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SAVE THE DATE FOR SNAPSHOT DAY 2024

Mark your calendars and get your cameras ready; **Wyoming Snapshot Day** is scheduled for **October 22, 2024!**

Since 2011, libraries across the state have participated in Wyoming Snapshot Day by sharing photos, stories, and patron testimonials that give a “snapshot” of the important impact libraries have in our communities. Coordinated by the Wyoming State Library (WSL), Snapshot Day is an annual opportunity to show how **your** Wyoming library makes a difference with the rest of the Wyoming library community and stakeholders.

October 22 will mark our 14th annual Wyoming Snapshot Day, and the WSL hopes to have a record-breaking number of participating libraries! Make sure your library is represented with photos, stories, patron testimonials, or reader’s comments. As few or as many photos, stories, and comments from each library are

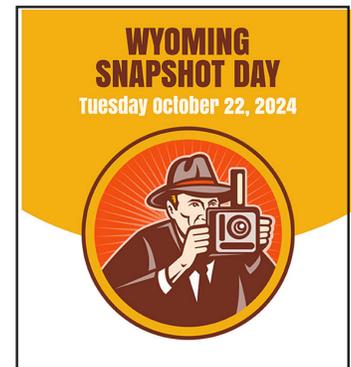
welcome. (We’d love to have 100% Wyoming library participation!)

If October 22 isn’t the best day for your library to participate, photos and stories will

be accepted any other day during the week of October 21-25. Just let the WSL know your plan, and we’ll be glad to accommodate your needs.

Please contact Christi Weinzierl, WSL Communications and Grants Specialist, at christi.weinzierl1@wyo.gov or (307) 777-5919 and let her know your participation plans for Wyoming Snapshot Day 2024.

More information about this exciting event will be coming your way soon, so stay tuned!



WSL News

THE "WILD AND FREE" VOTES ARE IN!



The Wyoming State Library (WSL) has had the privilege of displaying the "Wild and Free: Mustangs of the McCullough Peaks" exhibit for the past several weeks. Each week as a new selection of photos from the collection have been featured, WSL patrons and staff have had the opportunity to vote on their favorite photos. The ballots have been tallied and **"Tate and Remington" by Jen Britton** was voted the WSL favorite.

A huge "thank you" to all who voted for their favorite photograph in the "Wild and Free: Mustangs of the McCullough Peaks" collection while the traveling exhibit was displayed at the Wyoming State Library. It has been such a pleasure hosting the exhibit and the voting has made it even more fun. "Wild and Free" was presented in cooperation with the Friends of a Legacy and was available for the public to view at the WSL until Friday, August 16.

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.

Around the State

SUMMER STORIES AND FUN AT THE STORY BRANCH LIBRARY



Sheridan County Library patrons enjoyed reading on blankets outside the Story Branch Library during their summer reading program.

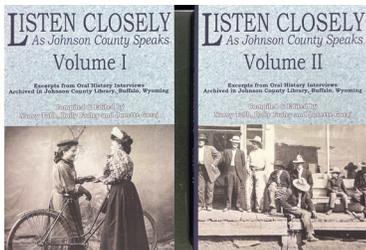
Young Sheridan County Library patrons had a blast reading, crafting, and exploring during the Story Branch Library's summer reading program earlier this month. Their program ran for two weeks on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and so much fun and adventure occurred during those six sessions involving books, blankets, clouds, and even bubbles!

"Each session included a story, a craft, an activity, and a snack," said Casey Paige, the Story Branch Library's library assistant. Sessions took place both indoors and outdoors and ranged

from taking a nature walk while seeking ten beautiful things to kids using their imaginations to create stories from wordless books. Along with the Story Branch Library’s branch manager, Stephanie Hutt, and Casey, many volunteers, including Jennifer Corbett and JoAnn Marquiss, helped make this event a success.

The Story Branch Library in Story, Wyoming, is one of four libraries included in the Sheridan County Public Library System, which also includes the main Fulmer Library in Sheridan, the Clearmont Branch Library in Clearmont, and the Tongue River Branch Library in Ranchester. All four Sheridan County libraries hold events for patrons of all ages. Find out more by visiting the [SCPLS’s online event calendar](#).

JOHNSON COUNTY LIBRARIES PUBLISH LOCAL HISTORY BOOKS



A project that began as the organization of oral history manuscripts has led to the recent publication of

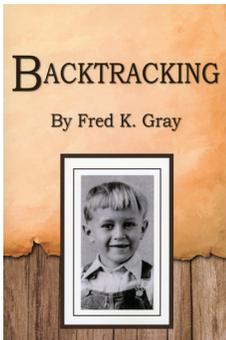
three books on the history of Johnson County, Wyoming, by the Johnson County Libraries (JCL). Five years of hard work and dedication from JCL employees and volunteers have produced a treasure trove of stories from those who lived, worked, and played in mid-northwestern Wyoming long, long ago. With

the help and support of current JCL Library Directory, Lindsey Belliveau, and former JCL Library Director, Steve Rzasa, these three insightful books about Wyoming’s history are now available to the Wyoming residents of 2024.

“Nancy and her volunteers have put their hearts into these publications and it’s taken a lot of time and planning,” said Lindsey.

Years before work began on this project, Dolly Fraley, a longtime volunteer in the JCL’s Local History Room, had transcribed over 350 oral history interviews originally recorded by Patty Myers and archived by Nancy Jennings in the library’s historical collection. Wanting a more streamlined indexing system for the manuscripts, Dolly, along with Nancy Tabb, JCL’s current Local History Librarian, and Jonette Goraj, another Local History Room volunteer, set out to make the information in these manuscripts usable. The three collaborators selected, fact-checked and edited stories into two volumes of Johnson County history—Listen Closely as Johnson County Speaks, Volumes I and II. The first-person accounts captured in the Listen Closely books describe what life was like during the early days of Johnson County, including homesteading, farming and ranching, hard times, and fun social gatherings. Work has begun on Volume III of this series.

The third book published, *Backtracking* focuses on the life and times of long-time Johnson County resident, Fred K. Gray. Written by Fred himself and edited by Nancy, Jonette, and Dolly,



Backtracking chronicles how Fred grew up in Buffalo, Wyoming, served in the South Pacific during WWII, worked for the Wyoming Highway Department, and lived and worked in the Big Horn Mountains. An anonymous donor financed

the publication of *Backtracking*, and the memoir now serves as a window into Johnson County’s fascinating past.

“We are so excited to share all of these wonderful stories,” said Nancy.

Find more information about the Johnson County Library’s publications [here](#).

NEW WHEELS FOR TETON COUNTY



A new and brightly colored vehicle has been spotted on valley roads, and a quick look reveals twin themes to its graphics--books and people. Teton County Library (TCL) has unveiled its outreach van and a home delivery service

offering free pick up and drop off of library materials for patrons who find it difficult to visit in person.

“We’re always looking to remove barriers to access of the collection,” said Anna Barker, the TCL’s Outreach Coordinator. “Free home delivery service is about as accessible as it gets. We’ll even issue you a library card.” Teton County patrons who are interested in home delivery can direct any questions to Anna at (307) 733-2164, extension 3244, or email outreach@tclib.org.

“We learned during our strategic planning surveys in 2022 that some folks found it difficult to visit the library for a variety of reasons,” said Library Director Kip Roberson. Staff recommended that a vehicle to help reach these folks be added to the wish list of items to be funded by Teton County Library Foundation & Friends during the next few years.

“Last year, library staff approached us about an ideal vehicle that was available from a local auto dealer,” added Diana Peck, Executive Director of the Teton County Library Foundations & Friends. “Our board gave approval to move ahead with purchasing and personalizing the new van.”

Next came outfitting the van with a custom design that would grab attention and become immediately identifiable with the library. Peck approached graphic designer Drayton Holcomb, who had designed the iconic Sprout Mobile van. Holcomb’s final graphics are colorful and playful, conveying the importance both of books



Young Teton County patrons enjoy some quiet time in the library van at Touch-a-Truck.

and of community, and representing activities from all of Teton County's beautiful seasons.

“The outreach van is like a moving mural,” said Peck.

“The design details truly capture a sense of place, and our hope is that when the van is parked, community members will take a closer look and find themselves represented in the images.”

Those images include people of all abilities on a bike/pedestrian path, climbing a gigantic book, reading, creating art, navigating a river, and skiing. There is even a jackalope and a rendering of the library’s book bike.

The outreach van is also establishing a presence at community events, such as the recent Touch-a-Truck event, at which it served as a quiet space with books, headphones, and coloring pages amid the noisiness and busyness of truck horns and engines. Additionally, the van has popped up at Snow King Resort for gear repairs, at GTNP employee orientations, and several of the Grazing Rights food truck series, distributing free books and library information.

The TCL has locations in both Jackson and Alta. Find out more on their [website](#).

HOT SPRINGS COUNTY LIBRARY WRAPS UP SUMMER READING

The Hot Springs County Library (HSCL) wrapped up their last few days of their summer reading program with some fun in the sun! Their adventures included a walk on the Zoo Trail in the Hot Springs State Park, cooling off with a bounce house with a slide and a pool, and a Nerf war.



HSCL kids take a hike through Hot Springs State Park.

"The bouncy house and pool were a great way to cool off in the heat that we've had," said Kailey Dvorak, Youth Services Librarian at the HSCL. "We had a very successful and fun summer."

Youth Services

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SMOKEY BEAR



The Wyoming State Library wished a very happy 80th birthday to Smokey Bear, the U.S.

Forest Service’s longtime wildfire prevention mascot and reading champion of this year’s Collaborative Summer Library Program. Learn more about Smokey the Bear [here](#).

Several of our Wyoming libraries have participated in the Smokey Bear Reading Challenge as part of their summer reading program for kids. The Sweetwater County Library even had a visit from Smokey Bear himself! Read more about Smokey’s visit [here](#).

Happy 80th birthday, Smokey Bear, and thanks for making summer reading an even greater adventure!

CSLP ANNUAL SURVEY NOW OPEN



Now that we are approaching the end of August,

many summer reading programs are drawing to a close. It’s time to provide feedback on how this year’s summer reading program went at your Wyoming library!

If you manage summer reading programming at your library, please take some time to complete the Collaborative Summer Learning Program’s annual survey. The survey is now open and will be available until until **Friday, September 13, 2024**. Your input is crucial in helping CSLP assess the effectiveness of the materials offered nationwide.

You can access the survey directly [here](#). For your convenience, the survey is also available in PDF format [here](#).

This survey is specifically for public library staff who manage the 2024 summer library

programming. Multiple staff members from the same library may fill out relevant sections.

Even if “Adventure Begins at Your Library” wasn’t your theme, your feedback is still incredibly valuable. Your participation in the survey will help provide a complete picture of the program’s impact.

If you have any questions or need help, feel free to reach out to Letitia Bulic, Wyoming State Library Youth Services Consultant at letitia.bulic@wyo.gov or (307) 777-3642. Thank you for your time and valuable input!



Calendar

- Sep 1-30 [Library Card Sign-up Month](#)
- Sep 8 [International Literacy Day](#)
- Sep 20-23 [ARSL Conference](#)
- Sept 17 [National Voter Registration Day](#)
- Sep 22-28 [Banned Books Week](#)
- Sep 25 [Banned Websites Awareness Day](#)
- Oct 1-31 [TeenTober](#)
- Oct 1-31 [Health Literacy Month](#)

Databases & Electronic Resources

NEW WEBINAR RECORDING AVAILABLE



Did you miss the “Let’s Go Places: Exploring the Wyoming Places Heart Mountain Japanese-American

WWII Internment Camp Digital Exhibit” webinar presented on Friday, August 16? A recording of the webinar is now available [here](#).

The Heart Mountain World War II Japanese American Confinement Site (also known as the Heart Mountain Relocation Center or the Heart Mountain Internment Camp) was constructed in the summer of 1942 as part of a larger government movement during WWII to house Japanese-Americans the United States Government perceived as a threat to national security. More than 10,000 people were incarcerated at the Heart Mountain Camp, located between the towns of Powell and Cody in Wyoming, and remained until its closure on November 10, 1945. This digital exhibit features historic newspapers written in both English and Japanese languages, historic photographs,

drawings, artwork, videos, and other resources that highlight Wyoming’s only Japanese Internment Camp. This webinar was presented by Jessica Otto and Travis Pollok and facilitated by Paige Bredenkamp, all of the Wyoming State Library.

Recordings of other webinars presented by the Wyoming State Library can be found on our [webinars page](#).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO HARRY POTTER!



Patrons enjoyed Butterbeer and Harry Potter trivia at the Laramie County Library in Cheyenne.

July 31 was the popular fictional character, Harry Potter’s birthday and a great opportunity to celebrate the magic of books, fantasy, and reading.

Many of our Wyoming libraries hosted special events for patrons of all ages to celebrate this fun literary holiday including Quidditch matches, trivia, costume contests, and other fun activities related to the Harry Potter series. The Laramie County Library System’s main library in Cheyenne hosted a day-long event for children, as well as an evening trivia event complete with treats and prizes for teens and adults.

You can find and borrow ebook and audiobook versions of the Harry Potter books, along with other fantasy books, with Libby on the WSL’s [GoWYLD portal](#) using your library card and PIN.

HAPPY LEFTHANDERS DAY FROM THE WYOMING STATE LIBRARY!



Lefthanders Day is celebrated each August 13. Twelve percent of the world's population is

left-hand dominant, including many authors, actors, politicians, members of royalty, and other celebrities. Join the celebration of this unique trait by reading about your favorite famous lefties using [Gale in Context-Biography](#) on the [GoWYLD portal](#). This database offers biographical articles on over 5,500 contemporary and historical people, including bibliographies of additional resources for further reading.

HAPPY NATIONAL BOOK LOVERS DAY



A young Sheridan County Library patron reads during Story's summer reading program.

National Book Lovers Day was August 9, but it's not too late to celebrate by checking out an old favorite or a new volume that may become your new favorite. Or, if digital reading or listening is more your style, visit the WSL's [GoWYLD portal](#) and check out that audiobook or ebook you keep hearing about but haven't gotten a chance to read yet.

Wyoming Library Association

EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS



The Wyoming Library Association's Awards/Grants Committee has extended the nomination deadline for Outstanding Hero/Heroine, Outstanding Librarian, Outstanding Library, the Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Nora Van Burgh Grant to August 31. Learn more or submit your nominations or applications on the [WLA website](#). Questions? Contact WLAwardsCommittee@gmail.com or Travis Pollok at travis.pollok@wyo.gov.

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People News



Becky Iwen, Youth Services Manager at the Sweetwater County Public Library System, was featured in the WHYoming column of Sweetwater

Now honoring her many contributions to the Sweetwater County community. She has held this position for fourteen years, but began her library career as a library page at age 15. Read more [here](#).



Esther Perez comes to the University of Wyoming as the newly appointed STEM Digital Scholarship Librarian. She holds a Master of Library and Information Science from San Jose State University, a

Master of Science in Physics from Texas A&M University, a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics, and a Bachelor of Science in Physics from Rice University. This is her first library position, for which she is very excited to lend her experience and expertise to help elevate the level of resources offered and the scholarship produced at the University of Wyoming. In her free time, Esther enjoys exploring the outdoors, creating art, cooking good food, and spending time with her cat, Lucy.



Sammy Peter, Chair of Research and Instruction and Instructional Design Librarian at the University of Wyoming Libraries, was recently appointed to the post of editor for the Publications in Librarianship

(PIL) book series for the Association for College and Research Libraries (ACRL). Outside of her library work, she enjoys outdoor activities such as hiking and gardening, as well as playing with her dogs and enjoying the beautiful state of Wyoming.



Deborah White joined the University of Wyoming Libraries as the Digital Collections Librarian. She has more than ten years of experience as a Digital Librarian. She holds a Master of Library & Information

from the University of South Carolina, a Master of Arts in English Literature from the University of Idaho, and Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Washington State University. Before coming to the University of Wyoming, Deborah served as an Office Coordinator Assistant at an ALE school in her hometown of Port Orchard, Washington. Outside of work, Deborah enjoys chilling with her cat, watching movies, journaling, and going on road trips to historical landmarks.

Upcoming Celebrations

LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH



Each September, libraries celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month and encourage members of their communities to get library cards. How will your library celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month this year? Free promotional resources featuring Optimus Prime and the other Transformers are available on [ALA’s Library Card Sign-up Month webpage](#). Share photos and information following your Library Card Sign-up Month programs or events to Christi Weinzierl, Wyoming State Library’s Communications and Grants Specialist at christi.weinzierl1@wyo.gov. Read the full blog post [here](#).

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY 2024



International Literacy Day will be celebrated in just a few weeks and serves as an annual reminder that literacy is a human right for all.

The theme for ILD2024 will be “Promoting Multilingual Education: Literacy for Mutual Understanding and Peace.” A global conference and live celebration will take place on September 9 and 10 in Yaoundé, Cameroon, however, people all over the world can celebrate both online and on a smaller scale in their own communities. You can find out more about International Literacy Day on [UNESCO’s International Literacy Day website](#).

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GET READY FOR TEENTOBER 2024



Each October, libraries across the country focus on teen

literacy, programming, and services. What are your library’s plans for celebrating teenagers and teen literature this year? If you are looking for ideas, this [TeenTober Toolkit](#) on the [ALA website](#) is a great place to start. The toolkit includes social media graphics, sample programming ideas, evaluation tools, and more!

Please share your TeenTober programs and events with the rest of the Wyoming library community! Send your photos and information to Christi Weinzierl, the Wyoming State Library’s the WSL’s Communications and Grants Specialist at christi.weinzierl1@wyo.gov.

Training

UPCOMING GENEALOGY WEBINAR



The Wyoming State Library will host a live Zoom webinar, **Genealogy Basics for Wyoming Library Staff** on **September 12 at 2:00 p.m.** This webinar will help you find your ancestors using resources available at Wyoming libraries and will cover how to help you or library patrons get started researching their family tree, or get past their “brick walls.” The presenter will also help you with the tips and tricks of using [Ancestry Library](#) and [Heritage Quest Online](#) and let you know when to suggest other resources. This event will be presented by Elaine Hayes and Oranda Davis of the Laramie County Public Library and will be facilitated by Paige Bredenkamp of the Wyoming State Library. You can register for this exciting event [here](#).

WLLI NEEDS BASKETS!

SIGN UP TO DONATE A THEMED GIFT BASKET BENEFITTING THE WYOMING LIBRARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

All baskets will be raffled off at the WLA Conference!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP, CONTACT LINDA HERGET AT LHERGET@LCCC.WY.EDU

Professional Opportunities

“WHAT THE TECH” AT WLA 2024



Volunteer to share your knowledge in the 11:30 a.m. “What the Tech” session at the Wyoming Library Association Conference in Casper on Friday, October 11th.

This session is a lightning-round tour of technologies that can be used in (and sometimes out) of the library world. Run by Jessica, Paige, and Letitia from the Wyoming State Library’s Library Development Office, What the Tech has something for everyone in a rapid-fire show of websites, apps, tools, and tech developments. Participation is required by presenting and being an active attendee (maximum 25 presenters, no maximum attendees). To present, simply choose a tech to talk about and put together a few PowerPoint slides prior to the conference; at WLA, in two minutes or less, explain what the resource is and how it can be used. As an active attendee, be ready to take note of the exciting tech developments you want to investigate later.

See past presentations [here](#), and reserve your spot by September 5 by contacting Jessica Otto at jessica.otto@wyo.gov. Topics and presentations are due September 30.

Library Jobs

[Associate Librarian-Assistant Dean, User Services](#)

University of Wyoming Libraries
Laramie, WY
Open until filled
Posted July 29, 2024

[Assistant Librarian-Special Collections](#)

University of Wyoming Libraries
Laramie, WY
Open until filled
Posted July 29, 2024

[Library Director](#)

Converse County Library System
Douglas, WY
Open until filled
Posted July 29, 2024

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.

News in Brief

[Introduction to Authority Control-](#)

Authority Control is a foundational concept in cataloging and bibliographic access. The goal of authority control is to improve precision and recall in searching so that researchers can retrieve all the results for a particular author, title, or subject, without including anything unrelated. This video tutorial, [Introduction to Authority Control](#), is an introduction to the terms and concepts associated with authority control.

[The Science of Reading and the Power of Talking-](#)

Early literacy is the cornerstone of educational development, with significant implications for a child's academic success and lifelong learning. This blog reviews components of the Science of Reading and concentrates on how talking to and with young children is an important tool in early literacy.

[Fostering Public Library Teen Engagement Through Connected](#)

[Learning-](#)For public libraries, building connected learning-based teen services means reimagining offerings to reflect the culture and needs of diverse teens and their communities. This blog post highlights two new reports that offer valuable insights and recommendations for public libraries working to foster teen engagement.

[One Page at a Time...Helping Children Through Grief-](#)Grief can be overwhelming for all, especially in growing children. When reading stories that discuss loss, mourning or death, it

may help them identify the sudden onset of new emotions and give them the ability to articulate how they feel to their grown-ups. Stories may also help them feel less alone during a time that can already be so isolating and possibly give them the gift of hope that things will get better.

[Second Quarter 2024 Video Game](#)

[Releases-](#)This post includes a list of the 155 games released from April to June of 2024.

[Rate, Review & Subscribe-](#)This blog discusses the importance of asking for, collecting, and analyzing caretaker feedback for children's story time sessions.

[Take a Virtual Field Trip-](#)Taking a virtual field trip can be an exciting and educational experience for students and library patrons alike. These digital excursions allow us to explore locations without the logistical challenges of traditional field trips. Virtual field trips eliminate barriers such as transportation costs, permission slips, and scheduling conflicts. Students can explore museums, zoos, or historical sites from the comfort of their classrooms or homes, making learning more inclusive. This blog suggests several virtual field trips that offer a wide range of experiences.

[The Signs and Science of Burnout-](#)

Employee burnout is rising at an alarming rate across many fields. In libraries, staff often face added unique challenges that contribute to workplace pressure and make the need for support even more pressing. This article and accompanying videos describe the signs of employee burnout and brain science behind it.

Grant and Award Opportunities

[McMurry Library Grants](#)

Deadline: September 15, 2024

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 & Training (Library & Individual), Library Resources, and Library Foundation Development. Resource grants can be used to purchase library books, audio-visual materials, informational software and hardware, and databases. Applications can be submitted for children, youth or adult resources, both physical and electronic. The library is expected to provide a collection analysis to support its justification for a grant and information on the population to be served by the project. More information can be found on the [Wyoming State Library website](#).

[Rocky Mountain Power Foundation](#)

Deadline: September 15, 2024

The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has four grant opportunities throughout the year. The next opportunity is for Arts festivals, cultural heritage, museums, music, theater/drama, and visual arts. Grants generally are less than \$10,000 with most between \$2,000 and \$5,000.

[Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program](#)

Deadline: September 20, 2024

The Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program (LB21) supports the training and professional development of library and archives professionals; developing faculty and information leaders; and recruiting, educating, and retaining the next generation of library and archives professionals in order to develop a diverse library and archival workforce and meet the information needs of their communities. The program supports projects that develop or enhance practices, programs, or initiatives encouraging diverse or underrepresented students to pursue careers in library and information science, develop or enhance initiatives, programs, or curricula to increase the capacity of institutions to educate or retain diverse or underrepresented library and information science students, develop or enhance professional development and training programs to enable the library and archival workforce to meet the needs of their communities, support the research of untenured, tenure-track library and information science faculty, furthering the faculty member's long-term research agenda, career trajectory, and professional development.

[National Leadership Grants for Libraries](#)

Deadline: September 20, 2024

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 program supports projects that serve the learning needs of the public through libraries and archives, improve community well-being through libraries and archives, provide broad access to and preservation of information and collections through libraries and archives; or provide services to affected communities in the event of an emergency or disaster.

Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program

Deadline: September 23, 2024

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will accept applications for the Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program. This grant, part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, aims to fund initiatives that ensure communities have the access and skills to fully participate in the digital world, regardless of their background or circumstances. NTIA anticipates issuing between 150 and 200 grants within a range of \$5-\$12 million per award. Eligible organizations include state agencies, such as agencies responsible for administering or supervising adult education and literacy activities; native entities; nonprofits; community anchor institutions; local educational agencies; and workforce development programs.

PLA/AT&T Digital Literacy Workshop Incentive

Deadline: October 18, 2024

The Public Library Association (PLA), in partnership with AT&T, offers funding and resources through the Digital Literacy Workshop Incentive program to support libraries in teaching essential digital skills using PLA's [DigitalLearn course modules](#) and training materials that are freely available to anyone. Fifty large libraries will receive \$10,000 each to teach a minimum of 75 learners. Fifty small libraries (service population of less than 100,000) will receive \$5,000 each to teach a minimum of 30 learners. Grant funds can be used for hiring trainers, purchasing training aids, giveaways, and technology, printing materials, advertising workshops, translating materials, providing snacks, transportation, and childcare, renting space, and more.

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 Honoraria (a “thank you” for the Indigenous Knowledge Keeper’s time and energy) 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 the 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 Grants 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.

[Books Save Lives Grant](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

Each Books Save Lives Grant will provide up to \$5,000 per school library. The grant money must be used toward purchasing diverse books and the books must remain on the shelves for a minimum of three years. Applicants must nominate a school library within the United States to receive a Books Save Lives Grant. Applications may be completed anonymously. The grant must

be used to purchase diverse books for school libraries. Winning libraries may select titles and quantities based on book lists provided by WNDB. Books Save Lives will ship the books directly to the school. *Note: we will continue adding books to the lists.* Winning schools must provide a signed written agreement that the books they receive via the grant will remain on shelves for a minimum of three years.

[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. We provide a list of over 500 quality hard-

cover children's books from which Children's Book Project grant recipients can select books best suited for their community. The book list includes 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

Supports organizations and programs that support and improve the general welfare and quality of life in the communities in which BNSF Railway Company operates. Generally, they will consider requests for funding that clearly fall within one or more of the following categories: 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.