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## Three Wyoming Librarians Represent Wyoming in the Nation's Capital City

Three Wyoming librarians, including Abby Beaver, Wyoming State Librarian; Cass Kvenild, University of Wyoming Dean of Libraries; and Cristine Braddy, Goshen County Library Director, represented our state at COSLA's (Chief Officers of State Library Agencies) annual "Voices for Libraries" event in Washington, D.C., on March 4, 5, and 6.

During the event, the team met with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and attended sessions regarding federal funding and the economic impact of libraries. They also attended the Wyoming representatives' "Wyoming Wednesday" event, during which all Wyoming constituents are invited to meet with the Wyoming Congress members over coffee and donuts and have their pictures taken. Abby, Cass, and Cristine were able to briefly meet with Senator Barrasso and Congresswoman Hageman. They also met with Mattie Harris, Senator Lummis' Legislative Aide, Tiffany Mortimore, Senator Barrasso's Legislative Assistant, and Laura

Lee, Congresswoman Hageman's Legislative Correspondent, to talk about Wyoming libraries, how the Wyoming State Library uses our Grants to States funds, and the Wyoming Library AI Summit. During the trip, the group also participated in a tour of the Capitol building led by one of Senator Lummis' interns from Riverton, saw several local sites, and enjoyed some delicious food.

"We walked from the Washington Monument, along the Reflecting Pool, to the Lincoln Memorial at night," said Abby. "We also visited the Smithsonian National Zoological Park and saw pandas, red pandas, sand cats, and gorillas."



*Left to Right-Abby, Cristine, and Cass pose in front of the "Portrait Monument to Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Susan B. Anthony" statue located in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda.*

## WSL News

### KJ HILLGREN JOINS THE WYOMING STATE LIBRARY AS SYSTEMS LIBRARIAN

KJ Hillgren recently joined the Wyoming State Library's (WSL) WYLD Office as their new Systems Librarian. Her first day at the WSL was March 10. She brings knowledge and experience from a variety of locations and positions, and her library and technical support background will be asset to the WSL team.



KJ received her bachelor's degree in Scandinavian Studies from the University of Washington and her IMLS degree from the University of Maryland. She has served as a youth librarian, a health sciences librarian at a medical school library, and in many other capacities throughout her career.

"I'm excited to return to providing services to those who work in public libraries," said KJ. "I'm also looking forward to using my skills and the opportunity to expand my knowledge of SirsiDynix."

Having grown up in Texas and living many different places including Hawaii, Alaska, and

California, KJ is enjoying getting settled in Wyoming. She loves spending time exploring her new community with her dog, Moira Rose. The WSL is grateful that KJ has joined the WSL team and is so glad to have her aboard!

### THE WSL WELCOMES MAKAYLA KOPPLIN AS NEW INTERLIBRARY LOAN TECHNICIAN

MaKayla Kopplin has joined the Wyoming State Library as their new Interlibrary Loan Technician. Her first day at the WSL was March 24.



MaKayla brings education and experience that will serve her well in her new position. She recently graduated from Laramie County Community College (LCCC) with an Associate's Degree in English Education, and she has worked at both the LCCC bookstore and financial aid office.

"I applied for this position because I love reading and writing, as well as helping people," said MaKayla. "I'm also very organized. This job at the WSL is a great fit for me."

This will be MaKayla's first full-time position since her graduation, and she is full of joy and enthusiasm for the work.

"I'm excited for all of the growth and learning that working in this new position will provide," said MaKayla.

MaKayla loves both reading and writing fantasy. She also collects pens of various types and has over one hundred of them.

"We're thrilled to have MaKayla join our team!" said Travis Pollok, WSL Information Services Manager, "I am looking forward to how her skills and interests bring new opportunities to the position."

## Around the State

### CONVERSE COUNTY LIBRARY WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR

The Converse County Library (CCL) welcomed Mary Lin Maner as their new director in early January. Having recently relocated to Wyoming from outside of Augusta, Georgia, Mary Lin is loving her new position and is enjoying living in Converse County, Wyoming.



"The openness and beauty amazes me every time I go outside or look out the window," said Mary Lin.

Holding several degrees from the University of South Carolina, including a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, as well as both MLIS and SLIS degrees, Mary Lin was an elementary school media specialist for 16 years in Augusta, Georgia, after which she moved into the public library realm, becoming the County Libraries

Manager for Columbia County in Georgia in 2009. During her time as the County Libraries Manager, she was tasked with weighing the pros and cons of the libraries remaining members of their current Regional Library System or breaking away and forming a new system. The system ended up breaking away and became the headquarters county for the new regional library system in 2013. Mary Lin was then the director for the new region, which consisted of four counties and eight buildings.

"I think coming from a large population with many libraries and counties, I have the ability to work with anyone," said Mary Lin. "I think I will be able to network more consistently in Converse County to bring awareness to the libraries."

Moving to Wyoming has fulfilled two lifelong dreams for Mary Lin—moving away from Augusta and moving to Wyoming, as she loves outdoor activities including hiking, walking, and bike riding. She would eventually love to try kayaking when the weather allows it.

"After college, my parents asked me to move back home for work. Little did I know of their plan; to retire and go sailing! So, for 25 years, I took care of their "stuff," especially before everything moved online," said Mary Lin. "They have been back home for a few years, so I decided it was

time for me to spread my wings. When I saw the position advertised, I jumped on it and never looked back!”

Now that she has been at the Converse County Library, Mary Lin has noticed that the library locations in both Douglas and Glenrock are vibrant and well used.

“Each community is different and each requires different resources and programs,” said Mary Lin. “I see this as a strength for Converse County.”

In regards to her goals for the CCL, Mary Lin hopes to bring more cohesion to the libraries, as well as enhance their programming and outreach to the communities each library serves. She also hopes to bring in more local partnerships from Douglas and Glenrock to their respective library locations.

Mary Lin is glad to be a part of the Wyoming library community and is excited to connect with other library professionals in the state.

## WASHAKIE COUNTY LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

Washakie County Library’s Worland location’s construction project is well underway. The project’s main objective is expanding the children’s section of the



*Construction workers labor on the project.*

library to create a multi-purpose space in the children’s area. The space will include additional classrooms, a tiered seating area, a dedicated toddler area, and an enlarged makerspace discovery area.

Karen Funk, Washakie County Library System Director, shared the following words regarding the project’s progress: “As the children’s addition to the Washakie County Library comes to life, we pause to consider how we are forming the future. Cement block by cement block, we are creating the foundation of a building. But we are also reinforcing the foundation of our community’s young readers and their families. We are transforming this space into a library area that will be used for story-times, workshops, group activities and programs. There will be easier access to materials and we will include an area for children to develop their technology skills and a quiet area to get lost in a book. We look forward to enhancing our patron’s library experience with this construction project. We are not just a drop off place for books, we are a destination in our community.”

## MOORCROFT BRANCH LIBRARY RECEIVES NATIONAL GRANT

The Moorcroft Branch Library has been selected as one of 300 libraries to receive a \$10,000 grant from





Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities, an American Library Association (ALA) initiative that provides community engagement and accessibility resources to small and rural libraries to help them better serve people with disabilities. As part of the grant, the Moorcroft Branch Library staff and the Crook County Library Director will take an online course in how to lead conversations, a skill vital to library work today. Staff will then host a conversation with residents about their mobility needs and use the grant funds to replace the front entrance ramp.

“We are so proud to be chosen for this amazing opportunity,” said Crook County Library Director Bonnie Stahla. “This grant will allow our library to better serve residents with disabilities. The funds will help us improve our Moorcroft location to ensure this population feels welcome and can better access the building.”

Also, the library’s current entrance and building layout make access to the library difficult for community members with wheelchairs, walkers, crutches or any type of mobility issue. For more information, read the full [blog post](#).

**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](mailto:christi.weinzierl1@wyo.gov).

## Youth Services

### SUMMER READING LIBGUIDE NOW UPDATED FOR 2025

Spring has sprung, and it’s time to start getting reading for your library’s summer reading program!



A new [Summer Reading 2025 libguide](#) is now available on

GoWYLD. The subject guide is broken down by age and includes information, links, tips and tricks, programming ideas, and more to help you make your library’s summer reading program the best it can be!

Check out Summer Reading 2025 on GoWYLD today! Please contact Joanne Pruitt, Wyoming State Library’s Youth Services Specialist, at (307)777-3642 or [joanne.pruitt@wyo.gov](mailto:joanne.pruitt@wyo.gov), with any questions regarding youth services, CSLP (Collaborative Summer Library Program), or the new subject guide.

### GOT MATH?

Are you looking for some engaging and education math-related literature?



Look no further than [Tumble Math](#) on [GoWYLD!](#) TumbleMath is a companion resource to the popular Tumblebooks resources available on

GoWYLD, and delivers the same caliber of high-quality children's books in animated form and focuses on literature that enhances students' understanding of math concepts including counting, addition, subtraction, multiplication, word problems, geometry, fractions, place value, measurement, probability, division, graphing, finance, time, temperature, and more. TumbleMath is currently available on GoWYLD as a trial subscription, so be sure to try it out before September 30, 2025, to see what you think of this resource!

## New Books

The latest additions to the Wyoming State Library's professional development collection are available to you through [WYLDcat](#). Questions, comments, or suggestions for purchase may be directed to Library Development Manager Brian Greene at [brian.greene@wyo.gov](mailto:brian.greene@wyo.gov) or (307) 777-6339.

### [The No-Nonsense Guide to Leadership, Management and Teamwork](#)

Barbara Allen

London: Facet Publishing, 2019.

### [Wholehearted Librarianship](#)

Michael T. Stephens

Chicago: ALA Editions, 2019.

# Wyoming Library Association

## WLA CONFERENCE 2025 CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

Wyoming libraries have remained strong over the past years and continue to deliver excellent services to our communities, campuses, and schools. Last year's conference theme was Stand and Deliver, and you have done that. Now it's time to celebrate libraries as places of joy!



The 2025 Wyoming Library Association's (WLA) annual conference will take place **September 24-26, 2025**, at the Best Western Downtown Casper Hotel. This year, as library professionals come together for WLA's annual conference, the emphasis will be on how ***Libraries are Places of Joy***, despite the ever-present challenges to those in the library profession.

WLA needs your help to make this conference another success. This is an opportunity to share your knowledge and help your colleagues at Wyoming libraries improve services and create a joyful environment. How is your library creating joy? As usual, they are interested in receiving proposals on all topics relevant to libraries but also encourage you to consider what your library is doing to create joy.

The deadline for program proposals is **April 30, 2025**. The conference program planning subcommittee will review all proposals and make our selections by early June and will notify you of the status of your proposal by the end of June.

If you have questions, please reach out to Cristine Braddy at [cebraddy@gmail.com](mailto:cebraddy@gmail.com). Please find the program proposal form at [wyla.org](http://wyla.org).

## WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR 2024-2025 WYOMING STATE BOOK AWARDS

Student votes have been tallied, and winners have been announced for the 2024-



2025 Wyoming Book Awards! In a most unusual voting season, there was a three-way tie for Runner-Up in both the Indian Paintbrush AND Soaring Eagle! (Stay tuned for the 2025-2026 Wyoming Book Award Nominees, which will be announced in April!) Here are the winners:

### Buckaroo Award Winners (Grades K-3)

Winner: *Buffalo Fluffalo* by Bess Kalb  
 Runner-Up: *Fluffy McWhiskers Cuteness Explosion* by Stephen W. Martin  
 3rd Place: *Lucky Duck* by Greg Pizzoli

### Indian Paintbrush Award Winners (Grades 4-6)

Winner: *Amari and the Night Brothers*  
 Three-way tie for Runner-Up:  
*The Hope of Elephants* by Amanda Rawson Hill  
*Nugly* by M. C. Ross  
*Unplugged* by Gordon Korman

### Soaring Eagle Award Winners (Grades 7-12)

Winner: *Fallout* by Steve Sheinkin  
 Three-way tie for Runner-Up:  
*The Red Palace* by June Hur  
*Yonder* by Ali Standish  
*All My Rage* by Sabaa Tahir

Sponsored by the Wyoming Library Association and the Wyoming State Literacy Association, the Wyoming State Book Award provides the opportunity for Wyoming youth in grades K-12 to select a favorite book and honor its author. For more information, visit <https://www.wyla.org/Wyoming-Book-Awards>

## Digital Resources

### BOOST YOUR GRAMMAR WITH MOMETRIX

Did you know that

[Mometrix](#) on [GoWYLD](#)



has a collection of videos about various English language and grammar topics including capitalization, punctuation, usage, and more?

Celebrate great language skills every day by polishing your grammar with Mometrix!

[subject guide](#) and the [Wyoming Places Calendar](#) in this [blog post](#).

## USE GOWYLD RESOURCES TO HELP YOU BE A SMART CONSUMER

Earlier this month National Consumer Protection Week focused on helping people understand their consumer rights and avoid fraud and scams. [GoWYLD](#) offers resources that can help you be a smart consumer and protect yourself. Find out how to access valuable resources such as Consumer Reports to help you and your patrons with consumer research using GoWYLD's [eJournal Portal](#) in this [blog post](#).



## EXPLORE WYOMING WOMEN'S HISTORY ON GOWYLD

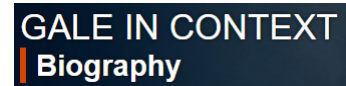
March was National Women's History Month and included 307 Day on March 7, but any day is a great opportunity to explore Wyoming history, including the numerous valuable contributions made by women. Read more about how to use the [Women's Suffrage in Wyoming](#)



*Wyoming was the first state to allow women to vote in an election.*

## FIND TRUE STORIES FROM FAMOUS PEOPLE ON GOWYLD

[GoWYLD](#) is a great place to find out more about other historical figures or contemporary humans of note. [Gale in Context's Biography database](#) has articles on the world's most influential people of yesterday and today and can be found among GoWYLD Student Research Resources. Simply type in the name of the person you'd like to learn more about and you can access updated biographical information, as well as a bibliography of additional articles and resources in which they are mentioned. Whether you're curious about your favorite film star or recording artist or need to find out more about an important person from history, Gale in Context: Biography is a great place to start your research. Check it out today!



## POETRY ON GOWYLD

Did you know [GoWYLD](#) has resources that can help you watch or listen to poetry read by poets? [ProQuest Poets on Screen](#) has more than 850 video clips of contemporary poets reading their work as well as others' work. Prize-





winning authors such as John Ashbery, Margaret Atwood, Blake Morrison, Nicci Giovanni, and many others read aloud poetry in various forms on a variety of topics in this collection.

To access this resource on GoWYLD, select the Subject Guides tab. Choose the Literature Guide from the list and click on the Literature Resources link. Select Poetry from the menu on the left and Poets on Screen from the options on the right.

Whether you are a poet yourself, an appreciator of poetry, or new to this artistic and lyrical form of writing, you can read and listen to some amazing poetry read by some of the best poets of all time! Who knows? Maybe you'll even be inspired to write your own poetry--it could happen!

## LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE ON GOWYLD

Whether you need to refresh your skills in the language you learned in high school, are planning to visit a country where another language is spoken, or simply want to challenge yourself by learning a new language, [GoWYLD](#) has a resource that can help you learn any one of 162 languages--[Pronunciator!](#) Pronunciator is available among the many e-learning resources on GoWYLD. Users can create a personalized language learning course



depending on their home language, areas of interest, and occupation. Courses for 163 languages, including French, with an average of 9,500 instructional phrases in each course exist within this helpful resource. Pronunciator also has ESL support for speakers of more than 50 non-English languages and videos for American Sign Language. Check out Pronunciator and the other helpful resources available with your Wyoming library card and PIN on GoWYLD today!

## TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING YOUR HOME WITH CULTUREGRAMS

Want to learn more about the world but short on travel



money? Use [ProQuest's CultureGrams](#) on [GoWYLD](#) to travel the world without spending a dime! CultureGrams can be found among GoWYLD's Student Research Resources and includes country reports that go beyond mere facts and figures to deliver a one-of-a-kind perspective on daily life and culture, including

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the background, customs, and lifestyles of the world's people. You can also find information on each of the U.S. or the Canadian provinces. Read more about how to use CultureGrams to be an armchair traveler in this [blog post](#).

## Upcoming Celebrations

### APRIL IS FULL OF REASONS TO CELEBRATE



April showers bring May flowers, or so everyone says! Here in Wyoming, it's likely to be snow showers, but along with the moisture of the spring comes a cavalcade of library-related holidays and observances. Check out some of April's reasons to celebrate:

[National Poetry Month](#)—Launched by the Academy of American Poets in April 1996,

National Poetry Month each **April 1-30** is a special occasion that celebrates poets' integral role in our culture and that poetry matters. Over the years, it has become the largest literary celebration in the world, with tens of millions of readers, students, K-12 teachers, librarians, booksellers, literary events curators, publishers, families, and—of course—poets, marking poetry's important place in our lives.

[School Library Month](#) School Library Month is the American Association of School Librarians' celebration of school librarians and school libraries and runs **April 1-30**.

[Citizen Science Month](#)—ANYONE, anytime, from anywhere, can be involved in One Million Acts of Science each **April 1-30** during Citizen Science Month. Individual acts add up to an important collective impact that accelerates scientific research, discoveries, and local actions that make a difference.

[National D.E.A.R Day](#)- Drop Everything and Read --National D.E.A.R. Day celebrated every year on **April 12th**, which is the birthday of beloved author Beverly Cleary. The concept of "Drop Everything and Read" is referenced in the second chapter of the book, [Ramona Quimby, Age 8](#), and Ramona, one of Beverly Cleary's most cherished characters, is the campaign spokesperson. On this day, adults and children are encouraged to read for at least 30 minutes.

[National Library Week](#)-National Library Week is **April 6-12** this year, and is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. Visit the link above for more detailed information regarding each day's celebration focus.

[National Volunteer Week](#)-Many of our Wyoming libraries benefit from the hard work and dedication of volunteers. National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to recognize the impact of volunteer service and the power of volunteers to tackle society's greatest challenges, to build stronger communities and be a force that transforms the world. It takes place every April during [Global Volunteer Month](#), which this year runs **April 27-May 4**.

[Children's Day/Book Day](#)-El día de los niños/ El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day), commonly known as Día, is a celebration of children, families, and reading that culminates yearly on **April 30**, and is a nationally recognized initiative that emphasizes the importance of literacy for all children.

[Preservation Week](#)-Preservation Week, celebrated this year April 27-May 3, inspires action to preserve your collections. This year's theme is **Preserve the Past, Shape the Future: Inspiring the Next Generation**.

## People News

Have People News at your library? Send it to Christi Weinzierl at [christi.weinzierl@wyo.org](mailto:christi.weinzierl@wyo.org).



*Suzette Paddock poses-and smiles with the CCLS "My First Library Card" prop.*

Saratoga Branch Manager **Suzette Paddock**'s twenty-four year career with the Carbon County Library System (CCLS) has come to a close. She began working for the CCLS in May of 2001 and has served Carbon County Library patrons continuously aside from taking a short break in 2015 and returning in June of 2016.

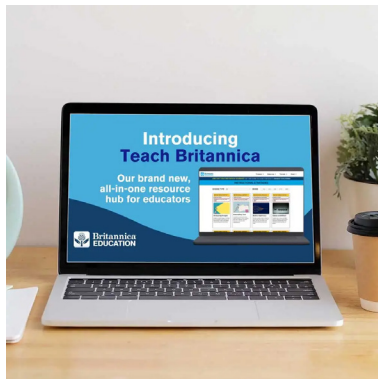
"We are saddened to see her go," said Maria Wenzel, Carbon County Library Director. "She is leaving behind some big shoes to fill for sure!"

Suzette's last day with the Carbon County Library System (CCLS) was March 28.

# Training and Professional Opportunities

## WEBINAR RECORDING NOW AVAILABLE-GOWYLD: TEACH BRITANNICA

Did you miss it? The Wyoming State Library hosted a free webinar, **“GoWYLD: Teach Britannica,”** on March 25 in which participants learned about Britannica Education’s new open platform, Teach Britannica, which is available to all educators. You can access the recording of this webinar, as well as other WSL webinars, on the [WSL webinar page](#).



## NEW PODCAST EPISODE NOW AVAILABLE-FREE TEST PREP RESOURCES TO ALL WYOMINGITES

A new episode of the Wyoming State Library’s (WSL) “Let’s Go WYLD” podcast is now available on Spotify! In this episode,



[“Free Test Prep Resources to All Wyomingites,”](#) Paige Bredenkamp, WSL’s eResources and School Library Consultant and host of the podcast, is joined by Joanne Pruitt, the WSL’s Youth Services Consultant, to discuss Mometrix and other test prep resources and information available for free through the [GoWYLD](#) platform. You can access both episodes of “Let’s GoWYLD” on our [Spotify page](#).

## AI SUMMIT KEYNOTE SPEAKER ANNOUNCED

Daniel A. Reed will be the keynote speaker at the AI Summit, which will be hosted by the University of Wyoming Libraries, the Wyoming State Archives, and the Wyoming State Library on **May 30, 2025**.



Daniel is the Presidential Professor in Computational Science (emeritus) at the University of Utah, where he previously served as Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs (aka Provost). He received his B.S. from Missouri University of Science and Technology and his M.S. and Ph.D. from Purdue University, all in computer science. He has served in a variety of senior academic and industry roles, and he is a member of many professional committees, councils, and boards. Read a complete bio of the AI Summit’s keynote speaker in this [blog post](#).

## Library Jobs

The Wyoming State Library maintains a job board for library positions around the state. These are the latest opportunities. Contact Christi Weinzierl at [christi.weinzierl1@wyo.gov](mailto:christi.weinzierl1@wyo.gov) to post jobs.

### Youth Services Specialist

Campbell County Library System  
Gillette, WY  
Closes April 9, 2025  
Posted March 26, 2025  
[Vacancy Announcement](#)

### Youth Services Assistant

Laramie County Library System  
Saratoga, WY  
Closes April 6, 2025  
Posted March 21, 2025  
[Vacancy Announcement](#)

### Library Branch Manager

Carbon County Library System  
Saratoga, WY  
Open until filled  
Posted March 17, 2025  
[Vacancy Announcement](#)

### Assistant Librarian-Instructional Design Librarian

University of Wyoming-Education & Research Services Division  
Laramie, WY  
Open Until Filled  
Posted January 29, 2025  
[Vacancy Announcement](#)

### Library Assistant, Senior

Acquisitions-UW Libraries  
Laramie, WY  
Open until filled  
Posted January 17, 2024  
[Vacancy Announcement](#)

### Library Assistant, Senior

Interlibrary Loan-UW Libraries  
Laramie, WY  
Open until filled  
Posted January 6, 2024  
[Vacancy Announcement](#)

### Assistant Librarian-Collection Management Librarian

University of Wyoming-Resource Discovery and Management Division  
Laramie, WY  
Open until filled  
Posted October 17, 2024  
[Vacancy Announcement](#)

## Grants & Awards

### Dollar General Youth Literacy Grants

#### **Deadline: April 3**

Schools, public libraries, and nonprofit organizations who help K-12 students that are below grade level or having trouble reading are eligible to apply. Grant funding is limited to grants of \$5,000 or less and is provided to assist in the following areas: implementing new or expanding existing literacy programs; purchasing new technology or equipment to support literacy initiatives; and purchasing books, materials or software for literacy programs.



### [ALA Library Building Capacity Grants](#)

**Deadline: April 9, 2025**

The American Library Association (ALA) Building Library Capacity Grants will assist public libraries that are or will serve New Americans (immigrants and refugees). The Building Library Capacity Grants are supported by the Mellon Foundation. Up to sixteen \$10,000 grants will be given to successful library applicants nationwide for library operations, including, but not limited to staff salary (direct or indirect,) materials, technology, and in-person or virtual services, and to establish, re-establish, sustain, amplify services, or create newly needed services.

### [Maureen Hayes Author/Illustrator](#)

#### [Visit Award](#)

**Deadline: April 15, 2025**

This award was established with funding from Simon and Schuster to honor Maureen Hayes for her life-long efforts to bring together children and authors/illustrators. The Maureen Hayes Author/Illustrator Visit Award pays for the honorarium and travel for a visiting author/illustrator. Applicants must be personal members of ALSC as well as the ALA.

### [EBSCO Solar Grants](#)

**Deadline: April 30, 2025**

Solar power is the cleanest and most abundant renewable energy source available. EBSCO now has more than 500 solar panels offsetting the amount of “brown power” we buy and generating clean energy to reduce EBSCO’s environmental footprint. We believe we can help make a critical impact on improving the environment and we want to help a library make the same transition to green power. For the tenth year in a row, EBSCO is accepting applications for grants that

will fund solar installations at libraries around the world. EBSCO will be making a total of \$300,000 in grants available. Applicants must be EBSCO customers.

### [Young Adult Services](#)

#### [Symposium Stipends](#)

**Deadline: June 1, 2025**

Every year YALSA holds the [Young Adult Services Symposium](#) and provides up to two stipends for attendance. Both stipends offer up to \$1,000 in funds for travel and registration. One stipend will be awarded to a library worker with one to ten years of experience who works directly with young adults, and the other will be awarded to a student enrolled in an ALA-accredited MLS program at the time of the symposium.

### [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 with a focus 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 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.

### **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 for school libraries. Applicants must nominate a school library within the United States to receive a Books Save Lives Grant. Applications may be completed anonymously. Winning libraries may select titles and quantities based on book lists provided by WNDB. WNDB will ship the books directly to the school. 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.

### [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 chosen from a list of over 500 quality hardcover children's books.

### [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.

### [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, including to helping upgrade tech at your local library, building new hiking trails, revitalize historic buildings, etc.

## News in Brief

### [Reading Ambassadors-A Model for Youth Programming in a University Collection-](#)

The [Worlds of Words](#) Center Reading Ambassador program has sent alumni to Stanford, Columbia, Harvard, Northwestern and the brightest ones to the University of Arizona (U of A) – a fact that is not surprising when considering that most high school students with extracurricular collegiate experiences continue onto college.

**[Joyful Picture Books](#)**-In this first post in a series, Tess Prendergast shares picture books that bring joy to children and their grown-ups.

### [Trash to Treasure: A Librarian's Guide to Hoarding for Good-](#)

Creativity often sparks when something is about to get thrown out because we know that someone can probably use it at some point in the future.

### [The Great AI Debate: Digital Artwork and Graphic Design-](#)

Understanding generative AI becomes especially important when trying to teach children about how to use AI ethically.

### [The Sustainability Issue: Taking Steps Toward Resilience-](#)

The coverage of this magazine issue spans from individual librarians to groups taking collective action, from institutions making small commitments to those shifting strategic priorities.

### [Psychological Safety in Libraries: It's a Team Sport-](#)

This interview is about psychological safety in academic libraries, affirming that psychological safety and culture change are a group effort, even if some team members have a disproportionate influence.