, and is committed to improving the world.

[McMurry Library Endowment Grants](#)

Deadline: Rolling

The Carol McMurry Library Endowment was established in 2000 within the [Wyoming Community Foundation](#) to provide support to Wyoming library staff and volunteers and to publicly accessible Wyoming libraries in three areas: Education and Training (Library and individual), Library Resources, and Library Foundation Development. There are multiple grant cycles per year. Visit the link above for specific application and deadline information.

[W. K. Kellogg Foundation Grants](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

Do you envision a world where every child and family sees the road to success? Where a community's future is determined by the people who live there? A world where all kids receive nurturing early care and education, health care for mothers, birthing people and babies is readily available where they live, good food is a given, along with support for the people who grow it,

parents and caregivers land career pathways that sustain their family, and where everyone can heal from the harms of racism and contribute to a more equitable world. That's the world the W.K. Kellogg Foundation wants to see, too!

[Labcorp Charitable Foundation](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

The Labcorp Charitable Foundation invests in community-based nonprofits advancing health, education, and well-being. From supporting food pantries and summer meal programs for children to expanding healthcare access and STEM education, Labcorp's giving reflects its mission to improve health and lives. Recent grants have funded medical screenings, patient support services, and educational programs that inspire the next generation of scientists and healthcare professionals.

[The Esther and Harold Mertz Foundation](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

This grant of \$10,000-\$1,000,000 supports nonprofit and faith-based organizations across the U.S. that serve vulnerable communities through education, recreation, health, and social service programs. Funding may be used to improve curricula, upgrade facilities, offer scholarships, or expand access to medical and community care. Priority is given to initiatives that promote self-sufficiency, wellness, and long-term community impact.

[Daniels Fund Grant](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

The Daniels Fund provides grants to organizations delivering programs in Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, and Utah that align with our funding areas, as defined by their founder (Aging, Amateur Sports, Disabilities, Drug & Alcohol Addiction, Early Childhood Education, Homeless & Disadvantaged, K-12 Education Reform, and Youth Development).

[National Leadership Grants for Libraries](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

The National Leadership Grants for Libraries Program (NLG-L) supports projects that develop, enhance, or disseminate replicable practices, programs, models, or tools to strengthen library and archival services for the American public.

[The Courage Project](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

The Courage Project seeks to recognize individuals and organizations that embody the foundational values of our nation through acts of courage that strengthen our communities, our democracy, and our shared future. The Courage Project distributes awards to organizations and honors everyday people for acts of courage and compassion that demonstrate bravery in their communities. For organizational awards, local nonprofit organizations will receive recognition for specific actions, whether that's supporting

free speech, championing equality, or building community. For individual recognition, recipients may recommend donations to values-aligned American non-profit organizations, seeding civic engagement in their communities and strengthening our democracy. By allowing recipients to “pay it forward,” the project gives Americans the chance to seed lasting change in their own communities. The award amounts will range from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Whether it’s a librarian defending free speech, a teacher protecting vulnerable students, or a local leader bridging divides, these recipients embody core national values: kindness, empathy, and community. For individual honorees, The Courage Project also provides an opportunity to “pay it forward” by directing funds to nonprofit organizations aligned with their values – helping to foster long-term impact at the grassroots level.

The Community Heart & Soul

Grant Program

Deadline: Ongoing

The Community Heart & Soul Seed Grant Program provides \$10,000 in funding for resident-driven groups in small cities and towns to start the Community Heart & Soul model. Grant funding requires a \$10,000 cash match from the participating municipality or a partnering organization.

Believe in Reading – Grants for

Literacy Program

Deadline: Ongoing

Grants are made to organizations with 501(c)(3) status or its equivalent for educational institutions, including public libraries. Believe in Reading will consider funding programs that serve any age or aspect of supporting reading and literacy, including adult literacy, English as a second language projects, or Braille projects for the blind or visually impaired. Believe in Reading will supply funds only if they are earmarked for literacy, not just a general campaign. Reading must be the prime activity. Because addressing literacy is not a short-term process, Believe in Reading’s grants are renewable for up to a maximum of three years, but a first-year award does not guarantee any subsequent awards. Currently, the maximum grant amount is \$10,000; however, the vast majority of grants are for \$3,000 or less. First-time applicants will not be funded for more than \$3,000.

Rural Technology Education & Assistive Technology (AT) Grants

Deadline: Ongoing

Grants are typically \$500 - \$2,500 for staff and student-led projects in public schools and libraries. The projects funded are designed to help spark student interest in technology-based careers like computer science, computer engineering, information technology,

programming, cyber security, robotics, or similar areas. In some cases, these project donations may include a few smaller items like a Raspberry Pi microcomputer or a robotics kit or entire Maker Spaces equipped with things like circuit development kits, 3-D printers, robotics kits, and classroom sets of individual microcomputers to build upon. Other projects include early-stage robotics classes, teams, and clubs interested in project-based learning that culminates in competitive events like FIRST. The focus is on funding libraries and schools in rural or high-poverty areas that are designed to reach multiple students equitably and help establish ongoing student interest groups like maker spaces and coding clubs.

[Wyoming Humanities' Indian Education for All Program](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

One of the best ways to fulfill the Indian Education for All Act is to have Tribal Knowledge Keepers visit Wyoming classrooms. This is not always feasible because costs for travel and honorarium to those wanting to share their valuable wisdom. To address these challenges, Wyoming Humanities is offering funds for K-12 educators in Wyoming to bring an Indigenous Knowledge Keeper into their school, classroom, or field trip. All requests for support should help fulfill Indian Education for All standards and requirements. Wyoming Humanities will

offer one-time compensation to support the inclusion of Indigenous Knowledge Keeper in the classroom, including a \$350 honorarium and \$200 in travel funds (if 100+ miles roundtrip.) Payment will be made directly to the Indigenous Knowledge Keeper. Funding is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. If payment is required prior to the classroom visit, apply at least six weeks before the visit. If payment is NOT required prior to the classroom visit, apply at least four weeks before the visit.

[Wish You Well Foundation](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

The Wish You Well Foundation supports adult and family literacy in the United States by fostering the development and expansion of new and existing adult literacy and educational programs. The focus is on supporting nonprofit organizations that teach adults the literacy skills they need to communicate, grow, and thrive within their communities. Grants amounts range from \$200 to \$10,000.

[Scholastic Possible Fund](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

The Scholastic Possible Fund was established to provide a single repository of quality children's books to be donated to charity partners that share the Company's mission to improve global literacy and put books into the hands of children who might otherwise have none.

The Fund seeks to improve access to books in underserved communities and to provide relief in communities recovering from crises or natural disasters. The non-profit partners receiving donations from this fund have demonstrated the ability to effectively educate children and families in diverse communities about the importance of books and reading from birth through adulthood.

[Jan Stauber-Sherlock Holmes Literacy Grant](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

The mission of the Jan Stauber Grant is to provide needed financial assistance to persons and organizations developing literacy programs and other educational experiences that will introduce young people to Sherlock Holmes. Educators or librarians can be awarded up to \$1,000 for a project that encourages young people to read and introduces them to Sherlock Holmes.

[Art Resources Transfer's Library Program](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

This program provides free books on contemporary art to public institutions nationwide. Public libraries, public schools, prisons, and reading centers that self-define as under-served are eligible to order free books through our Library Program. Institutions can order anytime throughout the year. Books are entirely free and shipped free of charge.

[The Pilcrow Foundations Children's Book Project Program Grant](#)

DEADLINE: Rolling

The Pilcrow Foundation, a national non-profit public charity, provides a 2-to-1 match to rural public libraries that receive a grant through its Children's Book Project and contribute \$200-\$400 through a local sponsor for the purchase of up to \$1,200 worth (at retail value) of new, quality, hardcover children's books. They provide a list of over 500 children's books from which Children's Book Project grant recipients can select books best suited for their community, including award-winning and star-reviewed titles from educational and literary organizations.

[Black Hills Corporation Community Giving](#)

DEADLINE: Ongoing

Areas of focus are arts and culture, civic and community development, education, environment, human services, and youth development. Giving limited to Black Hills Energy service areas.

[BNSF Railway Foundation Grants](#)

DEADLINE: Ongoing

These grants are given to organizations and programs that support and improve the general welfare and quality of life in the communities in which BNSF Railway Company operates. Generally, requests that clearly fall within one

or more of the following categories will be considered for funding: civic services, cultural organizations, educational institutions, health and human service organizations, youth organizations, and a federally recognized tribal government.

[T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program](#)

DEADLINE: Ongoing

T-Mobile is investing \$25M in 500 rural towns over 5 years to jumpstart projects and build stronger communities. These grants can be used to help upgrade tech at your local library, build new hiking trails, revitalize historic buildings, and more.

Upcoming Celebrations

DECEMBER

Here are some library and literacy celebrations coming up in December:

- [National Letter Writing Day](#)-December 7
- [Dewey Decimal System Day](#)-December 10
- [Computer Science Education Week](#)-December 8-14
- [Crossword Puzzle Day](#)-December 21
- [National Short Story Day](#)-December 21
- [Jolabokaflokkur / Christmas Book Flood \(Iceland\)](#)-December 24

News in Brief

[How to Navigate Burnout When You Can't Control the Causes](#)

-When individuals experience burnout caused by one or more mismatches, and do not have the authority, power, or resources to change them, the literature emphasizes strategies that focus not on changing the system but on changing the interaction between the person and that system. This article includes a short recap of research-grounded strategies for navigating burnout when you can't control the causes.

[Bookend: Up Her Sleeves](#)-A librarian in New York has collected hundreds of public library card designs from every US state and several foreign locales.

[Unearthing Sunny Ideas for Summer](#)

[Program Planning](#)-Whether you're a veteran in the library world, a newbie looking for a little professional support, or someone who's considering shaking things up in your library (a little or a lot), this podcast from the Colorado State Library can be a valuable resource for you.

[From Turkey to Timbales: Thanksgiving Traditions in the Toppan Rare Book](#)

[Library](#)-As Thanksgiving approaches, here a look at some culinary treasures at the Toppan Rare Book Library—two cookbooks that show how Americans have celebrated the holiday across different eras.

[Kindness Cards Bring Needed Warmth and Connection](#)

-This blog describes a fun and service-oriented program piloted by a youth services librarian.