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MUSTANGS OF THE MCCULLOUGH PEAKS PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT DISPLAYED AT THE WSL



Friends of a Legacy

Keeping the Mustangs Wild and Free

The Wyoming State Library will display the traveling photography exhibit, “Wild and Free: Mustangs of the McCullough Peaks,” in cooperation with the Friends of a Legacy (FOAL), beginning July 18. The display will be available for the public to view until Friday, August 16.

Wild horses roam 120,000 public land acres of the McCullough Peaks Herd Management Areas, created by Congress in 1971 with the “Wild and Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act. FOAL is committed to improving the

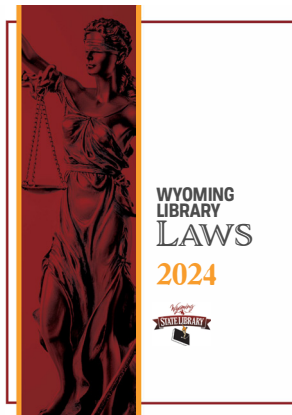
Herd Management Areas, supporting its other wildlife, and preserving the legacy of wild horses as symbols of the American West. FOAL collaborates with the Wyoming Bureau of Land Management, assisting with number projects and initiatives that align with their commitments. The “Wild and Free” photography exhibit is part of FOAL’s commitment, educating the public about the mustangs, their behavior, and their habitat.

Thirteen photographers from around the United States (including six from Wyoming) captured the photos for the exhibit. Contributors range from experienced photographers to those publicly displaying their work for the first time.

Horse-loving patrons of all ages can enjoy the photographs. The exhibit will feature six photos each week, and a new selection will be on display every Friday. The Wyoming State Library, 2800 Central Avenue, will host the exhibit and will have information handouts available. Additionally, we will have coloring pages and a treasure hunt activity available for the kids.

WSL News

2024 WYOMING LIBRARY LAWS NOW AVAILABLE



The 2024 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 libraries consult the [full text](#) of Wyoming Statutes and visit with their legal counsel when faced with difficult issues.

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

What's Up? If you have great happenings at your library, we'd like to know! Send news to Christi Weinzierl at christi.weinzierl1@wyo.gov.

Around the State

HOT AIR BALLOONS AT THE PARK COUNTY LIBRARY



The Park County Library (PCL) in Cody, Wyoming, kicked off their summer program on the last day of school, May 31, with a real hot air balloon on the library grounds.

“I visited with all Cody elementary classes in the month of May, telling them it was coming, and encouraging everyone to come over right after school let out,” said Holly Baker, Children’s Services Director for the Park County Library (PCL). During the assemblies at Cody elementary schools, Holly and a teacher dressed up, standing inside the gondola (a decorated box) and holding helium balloons. The publicity campaign was successful; over 300 young library patrons came to explore the inside of the hot air balloon.

During the experience, Cody kids were able to walk around inside the inflated balloon. “It was honestly awesome,” said Holly. “No one knows just how ginormous they are until you get inside one!”

“We’ve been loving this year’s ‘Adventure Begins at Your Library’ theme,” said Holly. “Because of the Collaborative Summer Library Program’s great artwork and t-shirts with hot air balloons, we decided to focus on them for not only decorating, but exploring!”

The Park County Library System has locations in Cody, Powell, and Meeteetse. Each location has summer reading events planned for Park County patrons of all ages. See their [events calendar](#) for more information.

A NEW CHILDREN’S GARDEN AT THE GLENROCK BRANCH LIBRARY



The Converse County Library in Glenrock has added a new feature this summer--a

children’s garden. The garden was designed and constructed by Carla Genoff.

“A big ‘thank you’ goes out to our generous community,” said Rita Heath, Children’s Librarian at the Glenrock Branch Library. Major financial donors for the project included the Halbert Family Trust and Dorothy Wilcox.

Find out more about the Converse County Libraries on their [website](#).

SUMMER FUN AT THE LYMAN LIBRARY



It’s been a busy summer at the Lyman Library in Uinta County! They have had a spectacular summer reading program with SO many adventures including watching butterflies grow, riding bikes through an obstacle course, and visiting to the Historic Fort Bridger State Park. They’ve read, crafted, adventured, and partied together! The Lyman Library is so grateful for

their program, their many sponsors, and the opportunity to rub shoulders with so many patrons from their great community!

THE GOSHEN COUNTY LIBRARY'S GREAT INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SPACES



The Goshen County Library (GSL) has been serving the citizens of Torrington, Wyoming, and the surrounding area for over one hundred years. Three Wyoming State Library (WSL) employees including Abby Beaver, Wyoming State Librarian; Letitia Bulic, the WSL's Youth Services Consultant; and Christi Weinzierl, the WSL's Communications and Grants Specialist, had the privilege of visiting and exploring the GCL on June 19.

Cristine Braddy, the GSL's director, graciously provided a tour of the library grounds, which includes inviting spaces both indoors and outdoors for patrons to enjoy library

programming, visit and play with friends and family, or simply enjoy a great book from the library.

The GCL features Goshen County's only indoor play and discovery space for kids, which includes a construction site and a grocery store for imaginative play, as well as cloud light covers to provide a "playing outside" feel, even when the Wyoming weather doesn't cooperate.

Breathtaking orchids, provided by and cared for by a Goshen County community member, both beautify and bring the outdoors inside and lovely artwork by local artists, including two literary-themed archways, one indoors and one outdoors, contribute to the library's visual appeal. Several other indoor spaces allow for summer reading activities, crafting, or other programming. Numerous board games and puzzles, including an oversized Connect 4, also provide sources of indoor/outdoor fun for patrons.

Shelves upon shelves of classic and contemporary fiction, nonfiction books, and other media abound at the GCL. Racks of movies and video games fill in the space between the shelves. Tables, chairs, beanbags, and cozy nooks provide nooks to gather with others or read or study alone.

Another amenity provided at the GCL include a PATHS telehealth booth for community members to use for remote medical appointments, which gets a lot of use and is very beneficial to those who live in the area.

“It cuts down on travel time,” said Christine. “Many people would need to drive a long distance for medical appointments. This allows them to see their doctor or specialist without having to travel.” Read more about PATHS telehealth booths [here](#).

Even more wonders await outside the library’s main building. A collection of benches that convert to picnic tables surround an outdoor presentation area. Raised garden beds filled with dirt, seeds, and dreams also adorn the library’s “backyard.” A fossil area (currently awaiting fill dirt) will soon allow young library patrons to dig for fossils. The area is surrounded by stones just perfect for parents and caregivers supervising their budding archeologists.

The GCL hosts weekly summer reading events with educational, motivating, and entertaining activities. It happened to be a Wednesday when the WSL visited and so many things that were happening at once. Some children were making bracelets with beads they’d earned for reaching their summer reading goals, while others participated in crafts or other literacy-related activities. Still others waited in line to check out their most recent book choices to take home and enjoy. The GCL was a beehive of excitement with children, parents, and library staff all abuzz with their love of reading.

“We have between 100 and 125 show up each week during our summer reading program,” said Cristine.

The GCL, with its amazing staff and engaging indoor and outdoor spaces is a great asset to Torrington and the rest of Goshen County. If you haven’t yet paid this amazing Wyoming library a visit you need to put it on your list! The Goshen County Library offers programming for patrons of all ages. Check out their [events calendar](#) for more details.

POURING PAINT IN SHERIDAN COUNTY



Eighteen Sheridan County teens enjoyed creating beautiful and unique works of art at the library’s Planet Paint Pour program on June 17. The teens learned how to blend paint for paint pouring and experimented with various techniques to achieve different outcomes.

“It’s amazing to witness teens using their creativity to learn and grow,” said Zola Shockley, Youth Services Manager at the Sheridan County Public Library System. Many return to show the projects they’ve worked on at home afterwards!”

The paint-pouring event was part of the SCPLS's Courageous Craft Club. The aim of the Courageous Craft Club is to introduce teenagers to new crafting techniques they can continue exploring beyond the program.

The SCPLS has locations in Sheridan, Clearmont, Story, and Tongue River. Each location hosts many programs for patrons of all ages. Find out more on their [webpage](#).

Databases & Electronic Resources

CLIMB YOUR FAMILY TREE WITH WSL'S GENEALOGY DATABASES



Would you like to learn about your family's history? Start your search using the Wyoming State Library's [Genealogy](#)

[Database Collection](#) to investigate your ancestors and heritage! [GoWYLD](#)'s genealogy collection includes numerous **FREE** resources you can utilize to help you find out more about the whos, whens, and wheres of your family's unique story

and find out more about the ones who came before you.

The most comprehensive of the WSL's genealogy resources is [Ancestry Library Edition](#). This resource is only available for use in the library, however, it contains over 8.9 billion records and 8,000 searchable domestic and international databases for genealogical research. You can find family trees, census and voter lists, military records, tax, court, and criminal records, will and probate records, and immigration records, as well as obituaries, death certificates, and burial records. To begin a search, all you have to do is enter as much information as you already know. This could include a relative's name, birthdate, and/or possible location where they lived. This will help narrow down your search and help you learn more about your family and dig deeper into the roots of your own family tree.

If you are looking for a resource to search from home, school, or anywhere else, the WSL's genealogy collection also includes [ProQuest Heritage Quest](#) and [African American Heritage](#). The search process is similar to Ancestry Library Edition and these resources also contain a wealth of information for those searching for more information regarding their family's heritage.

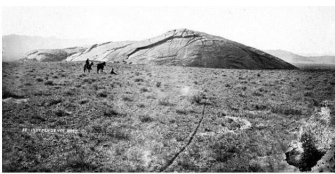
[Gale Primary Sources](#), [ProQuest Newspapers](#), and [Wyoming Newspapers](#) are three more resources you can peruse to find articles and photographs of your family members from long ago. Issues dating back to the nineteenth century can help you learn more about the people who came before you and what life was like when

they were in your current stage of life. Visit GoWYLD.net for all of your genealogical research needs! All of the Wyoming State Library’s GoWYLD’s resources are available free of charge for Wyoming library cardholders. Some resources, but not all, require entering your library card number and PIN.

Find your historical bearings using [Sanborn Maps](#), which includes Sanborn fire insurance maps for U.S. cities and towns dating from 1867 to 1970. See what your current community looked like a century ago or research your ancestor’s hometown with this extensive collection of primary sources using these historic maps.

Each of these resources is user-friendly and many include helpful guides to help streamline your search. Videos, tip sheets, and tutorials can be found under [Tutorials and Guides](#) within [GoWYLD’s Genealogy Resources](#).

INDEPENDENCE DAY AND INDEPENDENCE ROCK



Independence Rock. A noted landmark, on the Oregon Trail, for travelers at the time when this route was used. Natrona County, Wyoming. Photograph by William Henry Jackson 1870. Courtesy of the U.S. Geological Survey Photograph Library

Earlier this month, our country celebrated Independence Day. Did you know that Wyoming has a landmark named

for this special day in U.S. history?

Independence Rock, located in Natrona County, became a popular resting point and an unofficial register for those traveling along the Oregon Trail who would inscribe their names on the rock.

It is now a popular place for visitors to see a piece of our nation’s history and celebrate our For more information on [Independence Rock](#) and other notable places in Wyoming, visit the [Places Calendar](#) on the Wyoming State Library’s [Digital Collection Suite](#).

WYOMING CELEBRATES 134 YEARS OF STATEHOOD



Wyoming became the United States’ 44th state on July 10, 1890. Earlier this month, Wyoming celebrated 134 years of statehood!

The WSL’s [Digital Collection Suite](#) and [GoWYLD portal](#) include numerous resources on Wyoming history and more. Find more GoWYLD resources about Wyoming history [here](#).

Whether you are a Wyoming history buff expanding your knowledge or just getting to know our great state, check out the WSL's treasure trove of resources and celebrate Wyoming's birthday month!

AI APPRECIATION DAY



July 16 was Artificial Intelligence (AI) Appreciation Day. Although this

technology has been in the headlines recently, the history of AI dates back to the 1940s.

The Wyoming State Library (WSL) has a variety of recorded webinars, including several about AI, available for viewing, such as “Librarians Leading the Way to AI Integration,” “Practical Applications of AI in Libraries,” and “Techniques for Getting the Most Out of Foundational AI Models Like ChatGPT.”?

The WSL's webinar collection also includes recordings about a variety of other topics including trademarks, the Wyoming Places Collection, and human trafficking prevention.

Check out the WSL's [webinar collection](#) and find out more about AI and other library-related topics! Also, stay tuned for more information about our next upcoming webinar!

Wyoming Library Association

WLA LEAD MENTORSHIP PARTICIPANTS SELECTED



The WLA LEAD Interest Group recently launched the Mentor Program 2024, which will run July through December with 16 participants. This initiative aims to foster professional growth, knowledge exchange, and networking opportunities.

Mentors will offer guidance, support, and insights drawn from their experiences, aiding protégés in their career development and goal setting. Participants will benefit from personalized advice and expanded professional networks.

The program's structure encourages mutual learning, allowing both mentors and protégés

to gain fresh perspectives and stay updated on industry trends. This mentor program will be a transformative experience for all, promoting continuous learning and professional excellence.

The LEAD Committee is excited to announce this year's participants:

- **Mentors:** David Brown (UW), Katrina Brown (Goodstein College Library @ Casper College), Libby Ngo (Goodstein College Library @ Casper College), Holly Bauer (Laramie County Library), Court Schilt (Laramie County Library), Kellie Humphries (Natrona County Library), and Anita Marple (Fremont County Library).
- **Protégés:** Alex Cook (Teton County Library), Linann McDonald (Natrona County Library) Trista Shier (Park County Library), Jessica Anders (Eastern Wyoming Community College), Sarah Neubauer (Natrona County Library), Becka Evans (Carbon County Library), and Breanne Theil (Park County Library).

“Mentorship is the key to unlock our hidden potential,” said Program Chair Lisa Scroggins. “It empowers us to achieve more than we ever thought possible.”

For more information regarding this program, see the LEAD Interest Group page on the WLA website. (www.wyla.org/LEAD)

People News



Paula Martin

was appointed to the Associate Dean role in July at UW Libraries. She joined the University of Wyoming Libraries faculty in 2020 as the Assistant Dean of User

Services. She has also served as the Director of Holman Library at McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois, and has worked in reference, instruction, circulation, and electronic resources management. She manages all operational activities of UW Libraries, coordinates the efforts of its three major divisions, and oversees the appointment and promotion of library faculty.



Sherri Randall

retired from the Weston County Library System (WCLS) at the end of May. Sherri's service for the WCLS began

back in 1980, when she joined the WCLS as the Assistant Librarian at the Upton Branch. She

left in 1981, but returned in 1989 as the Upton Branch Library Branch Manager. Before working at the library, she was a newspaper typesetter. Between her library positions, she also worked as a pumper in the oilfield and worked in the parts department at an automobile dealership. “All of these jobs helped me be a useful librarian with reference over my years being at the library,” said Sherri.

During her time at the Upton Branch Library, she helped bring the library into the computer age. “The library was still using manual methods when I went back in 1989,” Sherri said. Sherri is glad to have been able to add some new programs to the Upton Branch Library, including the Lego Building Group.

“I hope that the Upton Branch Library continue to be loved by the people of the area,” Sherri said. “I believe that the library is still a useful and necessary part of the community and I hope it continues long after I am gone.”

Sherri hopes to spend more time with her husband and enjoy some well-earned relaxation.



Carrie Cooper is now the Upton Branch Librarian for the Weston County Library System. She comes to the WCLS with an abundance of customer service experience and is excited about working with the library patrons of Upton.

“The Upton is amazing,” Carrie said. “I have a lot of ideas.”

She appreciates that the job is part-time, as her husband works for the coal mine and they have a son who is just starting kindergarten. While at home with her son during the COVID-19 pandemic, Carrie started her own business making homemade products for sensitive skin. Now that her son will be in school, she is excited to be returning to work outside of her home. “I’ve always loved libraries and spending a lot of time in them,” said Carrie regarding her interest in the position. “A professor in college told me I would be an amazing librarian.”

Professional Opportunities

JOURNAL OF ELECTRONIC RESOURCES LIBRARIANSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS



The Journal of Electronic Resources Librarianship (JERL) is seeking contributions to the “E-Resource Round Up” column that will appear in a future volume. Submissions

can be related to any aspect of how electronic resources are used in libraries, including in-person or virtual conference reports, professional

discussion groups, meetings, artificial intelligence, and practices in using electronic resources in-house. If you are interested in contributing to the column, please notify the column editors by **Wednesday, July 31, 2024**. The deadline for final submissions will be **Friday, August 23, 2024**. Contributions should not be published elsewhere. If you have any questions about the column and its scope, please contact the column editors, Bob Wolverton at bwolverton@library.msstate.edu or Karen Davidson at kdavidson@library.msstate.edu, for additional information and feedback.

APPLY FOR LOC GEOGRAPHY AND MAP DIVISION FELLOWSHIPS



Are you interested in maps, geoscience, cartographic history, or digital humanities? Applications are now being accepted for the

2025 Philip Lee Phillips Society Fellowships at the Library of Congress. Two qualified scholars will be funded with a stipend of \$11,500 for an eight-week residency at the LOC's Geography and Map Division. Those selected may be offered an additional honorarium of \$2,000 for a lecture and publication. The deadline for applications is September 15, 2024. Read more [here](#).

I LOVE MY LIBRARIAN AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN



Nominate your favorite librarian for the I Love My Librarian Award! The ten winners of this year's award will receive a \$5,000 cash award and be honored at an awards ceremony.

Nominations are due **September 30, 2024** and nominees must meet certain requirements to be considered for the award.

Find out more about this great opportunity to honor an amazing librarian [here](#).

Training

2024 ARSL CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER



The Association for Rural and Small Libraries' 2024 Conference, "Libraries Are (r) Evolutionary," is scheduled for **September 11-14, 2024**, in **Springfield, Massachusetts**. Regular registration will close **August 28, 2024**. Register or find more information [here](#).

Library Jobs

[Supervisory Archivist](#)

Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library

Sheridan, WY

Closes July 31, 2024

Posted July 18, 2024

Grants and Award Opportunities

[The Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize](#)

Deadline: July 31, 2024

The Jerry Kline Community Impact Prize, developed in partnership between the Gerald M. Kline Family Foundation and *Library Journal*, was created in 2019 to recognize the public library as a vital community asset. When libraries, civic entities, organizations, and the people they serve become close partners, their communities thrive. One winning library will receive \$250,000 in unfettered grant monies from the Gerald M. Kline Family Foundation. The winning library will also be profiled in the February issue of *Library Journal* and online.

[NEA Our Town Grants](#)

Deadlines: August 1 and August 15, 2024

Our Town is the NEA's creative placemaking grants program. The program supports activities that integrate arts, culture, and design into local efforts that strengthen communities over

the long term. Projects engage a wide range of local stakeholders in efforts to advance local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes in communities. Projects are responsive to unique local conditions, develop meaningful and substantive engagement in communities, center equity, advance artful lives, and lay the groundwork for long-term systems change.

[Lois Lenski Covey Foundation](#)

[Bookmobile Book Grants](#)

Deadline: September 1, 2024

The Lois Lenski Covey Foundation 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. Bookmobiles operated by charitable [501(c)(3)] and other non-taxable agencies, including public libraries or schools, are eligible. The Foundation provides grants to organizations that serve economically or socially at-risk children, have limited book budgets, and demonstrate real need. Grants range from \$500 to \$3,000 and are specifically for book purchases, and cannot be used for administrative or operational uses.

[Rocky Mountain Power Foundation](#)

Deadline: September 15, 2024

The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has four grant opportunities throughout the year. The next opportunity is for arts festivals, cultural heritage, museums, music, theater/drama and visual arts. Grants generally are less than \$10,000 with most between \$2,000 and \$5,000.

Jan Stauber-Sherlock Holmes

Literacy Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

These grants provide needed financial assistance to persons and organizations developing literacy programs or experiences that will introduce young people to Sherlock Holmes. Educators or librarians can be awarded up to \$1,000 for a project that introduces young people to Sherlock Holmes.

Books Save Lives Grant

Deadline: Ongoing

Each Books Save Lives Grant will provide up to \$5,000 per school library. The grant money must be used toward purchasing diverse books and the books must remain on the shelves for a minimum of three years. Applicants must nominate a school library within the United States to receive a Books Save Lives Grant. Applications may be completed anonymously. The grant must be used to purchase diverse books for school libraries. Winning libraries may select titles and quantities based on book lists provided by WNDB. We will ship the books directly to the school. *Note: Books will continue to be added to the list.* Winning schools must provide a signed written agreement that the books they receive via the grant will remain on shelves for a minimum of three years.

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Art Resources Transfer's

Library Program

Deadline: Ongoing

This program provides free books on contemporary art to public institutions nationwide. Public libraries, public schools, prisons, and reading centers that self-define as under-served are eligible to order free books through our Library Program. Institutions can order anytime throughout the year. Books are entirely free and shipped free of charge.

The Pilcrow Foundations Children's Book Project Program Grant

DEADLINE: Rolling

The Pilcrow Foundation, a national non-profit public charity, provides a 2-to-1 match to rural public libraries that receive a grant through its Children's Book Project and contribute \$200-\$400 through a local sponsor for the purchase of up to \$1,200 worth (at retail value) of new, quality, hardcover children's books. We provide a list of over 500 quality hardcover children's books from which Children's Book Project grant recipients can select books best suited for their community. The book list includes award-winning and star-reviewed titles from educational and literary organizations.

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.

News in Brief

Bringing Civility Back to Civil Life-Can people disagree on important topics and still be civil to one another? Public libraries can strengthen community and democracy through the practice of bridgebuilding.

A Glimpse at Libraries Across the Pond-This article provides insight on libraries in Great Britain and the challenges they face. Some are different than those of libraries in the U.S., but many are the same.

Five Things Public Libraries Should Know About Open Access-As more academic journals adopt an open access (OA) approach to publishing, more high-quality research is available for free—and public libraries are well poised to help their patrons and their communities benefit. This article discusses five things every public library should know about how and why OA content can be useful.

Digitizing Local Zines-Has your library considered beginning a local history collection? If so, have you wondered what types of materials to include? This article (originally published in the November/December 2018 issue of Public Libraries magazine) will take you through the development of the Community History Archive (CHA) project at Daniel Boone Regional Library

(DBRL), a library system in mid-Missouri that serves two counties.

New Public Library Technology Survey-The Public Library Association (PLA) today published the 2023 Public Library Technology Survey report. The national survey updates emerging trends around technology capacity, resources for patrons, infrastructure, digital literacy, and staffing in U.S. public libraries. This data is vital to understand how libraries serve as hubs of knowledge and innovation in our communities and continue to evolve to meet patron needs.



Calendar

- Aug 9 [Book Lovers' Day](#)
- Sep 1-30 [Library Card Sign-up Month](#)
- Sep 8 [International Literacy Day](#)
- Sep 20-23 [ARSL Conference](#)
- Sep 17 [National Voter Registration Day](#)
- Sep 22-28 [Banned Books Week](#)
- Sep 25 [Banned Websites Awareness Day](#)