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### Greene named 'Librarian of the Year' at WLA

The Wyoming Library Association (WLA) named Brian Greene "Librarian of the Year" at its annual conference in October.

Greene is the library network and development manager at the Wyoming State Library (WSL).

His nomination by Lesley Boughton, Wyoming state librarian, specifically cited his involvement with the Universal Service Fund (E-Rate) and included supporting letters from Gov. Jim Geringer and a large number of library directors.

"Wyoming takes great pride in its efforts to advance technological resources, and people like Brian Greene help us to achieve our goals," Geringer stated, in a letter to the WLA Awards Committee. "Brian worked tirelessly throughout the sometimes tedious process of filling out government forms. And, he consistently encouraged and assisted each library across the state in the process. His efforts were obviously successful since every Wyoming library filed the Form 470!"

Greene has been with the state for seven years and in his current position for five.

Trish Palluck, WYLD database technician and 20-year WSL employee, received the Unsung Heroine Award for her involvement in creating the new paraprofessionals section of WLA.

Helen Graham from Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library and Dorothy Middleton, Cheyenne East High School librarian, both were honored with Distinguished Service Awards for long-term service.

Charles Levendosky was presented with the first SIRS/WLA Intellectual Freedom Award. Levendosky, editorial page editor of the Casper Star-Tribune, received a plaque and a check for \$500. Another \$500 was donated in his name to the American Library Association (ALA) Freedom to Read Foundation.

SIRS, an education publishing company providing databases and computer technology for libraries, established its intellectual freedom awards in 1981 to honor individuals or groups who have met or resisted attempts at censorship and have otherwise furthered the cause of intellectual and academic freedom.

Other awards and their recipients include:

- The Agnes Milstead Award for outstanding service to children or young adults, Fremont County Library Story Hour Players;
- Award Award for someone whose achievement doesn't fit the regular categories, Erin Kinney of F.E. Warren Air Force Base Library and Scott Kinney, Laramie County Library System, for their work on the WLA Web site;
- Media support, *Wyoming Tribune-Eagle* in Cheyenne;
- Trustee Citation, John Becker of Teton County Library; and
- Meritorious Service, Friends of the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library.

"Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul," edited by Jack Canfield, was named Soaring Eagle Award winner and "Saving Shiloh" by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor was the Indian Paintbrush Award winner. In both awards, students voted for their favorite book from a nominated list.

Jan Segerstrom of Jackson Hole Middle School Media Center received the Progressive School Library Media Award sponsored by Winnebago Software Co.

Deb Kelly of Northwest College and Carolyn Groves Winkler of Teton County Library received Nora Van Burgh Development Grants to fund their continuing education.

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## **Libraries directory goes online**

### **Updates can be made continually**

Wyoming library information is easier than ever to find with the new online version of the 1999 Wyoming Libraries Directory.

The directory, produced by the Wyoming State Library (WSL), contains addresses, phone numbers, staff contacts, email addresses and Web sites for county, branch libraries, school, academic, institution, medical, and special libraries.

Unlike previous electronic versions, the 1999 directory is fully searchable.

Users can find libraries, staff members or trustees by name and browse by county, region or library type. Updates can be sent directly to WSL staff through an online form linked to the directory pages. The directory is accessible on the Internet at <http://cowgirl.state.wy.us/directory/>.

Libraries are encouraged to visit the site and verify that information is complete and accurate.

Print copies of the 1999 directory are still available.

Requests for copies as well as questions and comments may be directed to WSL's Public Programs, Publications and Marketing Office at 307/777-6338; 800/264-1281 (press 1, then 6).

Updates to the online version will be made continually. Production on the 2000 print directory is expected to begin in January. Libraries will receive survey forms and instructions by mail at that time.

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## **Study: Libraries, museums can form positive partnership**

A study by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) determined that when museums and libraries work as a team positive things happen.

Through partnerships, the study shows there is an increase in access to information in the community and enhanced education; both entities can attract new audiences and expand the outreach of their programs.

Typical partnerships vary. Large-scale projects include:

- opening new exhibit spaces,
- cataloging and digitizing collections,
- creating joint databases,

- creating digitized exhibits and collections on the Internet,
- opening a Children's Discovery Center,
- offering computer training, and
- developing traveling exhibits.

Smaller projects libraries and museums can share include:

- writing a short column for a museum newsletter, and
- displaying artwork and creating exhibit-related bibliographies.

In 1998, IMLS awarded the first grants for library and museum partnerships under its National Leadership Grants. Grant guidelines will be available in mid-fall with the deadline for applications set for April 2000.

More information is available from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506; 202/606-8536 or visit the Web site at <http://www.ims.gov>.

For a copy of the complete study, email [imlsinfor@imls.gov](mailto:imlsinfor@imls.gov).

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### Arthur's Adventure visits Laramie County

The Laramie County Public Library (LCPL) is offering the Arthur's Library Adventure program in an effort to improve literacy in the community.

LCPL is one of 10 in the nation to receive a grant from WGHB-Public Television in Boston for the program that works as an outreach program to underserved sectors of the community.

Most of the children participating in the program are in the Head Start and Title I programs.

The program is 45 minutes long and incorporates reading, creative dramatics and art. Each child receives a brochure from the library that includes an Arthur bookmark. They also receive a coupon that can be redeemed at the library for a free Arthur book.

On Nov. 20, the program concludes with a visit from Arthur at the library.

In the future the materials will be available to other Wyoming libraries.

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### E-commerce raises questions about policies

**By Jerry Krois**

*Wyoming Deputy State Librarian*

Have you dusted off your Internet Use Policy recently?

Have you looked at emerging issues to anticipate what your patrons might want to do at your Internet computers?

The explosive growth of e-commerce has raised new questions about what does or will take place at your Internet workstations. It has been reported that some libraries across the nation are seeing a new generation of library-based Internet user.

No, not the chat room addict who would happily spend hours in chat rooms around the World Wide Web or dirty old men looking at triple-x sites, but the individual running a business from the library computer.

In the new scenario, the library visitor is using the library equipment to run an online business, create web sites for local or distant businesses and e-mail people on a myriad of financial opportunities.

Internet commerce is an extremely large and creative enterprise with people auctioning their collectibles or possessions to a national audience and finding ways to link their individual services to a national enterprise.

Are you concerned about the legality or ethics of a commercial business being run out of your facility? Does your Internet Use Policy allow or restrict commercial use of public property? Are you seen as supporting local economic development if you do or hindering development if you don't? Do you want to give the same online time to entrepreneurs as to students, the Internet surfer and the WYLD researcher?

WWW creativity continues to open many business opportunities for the person with a room full of computing equipment at home or the person with a limited budget using the library's equipment.

Your discussion and policy will give direction to the staff when they begin to see individuals focused at a computer screen searching for dollar signs.

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## **Alpine climbing exhibit ready to travel in Wyoming**

*Collection includes first ascents and other climbs.*

Teton County Library is inviting other libraries to "go climb a rock."

The library, a branch of the American Alpine Club Library, houses the American Alpine Journal from 1933 to present and has more than 500 climbing and mountaineering books. A year ago, the library assisted in creating and hosting American Alpine Journal's first exhibit.

The newest exhibit is designed to "travel" and arrangements to host the showcase on world alpine climbing can be made by contacting Margaret Thompson, collection coordinator at 307/739-6722.

The exhibit contains 28 photographs from the American Alpine Journal's most recent two editions including first ascents and climbs in the Himalayas of Pakistan, India and Nepal to Kyrgyzstan, Argentine Patagonia, Yosemite and the former Soviet Union.

Gardner Heaton of Jackson is one of the climbers featured in the collection that was on display in the Teton County Library in October.

For more information, call 307/733-2164 or visit the Web site at <http://will.state.wy.us/teton/home>.

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### Position announcement

**Cataloger:** The University of Wyoming is seeking applicants for the position of cataloger. Responsibilities: This position will catalog newly received titles in all languages and subjects using AACR2, LC Classification, LC Subject Headings and other standard codes as appropriate. Assists with special cataloging projects. The Library uses OCLC and has a CARL OPAC. Librarians hold faculty status with expectations for scholarship and service.

**Required:** Master's in Library Science degree (MLS) from an ALA accredited program or an accepted equivalent combination of education and experience. Cataloging experience using AACR2, LC rule interpretations, MARC tagging, LC classification and LCSH. Demonstrated oral and written communication skills. Applicant must have ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships.

**Preferred qualifications:** One year of professional cataloging experience in a medium to large academic library, OCLC experience, NACO experience and reading knowledge of European languages.

**Salary:** Commensurate with qualifications and experience, minimum \$30,000. This is 12-month appointment, 22 days of vacation, sick leave, group health insurance, state and TIAA CREF retirement plans and no state income tax.

**Deadline for application:** Preference will be given to applications received by Nov. 22, 1999. To apply: Send cover letter, resume and names of three professional references to Scott Royce, assistant director of Administrative Services, University of Wyoming Libraries, P.O. Box 3334, Laramie, WY 82071; Fax 307/766-2510; [royce@uwyo.edu](mailto:royce@uwyo.edu). Please follow-up faxed or emailed applications with copy by mail.

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## **Cataloging just got a lot easier**

### **CatExpress leaps into action at end of year**

Cataloging for librarians in the state will be getting a lot easier.

The Wyoming State Library is preparing to participate in a one-year pilot program using Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) Cataloging Express that will allow libraries throughout the state to place materials on shelves faster than ever. CatExpress was developed specifically for small public and school libraries that acquire less than 2,000 titles annually.

The program will be offered to all WYLD libraries that are non-OCLC libraries at no cost. The product is Web-based, and libraries do not have to invest in software.

CatExpress allows a library to find records in WorldCat (the OCLC Online Union Catalog), attach its holding symbol, add local information and then download the record to the library's local system.

When using the program, libraries are able to find their own bibliographic records to add to the WYLD database instead of having to contact the state library.

Information that can be added includes a holding library code, 049 field; price information to the ISBN field, 020; a call number, 090 or 092 field; to edit or add notes, 500, 505, 520 and 590 fields; and add location/holdings information, 852 field.

The WYLD Office will be responsible for loading the records into the WYLD Database. The records are compiled into a single file that is available the next day.

CatExpress users will have access to all 41 million records in WorldCat; however, original cataloging is not supported in CatExpress.

Trish Palluck, WYLD database technician, said the state library hopes to begin offering the service toward the end of the year.

She said even staff members with little or no cataloging experience will find the Web-based product "very user-friendly."

No knowledge of the MARC format or being familiar with OCLC is needed to use the service, and only minimal training is required. The service also has its own tutorial at <http://www.oclc.org/oclc/cataloging/catexpress/tutorial/index.htm>.

To use the service, libraries need a current generation Web browser such as Netscape Navigator 4.0 -- or higher -- or Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0 -- or higher -- running on any workstation with Internet access. There are no direct OCLC telecommunications charges; all charges are included in the annual CatExpress subscription rate.

WorldCat has more than 700 million location listings and is used by more than 34,000 libraries in 67 countries.

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### **State Library Board approves grants for loaning items and staff training credits**

- *Public and academic libraries in the state will now receive \$1 for each item they loan another library.*

The State Library Board recently approved the introduction of Resource Sharing Grants (RSG) as a support program for libraries to loan items.

With an estimated LSTA allocation of \$25,000, the RSG will give each public and academic library \$1 for each item loaned to another library in the state without regard to net lending and borrowing quantities.

The Net Lender Reimbursement Grant will be discontinued and the new grant will begin when annual reports are submitted this fall.

With the new program, the University of Wyoming will continue to receive a flat rate of \$4,000, as it did under the Net Lender Program. School and special libraries will not be eligible to participate in the program at this time.

The board also approved an estimated \$56,000 for the second year of training credits that enable library directors to send staff to continuing education opportunities. The "Competitive Grants for Libraries" will be discounted and the \$6,000 from that project is rolled into the credits.

The Wyoming State Library will hold the funds, and each library submits reimbursement forms. The formula increases per employee support from \$20 to \$40 for the year. The base for each library increases from \$500 to \$675, and a pool for school and special librarians remains at \$7,000.

Judy Yeo, library development and continuing education, can provide guidelines to access funds in the pool. She can be contacted at 307/777-5914.

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### **Big Horn County upgrades to ADA**

Big Horn County Library has been awarded a \$151,000 block grant to bring the 1954 building into compliance with the Americans With DisAbilities Act by upgrading the building with an elevator and push-button doors.

Approved during a meeting in September of the Wyoming Business Council's Board of Directors, the money will also be used to build two staircases to meet fire codes and to renovate the public restrooms to make them accessible.



Sandra Munger, Big Horn County librarian, said the grant was originally written for the fairgrounds. "It wouldn't work for the fairgrounds, so the commission decided to give it to us. I had four days in May to come up dollar figures," she said.

Renovations will make the mezzanine accessible using an elevator and two staircases.

An Environmental Impact Study still has to be completed before work can begin on the building. "The laws require that we call the Wild and Scenic River people to see if any remodeling of the library will impact the 'wild and scenic river,'" Munger said, in a news release. "In reality the remodeling will have no impact, but we have to call and report that there is no impact in order for us to get our environmental approval."

Once approval is received, Big Horn County Commissioners will need to sign the contract and hire an architect to determine what work is needed. Munger will then approve the plan and call for bids. Construction is not expected to begin until January 2000.

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### **Teton County Library expands collections**

Two special collections are expanding in the Youth Services Department of Teton County Library.

Both Spanish language books and parenting materials have grown.

Sandra Bundy, a retired California school principal, recently moved to Jackson and brought with her more than 340 new children's books in Spanish. Seeing a need for these books in her community and all over the country, she began a mail-order business dealing with just such materials.

However, after settling in Jackson, she no longer needed the inventory. It was her hope that the library could use the books since she heard their Spanish collection was small. With her donation, the Youth Services department now boasts more than 400 titles.

Debbie Schlinger, youth librarian, said, "These books will greatly supplement the materials for families whose primary language is Spanish, English-speaking adults learning Spanish, and elementary teachers with Hispanic students who are still learning English. It's great for kids in a reading class to be able to supplement English books with those translated into Spanish."

Regular storytimes in Spanish will be offered on the first and last Saturdays of each month. Patricia Rocha will direct the programs.

Teachers and parents working with toddlers and children with disabilities can now access information at the library, as well. Twelve new videos and more than 15 books on the latest theories of education for infants and preschoolers have been added to the parenting collection.

The donation was made by The Learning Center who received a grant from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hughes in collaboration with the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole.

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## Around the State

- **Pat Allen** of the **Sheridan County Story Branch Library** is retiring after 23 years of service.

She began working at the library in 1975 and told *The Sheridan Press* she made \$60 a month at the time. During heavy snow storms Allen said she would have to ski to the library and shovel several feet of snow to open the building for patrons.

- **Elaine Munn** of the **Campbell County Wright Branch Library** is semi-retiring. She has worked at the library for eight years and will continue to substitute for different positions as needed.

**Janet Stout** joined the Wright Branch Library staff on Sept 22, 1999. **Sandra Hunter** has been selected as a new Campbell County Library Board member. She is a physical education teacher at Rawhide and Meadowlark Schools, and she will serve as the foundation's liaison.

- A committee has been created to oversee the remodeling process of the new **Burns Branch Library**.

A Request for Proposal has been submitted, and the committee interviewed two firms in September. Construction of the building is scheduled to begin in early 2000 and should be completed by spring. The cost to remodel the facility is approximately \$200,000.

- The **Teton County Library** is making efforts to become more accessible to students. The activity bus that runs from Jackson Hole High School and Middle School to Snow King has been making an extra stop on its route. As a trial basis, the bus made a daily drop at the Teton County Library to give students more access to the library. Students were required to obtain their parents' signature to ride. Study rooms at the library can also be reserved for two hours for groups of six. The library also offers Internet Search Technique classes.
- Seven volunteers helped re-shelve 12,000 books and magazines at the **Jackson Hole High School Library** in September.

The books were packed up at the end of the school year so the existing shelves could be moved to the new \$26-million school building.

Although students were scheduled to begin class in the new building this fall, school board trustees postponed the move until mid-January 2000.

- Active volunteers **Juli Smith** and **Sarah Roach** of The Friends of Teton County Library facilitated a donation of adult and children's books to the Community Safety Network Shelter and

paperbacks to the county jail. Books came from library donations destined for the Friend's semi-annual book sale.

They collaborated with **Laura McKee** of the Community Counseling Center and Elizabeth Cheroutes of Community Safety Network in making selections.

- The **Sheridan County** Fulmer Library's Annual Friends of the Library Auction will be held on Saturday, Nov. 13, at the library. Wine, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction will begin at 5:30 p.m., and the oral auction will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Wyoming Room at Sheridan County Fulmer Library has been helping to prepare a book on historical preservation for the Sheridan area. The staff is seeking old pictures of buildings or of the area.

- The **Washakie County Library Foundation** met in September. The foundation is currently raising money for an endowment fund and are very close to this year's goal.

The Washakie County Library held its annual Fall Festival and Scarecrow Contest in September.

- Mysteries, histories and biographies are the top picks at **Albany County Library**. A recent survey commissioned by the library's foundation studied high-use areas, services and materials used by patrons. "The survey proved to be an invaluable tool in our long-range planning process," Susan Simpson, library director, told *The Boomerang*.

The Survey Research Center conducted the study and interviewed 405 library users and 401 non-users.

- The **Converse County Library** at Douglas has new hours effective immediately. These do not apply to the Glenrock Branch Library.

Monday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.,

Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.,

Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.,

Thursday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.,

Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.,

Saturday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., and

Sunday, closed.

- **Jennifer Black** and **Wendy Rilett** were recently appointed to the Natrona County Library Board.

Black will serve a partial term that ends in June 2001 and will serve as the board's secretary. She is a career specialist at Natrona County High School.

Rilett received a three-year appointment through June 2002. She is president of Cande Construction.

- **Hot Springs County Library's** new Children's Librarian **Tracey Kinnaman** began work at the library on Aug. 25. Previously she worked as a volunteer storyteller for three years for the former children's librarian **Arlene Wells**.
- **Agnes Milstead** received the Presidential Award for the Republic of the Philippines for her work in establishing four libraries throughout the Philippines. Col. Arsenio Sulquiano, an emissary of President Joseph Estrado of the Philippines, presented the award to her in Laramie.

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## WYLD THINGS

- Problems for libraries connected to WYLD via the Wyoming Equality Network (WEN) may finally be largely resolved due to the establishment of a static telecommunications route jointly established by the Wyoming State Library (WSL), US WEST and the assignment of an IP address at each college campus by US WEST. Ariel transmission still does not work in sending messages from inside the WEN to the outside.
- Staff from five different libraries will be attending workshops for WYLD PC technical support for troubleshooting workshops in Casper and Cheyenne in November.
- After analyzing the WYLD members satisfaction survey results, the WYLD Office will be striving to:

further improve customer service,

maximize training, and

continue to ensure adequate telecommunications.

[They also hope to work with the WYLD Network groups to develop better communications mechanisms for the WYLD Network.](#)

- A DRA demonstration at the WLA conference showed significant progress on the Circulation and Cataloging modules in TAOS, though Serials and Acquisitions still appear to be in the development. Release notes for the next version of WEB2 were also acquired at the conference and show that it will finally allow keyword limited by location and item specific requests. DRA expects to release this version before the new year.
- Thirteen WYLD public libraries received second-hand computers acquired by the WSL from other state agencies.
- Libraries implementing WEB2 recently included the Gillette Campus of Sheridan College, Natrona County Public Library, the Big Horn County Library and branches, Converse County and Glenrock.

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## Personnel-ly Speaking

**Jackie Tabor**, acquisitions specialist, is the newest WSL employee in the central acquisitions department. She has been working on contract since December 1998.

Following a week of introductory training in Cheyenne, **Kim Capron** has begun her new duties in Technical Support for WYLD libraries in Northwest Wyoming.

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## News Briefs

- Applications are available for the "Prime Time Family Reading Time" reading, discussion and storyteller series.

The application deadline for the program is Friday, Nov. 5. The program is sponsored by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities in partnership with the American Library Association (ALA).

"Prime Time" is based on illustrated children's books and is designed specifically for underserved families to help their children bond with their parents through reading and learning together.

The program will be expanded nationally to 14 libraries in the spring and fall of 2000. Seven libraries will be selected to host the series in the spring and another seven in the fall.

An application and more information is available at the web site at <http://www.ala.org/publicprograms> or by contacting the ALA Public Programs at 312/280-5055; [pgoodes@ala.org](mailto:pgoodes@ala.org). Applicants can also contact Kay Mettelka, Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities at 504/523-4352, ext. 12.

- The Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA) is accepting applications for its Cultural Diversity Grant. Applications are due Wednesday, Dec. 1.

The goal of the grant is to support the creating and dissemination of resources that will assist library administrators and managers in developing a vision and commitment of diversity. An application and guidelines are available at <http://www.ala.org/lama/awards/culturaldiv>, or by contacting Shonda Russell, communications assistant, LAMA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, Ill 60611; 312/280-5033 (Fax); 312/280-5037.

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## Central acquisitions program hits \$1 million mark

More libraries throughout the state are using Wyoming State Library's (WSL) central acquisitions program, pushing this year's program revenues over the \$1 million mark for the first time.

The acquisitions program was established in 1964 to accommodate centralized purchasing for Wyoming libraries. Using this program, libraries can save money on purchasing materials, minimize paperwork and earn interest on their deposits into the fund.

Jack Willmarth, central acquisitions manager, said the system is designed to be user-friendly. Libraries place money for purchases on deposit, then place their orders through WSL or order their supplies and charge it to their WSL account.

Even the smallest libraries earn volume discounts and reduced shipping costs through the combined purchasing power of participating libraries and state agencies.

Participants save staff time since they obtain one purchase order and issue one check for their deposit instead of completing that process for each material order. Willmarth said one county library reported that central acquisitions saved them the equivalent of a full-time employee (FTE).

Central acquisitions provides funding for the Large Print Rotation Collection (LPRC), contributing \$9,000 to that project during the last three years and is the vehicle used to track WYLD (Wyoming Libraries Database) revenues and expenditures. The state library also uses fund earnings as "seed money" to temporarily fund the startup of projects such as Center for the Book, Read to Me Wyoming and the WYLD databases.

In FY99 (July 1998 to June 1999), the acquisitions office processed 2,375 purchase orders for 24,018 items. List price for all materials ordered was \$1,087,703. With discounts, the actual price was \$929,374 - a saving of \$158,329.

Central acquisitions is designed for flexibility and customization to serve the needs of widely varying organizations. The program serves public, academic, school and institutional libraries and other state agencies.

Willmarth can answer librarians' questions about the program or walk librarians through the central acquisitions process. He may be reached at 307/777-5917 or 800/264-1281 (press 1, then 4) or by email at [jwillm@state.wy.us](mailto:jwillm@state.wy.us).

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