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Snapshot Day Celebrates Wyoming Libraries

We all know the value our libraries bring to our communities. Now, we have the photos and stories to tell the tale!

On [Wyoming Snapshot Day](#)

on October 24, libraries of all types across the state shared photos, comments, and more from their buildings. These showed how people use their libraries and how much they love them.



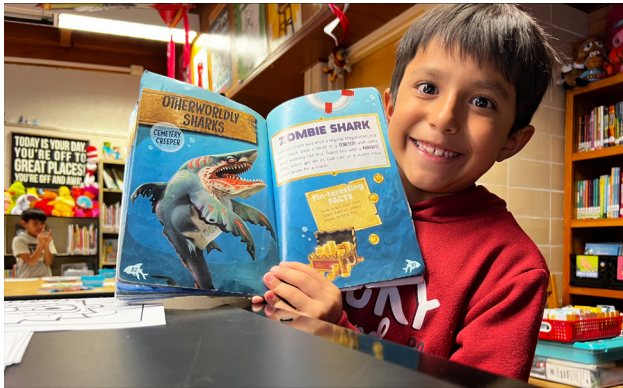
This annual event has been celebrated in Wyoming for more than a decade and has been a hit with the library community. The [more than 60](#) public, academic, school, and special libraries that signed up this year sent in nearly [700 photos](#) and numerous comments from patrons and students of all ages.



Wyoming Snapshot Day 2023 at Glenrock Branch Library

The Wyoming State Library shares library submissions on the event website and social media. This information also goes to decision makers – each year, the WSL uses Snapshot Day materials to create a PowerPoint presentation that is shown at the Wyoming Library Association’s Legislative Reception.

Wyoming Libraries Snapshot Day



Lebhart Elementary School, Cheyenne

LIBRARIES WERE THE TALK OF THE TOWN ON SNAPSHOT DAY 2023

On [Wyoming Snapshot Day](#) on October 24, we asked patrons why the library was important to them. We had many wonderful comments, but one was our favorite: “Books! Books! And more Books!!! All the Books!!! Amazing staff! Always super positive and super helpful! Just the most amazing people! And all the databases, Holy research, Batman!” *Gillette College staff member*

Plenty of other library patrons also weighed in on why their libraries matter to them. You can read [all the comments](#) on the Snapshot Day website. If the comments don’t convince you of the value of our libraries, the smiles on people’s faces certainly will! Check out [the photos](#) on Flickr.



Dubois Branch Library



Meeteetse Branch Library



Converse County Library, Douglas



Sweetwater County Library, Green River

LIBRARY USE ON SNAPSHOT DAY 2023

Wyoming libraries are busy, serving their communities day in and day out. Each year after Wyoming Snapshot Day, we gather [statistics](#) on physical and electronic library use.

WYLD libraries

On Snapshot Day, Tuesday, October 24, 2023, WYLD libraries circulated 11,965 items, including 4,855 children’s items; issued 99 new library cards; added 584 items to their catalogs; made 3,196,729 items available to Wyoming’s residents in their collections; and saw the WYLDcat statewide library catalog accessed by 2,516 users for 19,592 views and 18,712 searches. WYLD includes more than 100 Wyoming libraries: all public and community college libraries, and many school and special libraries.

Public libraries

In Wyoming’s 23 public library systems, from

data collected annually by the Wyoming State Library, we estimate that on an average day there are 5,095 visits to public libraries, 578 people using a library computer, 1,029 reference questions answered, 599 children and teens attending programs, 41 meeting room uses, and 694 wireless internet sessions.

GoWYLD

[GoWYLD](#) electronic resources include research databases, e-content, learning courses, and more. On October 24, there were 286 visits to the GoWYLD.net A to Z databases list with 784 total views of the GoWYLD LibGuides — 55 different guides were accessed; 3,680 total digital checkouts by 2,593 unique users in the OverDrive/Libby Wyoming Virtual Library — 1,314 e-books, 1,869 e-audiobooks, and 497 e-magazines; and 4,485 sessions, 16,160 searches, and 1,055 retrievals in the Gale Databases. [See more stats](#) from GoWYLD.



Lovell Branch Library

WSL News

ABBY BEAVER NAMED INTERIM WYOMING STATE LIBRARIAN

Abby Beaver has been appointed Interim Wyoming State Librarian. Abby began her library journey as a University of Wyoming Coe Library student employee. At Coe, Abby began in interlibrary loan and worked her way up from there to circulation, student supervisor, and ultimately to evening supervisor. In 2008, Abby moved on from Coe to work at UW’s George Hopper Law Library while earning her Master of Library Science from Clarion University (2010). She also holds a BS in biology with minors in zoology and music.



Abby Beaver

In 2011, Abby became a librarian at Sheridan College and eventually moved to Cheyenne in 2016 when she began working for the Wyoming State Library, serving as Information Services Manager for nearly eight years. Abby has given back to the library community, serving as the Wyoming Library Association’s Vice-President and President from 2018-2021.



L to R: Brian Greene, Desiree Saunders, Missy Harris, and Abby Beaver.

TWO DIRECTORS’ ORIENTATIONS HELD

The Wyoming State Library welcomed Lincoln County Library System Director Missy Harris in October and Sublette County Library Executive Director Michelle Humber in November for directors’ orientations. Each spent a day visiting with WSL staff and learning about all the services the State Library has to offer. The WSL supports travel for new directors to attend orientations through federal Library Services and Technology Act funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. [Learn more](#) about how federal funds work for all residents of Wyoming.



L to R: Greg Mosshammer, Brian Greene, Abby Beaver, Michelle Humber, and Desiree Saunders.

WSL JOB: SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR FOR WYLD NETWORK LIBRARY SERVICES

The Wyoming State Library has an opening for an experienced systems administrator with the skills necessary to maintain and enhance the hosted SirsiDynix Symphony system and integrated applications used by the statewide consortium of libraries. This position is highly collaborative and interacts with a variety of staff and vendors to support the core functions of the library system and its ILS partners. The ideal candidate will be a strong team player who is a creative problem solver with demonstrated abilities to learn new skills and systems quickly, and effectively handle multiple tasks. [Learn more](#) and [apply](#).



Calendar

Nov 1-30	Picture Book Month
Nov 1-30	International Games Month
Dec 4-10	Computer Science Education Week
Jan 1-30, 2024	National Braille Literacy Month
Jan 1	Public Domain Day
Jan 4	World Braille Day
Jan 23-27	National News Literacy Week

Training



STATE LIBRARY HOSTS WEBINAR ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Curious about Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how it might affect how you work in the library? The Wyoming State Library will host a webinar on Thursday, December 7 at 10:00 a.m. MST:

[Techniques For Getting the Most Out of Foundational AI Models like ChatGPT](#)

Just under a year ago, ChatGPT took the world by storm with its groundbreaking ability to think and access knowledge much like a human being. In this presentation, we will delve into prompt engineering techniques aimed at extracting the maximum potential from ChatGPT and similar foundational large language models.

[Register here](#). Questions may go to Paige Bredenkamp, eResources and School Library Consultant, at paige.bredenkamp@wyo.gov or (307) 777-6331.

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 November.

- [Giving Storytime a Tune-Up: Embedding Music Activities to Support Texts and Engage Participants](#) (Association of Library Service to Children)
- [Audience Engagement and Interaction in Hybrid Programs](#) (Programming Librarian)
- [Promoting Your Federal Documents Collection](#) (Federal Depository Library Program)

Around the State

ARTS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES CREATIVE AGING PROJECT GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Wyoming Arts Council (WAC) has announced that three Wyoming libraries were among the [recipients of the Creative Aging Project Grant](#). Campbell County Public Library, Lincoln County Library, and Sheridan Fulmer Public Library all received funding. The grants have been awarded to Wyoming-based teaching artists and arts and cultural organizations in order to develop and implement multiple 8-week Creative Aging programs through August 2024.

The programs are designed to provide arts education and social engagement opportunities for Wyoming’s older adults.

PARK COUNTY LIBRARY OPENS NEW MOOSE MEETING ROOM



The newly opened Moose Room.

The Park County Library has [opened its new Moose Meeting Room](#), made possible through the support of the Friends of the Cody Library group. The room is a modular pod designed to accommodate a variety of needs. The room features seating for four, an occupancy sensor that ensures energy efficiency, ultra-quiet ventilation, a built-in Powerbox that keeps cables in place and ensures devices stay charged, and sustainable soundproof construction made from recycled PET. This modern and eco-friendly meeting room is a testament to the library’s commitment to providing innovative spaces for its patrons. The Moose Meeting Room provides an ideal environment for meetings, study sessions, and collaborative projects.

TWO LIBRARIES SELECTED FOR SMITHSONIAN EXHIBITION

Wyoming Humanities has announced the six sites, including two Wyoming libraries, selected for the statewide tour of the Smithsonian Institute’s exhibition, Spark! Places of Innovation. The exhibition takes visitors on a journey through time and place across America to discover the stories of people who lived, worked, played, collaborated, adapted, took risks, solved problems, and sometimes failed — all in the pursuit of something new. The themes addressed are technological, social, artistic, and cultural/heritage innovation.

Among other stops, the exhibition will appear in Douglas at the Converse County Public Library from July 5 to August 20, 2024, and in Cheyenne

at the Laramie County Library from December 2, 2024, to January 14, 2025. More information about this and other Wyoming Humanities initiatives can be found at thinkwy.org.

School Libraries

STUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO ENTER LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE CONTEST

Wyoming students in grades 4-12 are invited to read, be inspired, and write



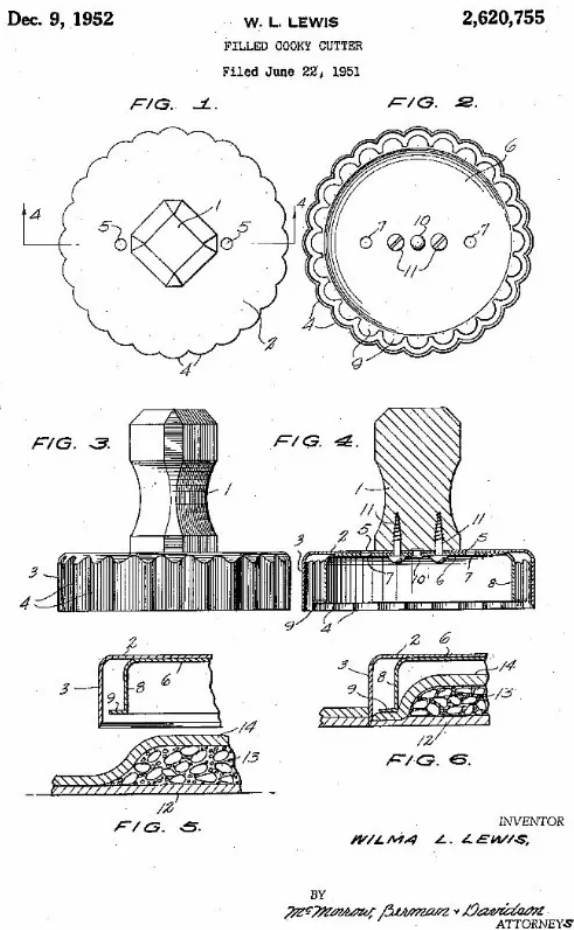
back to the author (living or dead) of a book that changed their lives for the Letters About Literature contest. The contest is a project of the Wyoming Center for the Book at Wyoming Humanities. Entries will be judged at the state level in three age categories, and winners at each level will receive a Bookshop.org gift card worth \$150 for first place, \$100 for second, or \$50 for third. Entries may be done independently or as part of a class.

The contest is open until March 1, 2024. Guidelines and entry forms can be found at thinkwy.org/letters-about-literature. Questions may be directed to lucas@thinkwy.org or (307) 721-9243.



Intellectual Property

PATENTS FOR YOUR HOLIDAY BAKING



Filled Cookie Cutter invented by Wilma L. Lewis of Douglas, Wyoming, in 1953.

With autumn drawing to a close, it's time to appreciate the upcoming holiday baking season. Like many people, during the winter months, we stock up on our favorite baked goods.

No Thanksgiving table is bereft of a pie and Christmas cookies are a beloved tradition. This tradition is long lived and ever evolving. [On the WSL blog](#), we looked at three patents from days gone by that bring innovation to holiday staples.

The first invention, for a [Filled Cookie Cutter](#), is from 1953. Invented by Wilma L. Lewis of Douglas, Wyoming. With this invention one could make apple pie cookies or any variation of a filled cookie without having to crimp and cut the edges of the dough separately. You can see more on this and the other two – a [Pie Trimmer and Crimper](#) and [Heuer's Cake Cooling Support for Inverted Cake Pan](#) – on the [original post](#).

This holiday season spare some time to think about the inventions we use to make our baked goods. From eggbeaters to the electric stand mixer, baking has always spurred on innovation. For more patents, kitchen related and otherwise, go to the [Wyoming Inventors Collection](#). The collection contains full PDFs of every patent granted to a Wyoming resident.



Databases & Electronic Resources

WYOMING DIGITAL NEWSPAPER COLLECTION ADDS FIVE TITLES



The New Approach, April 1989

The Wyoming Digital Newspaper Collection has added five prison newspapers to its database. Titles include *Best Scene*, *J-A-B-S*, *Wyoming State Honor Farm*, *Wyoming Pen*, and *The New Approach*. These newspapers span from 1915 to

1992 and were all written, edited, and published by those in the prison system.

Topics range from entertainment pieces to local news. Local news from these articles include prices, agricultural information, and government and school events. On the entertainment side, newspapers include opinion columns, poetry, and short stories.

To read more from these collections, visit the [Wyoming Digital Newspaper Collection](#). One may also enjoy other unique newspaper collections such as *Heart Mountain Sentinel*, *Wingspan*, and *P.O.W.*

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE FUTURE OF LIBRARIES

Whether we are on track to a golden age of technological advancement or on the path to a bleak dystopian future that science fiction cautioned us against is anyone's guess, but the fact remains that advancement in Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology has skyrocketed over the past year.

The Natrona County Library blog has an [insightful piece](#) from Lisa Arthursen on this topic that's well worth the read, including how AI is already in use at the library in Libby. Also, The Digital Librarian provides ideas of [how AI can be implemented](#) in library settings, but also warns about potential drawbacks and areas of concern.

People News

Debbie McCarthy recently retired from University of Wyoming Libraries. She joined UW Libraries in 2004 as the Head of Technical Services and assumed the role of Assistant Dean, Resource Discovery and Management in 2018.

Dee Salo is another recent retiree from UW Libraries. She joined the libraries in August 1982 and moved to Interlibrary Loan (ILL) in 1989. When she retired, she was Manager of Interlibrary Loan, a position she took in February 2018.

Kathy LeCheminant is the new Children's Specialist at Sublette County Library in Pinedale. She helped install a new story in the Story Stroll in Boyd Skinner Park.

Maura Williams is the new Programming Specialist at Sublette County Library. Maura is a Pinedale local who is already well-loved by the community. Her background is in education.

Michelle Humber, Executive Director of Sublette County Library, has been moonlighting as Marian the Librarian in the local community theater's production of "The Music Man."

Kassia Capozzoli has been named Youth Services Manager at the White Mountain Library. Kassia has worked for the library system in youth services for the past two years

and has more than 20 years of experience working with children.

Katrina Haines has joined the Goshen County Library as a Circulation Clerk.

Youth Services

GET INVOLVED WITH TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY

[Take Your Child to the Library Day](#) is held annually on the first Saturday of February. To celebrate, libraries across the country and around the world welcome families with programs, activities, and special events. Since 2011, more than 1,735 libraries have participated, serving 56.54 million people, and drawing attention to the importance of the library in the lives of children. Libraries across the country can [register now](#) and participate. Participation is completely customizable – it can be as simple as handing out bookmarks, or as elaborate as a full day extravaganza. [Learn more](#) and [find resources](#) to celebrate this event.

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Library Jobs

WYOMING STATE LIBRARY JOBS

The Wyoming State Library in Cheyenne, Wyoming, is currently accepting applications for three positions. All are open until filled:

- [Wyoming State Librarian](#)
- [System Administrator for WYLD Network Library Services](#)
- [Youth Services & eResources Librarian](#)

JOBS AROUND THE STATE

[Library Branch Manager](#)

Riverton Branch Library
 Fremont County Libraries
 Riverton, WY
 Open until filled

[Youth Services Lead Librarian](#)

Riverton Branch Library
 Fremont County Libraries
 Riverton, WY
 Open until filled

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

University of Wyoming Libraries
 Laramie, WY
 Open until filled

[Adult Services Librarian](#)

Albany County Public Library
 Laramie, WY
 Open until filled

[Library Coordinator](#)

Northwest College Library
 Powell, WY
 Closes November 30, 2023

[Library Specialist – Studio Coe](#)

University of Wyoming Libraries
 Laramie, WY
 Open until filled

Grants & Awards

[Youth Garden Grant 2024](#)

DEADLINE: December 15, 2023

Supports school and youth educational garden projects that enhance the quality of life for youth and their communities. In early 2024, 50 organizations will be awarded \$500 in funding and a collection of gardening supplies for their youth garden program.

[Rocky Mountain Power Foundation Grants](#)

DEADLINE: December 15, 2023

The foundation will award grants for addiction, disability resources, disaster relief, domestic violence, first responders, food insecurity, healthcare accessibility, homeless support,

mental health, public safety initiatives, veteran organizations, wellness, and preventative care. Grants generally are less than \$10,000 with most between \$2,000 and \$5,000.

Walmart Community Grant Program

DEADLINE: December 31, 2023

Grants of \$250 to \$5,000 will be awarded in support of local nonprofit organizations within the service area of individual Walmart or Sam’s Club stores for projects that benefit the community at large. Eligible nonprofit organizations must operate on the local level or be an affiliate/chapter of a larger organization that operates locally and directly benefit the service area of the store from which they are requesting funding.

Save America’s Treasures Collection Grants

DEADLINE: December 19, 2023

Save America’s Treasures is a National Park Service grant program in collaboration with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. This grant program supports the preservation of nationally significant historic properties and collections and requires a one to one match.

Latino Poetry Project

DEADLINE: January 5, 2024

Grants of \$1,200 are available to libraries and other public institutions for programs exploring

Latino poetry and its ongoing relevance to American national life. Grants may be used for honoraria for local poets and scholars, travel expenses, actor/performer fees, publicity and promotion, refreshments, or other costs associated with programs.

Stephen T. Riedner Grant for Life Enhancing Library Programs for People Living with Dementia

DEADLINE: February 23, 2024

Citation and a grant of \$2,500 each to two libraries to support the creation of new services and/or new programming to directly serve those living with dementia. Applications that describe only existing services or programming are not eligible for this grant. Applicants do not need to be a member of ALA.



News in Brief

[County Launches Clickable History Map](#)

The Park County Archives has launched Wyoming’s first GIS searchable database that links hundreds of historic photos and information from an interactive online map. The project uses geographic information systems technology to map out historic places in the county. Clicking on the different icons on each map will reveal information and photos about the places from the county’s archives.

[Respond Now to the 2023 Public Library Technology Survey](#)

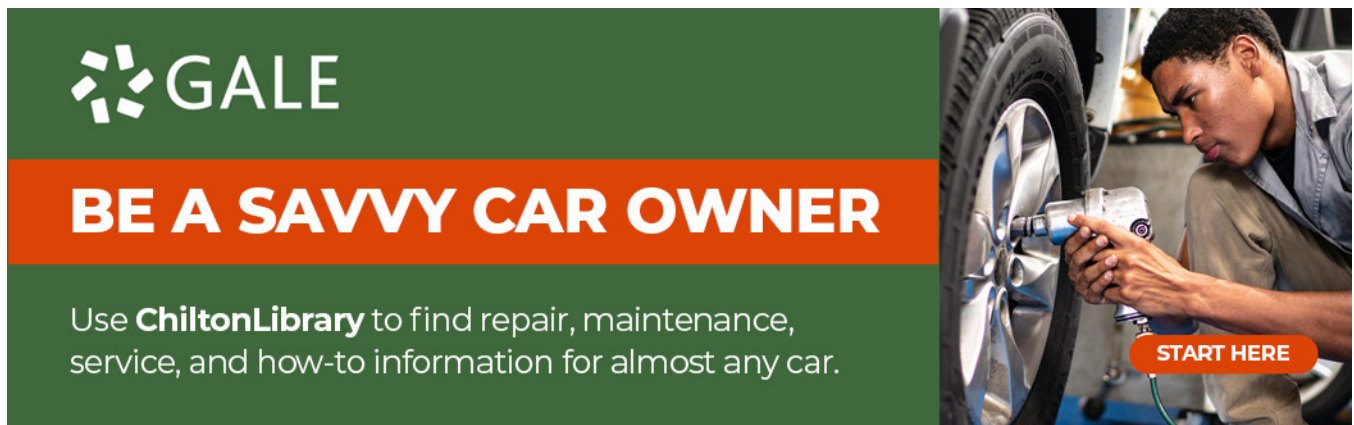
The Public Library Association (PLA) is currently fielding the 2023 Public Library Technology Survey. It seeks to understand the current and emerging trends in public library technology resources, training, infrastructure, staff support, and budgets. Share the current technology resources, infrastructure, and programming offered at your library by December 16.

[Registration Open for the 2024 Public Library Association \(PLA\) Conference](#)

Registration is open for the biennial PLA conference, which will be held in Columbus, Ohio, from April 3-5, 2024. The conference offers more than 100 education sessions, inspiring speakers and authors, engaging networking opportunities, career services, micro-learning moments, and an exhibit hall featuring the latest in products, services, and innovations. Early bird discount ends January 12.

[Digital Collection of Colorado-based Japanese American Newspapers](#)

The Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection has made multiple additions to their digitized newspapers, making it the largest online collection of Japanese newspapers published in Colorado. These newspapers along with the Granada camp newspapers, also included in CHNC, provide a unique look into Japanese immigration, incarceration, and community life in Colorado from 1911 to 2007 – nearly 100 years.



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