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## WLA Legislative Reception a Great Success

The 2022 Wyoming Library Association legislative reception was a great success! The event was held on February 17 at the Wyoming State Library. Between 40 and 50 legislators and many WLA members from across the state attended for an evening of conversation and home-cooked food. Enjoy these photos, and [see more](#) on the WSL blog.



*The Wyoming State Library celebrated its 150th birthday at the legislative reception. The cookies were provided by the WYLD Network.*



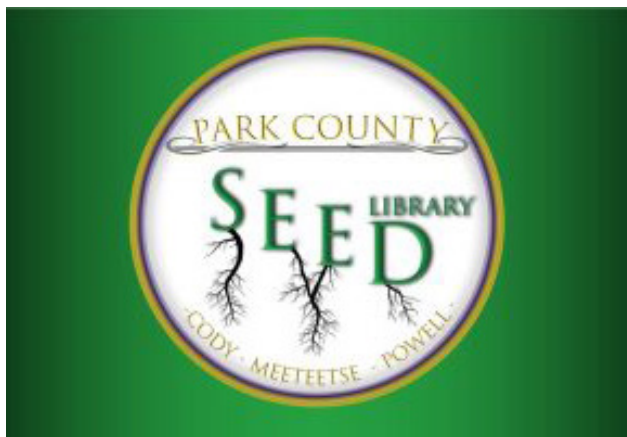
*The event drew dozens of legislators.*



*Some of the librarians in attendance: (L to R) Kim Storey, Abby Beaver, Anne Kuipers, and Kate Mutch.*

## Around the State

### PARK COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM LAUNCHES NEW SEED LIBRARIES



The Cody, Powell, and Meeteetse locations of the Park County Library System are buzzing with volunteerism as they prepare to launch new seed libraries at all three locations.

The most recent excitement includes the seed library logo contest and a call for seed sorting volunteers. [Read all about it](#) on the Park County Library blog.

The library wrote: “We are so thankful for the generosity that we’ve received. It is our hope that we can nurture our communities’ rich tradition of cultivation through engaging programs, shared seed collections, and print resources for many years to come with the support of our wonderful volunteers.”

### WYOMING LIBRARIES IN THE NEWS

Sometimes there are great stories about Wyoming libraries in the news. Here are two we spotted this month:

#### [#Lookback: Humble Origins of the Dubois Library](#) (County 10)

A trip back in time to the early days of the Fremont County Library – Dubois, which first opened its doors on January 16, 1937.

#### [Restoring Order from Chaos](#)

(The Sheridan Press)

When the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library installed a new roof, Wyoming Room staff had to move historical materials on short notice. A retired former employee helped put things back in order.

## School Libraries

### SHORT BYTES FOR THE K-12 LIBRARY COMMUNITY: BOOK CHALLENGES

The Colorado Virtual Library blog has launched a twice monthly “short bytes” newsletter for K-12 librarians featuring short articles and information they’ve found.

Their first installment focuses on recent upticks in challenges to library materials and programs. [Read their post](#) for many useful resources.

## WYSLICE 2022 OPEN TO K-8 TEACHERS AND LIBRARIANS

What can teachers and librarians do to integrate computer science? What type of computer science support does your district need? If you've ever asked these questions, [WySLICE](#) is for you!

WySLICE, Summer 2022, is looking for Wyoming schools and districts interested in partnering to learn about computer science (CS) implementation in classrooms. Teachers and librarians get paid to participate for one week in the summer. About 80 participant spots are available. [Learn more](#) and [sign up now](#).

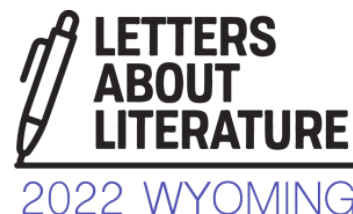


## Calendar

Mar 4	<a href="#">Wyoming Letters About Literature Deadline</a>
Mar 6-12	<a href="#">National Consumer Protection Week</a>
Mar 16	<a href="#">Freedom of Information Day</a>
Mar 23-25	<a href="#">PLA Conference</a>
Apr 1-30	<a href="#">School Library Month</a>
Apr 1-30	<a href="#">Citizen Science Month</a>
Apr 3-9	<a href="#">National Library Week</a>

## WYOMING LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE DEADLINE EXTENDED

The submission deadline for the 2022 Wyoming Letters About Literature Contest has been extended until March 4.



The contest invites Wyoming students in grades 4-12 to read, be inspired, and write back to the author (living or dead) of a book that changed their lives. It's a project of the Wyoming Center for the Book at Wyoming Humanities.

Complete information and the submission form can be found at [thinkwy.org](http://thinkwy.org) and searching "Letters About Literature" or by contacting Lucas Fralick at [lucas@thinkwy.org](mailto:lucas@thinkwy.org) or (307) 721-9243.

## RESOURCES ABOUT MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION

The North Dakota State Library has compiled this useful list of educator resources on misinformation and disinformation. [Learn more about each](#) on their blog.

- [News Literacy Project](#)
- [Newseum](#)
- [News Guard](#)
- [Society of Professional Journalists \(SPJ\)](#)

## Academic Libraries

### YELLOWSTONE POSTER EXHIBITION AT UW'S COE LIBRARY



*"Yellowstone National Park," a 1904 poster by Henry Wellge, is among works from the exhibition "Wonderland Illustrated" that will be on view at UW's Coe Library through May 27. (UW Libraries Photo)*

A first-of-its-kind exhibition that focuses on the history of Yellowstone National Park posters is on display at the University of Wyoming's Coe Library through Friday, May 27. "Wonderland Illustrated" presents posters and poster-style illustrations of the park spanning from the 1870s through 2022.

The exhibition coincides with this year's 150th anniversary of the creation of Yellowstone National Park. The posters in the exhibition serve the purpose of both advertising and art. [Learn more](#) on UW News.

UW Libraries also is collaborating with Montana State University (MSU) Library to host "Conversations on Collecting Yellowstone" June 5-8 at MSU. The conference will focus on collecting, preserving, and using materials that document the history of Yellowstone National Park. Registration is now open. Learn more at [www.collectingyellowstone.com](http://www.collectingyellowstone.com).

## Wyoming Library Association

### VOTING NOW OPEN FOR WYOMING BOOK AWARDS

Voting is now open for all [Wyoming Book Awards](#). Collect and cast votes for the Buckaroo, Indian Paintbrush, and Soaring Eagle awards until March 15. Nominations for next year's awards are also needed and encouraged; these are due by March 1. Forms for votes and nominations are [available online](#) (use the Award Resources link for each award). Questions? Contact Melissa Snider, Wyoming Book Awards Advisor, at [msnider@tcsd.org](mailto:msnider@tcsd.org).

## What's Up?

If you have great happenings at your library, we'd like to know! Send news to Susan Mark at [susan.mark@wyo.gov](mailto:susan.mark@wyo.gov).



## OPEN CONVERSATIONS ON EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION

The Wyoming Library Association's EDI (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) Committee has planned an Open Conversation on Pronouns on March 15 at 4:00 p.m. All library staff are welcome to attend. Guidelines for these conversations are [available online](#).

For details, contact Conrado Saldivar at [conrado.saldivar@wyo.gov](mailto:conrado.saldivar@wyo.gov).

For resources from the February EDI Conversation on Critical Race Theory, [visit the WSL blog](#).



## Databases & Electronic Resources

### GOWYLD TIDBITS FOR HELP, EXPLORATION, AND PROMOTION

Do you use [GoWYLD.net](#)? Even if you're a seasoned user, you might not know every tip and trick. Here are a few we'd like to share.

The **Subject Areas** links on GoWYLD.net go to topic specific guides (LibGuides). Here you will find direct links to the databases, as well as links to tutorials, training, and marketing materials.

Using the [See All Subjects](#) button or the [Subject Guides](#) tab at the top of GoWYLD.net lets you see more topical guides.

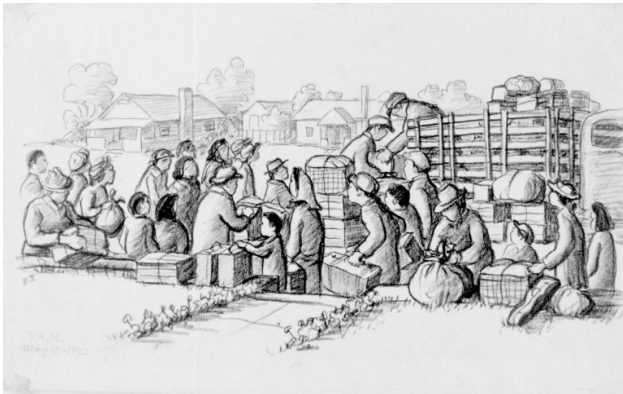
**Niche Academy** provides short tutorials on many of the resources. Access them by clicking on the Tutorials tab to the right on GoWYLD.net or under Other Resources in the [Subject Guides](#).

Want to promote GoWYLD resources to your patrons? [Marketing materials](#) can be found for several databases or topics.

For more information, about the databases, training, or marketing materials, contact Chris Van Burgh, Wyoming State Library Database Instruction Librarian, [chris.vanburgh@wyo.gov](mailto:chris.vanburgh@wyo.gov).

A poster for 'CYBER THREAT PROTECTOR' dated 'FEBRUARY 2022'. The poster features a blue background with a green shield icon and the text 'Anti-Malware'. It also includes a cartoon illustration of a knight in armor and a boy. The text 'WYOMING CAN!' is written in large, bold, white letters. Below this, it says 'LEARN MORE' with a red arrow pointing to a link. At the bottom, it mentions 'Wyoming CAN (Cybersecurity Action Network) Committee and the Wyoming State Library present a collection of videos designed to increase cyber safety in Wyoming communities. library.wyo.gov/wyocan'.

## EXECUTIVE ORDER 9066 AND HEART MOUNTAIN INTERNMENT CAMP



*Japanese-Americans leaving their homes. Sketch by Estelle Ishigo, from the American Heritage Center.*

President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed [Executive Order 9066](#) on February 19, 1942. This event led to the internment of thousands of Japanese-Americans during World War II.

Under the order, the U.S. relocated approximately 120,000 men, women, and children of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast and held them in American concentration camps across the country. One of those was Heart Mountain Internment Camp near Cody, Wyoming.

The Wyoming State Library has created an online exhibit providing a vast amount of information about life in the camp, gleaned from the *Heart Mountain Sentinel*. [Visit the exhibit in Wyoming Places](#), and read the *Sentinel* online in the [Wyoming Digital Newspaper Collection](#).

## EXPLORE BLACK HISTORY MONTH RESOURCES IN GOWYLD

The State Library has created a [Black History subject guide](#) highlighting [GoWYLD.net](#) resources that support the study of Black History. These include Black Freedom Struggle, U.S. History (Gale In Context), and ProQuest Historical Newspapers.

Find the Black History subject guide on the GoWYLD.net [subject guides](#) page and select All Guides. [Learn more](#), including some search ideas, on the blog.

## ICYMI ON THE BLOG

In case you missed them, we thought we'd share these stories from the Wyoming State Library blog that feature [GoWYLD.net](#) resources for you to explore:

### [Black History Month: Bessie Coleman](#)

“Queen Bess” was the first black woman ever to fly an airplane and the first African American to earn an international pilot's license. Learn more about Bessie Coleman in *Biography* (Gale In Context).



### [Share Chinese New Year with Kids](#)

Chinese New Year began on February 1 this year. Oh, the beautiful children's books about it! Use GoWYLD.net resources such as Novelist, Teaching Books, Bookflick, and Books & Authors to locate titles to share.

### [Shelfie Day \(or Any Day\) is a Great Time for Book Promotion](#)

The fourth Wednesday in January was Library Shelfie Day. For Shelfie Day – and every day of the year – we highlighted another feature in Book Connections and TeachingBooks: ShelfTalkers.

### [Elizabeth Blackwell's Medical Degree](#)

On January 23, 1849, Elizabeth Blackwell became the first woman in America to earn a medical degree. TeachingBooks and Book Connections, offer resources for children's and young adult books on topics such as her accomplishments.

## Intellectual Freedom

### FIGHT CENSORSHIP: UPDATED RESOURCES FROM THE OIF

Book challenges have been a hot topic in news and politics lately. The American Library Association (ALA) Executive Board and eight divisions recently [released a statement](#) affirming its opposition to widespread efforts

to censor books in U.S. schools. ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) has tracked 155 unique censorship incidents between June 1, 2021, and September 30, 2021.

With the high volume of challenges right now, OIF has made available a clearinghouse of resources on its [Fight Censorship](#) page.

### ADDRESSING CHALLENGES TO PROBLEMATIC AUTHORS

Librarians face an increasing number of book challenges, but today the objections are increasingly reaching beyond the books themselves, with the focus shifting to authors' personalities. This can be based on activities that often go beyond the scope of what they commit to the printed page.

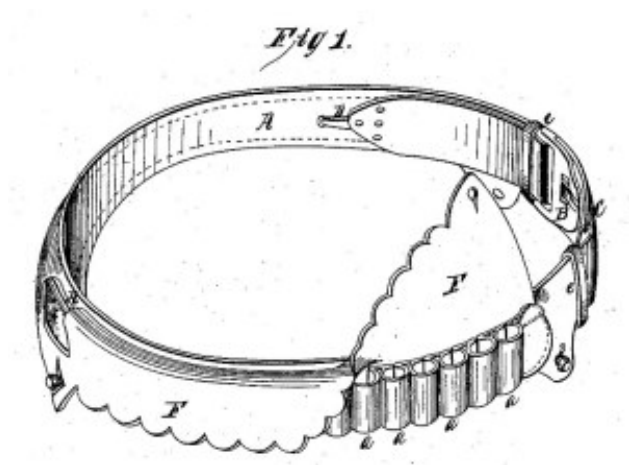
The American Library Association's (ALA) Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) is offering a new resource, [Addressing Challenges to Books by Problematic Authors: Q&A](#), that will help librarians navigate this new and often intimidating terrain.

## Want More News?

Get the news as it happens: Follow the Wyoming State Library on our [blog](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#).

## Intellectual Property

### WYOMING INVENTORS DATABASE CELEBRATES INNOVATION



*The first invention ever patented in Wyoming was U.S. Patent No. 67898 - Improvement in Cartridge-Belts.*

February 11 was National Inventors Day — a day to celebrate America’s resourcefulness and imagination. Celebrated on Thomas Edison’s birthday, this day was set by Ronald Reagan in 1983 to laud all innovators old and new.

The [Wyoming Inventors](#) database highlights Wyoming patents from 1867 to the newest patents approved every Tuesday. Dive into the database to explore the wide selection of inventions created by Wyomingites. See [some great examples](#) on the WSL blog, from the first Wyoming patent to the present day.

## People News

### CHRIS MURRY NAMED DIRECTOR OF WWCC HAY LIBRARY

Chris Murry is the new Director of Library Services at Western Wyoming Community College’s Hay Library. He comes to WWCC from Sheridan College, where he had been Public Services Librarian since the fall of 2019.



Originally from the Washington D.C. area, Chris spent many years in Pittsburgh working as a philosophy adjunct and in book stores until he transitioned to librarianship. He earned his MLIS from the University of Pittsburgh in 2018.

“With only a few years as a full-time librarian under my belt, I knew it would be a great challenge and responsibility to assume a managerial role,” he said. “I’ve been very happy since moving to Wyoming, and I’m glad to have such an amazing opportunity within the state.”

Chris sees enrollment and retention as a concern everywhere, so libraries must innovate in how they reach students with services. He plans to continue work begun at Sheridan with the Open Educational Resources workgroup.



## PEOPLE IN BRIEF

**Jacque Strike** has retired from the Sublette County Library after working more than 13 years at the Pinedale Library. Jacque is a graduate of the Wyoming Library Leadership Institute.

**Erin Losik** is moving from the Big Piney Library to the Pinedale Library to replace Jacque Strike. Erin will be responsible for audio-visual, interlibrary loan, and periodicals.

**Shelby Nivitanont** is the new Head of Public Services at the George W. Hopper Law Library, located at the University of Wyoming. Shelby has an MLIS from the University of Oklahoma and over a decade of service in the U.S. Air Force.

## Training

### MPLA CONFERENCE CALL FOR PROGRAM PROPOSALS

The call has gone out for [program proposals](#) for the 2022 Tri-Conference with Mountain Plains Library Association (MPLA), Montana Library Association (MLA), and Pacific Northwest Library Association (PNLA).

The conference, with the theme of Building Bridges/Renewing Community, will be held August 3-6 in Missoula, Montana. Program proposal deadline is March 1.

### PLA 2022 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Can't make it to Portland? Join the Public Library Association online for the [PLA 2022 Virtual Conference](#) instead! The virtual conference schedule has been expanded to offer live programming across all three days of the in-person conference (March 23–25).

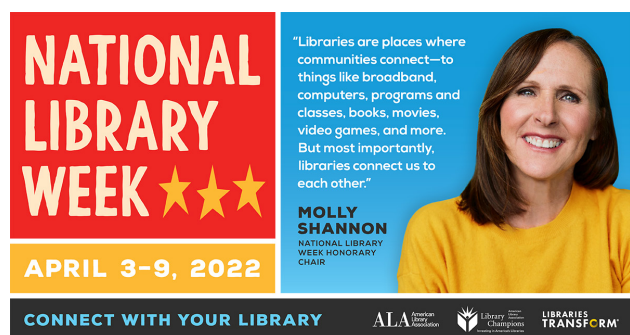
### RUSA TO HOST FIRST VIRTUAL FORUM

The Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) will host its first-ever [Virtual Forum](#) March 8 and 10. The Forum will offer two nonconsecutive days of programs dedicated to showcasing the work of its section groups and professional best practices for the nation's library workers in reference, user services, adult readers advisory and collection development as well as resource sharing, genealogy and archives, business reference, and reference technology.



## Events

### MOLLY SHANNON IS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK HONORARY CHAIR



Molly Shannon, actress, comedian, and legendary Saturday Night Live cast member, will help celebrate our nation's libraries as the honorary chair of [National Library Week](#), April 3–9, 2022.

This year's theme, "Connect with Your Library," promotes the idea that libraries are places to get connected to technology by using broadband, computers, and other resources. Libraries also offer opportunities to connect with media, programs, ideas, and classes in addition to books. Most importantly, libraries also connect communities to each other.

Free digital graphics promoting National Library Week are available at [ala.org/nlw](https://ala.org/nlw). Promotional items are available for purchase through the [ALA Store](#) and [Graphics Gift Shop](#).

### NATIONAL CONSUMER PROTECTION WEEK TAKES PLACE IN MARCH

#### [National Consumer Protection Week \(NCPW\)](#)

is set for March 6–12, 2022. Your library can find many ways to be a part of this educational event. It's a great way to help those in your community understand consumer rights and make well-informed decisions about money. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has ideas on becoming involved, from spreading the word to planning an event. The [NCPW website](#) offers free promotional materials.

## Youth Services

### YALSA RELEASES SEVERAL LISTS OF TOP PICKS FOR TEENS

The [Young Adult Library Services Association \(YALSA\)](#) has announced several 2022 "best of" lists for teen readers. These include:

- [Amazing Audiobooks for Young Adult Readers](#)
- [Best Fiction for Young Adults](#)
- [Great Graphic Novels for Teens](#)
- [Quick Picks for Reluctant Young Adult Readers](#)

YALSA's [book and media awards](#) identify quality, age appropriate resources for librarians and library workers to share with teens.

## Library Jobs

The Wyoming State Library maintains a job board for library positions around the state. [See more](#) on the board.

### [Assistant Librarian – Research & Graduate Support](#)

University of Wyoming Libraries

Laramie, WY

Open until filled

Priority application date March 23, 2022

### [Technical Services Manager](#)

Lincoln County Library System

Kemmerer, WY

Open until filled

### [Assistant Librarian – Data Management](#)

University of Wyoming Libraries

Laramie, WY

Open until filled

### [Assistant Librarian – Scholarly Communications and Open Publishing](#)

University of Wyoming Libraries

Laramie, WY

Open until filled

### [Assistant Librarian – Digital Scholarship](#)

University of Wyoming Libraries

Laramie, WY

Open until filled

## Grants & Awards

### [Rocky Mountain Power Foundation Community Improvement Grants](#)

**DEADLINE: March 15, 2022**

The foundation will award grants of up to \$10,000 (with most ranging between \$2,000 and \$5,000) in support of proposals in support of education/STEM. Projects will be supported that have a bearing on communities served by Rocky Mountain Power or Pacific Power, including in Wyoming.

### [John Cotton Dana Award](#)

**DEADLINE: March 18, 2022**

The John Cotton Dana Award is one of the most prestigious awards given to libraries and honors outstanding library public relations. Up to eight \$10,000 awards will be provided by the H.W. Wilson Foundation in 2022. Libraries of all types and sizes are encouraged to submit entries for a 2022 John Cotton Dana Award. Entries should highlight a strategic communications campaign from the past year.

### [Pat Carterette Professional Development Grant](#)

**DEADLINE: March 18, 2022**

The grant provides monetary support to participate in continuing educational event(s). The American Library Association Learning Round Table (LearnRT) will award up to \$1,000 to an individual to attend a professional development event.

### [AARP Community Challenge](#)

**DEADLINE: March 22, 2022**

Provides small grants to fund quick-action projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages. This year, applications will be accepted for projects to improve public spaces, housing, transportation, and civic engagement; support diversity, equity, and inclusion; build engagement for programs under new federal laws; and pursue innovative ideas that support people age 50 or older.

### [McMurry Library Endowment Individual Grants for Continuing Education](#)

**DEADLINE: March 31, 2022**

Want to attend a conference or workshop to build your library skills? Take an online course? Start working toward that library media specialist endorsement or master's degree in library science? Funds are available to those working or volunteering in Wyoming libraries through the Carol McMurry Library Endowment Individual Grants for Continuing Education. Applications are accepted six times during the year. The next deadline is March 31, 2022, for continuing education events starting no earlier than May 1, 2022.

### [The Pilcrow Foundation Children's Book Project](#)

**DEADLINE: April 1, 2022**

The Pilcrow Foundation provides new, quality, hardcover children's books to rural public libraries across the United States. A library's

local sponsors can contribute from \$200 to \$400, which the Foundation matches on a 2-to-1 ratio. Thus, a library can receive up to \$1,200 worth of children's books. The Foundation provides a list of more than 500 quality hardcover children's books from which grant recipients can select books best suited for their communities. Application deadlines are April 1 and October 1, annually.

### [Believe in Reading Grants](#)

**DEADLINE: Ongoing**

Believe in Reading targets successful literacy programs which serve populations that show out of the ordinary needs, such as geographic areas with low reading scores and high poverty levels. Believe in Reading will supply funds only if they are earmarked for literacy, not just a general campaign. Reading must be the prime activity.

## News in Brief

### [U.S. Surgeon General Issues Advisory on Youth Mental Health Crisis](#)

U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy issued a new Surgeon General's Advisory to highlight the urgent need to address the nation's youth mental health crisis. The Advisory on Protecting Youth Mental Health outlines the pandemic's unprecedented impacts on the mental health of America's youth and families, as well as the mental health challenges that existed long before the pandemic.



### **Showcase Your Best Marketing Pieces by Applying for the Core PR Xchange Awards**

Applications are open for the 2022 PR Xchange Awards. This competition recognizes the very best public relations materials produced by libraries in the past year. Entries are evaluated on content, originality, and design by a team of experts in public relations, graphic design, communications, and marketing. This competition is unique in the way it evaluates a library's individual promotional materials, not an entire marketing campaign. The deadline to apply is April 15.

### **Children in Trauma Bibliography**

The Children in Trauma bibliography was created by Dr. Megan McCaffrey, assistant professor in the Division of Education at Governors State University. Categorized by theme, the bibliography includes books that address traumas such as domestic abuse and bullying; general grief and loss; illness, anxiety, and depression; pandemics; poverty; and more.

### **American Library Association Announces 2022 Youth Media Award Winners**

The American Library Association (ALA) has announced the top books, digital media, video, and audio books for children and young adults – including the Caldecott, Coretta Scott King, Newbery, and Printz awards. ALA awards guide parents, educators, librarians, and others in selecting the best materials for youth. The awards encourage original and creative work.

### **FCC Affordable Connectivity Program Outreach Toolkit Available**

The Affordable Connectivity Program was created by the FCC to help households struggling to pay for internet service. As part of that effort, the FCC is mobilizing people and organizations to help raise awareness about the ACP. This toolkit is available for public use; materials may be downloaded and customized.

### **Serving Underserved Communities: EDI in Action**

This year, the Library Service to Underserved Children and Their Caregivers Committee is providing support and resources, like presentations, chats, and monthly blog posts. Over the past 18 months, they have developed vibrant toolkits to help connect library communities with resources for different underserved populations.

### **First-Ever Best Graphic Novels for Children Reading List Announced**

The American Library Association's Graphic Novels & Comics Round Table (GNCRT) is thrilled to introduce the 2021 Best Graphic Novels for Children (BGNC) Reading List. This reading list highlights the best graphic novels for children aged 5 – 12 years old, published in late 2020 and through 2021, and it aims to increase awareness of the graphic novel medium, raise voices of diverse comics creators, and aid library staff in the development of graphic novel collections.