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## Library Journal Honors Park County Library

Park County Library’s main building in Cody recently received national recognition with an [Honorable Mention](#) in Library Journal’s Best Small Library in America 2023 competition.

“Anyone that has visited the Cody Library is struck by the beauty of the library building and the location of the library,” said Library Director Karen Horner. “But what really makes the Cody Library stand out is the patron experience received once someone enters the library and the awareness of the extension of that experience out in the community wherever we go to deliver outreach.” [Read more](#) from Karen on our blog.

Park County Library System’s community of just over 10,000 has limited access to quality internet, meeting spaces, and health and business resources. To help fill those gaps, Cody Library prioritizes its community’s wellness through a wide range of tools and collaborations.



These include the library’s Health Resource Center, with a collection curated in partnership with the Cody Medical Foundation, and an Outreach Garden, which provides hands-on education and nature literacy. Well-used meeting rooms, a café that employs special needs adults, wellness and nature backpacks to check out, and a seed library, among many offerings, allow Cody Library’s staff of 10 to deliver a wealth of support and services — and eliminating late fees and expanding open hours removes traditional barriers to service.

# WSL News

## LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE OCTOBER 9

The Wyoming Library Multi-Purpose Community Facility Program (WLMCF) launched on Thursday, August 24. The application and grant guidance are available on the [program website](#). Applications will be due by 3 p.m. MDT on Monday, October 9.

\$12.6 million will be granted to Wyoming libraries; public, community college, and university libraries are eligible. WLMCF is funded by a grant to the State of Wyoming through the U.S. Department of the Treasury Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund.

## COME WORK FOR THE WYOMING STATE LIBRARY!

Join a great team and make a difference to libraries around the state! The Wyoming State Library currently has two job openings we're recruiting for.



### Systems Manager

This professional position is responsible for the overall technical management of all aspects of the statewide integrated library system (ILS) supporting automated system operations for over 100 libraries in the WYLD consortium.

### Electronic Resources Consultant

This professional position coordinates the access, evaluation, and selection of GoWYLD licensed e-resources, learning tools, and other products; provides training and support; curates the GoWYLD LibGuides platform; and provides library development consultation services.



**Fire up your imagination with a library card. Get yours today!**

September is **LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH**

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## Want More News?

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

## HAS YOUR LIBRARY SIGNED UP FOR WYOMING SNAPSHOT DAY?

We want YOU to participate in [Wyoming Libraries Snapshot Day](#) on October 24, 2023! (You may also pick an alternate date if needed.) We want your patrons' comments and stories. We'd like to see the photos of your library and the people who work there and the people you serve. All of this tells a story we want to share — Wyoming libraries make a difference every single day of the year!



You can find additional details about how to participate [on our blog](#). Email Susan Mark at [susan.mark@wyo.gov](mailto:susan.mark@wyo.gov) to be added to the list of [participating libraries](#) and to the email list for instructions and updates as the event gets closer. She's also happy to answer any questions you may have.

## Academic Libraries

### UW LIBRARIES NAMES ALTERNATIVE TEXTBOOK GRANT RECIPIENTS

University of Wyoming Libraries [recently awarded alternative textbook grants](#) to six

faculty members to implement open educational resources (OER) in their classes for the 2023-24 academic year.

The open course materials and textbooks resulting from the grants are projected to save UW students more than \$30,400 per semester. Grants are awarded to instructors who adopt, adapt, or create new open textbooks or other learning materials for their courses.



## Calendar

- Sep 1-30 [Library Card Sign-Up Month](#)
- Oct 1-31 [Health Literacy Month](#)
- Oct 1-7 [Banned Books Week](#)
- Oct 4 [Banned Websites Awareness Day](#)
- Oct 4-6 [WLA Conference](#)
- Oct 9 [WLMCF Grant Applications Due](#)
- Oct 9-11 [ABOS Conference](#)
- Oct 15-21 [National Friends of Libraries Week](#)
- Oct 19-21 [AASL Conference](#)
- Oct 23-27 [U.S. Media Literacy Week](#)
- Oct 24 [Wyoming Snapshot Day](#)

## Special Libraries



# WYOMING STATE ARCHIVES

### STATE ARCHIVES HOSTING FREE ONLINE TALKS IN OCTOBER

In October, in honor of American Archives Month, Family History Month, and Electronic Records Day (October 10), the [Wyoming State Archives](#) is hosting a series of free virtual lunchtime talks. These will be held on Google Meet from noon to 1 p.m. MDT on Tuesdays.

- October 3: [Skeletons in the Closet: Genealogy Research in the State Archives](#)
- October 10: [Happy Electronic Records Day: Let's Talk Digital](#)
- October 31: [Something Strange in the Archives: Call the Roving Archivist](#)

For more information, check out the Wyoming State Archives [events calendar](#) or email [wystatearchive@wyo.gov](mailto:wystatearchive@wyo.gov).

## School Libraries

### CAMPBELL COUNTY WELCOMES TWO WYOMING BOOK AWARDS AUTHORS

The Campbell County Public Library (CCPL) in Gillette is welcoming two [Wyoming Book Awards](#) authors this fall.

Utah author Brandon Mull will visit 5th grade students September 26-28 and present at CCPL on Thursday, September 28, at 7 p.m. Mull's books include "Fablehaven," "Beyonders," and "Candy Shop Wars." His titles have been nominees on both the Indian Paintbrush and the Soaring Eagle book award lists.

Kentucky author Ruta Sepetys will visit junior high students October 9-13 and appear at CCPL on Wednesday, October 11, at 7 p.m. Sepetys is the author of the 2022-2023 Soaring Eagle 1st place winner, "I Must Betray You," as well as other young adult titles such as "Between Shades of Gray," "Salt to the Sea," and "Fountain of Silence."



## Databases & Electronic Resources



### SHARE UNIQUE HISTORICAL MATERIALS ONLINE WITH CVL COLLECTIONS

Small and rural libraries, museums, and archives in Colorado and Wyoming can use [CVL Collections](#) to share their unique historical collections online with their communities and with the [Digital Public Library of America](#). This service is free for smaller collections through the [Plains to Peaks Collective](#) DPLA hub.

Colorado State Library staff will work with you to create an online database branded like your institutional website, and help you exhibit your digital collection. They provide free project management services, training, and ongoing support, as well as complimentary hosting for the Omeka content management system and free storage up to 10GB. They offer [reasonable pricing](#) if you exceed that storage limit. Learn more about [participation](#), or contact Amy Hitchner, CVL Collections program manager, at [ahitchner@coloradovirtuallibrary.org](mailto:ahitchner@coloradovirtuallibrary.org) with any questions.

## Trustees, Friends, & Foundations

### CELEBRATE NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK OCTOBER 15-21

Friends of Libraries groups have their very own national week of celebration! United for Libraries will coordinate the 18th annual National Friends of Libraries Week from October 15-21, 2023. [Learn how to get involved](#), find marketing materials, and more.

As part of this annual event, United for Libraries will award two Friends groups \$250 each in honor of their celebrations during the week. Visit the [National Friends of Libraries Week Awards](#) page for details. The deadline for applications will be December 4, 2023.

## Wyoming Library Association

### THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR THE WLA CONFERENCE

Registration is open through September 30 for the Wyoming Library Association's 2023 "Bound Together" conference, set for October 4-6 in Casper. WLA members receive a conference fee



discount. [Conference information](#) is available on the WLA website, including schedule and registration form.

For questions or issues with registration, contact WLA President Conrado Saldivar at [wylibraryassociation@gmail.com](mailto:wylibraryassociation@gmail.com) or Kristin Evans at [wla@amigos.org](mailto:wla@amigos.org).

## Intellectual Freedom

### ALA TO HOLD LISTENING SESSIONS ON FREEDOM TO READ STATEMENT

The American Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee is [conducting a review](#) of the [Freedom to Read Statement](#). ALA members are encouraged to attend one or all of the five upcoming listening sessions focused on revising the statement. Register in advance to attend:

- Theme: [First Amendment](#)  
Wednesday, September 27, 12:30-2 p.m. MDT
- Theme: [Disinformation and Misinformation](#)  
Thursday, October 5, 12-2:30 p.m. MDT
- Theme: [Diversity, Equity and Inclusion](#)  
Friday, October 13, 12:30-2 p.m. MDT
- Theme: [Challenges to Materials and Authors](#)  
Thursday, October 19, 1:30-3 p.m. MDT
- Theme: [Youth Access to Materials](#)  
Wednesday, October 25, 1-2:30 p.m. MDT

## People News

### SHERRI ANGELOVIC IS NEW WHITE MOUNTAIN LIBRARY MANAGER

Long time staff member Sherri Angelovic has been named Library Manager at the White Mountain Library, part of the Sweetwater County Library System. Sherri has worked for the library system for over 20 years, beginning in Youth Services before moving to Circulation and Technical Services. Most recently, she has been the Youth Services Manager at White Mountain.



*Sherri Angelovic*

In her new role she will oversee all day-to-day operations at the White Mountain Library, including managing public services staff and the Technical Services department.

### PEOPLE IN BRIEF: CROOK COUNTY LIBRARY EDITION

The Crook County Library has had a number of staff changes in the past couple of years with new faces and with familiar folks taking on new roles.

**Carrie Riley** took over as Branch Manager at the Crook County Library in Sundance in the summer of 2022, starting a year of big changes, both in her new role and with a completely new set of librarians at the library. She first joined the Sundance library in the spring of 2016 as the Adult Services Librarian.

**Shannon Weaver** has been the Adult Services Librarian at Sundance since October of 2022, coming from the early childhood education field. She enjoys teaching adult craft classes and visiting with the patrons, and is also restarting the Lunch Bunch Book discussion group.

**Serena Buckner** is the newest member of the Moorcroft Branch Library team, joining in March 2023 as the Branch Manager. She can be found covering the front desk, assisting in the children's section, leading crafts, or behind her computer promoting the library.

**Shannon Reynolds** has been the Adult Services Librarian at the Moorcroft Branch Library since May 2022. She has a knack for remembering patrons' names and reading preferences. Shannon leads a monthly book club.

## 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).

**Tonia Blakeman** has been the Youth Services Librarian at the main library in Sundance since August 2022. She enjoys reading to the children and visiting with them about what books they are reading to help find books that interest them.

**Jenni Palm** joined the Hulett Branch Library in early July 2023 as the Youth Services Librarian. She was the librarian at a private school in Casper before relocating to Hulett a couple of years ago.

## Training

### ONLINE TRAINING 'AT YOUR LEISURE'

In addition to the live webinars in our [training calendar](#), each month we try to pick some videos that you can watch "At Your Leisure." These offerings caught our attention for September.

- [ACRL Presents: Creating Welcoming Spaces in Academic Libraries](#) (Association of College and Research Libraries)
- [Customer service: From transactions to transformations](#) (Colorado State Library)

### PLA LAUNCHES SUPER SEARCHERS INFORMATION LITERACY TRAINING

The Public Library Association (PLA) has opened registration for the [Super Searchers](#) information literacy training to begin September 19. With

multiple available training dates, library staff can register for a one-hour training session to gain skills and tools to help patrons critically engage with online information.

The Super Searchers training session was created in collaboration with [Mike Caulfield](#) of the University of Washington, who developed the SIFT method for fact-checking (Stop, Investigate, Find better coverage, and Trace claims). Learn more about the program and additional information literacy resources [here](#). Register to join one of the free trainings [here](#).

## Library Jobs

See more on the WSL [job board](#).

### [Deputy Director](#)

Albany County Public Library  
Laramie, WY  
Open until filled

### [Adult Services Librarian](#)

Albany County Public Library  
Laramie, WY  
Open until filled

### [Human Resources Coordinator II](#)

Laramie County Library  
Cheyenne, WY  
Application deadline September 29, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

### [Café Assistant](#)

Laramie County Library  
Cheyenne, WY

## Events

### OCTOBER IS HEALTH LITERACY MONTH

For more than 20 years, October has been recognized as [Health Literacy Month](#). Greater health literacy helps your patrons overcome barriers and challenges that may result in harm. By collectively working to improve health literacy, libraries and others can create a more equitable world where everyone can access high-quality care and achieve positive health outcomes. [Learn more](#) and make plans to celebrate Health Literacy Month in your library.

## Grants & Awards

### WYOMING HUMANITIES OPENS NEW ROUND OF GRANTS

Non-profit organizations across the state (including libraries!) can apply to Wyoming Humanities for a [new round of grants](#) of up to \$10,000. Wyoming Crossroads Grants are part of an initiative to apply humanities perspectives locally to help the state realize growth out of change. These grants will support various



public humanities projects related to either programming or publications.

Applications are due October 16. To apply or for more details, visit [thinkwy.org/grants](http://thinkwy.org/grants) or email [chloe@thinkwy.org](mailto:chloe@thinkwy.org).

## GRANTS IN BRIEF

### Catalyze Challenge

**DEADLINE: September 22, 2023**

Grants to plan, pilot, and implement innovations that provide learners aged 11-22 with learning opportunities and pathways to fulfilling careers.

### Engage Beyond Our Walls

**DEADLINE: September 29, 2023**

An IMLS-supported project currently recruiting 20+ public libraries and/or their community partners to co-create neighborhood experiences tied to local history, community voices, and cultural landmarks. Selected applicants can unlock \$300 in project funding, access to easy tools, and training from national leaders. A Zoom information session will be held Thursday, September 21 at 12 p.m. MDT.

### Frances R. Dewing Foundation

**DEADLINE: October 1, 2023**

Supports innovation in early childhood education. Emphasis is placed on new, untried, or unusual projects and programs that, if successful, could have a snowball or ripple effect benefiting the larger educational or local community. The

foundation provides seed money, generally ranging from \$1,000 to \$25,000.

### Americans and the Holocaust Traveling Exhibition

**DEADLINE: October 14, 2023**

Public and academic libraries are invited to apply to host the Americans and the Holocaust traveling exhibition. Selected libraries will receive the 1,100-square-foot exhibition on loan for five to six weeks, a \$3,000 allowance to support public programs, expenses paid for a library staff member to attend an orientation workshop, publicity materials, programming resources, ongoing support, and more.

### Digitizing Hidden Collections: Amplifying Unheard Voices

**DEADLINE: November 1, 2023**

Grants for digitizing rare and unique content stewarded by collecting organizations in the U.S. and Canada. The program is designed to support efforts to digitize materials that deepen public understanding of the histories of people of color and other communities and populations whose work, experiences, and perspectives have been insufficiently recognized or unattended. Requests must range between \$50,000 and \$300,000.

### Wish You Well Foundation

**DEADLINE: Ongoing**

Focuses on supporting non-profit organizations in the United States that teach adults the literacy skills they need to communicate, grow, and

thrive within their communities. Typical awards range from \$200 to \$10,000. They do not fund youth programs.

### **A.R.T. Library Program**

#### **DEADLINE: Ongoing**

Program offers free art books to public libraries, schools, prisons, and reading centers in the United States and territories. Participants should self-define their community as economically or geographically underserved.

## News in Brief

### **Call for Presenters: 2024 CLiC Virtual Winter Workshop**

Share your knowledge and enthusiasm with your peers in Colorado and beyond at the 2024 CLiC Virtual Winter Workshop by submitting a presenter proposal. Submit either a full 45-minute session or a 15-minute Microlearning Moment. This online event will take place February 1-2, 2024. Submission deadline is October 29, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. MDT.

### **Strategies for Supporting and Advocating for Neurodivergent Employees**

Given the estimate of 15-20% of the population identifying as neurodiverse, it becomes critical for leadership and managers to continue to learn about this topic and ways to assist employees who may have neurodiverse capabilities. This [article](#) offers several tips to help managers

advocate for neurodivergent employees and suggests ways of creating conditions leading to the inclusion and well-being of these employees.

### **The Veterans Health Library: Helping Veterans Stay Well and Well-Informed**

The [Veterans Health Library](#) (VHL) is coordinated by the Department of Veterans Affairs' [National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention](#). The VHL is a comprehensive online health resource provided to help veterans, their families, and caregivers understand and maintain their best health no matter where they receive care.

### **From NoveList: Use Graphic Novels to Get Kids Reading**

Students love graphic novels – it's hard to keep them on the shelves. In fact, there's a growing body of evidence to prove they may be just the springboard needed to reach reluctant readers. Check out [this article](#) from NoveList for some reasons a graphic novel collection is good for students of all reading interests and abilities.

