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LinkedIn Learning Available to Wyomingites

Wyoming residents have access to new career development resources to help recover from the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. LinkedIn Learning is supported by funding from the CARES Act via the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

LinkedIn Learning, with over 6,500 courses for career development, is available online to all Wyoming residents with a valid library card. As part of the [GoWYLD.net](https://www.wyoming.gov/GoWYLD.net) databases, LinkedIn Learning can be accessed from home, libraries, or anywhere with an internet connection.

“Career development is important in any circumstance, but has become a crucial part of improving workforce opportunities in recent months,” said Jamie Markus, Wyoming State Librarian. “LinkedIn Learning is a great resource that will benefit our individuals, businesses and communities alike.”



Topics include Microsoft Office programs, management skills, marketing, accounting, coding, and more to benefit employees and small business owners in any field. Individuals can take single classes to cater to their specific career goals or follow a predesigned path for structured skill sets. Visit [GoWYLD.net](https://www.wyoming.gov/GoWYLD.net), click on [Test and Skills Preparation](#) and go to LinkedIn Learning to get started.

WSL News

WSL SUPPORTS READING ON THE WIND RIVER INDIAN RESERVATION



The book giveaway display. Book distribution began the week of May 18 and will continue through the summer.

CARES Act funding is supporting summer reading on the Wind River Indian Reservation through book distributions to students and families. The Wyoming State Library used approximately \$5,000 for the project from the \$52,297 it received from the Institute of Museum and Library Services “to address digital inclusion” or “other efforts that prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.”

Like the rest of Wyoming, the Reservation has been in lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic, closing school and library doors. While electronic library resources are available, internet and computer access are extremely limited in this remote part of rural Wyoming.

Robin Levin, Head Librarian at the Fort Washakie School and Community Library led the efforts locally. She knows the community has difficulty accessing electronic resources. “Physical books work best with our families,” she said. “They don’t always have reliable transportation to a wifi hot spot or access to the internet.”

The first book giveaways took place the week of May 18 at locations in Fort Washakie, Ethete, and Arapahoe. Through June, the book giveaways will be Wednesdays at the Hines General Store parking lot, Fort Washakie, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Library staff have been volunteering and driving to health screenings and food giveaway programs around the reservation. Measures are taken to ensure social distancing and minimize contact, so that children and families can pick up their books safely.

“It’s like a bookmobile, but with free books for patrons,” Levin said. “Thanks to the Wyoming State Library, Kellogg Foundation, Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho tribes, and our volunteer extraordinaire Beverly Hill, we’ll continue through the summer with free books to the community and happy readers everywhere!”

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.

CREATIVE AGING TRAINING POSTPONED

The Arts in Libraries program intended to train and coach librarians and artists in the field of Creative Aging has been postponed until 2021. The project, [announced in May](#), was originally slated to begin with face to face training sessions later this summer. More details on the rescheduled training will be announced as they become available.

Creative Aging is an effective way to address adverse health effects associated with aging through intentional arts engagement. Arts in Libraries will help Wyoming's librarians and teaching artists learn how to provide innovative, arts-based direct programming for older adults.

The Wyoming Arts Council received a \$20,000 grant from the Wyoming Community Foundation's McMurry Library Endowment Fund to support Arts in Libraries. The Arts Council has partnered with the Wyoming State Library and Lifetime Arts on this project.

GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY AWARENESS DAY

In May, Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon proclaimed Wyoming Assistive Technology Day, an event sponsored by the [Wyoming Institute for Disabilities](#) Assistive Technology Advisory Council. He signed the proclamation on May 11. [Watch the recording](#) on YouTube.

Assistive technology (AT) is any item, piece of equipment, software program, or product system that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of persons with disabilities. The Wyoming State Library [partners on AT projects](#) intended to make library resources more available and accessible to those with disabilities.

Around the State

WASHAKIE COUNTY LIBRARY TO BENEFIT FROM \$500,000 GRANT



The former Ace Hardware building, soon to be home to the Washakie County Library.

On June 16, the State Loan and Investment Board (SLIB) approved a \$500,000 grant to Washakie County for renovations of the former Ace Hardware building to be used for the Washakie County Library, Washakie Development Association, and the Worland-Ten Sleep Chamber of Commerce. Space will be created in the 19,452 square foot building for business incubation, entrepreneurial use, and workforce training.

This puts the library one step closer to the expanded, modernized space it has needed for years; county and community leaders have been studying options for the library since 2007.

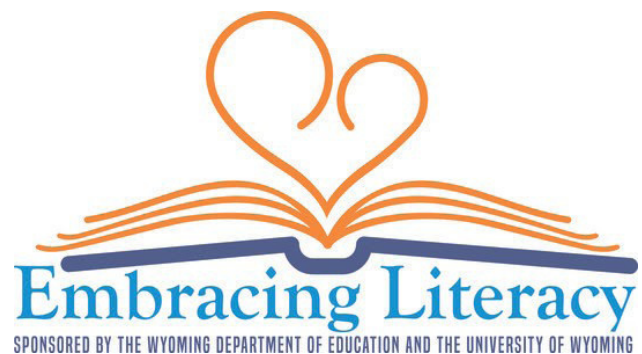
“I’m so excited that Washakie County was awarded this grant,” said Karen Funk, Library Director. “The new library will soon become our community’s shining star. This project is a great example to other counties on how working together — library, Chamber of Commerce, Youth Alternatives, and Washakie Development Association — can benefit the entire community and enhance the downtown area.”

This money will be matched with \$1.8 million in local dollars and over \$500,000 in in-kind contributions. The community has raised over \$1 million in private donations with the rest of the cash and in-kind match provided by the Washakie Development Association and Washakie County.

This was a Community Enhancement grant through the Wyoming Business Council’s Business Ready Community Grant and Loan Program. When the WBC board met on May 7, they unanimously recommended it for funding, praising Washakie County for its planning and the large match they obtained. Board member Kim DeVore described it as “an absolute pleasure and a slam dunk.” The project is expected to revitalize Worland’s downtown and encourage economic development and innovation.

School Libraries

WDE, UW CO-SPONSOR ONLINE K-3 LITERACY CONFERENCE



The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) and the University of Wyoming (UW) will co-sponsor [Embracing Literacy](#), a summer professional development opportunity focused on literacy practices.

The conference theme, “Optimizing Learning for All: Supporting Evidence-Based Literacy Practices,” provides the foundation for participants to learn more about the components that combine to create literacy.

[Registration](#) is \$50, with an option to buy two tickets and get one free. Embracing Literacy will be held virtually over a four-week span beginning Tuesday, July 21. Virtual sessions will be scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays during each week. Sessions will be recorded providing registrants unlimited access for ongoing review.

WLA SCHOOL LIBRARY INTEREST GROUP RECEIVES AASL GRANT

The Wyoming Library Association School Library Interest Group (WLA-SLIG) has been named one of four 2020 recipients of a \$2,500 American Association of School Librarians' (AASL) Past-Presidents Planning Grant for National School Library Standards. The WLA-SLIG will hold regional training sessions to introduce the AASL Standards to library staff serving in remote parts of the state. Monthly coaching and discussion using teleconferencing technology will follow.

“This plan continues the excellent work begun in 2018 by Jennisen Lucas,” said AASL President Mary Keeling. “It’s notable that administrators and paraprofessionals will be invited to attend as they will gain an expanded awareness of the importance of the modern school librarian’s role in education.”

AASL award winners will be honored during a virtual awards ceremony during the fall of 2020. [Read the full announcement](#) to learn more.

NOMINATE AN EXEMPLARY LIBRARY AIDE FOR THE RISE AWARD

Wyoming library aides qualify to be nominated for the 2020 Wyoming [Recognizing Inspirational School Employees \(RISE\) Award](#) hosted by Governor Mark Gordon and the Wyoming Department of Education. This award honors

classified school employees who provide exemplary service. Nominate an outstanding library aide or other school employee by June 30, 2020. Nominees can be an employee who works in any grade K-12 as a paraprofessional, in technical services, skilled trades, and more. See the [nomination form](#) for details.

Q&A WITH JENNISEN LUCAS

Jennisen Lucas, District Librarian for the Park County School District #6 in Cody, Wyoming, was recently elected as the 2021-2022 President of the American Association of School Librarians (AASL). She takes office as President-Elect on July 1. We asked Jennisen to share some of her thoughts about leadership, her goals, and the profession of school librarianship.



Jennisen Lucas

“There’s no way I would have had the confidence to move into this type of leadership without the help of the amazing school librarians in Wyoming,” she said.

“When I moved here 11 years ago, I really didn’t think I was a leader. I thought of myself as a building-level librarian. But Wyoming is so small that we really all have to be leaders, and I grew in confidence as I found that my ideas were as good as everyone else’s. It could be any one of

our school librarians in this position. We all have leadership skills. What I've realized is that the more involved I am in our associations, the more I learn, the more I grow, and the better I feel about being a school librarian."

[Read the rest of the interview](#) on the WSL blog.

COVID Resources

PLA'S COVID WEBINAR SERIES



The Public Library Association (PLA) recently wrapped up its free six-webinar series, [Public Libraries Respond to COVID-19](#), that took place between March 26 and April 23, 2020. The recordings are available free. The webinars covered topics of immediate need to the field, such as addressing the digital divide, managing anxiety, and responding to community needs through innovative solutions and services. More than 9,000 public library professionals registered for the series.

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.

VENTURING OUT SAFELY FROM THE CDC

As communities and businesses are opening, you may be looking for ways to resume some daily activities as safely as possible. While there is no way to ensure zero risk of infection, it is important to understand potential risks and how to adopt different types of prevention measures to protect yourself and to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

[See these tips](#) on visiting libraries and other places from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Intellectual Freedom

IFC OFFERS HEALTH AND PRIVACY GUIDELINES FOR LIBRARIES

Responding to health and privacy concerns during the reopening of libraries and recent discussions of video surveillance and filming in libraries, the American Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) and its Privacy Subcommittee have approved guidelines to assist library workers:

- [Guidelines for Reopening Libraries During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Guidelines on Contact Tracing, Health Checks, and Library Users' Privacy](#)
- [Video Surveillance in the Library Guidelines](#)

Databases & Electronic Resources

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS DATABASE ACCESS ENDS ON JUNE 30

Wyoming’s statewide access to the National Geographic Kids database will end on June 30, 2020. Access is still available for all Wyoming residents with a valid library card through the month of June.

Although the database subscription will be discontinued, current and past issues of National Geographic Kids and National Geographic Little Kids will continue to be available through [RBDigital Magazines](#).



Calendar

- Jun 1-30 | [Rainbow Book Month](#)
- Sep 1-30 | [Library Card Sign-Up Month](#)
- Sep 8 | [International Literacy Day](#)
- Sep 27-Oct 3 | [Banned Books Week](#)

People News

David Brown has joined the University of Wyoming Libraries as the Regional Medical Library Membership Coordinator for the MidContinental Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM). David holds a doctorate of education with a specialization in health education from Teachers College, Columbia University and a Masters of Library and Information Science from Wayne State University. He is a Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES®) and has been involved in training public health professionals for the last 15 years.

Jennifer Strayer has joined the University of Wyoming Libraries as a Collection Development Librarian in late May. She is coming to Wyoming from Indiana University Libraries in Bloomington, Indiana where she served as an assistant in the Collection Management Department. Jennifer holds an MLS from Indiana University and a Bachelor of Arts in Musicology and History from Hastings College (Hastings, Nebraska).

Conrado Saldivar, an Adult Services Specialist at Natrona County Library, who also moonlights as a graduate student, was recently selected for the University of Washington’s 2020 “Husky 100,” an award that celebrates students who show a commitment to leadership, engagement, and community impact. There were

over 1,700 nominations by peers, faculty, and staff for the Husky 100; Conrado was one of only ten students selected from the UW iSchool.

Susan Wynne is rejoining the University of Wyoming Libraries as the new Discovery & Metadata Librarian. She was previously a Catalog Librarian at UW from 2006-2012. In her 20+ year library career, Susan has published and presented on topics such as RDA (Resource Description and Access), next-generation catalogs, oral histories, and batch processes in library catalog systems.

Dr. Judy Pasek, a STEM Liaison Librarian at the University of Wyoming since 2014, won the Best Professional Written Paper Award from the 2020 Rocky Mountain Bioengineering Symposium (RMBS) Board. Although this year's symposium was canceled, her paper on "Publication Trends in Bioengineering, 1963 – 2019" will be published in the journal *Biomedical Sciences Instrumentation*. Judy provides library instruction and research services primarily to UW's College of Engineering and Applied Science and to the Psychology Department within the College of Arts and Sciences.

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Government Information

SPOTLIGHT ON GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Want to dig deeper into the geology of Yellowstone National Park?

Check out a new digital map from the Wyoming State Geological Survey: [Geology of Yellowstone](#). This interactive map presents geological data from the Yellowstone National Park area.

More WSGS interactive maps include:

- [Ground Water Atlas of Wyoming](#)
- [Interactive Oil and Gas Map of Wyoming](#)
- [Mines and Minerals Map of Wyoming](#)
- [Wyoming Geologic Hazards Map](#)

Geological mapping in the digital age uses digital representations of the surface and the underground. Geological maps show the distribution of geologic features, including different kinds of rocks and surficial deposits.

These maps are the primary source of geologic data in the earth sciences, and have immense economic and societal value. The interactive features allow users to customize specific features and layers.

Training

MORE LIBRARY EVENTS GOING VIRTUAL

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, many library conferences and events will be held virtually instead of face-to-face. While this has been a difficult decision for library organizations, it also removes the barrier of travel time and costs, allowing people to attend who might not be able to otherwise. Here are two to look for online.

[Association for Rural & Small Libraries SOAR Conference](#)

Format and timing are still under discussion, but ARSL still plans on a full schedule of professional development, networking, and socializing.

[YALSA's 2020 YA Services Symposium](#)

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA)'s Board of Directors has announced that YALSA's 2020 YA Services Symposium will be held virtually Nov. 6-8, 2020 in lieu of the originally planned in-person event in Reno, Nevada. The virtual symposium will feature an array of programs, author panels, discussion and poster sessions, and more.

We offer a reminder that [Carol McMurry Library Endowment Grants to Individuals](#) are available for attendance at continuing education events. The next application deadline is July 31 for events beginning after September 1.

ONLINE TRAINING 'AT YOUR LEISURE'

In addition to the live webinars in our training calendar, each month we try to pick some videos out there that you can watch "At Your Leisure." These on-demand offerings caught our attention for June:

- [Finding Family in WY Newspapers](#) (Wyoming State Library)
- [Open Together: School Librarians as Community Activators](#) (EveryLibrary) [View slides.](#)
- [Open for the Future: School Librarians as Planners and Preppers](#) (EveryLibrary) [View slides.](#)
- [5 Ways to Lead In An Era Of Constant Change](#) (TED Talk)

Grants & Awards

[STAR Net STEAM Equity Project: Enhancing Learning Opportunities in Libraries of Rural Communities](#)

DEADLINE for Notice of Intent:

July 20, 2020

Will help public library workers in small and rural communities offer outstanding, culturally responsive STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) programming and exhibitions for their patrons, especially often-underreached Latino populations. Twelve creative librarians/library workers will be

selected to lead their libraries in a project at the intersection of transforming library services, gender equity and cultural inclusion, STEAM learning, and positive youth development.

Carnegie-Whitney Grant

DEADLINE: November 2, 2020

The American Library Association Publishing Committee provides grants of up to \$5,000 for the preparation of print or electronic reading lists, indexes, or other guides to library resources that promote reading or the use of library resources at any type of library.

Library Jobs

Branch Manager

Carbon County Library System
Rawlins, WY
Open until filled

Administrative Services Manager

Campbell County Public Library System
Gillette, WY
Closes 5:00 p.m. MDT on June 30, 2020

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Youth Services

LASSO A LIBRARY CARD WITH WONDER WOMAN THIS SEPTEMBER



This September, DC's Wonder Woman is embarking on a new mission with the American Library Association and libraries nationwide to champion the power of a library card as [Library Card Sign-up Month](#) Honorary Chair.

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year.

In the coming months, Wonder Woman will appear in free Library Card Sign-up Month graphics, including print and digital public service announcements (PSAs) and library card artwork. Free tools, such as a template press release, a proclamation, and sample social media posts will also be provided through the Library Card Sign-up Month [webpage](#). Wonder Woman posters, stickers, and bookmarks are currently available for purchase through the [ALA Store](#).

CSLP OFFERS TEEN VIDEO CHALLENGE

If you are looking for an idea for your teens this summer, the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP)

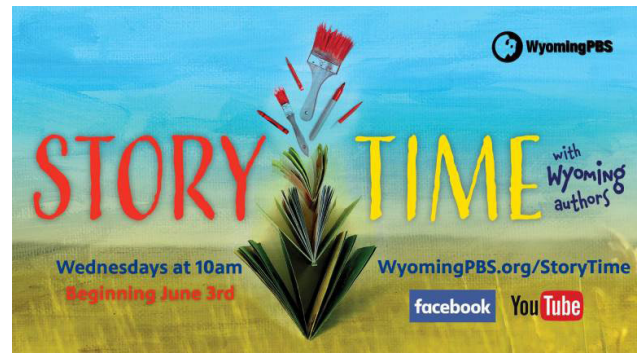


has refreshed their [Teen Video Challenge](#). Teens (13-18) could win \$200 for themselves plus \$50 in CSLP materials for their library by creating a public service announcement-type video promoting libraries and reading.

Entries must be submitted by August 7. Videos are to be no longer than 60 seconds. All audio and artwork must be created by the entrant or be in the public domain.

Find information and links to instructions and forms on the [Summer Reading Teen Video Challenge guide](#). For more information, contact Chris Van Burgh at chris.vanburgh@wyo.gov.

WYOMING AUTHOR STORYTIME



It’s a storytime with Wyoming authors! Every Wednesday at 10 a.m. MDT throughout the summer, Wyoming PBS will share a recording of a Wyoming children’s author reading their work on Facebook and YouTube, followed by a Q&A with the author via the comments. Wyoming State Library staff helped put Wyoming PBS in touch with authors for this project. [Learn more and watch past videos](#).

Events

JUNE IS RAINBOW BOOK MONTH

It’s June, which means it’s also Pride Month, when we remember the 1969 Stonewall riots. In celebration of Pride Month, the American Library Association (ALA) designates June as [Rainbow Book Month](#), previously GLBT Book Month. Rainbow Book month is a nationwide initiative designed to celebrate the literature that honors the lives and experiences of the

lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, pansexual, genderqueer, queer, intersex, agender, and asexual community.

In honor of Rainbow Book Month, the Texas State Libraries and Archives Commission has [collected a few resources](#) to help your libraries expand and create inclusive and welcoming programming and services. These include book lists, recommended websites, archived webinars, tool kits and training curricula, health resources, and hotlines and crisis lines.

Demonstrate your commitment to diversity and inclusivity and join hundreds of libraries across the nation in a national celebration of authors and books that reflect the LGBTQIA+ experience. For more information and resources, visit ALA's [Rainbow Book Month](#) webpage.

HOST AN EVENT FOR INDIE AUTHOR DAY

5th ANNUAL
Indie **Author** Day

NOVEMBER 7, 2020

Each year on [Indie Author Day](#), libraries and organizations across North America welcome local indie authors, writers, and their communities for a day of education, networking, mingling, writing, open mics, panels, and more. The 2020 event will be held on Saturday,

November 7. [Registration is free](#) along with access to resources, sponsor workshop videos, promotional graphics, and support.

Your library can still be a part of this day even if it's not in person. Indie Author Day is set up to help support digital programming as well with an abundance of educational videos, workshops, and more.

News in Brief

[Education Levels and Reading Habits](#)

About 7 out of 10 US adults read a book last year, but among those without a high school degree it was 3 out of 10. This percentage has stayed about the same since the Pew Research Center started conducting studies of adult reading habits in 2011, but it does vary depending on income and education. The portion of people reading audio books is on the rise, and increased from 14% in 2016 to 20% in 2019. [Read the full report.](#)

[Disaster Preparedness Resource from the American Red Cross](#)

The Ready Rating program is a free, self-guided program designed to help businesses, organizations, and schools become better prepared for emergencies. It's been recognized by preparedness experts as the much needed, easy to understand and non-intimidating solution for helping an organization take the steps to become prepared to respond to and

successfully withstand a disaster and other emergencies. Members complete a ReadyGo or ReadyAdvance assessment and have access to tools, tips, and best practices to help improve their level of preparedness.

[Survey: Libraries Examine Phased Re-openings, Prepare Summer Programs](#)

A new American Library Association survey of U.S. libraries documents a shift in services to support students, faculty, and communities during the crisis and phased preparations for the months ahead. While virtually all libraries (99%) report limited access to the physical building, respondents shared leaps in the use of digital content, online learning, and virtual programs.

[KidLit TV Launches KidLit At Home](#)

In response to widespread school and library closures, KidLit TV has announced KidLit At Home, a free online learning resource created to support parents and educators during a time of increased need for learning enrichment, entertainment, and comfort. This new resource brings together the best video content from around the web created for kids by diverse children's book authors and illustrators.

[Introducing the Law Library of Congress Legal Research Institute](#)

In celebration of the 220th birthday of the Library of Congress, the Law Library of Congress has announced a new offering on [Law.gov](#) designed to more quickly and easily connect

patrons to their educational presentations and resources — the [Law Library of Congress Legal Research Institute](#). On the Legal Research Institute homepage, users will see resources divided into four options: U.S. Law Webinars; Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Webinars; Onsite Classes; and Online Resources.

[PLA and NNLM Partner on New Digital Literacy, Citizen Science Tools](#)

The Public Library Association (PLA), National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM) and the [All of Us Research Program](#) (All of Us) are working together to support health literacy by promoting the importance of digital literacy in health and wellness. Tools include a [suite of digital health literacy resources](#) for public libraries to help individuals strengthen their skills. NNLM has also partnered with [SciStarter](#) to create an online course, "Introduction to Citizen Science," for any member of the public who is interested in exploring their local community through citizen science.

[ALA Book Awards Go Virtual](#)

The American Library Association (ALA) is offering a new 11-hour virtual event celebrating the winners of several of its major book awards, including the Newbery and Caldecott medals, the Coretta Scott King Book Awards, the Printz Award, and the Stonewall Book Awards (youth and adult). This free, online event will begin at 9 a.m. on Sunday, June 28, on [ALA's YouTube channel](#). Pre-registration not required.