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\$12.6M to be Invested in Library Buildings

The U.S. Department of the Treasury has approved the State of Wyoming's plan to invest \$12.6 million from the [Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund](#) in library building construction and improvements. This will increase public access to free computer, technology, and internet resources that directly enable work, education, and health monitoring.

Funds will be awarded through the Wyoming Library Multi-Purpose Community Facility Program, administered by the Wyoming State Library, with construction subgrant assistance provided by the Wyoming Department of Transportation. Wyoming's county public libraries, state-funded community college libraries, and the University of Wyoming Libraries will be eligible to apply for competitive subgrants based on local needs and priorities.

Wyoming libraries have long been a source of public access to computers and the internet – in some communities, they may be the only source. The COVID-19 public health emergency accelerated the migration of vital services online. This has created the need for new or improved library facilities that can provide appropriately designed spaces and adequate technology and connectivity so that all Wyoming residents can fully participate in a digital society.



The Wyoming State Library anticipates opening the application period in the coming months. All projects must be completed by December 31, 2026. For more information, visit the WSL's program web page at library.wyo.gov/construction-program or contact Wyoming State Librarian Jamie Markus at (307) 777-5914 or jamie.markus@wyo.gov.

WSL News

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES CONSULTANT POSITION AVAILABLE AT THE WSL

Are you ready for a serious career opportunity with a fun group in a fun place? This Wyoming State Library (WSL) professional position coordinates the access, evaluation, and selection of licensed eResources, learning tools, and other products made available through the [GoWYLD resources portal](#); provides training and support in the use of licensed eResources; curates the GoWYLD LibGuides platform; and provides library development consultation services as library needs arise. This position assists in achieving the mission of the Wyoming State Library: to promote statewide library development, foster library cooperation, and provide reliable information to customers.

Preference will be given to applicants with a Master of Library Science (MLS) or Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS). Preference will also be given to experience in performing reference interviews, state and federal document research, library outreach, and eResources management.

If you or someone you know may be interested in this position, [click here for a full job description](#) and begin the application process by clicking on the "APPLY" button.

BOOKS ARE ON THE MOVE, THANKS TO WSL STAFF!



During the past six weeks, three Wyoming State Library staff – (L to R) Tekla Slider, Genesis Schell, and Savannah Erickson – moved approximately 700 shelves of books, maps, and other materials published by the federal government. Moving these items was necessary to accommodate future growth in both the State Publications and Federal Documents collections.

The Wyoming State Library is one of over 1,100 Federal Depository Libraries across the country and is the designated repository for Wyoming state agency publications.

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.

WYOMING LIBRARY LAWS 2023 NOW AVAILABLE

The 2023 edition of [Wyoming Library Laws](#) has been posted on the Wyoming State Library website. This annual publication is a ready reference to the range of statutes affecting Wyoming libraries. The statutes in Library Laws are extracted, not printed in their entirety, so this is intended as a ready reference only. The WSL recommends that libraries consult the [full text](#) of Wyoming Statutes and visit with their legal counsel when faced with difficult issues.

Questions? Our Library Development Office is ready to assist. Contact Brian Greene at brian.greene@wyo.gov or (307) 777-6339.

Around the State

FEEDBACK NEEDED: DRAFT OF WYOMING DIGITAL ACCESS PLAN

Through extensive research, analysis, and input from many people over the last several months, including those from the Wyoming library community, the Wyoming Broadband Office (WBO), part of the Wyoming Business Council (WBC), has completed a draft of the Wyoming Digital Access Plan and is seeking additional feedback.

This draft is currently available for download through August 17, 2023 on the [WBC website](#) or you can access the info directly from the links below.

[Read the Plan](#) | [Provide Feedback](#)

If you provided previous input, it has helped develop this plan, so please take a few minutes to review what it says and provide any additional comments that you may have.

Background Information:

This Digital Access Plan is being developed in advance of funds (\$530,006) that the State of Wyoming expects to receive from the [State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program](#) at the [National Telecommunications and Information Administration \(NTIA\)](#).

The draft plan includes a vision for digital access for the state, a set of goals to action that vision within Wyoming's Digital Access grant program, current assets and barriers, and an implementation plan to achieve the goals and address the barriers identified. The grant program will focus on improving the affordability, adoption, and use of broadband throughout Wyoming.

For more information, contact Elaina Zempel (Wyoming Broadband Manager) at broadbandoffice@wyo.gov.

TETON COUNTY LIBRARY OPENS WONDER INSTITUTE RECORDING STUDIO



The studio in action.

Study Room 6 at Teton County Library has lately been under construction behind a dark curtain, but clues have slowly revealed its new identity. First, a red neon “ON AIR” sign was installed, and recently, a window decal told all: [Wonder Institute Recording Studio](#). Library patrons are now able to reserve this specialized space to produce polished audio and visual content for podcasts, YouTube videos, websites, and more.

The recording studio is designed to provide a professional atmosphere for content creation, offering a controlled environment with high-quality audio and visual equipment. It’s acoustically treated to minimize unwanted sounds and echoes and is equipped to keep external noise to a minimum. The space is set up

to allow multiple participants to comfortably record audio or video content. Additionally, an editing station will be housed in the computer lab at the library.

FOUR WYOMING PUBLIC LIBRARIES RECEIVE ARTS COUNCIL GRANTS

The Wyoming Arts Council recently announced the recipients of their Fiscal Year 2024 Community Support Grant, and four Wyoming public libraries were on the list. Big Horn County Library System, Fremont County Library System, Goshen County Library, and Sublette County Library received a combined \$15,180 in grants. The Community Support Grant offers operating and/or project support for qualified organizations that provide services to their community through the arts. Learn more at wyoarts.state.wy.us.



Calendar

- Sep 1-30 | [Library Card Sign-Up Month](#)
- Sep 8 | [International Literacy Day](#)
- Sep 20-23 | [ARSL Conference](#)
- Sep 20-26 | [National Voter Registration Day](#)

Academic Libraries

UW NATURAL SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP SEEKS PUBLIC LIBRARY SUPPORT

The University of Wyoming Natural Science Collections Partnership is asking Wyoming county libraries for their support for an Institute of Museum and Library Services grant proposal: “[Opening Virtual Museum Portals through Libraries: Increasing Access and Awareness of University of Wyoming Natural Science Collections in Wyoming Communities.](#)” The Partnership would like to join forces with public libraries to open UW’s natural science resources to every county in Wyoming.

[Learn more](#) about this project on the WSL blog. The grant submission deadline is in mid-November 2023, so responses and letters of support from libraries are requested by early September. For more information, or to become involved, contact Elizabeth Wommack at ewommack@uwyo.edu or Larry Schmidt at lschmidt@uwyo.edu.

UW LIBRARIES RECEIVES CORE PR XCHANGE AWARD

University of Wyoming Libraries is the [recipient of a Core PR Xchange Award](#) from the American Library Association (ALA) for its Conversations on Collecting Yellowstone 2022 conference program. The annual competition recognizes

the best public relations materials produced by libraries in the past year. The award was given in the special events print category.

The program was designed by Emily Hooge, a former UW Libraries graphic design intern from Sheridan. Jennifer Kirk, UW Libraries marketing and communications specialist, led in content collation, layout, editing, and proofing.

Special Libraries

WYOMING ROVING ARCHIVIST PROGRAM LAUNCHES DIRECTORY

The Wyoming Roving Archivist Program (RAP) has published its directory of institutions with archival holdings at rovingarchivist.wyo.gov/directory. They’re seeking input on the directory’s content and functionality. [Learn more](#) on the WSL blog, and provide your comments to improve this new and developing resource.

The directory is part of the first phase of a National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) grant-funded collaboration between the University of Wyoming’s American Heritage Center, the Wyoming State Archives, and the Wyoming State Historical Records Advisory Board (WY SHRAB). Questions or comments may be directed to Project Archivist Jordan Meyerl at spcr.rovingarchivist@wyo.gov.

Trustees, Friends, & Foundations



LIBRARY FOUNDATIONS, FRIENDS RAISE FUNDS ON WYOGIVES DAY

On July 12, eight Wyoming libraries benefited from the 4th annual [WyoGives](#), an initiative of the Wyoming Nonprofit Network.

WyoGives brings the state together as one community to raise awareness and funding for Wyoming's nonprofits. This 24-hour online day-of-giving celebrates the work of organizations that provide essential services and build vibrant and healthy communities.

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Among more than 300 organizations participating were seven library foundations and a friends group who collectively raised \$95,938 from 351 donors.

- Goshen County Library Foundation raised \$53,695 from 129 donors.
- The Albany County Public Library Foundation, Inc. raised \$16,285 from 69 donors.
- Laramie County Library Foundation raised \$14,182 from 64 donors.
- Friends of the Sheridan County Library raised \$5,915 from 30 donors.
- The Library Foundation Inc. (Campbell County Public Library System) raised \$2,384 from 23 donors.
- Park County Library Foundation raised \$1,852 from 19 donors.
- Sweetwater County Library Foundation raised \$1,030 from 10 donors.
- Converse County Library Foundation raised \$595 from 7 donors.

All eight organizations are eligible for matching funds from a \$1 million fund provided by the Hughes Charitable Foundation, and \$400,000 additional matching funds from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming and other organizations.

This is a shared pool among all WyoGives participants, and match amounts have not yet been announced; donation totals above do not include matching funds.

Wyoming Library Association

2023 WLA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



The 2023 “Bound Together” Wyoming Library Association conference is set for October 4-6 in Casper. Registration is now open, with reduced early bird rates available through August 21. WLA members also receive a conference fee discount.

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

The keynote speaker will be Sarah Vowell and the author luncheon speaker will be Jennifer A. Nielsen. Both speakers were sponsored through a generous grant from the Wyoming Community Foundation.

We hope to see you for a full conference of learning and growing! Questions or issues with registration may go to WLA President Conrado Saldivar at wylibraryassociation@gmail.com or Kristin Evans with Amigos Library Services at wla@amigos.org.

People News

PEOPLE IN BRIEF

Mendocino Ellis, who prefers to be called “Miss Mendo,” is the new Children’s Librarian at the Weston County Library in Newcastle. A native of Texas, Miss Mendo moved to Newcastle about five years ago from Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Janet Boss has retired from her position as Librarian at Slade Elementary School. Before earning her certification and moving into school libraries, Janet was the Children’s Librarian at Albany County Public Library where she initiated the Book Babies program.



NANCY MILLER RETIRES FROM NORTHWEST COLLEGE LIBRARY

Nancy Miller, Director of the Hinckley Library at Northwest College, [retired](#) at the end of June. She began her 34-year career in libraries working evenings at the Sublette County Library. In 1997, Nancy moved to Powell and joined NWC as a Library Assistant. She earned her Master of Library and Information Science degree in 2005 from the University of Missouri-Columbia through an online/in-person hybrid program. She was named Director of the Hinckley Library in November 2017.



Nancy Miller

“Hinckley Library continues forward with a great team,” Nancy said. “Wyoming really can grow our own librarians and recruit great people nationally. My advice: Take advantage of the learning opportunities provided by the State Library and other libraries. Mentor those new to the library world. I remember a piece of advice learned years ago: You should be training your replacement. This ensures that library staff, librarians, and libraries continue to grow seamlessly.”

Nancy plans to volunteer, pursue hobbies, spend time with grandkids, camp, ski, and read in

retirement. “It has been a great blessing and privilege to discover the world of libraries and work with wonderful people,” she said. “My heartfelt thanks to you all!”

BECKY VOSS IS NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR AT NORTHWEST COLLEGE

Becky Voss has taken over as the new Library Director for the Hinckley Library at Northwest College, replacing Nancy Miller who retired at the end of June.



Becky Voss

She first started working for her hometown library in 2006 and hasn’t looked back. While attending Northwest College as a student, she took a position as Library Assistant and then moved to Library Coordinator—a position she has held since before accepting her latest challenge as Director.

Becky holds an A.A. in Music from Northwest College, a B.A. in Organizational Leadership from the University of Wyoming, and a Masters in Library Science from the University of North Texas.

Although the Hinckley Library has only 3 employees serving 1,100 students, she sees her staff as “small but mighty” and states, “We

do our best to keep our collection up-to-date and to provide the most current and accessible information for their [students'] research.”

When asked what she hoped to accomplish moving forward, she replied, “I want to make sure every student knows what we have to offer, and not to be afraid to come to us for help. The internet can be very confusing, and our aim is to make research easier.”

She added, “I am so happy to be a part of our wonderful state library community!”

Training

JOIN THE LIBRARY MAKERS ONLINE COMMUNITY AND IGNITE CREATIVITY

Are you a library enthusiast who wants to embrace the power of making and creativity? Are you eager to start or expand a makerspace in your library but lack the necessary resources and inspiration? Look no further! The [Library Makers](#) online community is here to support you on your journey. In this [blog post](#) from Natrona County Library, we will explore the exciting opportunities that await you within this vibrant community and how it can help you unlock the potential of making in your library.

The Natrona County Library has been selected as a member of the inaugural [Library Makers Ambassador Program](#). As an Ambassador, we

will have the opportunity to learn from the best in the field, connect with leading library makers, and gain unique perspectives on fostering creativity and innovation in library spaces.

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 offerings caught our attention for August.

- [Share or Beware: Help Students Fight Misinformation One Click at a Time](#) (edWeb)
- [The Constitution Annotated on Congress.gov](#) (Law Library of Congress)
- [Avoid Risk: When blocking on social media & the First Amendment intersect](#) (ArchiveSocial)
- [Preparing for Program Challenges at your Public Library](#) (Programming Librarian)



LIFETIME ARTS RELEASES FREE ONLINE COURSE FOR OLDER ADULTS



Creative Aging Foundations On Demand brings a digital aspect to the Creative Aging program for Wyoming libraries. To encourage creative expression in the 55+ age group, an online portion has been added. This online program offers a series of six courses that are self-paced.

The six learning modules found in [Creative Aging Foundations On Demand](#) includes nearly 80 videos consisting of demonstrations, interviews, discussions and programming examples focused on the arts. Patrons have the opportunity to take these expert taught classes sequentially or as stand-alone classes through an easily accessible online program.

The Creative Aging Program is a grant-funded collaboration between Wyoming State Library, the Wyoming Arts Council, and Lifetime Arts. The funding was provided by the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian grant from the [Institute of Museum and Library Services \(IMLS\)](#).

Visit BeAgeFriendly.org for more information.

Library Jobs

The Wyoming State Library maintains a [job board](#) for library positions. These are the latest opportunities that have been posted. To post an opening, contact Susan Mark, WSL Outreach Librarian, at susan.mark@wyo.gov.

[Electronic Resources Consultant](#)

Wyoming State Library
Cheyenne, WY
Open until filled

[Youth Services Event Coordinator](#)

Laramie County Library
Cheyenne, WY
Deadline: July 31 (5pm)

[Library Assistant \(Circulation\)](#)

Natrona County Library
Casper, WY
Open until filled

[IT Technician](#)

Teton County Library
Jackson, WY
Open until filled

[Library Assistant Senior, Makerspace](#)

Teton County Library
Jackson, WY
Open until filled

**Library Assistant, Senior – Coe Library
Help Desk, Evening Supervisor**

University of Wyoming Libraries
Laramie, WY
Open until filled

Circulation Clerk 1

Converse County Library
Douglas, WY
Open until filled

Youth Services Library Assistant

Fremont County Library
Lander, WY
Open until filled



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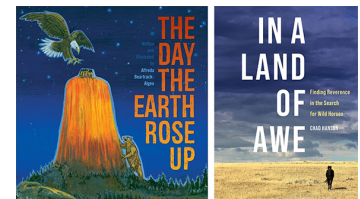
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- Mobile friendly interface with 24/7 access from library, home or on-the-go
- Look up recalls and service bulletins
- Find estimated labor time
- Prepare for ASE mechanic certification with test prep quizzes

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Events

WYOMING HUMANITIES ANNOUNCES SELECTIONS FOR NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL

Wyoming Humanities **announced** its “Great Reads from Great Places” selections for the



2023 National Book Festival: “The Day the Earth Rose Up” by Alfreda Beartrack Algeo and “In a Land of Awe” by Chad Hanson. Selection of these books was coordinated through the Wyoming Center for the Book, now housed with Wyoming Humanities. A panel was selected to read and consider several Wyoming-related books for this year’s event.

The National Book Festival, which will take place August 12 in Washington, D.C., brings together best-selling authors and thousands of book fans for author talks, panel discussions, book signings, and other activities. Several programs will be livestreamed, and video of all talks will be available online after the festival concludes.

For more information about Wyoming Humanities and its programs, visit thinkwy.org. Information about the Wyoming Center for the Book may be directed to Lucas Fralick at lucas@thinkwy.org or (307) 660-0729.

Grants & Awards

[NEH Dialogues on the Experience of War](#)

OPTIONAL DRAFT DUE: July 27, 2023

DEADLINE: September 7, 2023

Supports the study and discussion of humanities sources that address the experiences of military service and war from a wide variety of perspectives. In recognition of the importance of the humanities in helping Americans to understand the meaning and experiences of military service and war, Dialogues projects encourage veterans and nonveterans to reflect collectively on such topics as civic engagement, veteran identity, the legacies of war, service, and homecoming.

[NEA Our Town Grants](#)

DEADLINE: August 3, 2023

Our Town is the NEA's creative placemaking grants program. Through project-based funding, the program supports activities that integrate arts, culture, and design into local efforts that strengthen communities over the long term. These are cost share/matching grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$150,000, with funding starting July 1, 2024 for 1–2 year projects. Q&A sessions will be held on July 20 and August 10.

[Nasdaq Foundation Quarterly Grants Program](#)

DEADLINE: August 11, 2023

Grants intended to accelerate progress in diversifying entrepreneurship and empowering

a more diverse group of investors. Grants will be given in this area to organizations and programs that impact women and under-represented communities.

[Creative Aging Project Grant](#)

DEADLINE: August 18, 2023

The Wyoming Arts Council is now accepting applications from non-profit arts organizations and individual teaching artists for Creative Aging Project Grants. Grants will be awarded in increments of \$2,500 for each eight-week creative aging program (\$2,500 for one program, \$5,000 for two programs, \$7,500 for three programs, \$10,000 for four programs).

[Lois Lenski Covey Foundation Bookmobile Grant Program](#)

DEADLINE: September 1, 2023

Awards grants to organizations that operate a lending bookmobile that travels into neighborhoods populated by underserved youth. The grants are for purchasing books published for young people preschool through grade 8.

[Toshiba America Foundation Grades 6-12 Classroom STEM Grants](#)

DEADLINE: September 1, 2023

Toshiba America Foundation (TAF) is dedicated to helping classroom teachers make STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) learning fun and exciting for students in U.S. schools. TAF funds innovative STEM projects designed by teachers for use in their own schools and classrooms. Teachers at public and nonprofit

private schools throughout the United States are eligible to apply for grants for up to \$5,000 for projects for grades 6-12.

[Thinking Money for Kids Program Kits](#)

DEADLINE: September 8, 2023

The American Library Association (ALA) and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation invite public libraries to apply for a Thinking Money for Kids Program Kit, a collection of expertly vetted programming resources to help libraries offer financial education for children ages 3 to 12, both in the library and in children's homes. Approximately 200 public libraries will be selected to receive a kit (estimated value: \$2,000). Libraries will keep all kit contents after the grant period ends.

[Americans and the Holocaust Traveling Exhibition](#)

DEADLINE: October 14, 2023

Public and academic libraries are invited to apply to host Americans and the Holocaust, a traveling exhibition that examines the motives, pressures and fears that shaped Americans' responses to Nazism, war and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s. 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 (May 15-16, 2024) at the Museum in Washington, D.C.; and publicity materials, programming resources, ongoing support from the Museum and the ALA, and more.

[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.

[Reiman Foundation Grants](#)

DEADLINE: Ongoing

Primary funding interests lie in four areas: education, health care, the arts, and children's initiatives.

[Little Free Library Indigenous Library Program](#)

DEADLINE: Ongoing

Little Free Library book exchanges provide easy access to books. The organization's Indigenous Library Program grants no-cost Little Free Library boxes full of books to Indigenous communities with limited book access.

News in Brief

[Wyoming Community Foundation](#)

[Hosting Free Event on Charitable Giving](#)

Join the Wyoming Community Foundation and the University of Wyoming Foundation for a free full-day event on Charitable Giving on August 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Laramie at the Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center. Nonprofit leaders, board members, and professional advisors are invited to learn more

about Charitable Giving today – what it means for nonprofits, how donors can have significant impacts on charity through estate giving, and ways professional advisors can support their clients and their clients’ favorite causes through their work. [Learn more here](#) and register at uw.uwyo.edu/james.

End of Public Health Emergency Does Not Mean the End of COVID Accommodations

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) has issued a number of updates to its COVID-19 technical assistance, “[What You Should Know About COVID-19 and the ADA, the Rehabilitation Act, and Other EEO Laws](#),” including adding a new question and answer about the end of the federal declaration of the COVID-19 public health emergency. The EEOC cautions that the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency does not mean employers can automatically terminate reasonable accommodations that were provided due to pandemic-related circumstances.

ALA Accepting Applications for 2024 Class of Emerging Leaders

The American Library Association (ALA) is now accepting applications for the 2024 class of Emerging Leaders. This is a leadership development program that enables newer library workers from across the country and Canada to participate in problem-solving work groups, network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure, and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity. It puts

participants on the fast track to ALA committee volunteerism as well as other professional library-related organizations.

Sign Your Library up for National Voter Registration Day

National Voter Registration Day will be held on September 19, 2023, and you can sign up your library to participate. National Voter Registration Day is a nonpartisan civic holiday celebrating U.S. democracy. It was first observed in 2012, with more than 5 million voters registered to vote on the holiday to date. Celebrated every September, National Voter Registration Day involves volunteers and organizations from all over the U.S. hitting the streets in a single day of coordinated field, technology, and media efforts.

ARSL Early Bird Conference Registration Opens

Registration is now open for the Association for Rural and Small Libraries 2023 conference, to be held September 20-23 in Wichita, Kansas. A virtual option is available for those who choose not to attend in person. Early Bird discounted registration closes July 18. ARSL is a professional network dedicated to the positive growth and development of libraries serving rural and small communities.

Virtual Conference Upcoming for Trustees, Friends and Foundations

United for Libraries will hold a virtual conference from August 1-3, 2023. This interactive three-day virtual event will feature expert speakers

on current topics facing library Trustees, Friends, Foundations, and staff who work with them. Programming runs from 9:00 a.m. MDT to approximately 2:00 p.m. MDT daily with scheduled breaks. Registrants may participate in some or all program sessions live, and/or watch recordings on-demand.

[Kindergarten Gear Up Program for Public Libraries Helps Prep Kids for School](#)

Sometimes kindergarten can be a difficult transition for both kids and parents. San Diego County Library has put together a new, innovative program to bridge that gap. The 10-session Kindergarten Gear Up series is designed to help children ages 4-5 develop skills that will prepare them for kindergarten. The primary goal is to provide preschool-aged children with some of the social and academic skills they will need to set them up for success in school. Kindergarten readiness is a key factor in ensuring academic and social success.

[WebJunction Provides Bridgebuilding Resource Hub](#)

Bridgebuilding (also called bridging) is defined as engaging across difference in ways that respect identities, foster mutual relationships, seek a common good, and promote a commitment to civic engagement, thereby contributing to increased social capital and strengthened civic infrastructure, and ultimately, a stronger democracy. WebJunction has created the Bridgebuilding Resource Hub as a space to share resources to support libraries with bridging

and other civic strengthening activities. The project was created to enhance bridgebuilding capabilities of public libraries to combat rising levels of distrust and division in the U.S.

[GrantStation Updates Resources in Pathfinder Tool](#)

GrantStation's free [PathFinder](#) is a resource library designed to help you sharpen your skills, grow your career, and follow developments in the nonprofit and philanthropic worlds. It covers everything grant-related as well as fundraising, organizational and professional development, and sector trends. To help users filter resources, they've added topics, and materials in a number of areas. Much of the site is free, with additional functionality available with a GrantStation membership.

[Help the Library of Congress Create Video Games that Improve Civics Knowledge](#)

The Library of Congress is sponsoring a challenge to help improve public knowledge of civics – that is, the rights and responsibilities of citizens – by asking video game developers to create fun, lightweight video games related to civics that incorporate Library of Congress resources.

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.

PLA Releases First Public Library Services for Strong Communities Report

The Public Library Association (PLA) has published the *Public Library Services for Strong Communities Report*. The 2022 national survey explored types of public library program and services, the nature of partnerships with other organizations, and the state of library facilities.

The survey is the third in a rotating series exploring public library roles, services, and resources to provide actionable data for decision-making and advocacy.

American Library Association to Distribute \$1 Million to Support Fight Against Censorship


The American Library Association (ALA) will distribute \$1 million to support and expand intellectual freedom initiatives as the nation grapples with rising censorship challenges and seeks a greater array of resources to protect the right to read. ALA will use the funds to provide a major boost for its current efforts to support its members, library workers and libraries everywhere, as well as the communities they serve. The funding for these endeavors comes from Solidarity Giving.

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The image displays a collection of logos for various health and medicine resources. At the top, there are two logos: 'Alt HealthWatch' with a water drop icon and 'Consumer Health Complete' with a heart icon. Below these are 'MedlinePlus' with a cross icon and the tagline 'Trusted Health Information for You', 'Gale Health and Wellness' with a heart icon, 'ProQuest Health Medicine' with a stylized 'Q' logo, 'PubMed' with a book icon, and 'STAT!Ref' with the tagline 'The premier healthcare e-source'.