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## \$8.4 MILLION IN ARPA FUNDING APPROVED FOR WYOMING LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION



The Wyoming State Library (WSL) has approved \$8.4 million in American Rescue Plan Act grant funding for nine Wyoming libraries from the Wyoming Library

Multi-Purpose Community Facility Program (WLMCF), a federal subgrant program funded by the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund. Seven libraries received funding for new projects, and three libraries were awarded additional funds to compensate for inflationary costs impacting projects already approved.

“Everyone has done such a fantastic job in this whole process,” said Wyoming State Librarian Abby Beaver. “We are very excited to see how each library’s project creates new and vital resources that will positively impact their local communities.”

Johnson County Libraries received \$2,652,300 to improve the Kaycee Branch Library. The WSL awarded Albany County Public Library (ACPL) \$1,238,869 for the second phase of their multi-purpose spaces project, which began with the first round of subgrants; the ACPL also received an additional \$246,773 to cover first phase inflationary costs. Campbell County Public Library System received \$1,000,000 for the Wright Branch Library project; Park County Public Library received \$889,452,80 for the Powell Library building project; and the Natrona County Public Library received \$90,272 to enhance their business center and improve access to certain areas of their library. The Laramie County Library System will soon begin a two-part expansion of rural services and received \$280,680 to begin this project. Uinta County and Washakie County Libraries received \$85,049 and \$231,556 respectively to cover inflationary costs for previously approved projects. The WSL made a “conditional” award

of \$1,751,550.50 to the Sheridan County Public Library (SCPL) while the SCPL determines which parts of the proposed project this grant will fund.

The WLMCF is a competitive subgrant program that provides funding for library construction and renovation projects that support work, education, and health monitoring. All projects address community needs the Covid-19 public health emergency created, exacerbated, or made apparent. Questions about the WLMCF may be directed to Abby Beaver, Wyoming State Librarian, at [abby.beaver@wyo.gov](mailto:abby.beaver@wyo.gov) or (307) 777-5913.



## Calendar

Oct. 1-31	<a href="#">TeenTober</a>
Oct 1-31	<a href="#">Health Literacy Month</a>
Oct 9-11	<a href="#">ABOS Conference</a>
Oct 15-21	<a href="#">National Friends of Libraries Week</a>
Oct 21-23	<a href="#">AASL</a>
Oct 23-27	<a href="#">U.S. Media Literacy Week</a>
Oct 9-11	<a href="#">WLA Conference</a>
Oct 22	<a href="#">Wyoming Snapshot Day</a>

## WSL News

### WYOMING LIBRARY DIRECTORS MEET AT THE WSL FOR ORIENTATION



*Left to right-Tina Ely, John Jackson, Abby Beaver, Amy Long, Kathleen Kirk, and Antonia Gaona*

Five Wyoming library directors from across the state gathered at the Wyoming State Library in Cheyenne for the Wyoming State Library Directors’ Orientation on Monday, September 9.

Directors in attendance included Amy Long, Director of the Sheridan County Library; John Jackson, Director of the Campbell County Library System; Antonia Gaona, Director of the Laramie County Library System; Tina Ely, Director of the Big Horn County Library System; and Kathleen Kirk, Director of the Weston County Library System.

The directors spent the day with State Library staff, learning how each of the teams support and relate to libraries throughout Wyoming. The Library Development team kicked off the morning by providing training regarding annual reporting requirements, grant opportunities, training and consulting services, among other topics. Information Services staff presented an overview of the WSL's digital collection suite, as well as state and federal depository programs and PTDL services. A discussion about library communication channels and publication, the WSL website, marketing campaigns, and promotional materials and branding was led by the Marketing team, followed by instruction about material acquisition, purchasing support, and other funding topics with the WSL's business manager. The WYLD Support team reviewed the WYLD Network, database quality and management, and inter-library loan protocols. They wrapped up the day with Abby Beaver, Wyoming State Librarian, reviewing information about the WSL's role, statewide projects, library laws, and more.

"We love having our new directors visit and learning from them how we can best provide support to them in their new roles," said Abby. "It's also a great opportunity for us to show off all our fantastic resources."

## WSL YOUTH SERVICES CONSULTANT ATTENDS CSLP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Letitia Bulic, the Wyoming State Library's Youth Services Consultant, attended the Collaborative Summer Learning Program (CSLP) Annual Conference earlier this summer. The conference was held the last week of August in Denver, Colorado, and gave CSLP member state representatives the opportunity to both network with other library professionals from around the country and gain a deeper understanding of CSLP's purpose and practices. Topics covered at the conference included insight regarding CSLP's improved user manual structure and next year's theme--"Color Our World".

"It was great to get to hear from representatives from other states and even American Samoa," said Letitia. "All the states are structured differently as far as libraries go, and we all have different strengths and challenges."



*Letitia participating in a "hat" activity at the conference.*

**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](mailto:christi.weinzierl1@wyo.gov).

## COSLA'S ANNUAL CE FORUM FOR STATE CE COORDINATORS



*Paige Bredenkamp works in a group with other State CE coordinators at the COSLA Annual CE Forum.*

Paige Bredenkamp, eResources and School Library Consultant at the Wyoming State Library, attended COSLA's Annual Continuing Education (CE) Forum for State CE Coordinators in Billings, Montana, August 20-23.

The event gave CE coordinators from across the U.S. a chance to network with their counterparts from other states, as well as acquire valuable skills to take back to their libraries. Topics included use of online platforms for professional development and enhancing engagement, in addition to data collection and needs assessment.

"It's always great to get together with other CE professionals from other states," said Paige. "Everyone is full of ideas for programming and professional development for library staff."

## A NEW WEBSITE FOR WYOMING SNAPSHOT DAY 2024



In just a few weeks, it will be **October 22** and **Wyoming Snapshot Day 2024**. This year, we have a brand new website for this annual event at [wyomingsnapshotday.com](http://wyomingsnapshotday.com). Vertical and horizontal versions of the new, revamped logo are available for everyone to download and use. Both can be found on the linked from FAQs section on the new website's Instructions and Materials page. Thank you so much for your flexibility, patience, and cooperation as we continue to review and adjust our processes as needed. We are hoping to streamline everything to make it as smooth and easy for everyone as possible.

Thank you to those of you who have participated in the past and also to those who have already committed to helping make this year's Snapshot Day a success. (Please contact Christi Weinzierl at [christi.weinzierl1@wyo.gov](mailto:christi.weinzierl1@wyo.gov) for more information or to let her know you plan on participating.) You will receive detailed instructions prior to October 22.

For those who have never participated, Wyoming Snapshot Day is a great opportunity to showcase your library's impact on your community in a fun way. Participating libraries send the Wyoming State Library photos, patron

comments and testimonials, and library usage data which is then shared with the greater Wyoming library community as well as other stakeholders. Photos can be of patrons using your library’s facilities or of a special event taking place at your library the week of Snapshot Day. Show us all that happens at your library on a typical day and give your staff and patrons a chance to smile for the camera!

As we count down the weeks, days, and hours until Wyoming Snapshot Day, we look forward to seeing all of your amazing content and helping you spread the word about the impact of Wyoming libraries!

## Around the State

### HULETT LIBRARY PATRONS GET CARDED FOR LIBRARY SIGN-UP MONTH



The Hulett Branch Library celebrated Library Card Sign-Up Month with a “Get Carded” campaign. Patrons were encouraged to sign up

for a new Crook County Public Library System card or renew their current card during the month of September. Those who registered for or renewed their cards were entered into a drawing for a mystery prize.

With the mission statement of “Enabling the people of Crook County to cherish their history and expand their personal horizons through free and easily accessible information and services,” the Crook County Public Library System includes branch locations in Hulett and Moorcroft, as well as a main library in Sundance, Wyoming. All three locations offer services and programs for patrons of all ages. Find more information about each location’s upcoming events [here](#).

### CRAIG JOHNSON VISITS LOVELL LIBRARY



Craig Johnson, author of the popular Longmire book series paid a visit to the Lovell Library on the evening of September 3.

“We had a full house,” said Cathy Collins, Lovell Library Branch Manager. “Craig Johnson is such

a great storyteller, and it was a very enjoyable evening for all."

During his visit, the best-selling author discussed the origin of his Longmire stories and characters, his writing process, and his involvement with the popular television series adapted from his books. Patrons were able to get books signed and chat with Mr. Johnson after hearing him speak.

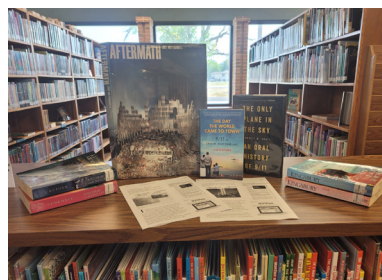
"I was so excited to have him here at our library," said Cathy. Craig Johnson travels throughout the U.S. on book tours and has visited many other Wyoming libraries, but this was his first visit to the library in Lovell.

The Lovell Library is one of five locations within the Big Horn County Library System. Find out more about each location's events and programs on their [website](#).

## Databases & Digital Resources

### LIBRARIES REMEMBER DAY

Libraries Remember Day is observed annually on September 11 in honor of the nearly 3,000 people who lost their lives



*Books about 9/11 displayed for checkout at Upton's Library.*



*Penney Douglas created this beautiful tribute in honor of Libraries Remember Day at the entrance of the Upton Branch Library.*

in the tragic events of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

The Upton Branch Library in Weston County celebrated by displaying books related to 9/11 available for checkout displayed, and visitors to the library were greeted with a beautiful, patriotic chalk drawing at the entrance of the library by a local artist. Learn more about

upcoming events at the Weston County Library's locations in Newcastle and Upton [here](#).

### NATIONAL VIDEO GAME DAY



September 12 was National Video Game Day! Wyoming libraries are great places to find video games for various

consoles and platforms. In fact, many gamers find that trying out new games from the library is a great way to decide whether a game is one they'd like to purchase before spending money on their own copy. Find out about the latest video game releases in this [blog post](#).

## ROALD DAHL DAY

Roald Dahl Day was September 13. If you missed it, now is a great time to dust off your well-loved copy of a book by this iconic author. Whether



you prefer the clever adventures of *The Fantastic Mr. Fox*, the mouth-watering epic of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, the magical capers of *Matilda*, or another classic Dahl story, tear open a

chocolate bar (with or without a golden ticket) or box of gobstoppers and enjoy one of Roald Dahl's classic books! You can find many Roald Dahl books, movie adaptations, and more on [GoWYLD's Digital Library](#).

## GERMAN LANGUAGE DAY



Kannst du Deutsch sprechen? (Can you speak German?) September 14 was German Language Day. If you don't, take this great opportunity

to learn a new language using [Pronunciator](#), a free language learning e-learning platform on [GoWYLD.net](#). This fun and helpful tool is free to use with your Wyoming library card. Find out more about Pronunciator in this [blog post](#).

## COLLECT ROCKS DAY



*The Wyoming State Library's current display of books on geology.*

September 16 was Collect Rocks Day! Looking for resources to help you identify that shiny stone you found or the know the geological history of the beautiful boulder you saw on your weekend drive? Look no further than the [research databases](#) available on the Wyoming State Library's [GoWYLD portal](#)! GoWYLD's general research databases include articles on any topic you think of, including rocks! Gale OneFile, MasterFILE Complete, ProQuest One Academic, and many other databases can help you find the information you need to answer your questions, help you generate more, and become an expert in your field of interest. Check out all the resources available on GoWYLD today!

## CONSTITUTION DAY



Constitution Day is celebrated in the United States each year on September 17. Legislation that made this day official was

passed in 2004. Read more about Constitution Day and its origins in this [blog post](#) by the United States National Archives.

You can also find resources and information about the U.S. Constitution using the numerous historical [databases](#) on [GoWYLD.net](#).

# Wyoming Library Association

## THEMED BASKETS NEEDED FOR WLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE BASKET RAFFLE

Baskets filled with fun, themed items are needed for the Wyoming Library Association Annual Conference’s Basket Raffle. All proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Wyoming Library Leadership Institute. Tickets for the basket raffle can be purchased at the event for \$1 each, \$5 for 6, and \$20 for 25. Volunteers are also needed to help run the basket raffle table at the conference.



Please submit information about and photos of your basket to Linda Herget at [lherget@lccc.wy.edu](mailto:lherget@lccc.wy.edu) by October 4, 2024. You may also contact Linda with any questions regarding the raffle. This is a great opportunity to have fun with your team choosing a creative theme, collecting relevant items, and donating to a great cause!

## Training

### 2024 ASSOCIATION OF BOOKMOBILE AND OUTREACH SERVICES CONFERENCE



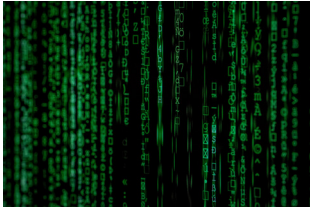
The Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) will hold their 2024 conference, “Racing the

**Serve Beyond the Walls”** will be held in **Indianapolis, Indiana, October 14-17**. The conference will offer pre-conference sessions and event, a wide variety of learning opportunities covering all types of outreach, bookmobile services and programs, along with speaker and author, Rachel Macy Stafford.

More information and registration details can be found on the event’s [website](#). A tentative conference agenda can be found [here](#).



## “12 MONTHS TO BETTER LIBRARY DATA” WEBINAR SERIES BEGINS NEW YEAR OF LEARNING



Are you interested in gaining knowledge and skills for data-informed decision-making, program improvement, planning, and advocacy? Do you want to learn how to use data to serve your community even better tomorrow than you are today? This yearlong, monthly free webinar series, [12 Months to Better Library Data](#), which began last month and features curriculum from the most recent Research Institute for Public Libraries (RIPL) national event, as well as a few new topics.

Registration is now open for the following webinars:

- October 8-[Ethical Artificial Intelligence: Bridging Technology with Credible Evaluation Practices](#)
- November 20-[Inspire, Advocate, Communicate: Library Data Storytelling](#)

## 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.

You can also check out the recordings of earlier webinars in the series [here](#).

This webinar series is made possible by funding from the [Mellon Foundation](#).

## Professional Opportunities

### CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR 2025 CLiC VIRTUAL WINTER WORKSHOP



The Colorado Library Consortium (CLiC) has requested proposal submissions for their 2025 CLiC

Virtual Winter Workshop. The workshop will be held online Wednesday, February 5 and Thursday, February 6, 2025, and is geared toward rural library staff working in public, school, academic, and institutional libraries. Sessions are 15 or 45 minutes long and are hosted on Zoom. The sessions will be recorded and made available to those who attend and the CLiC staff will provide coaching before and tech support during sessions to presenters.

Do you have valuable knowledge and insight to share with the greater rural library community? More details can be found on this [Proposal Guide](#) and proposals can be submitted before Sunday, October 27, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. using this [form](#).

## PROVIDE YOUR INSIGHT TO AID COURSE DEVELOPMENT



WebJunction and the Idaho Commission for Libraries need your help as they develop a new series of self-paced courses to teach core library

competencies to library staff. They are collecting feedback in a survey for all library staff about the foundational skills for your job and how you learned them. The survey has been designed with busy schedules in mind and should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. You can find the survey [here](#) and provide feedback by Friday, October 4.

## Grant and Award Opportunities

### [PLA/AT&T Digital Literacy Workshop Incentive](#)

**Deadline: October 18, 2024**

The Public Library Association (PLA), in partnership with AT&T, offers funding and resources through the Digital Literacy Workshop Incentive program to support libraries in teaching essential digital skills using PLA's [DigitalLearn course modules](#) and training materials that are freely available to anyone. Fifty large libraries will receive \$10,000 each to teach a minimum of 75 learners. Fifty small libraries

(service population of less than 100,000) will receive \$5,000 each to teach a minimum of 30 learners. Grant funds can be used for hiring trainers, purchasing training aids, giveaways, and technology, printing materials, advertising workshops, translating materials, providing snacks, transportation, and childcare, renting space, and more.

### [Council on Library and Information Resources: Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives](#)

**Deadline: October 30, 2024**

Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives: Amplifying Unheard Voices, a program of the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR), supports the digitization of rare and unique materials held by collecting organizations in the U.S. and Canada. For the 2024-2025 cycle, up to \$4,000,000 in grants will be provided for projects digitizing materials in a variety of formats that enrich the public's understanding of the histories of underrepresented communities, particularly those of people of color and other communities and populations whose work, experiences, and perspectives have been insufficiently recognized or unattended. Eligible applicants include nonprofit, academic, independent, and community-based organizations as well as government entities in the U.S. and Canada that collect, preserve, and share rare and unique materials with the general public.

### [Kindness Grows Here: Kid Kindness Grants](#)

**Deadline: November 1, 2024**

Kindness Grows Here is a grassroots organization on a mission to create a kinder

world by fostering kindness in youth. Through Kid Kindness Grants, support is provided to kids between the ages of five and 18 who have ideas for spreading kindness. The intent of these grants is for young people to be involved in developing and carrying out their own ideas dedicated to solving problems in their community by spreading kindness. Applications must be written and submitted by someone who is five to 18 years old. Both individuals and groups of kids may apply, including a group of friends, a school club, a classroom, a scout troop, or a sports team, etc. Individuals may apply for up to \$250. Small groups (two to four kids) may apply for up to \$500. Large groups (five or more kids) may apply for up to \$800. All applicants must have an adult supervising their project.

### **Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities**

**Deadline: December 11, 2024**

Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities will offer more than \$7 million in grants to small and rural libraries to increase the accessibility of facilities, services, and programs to better serve people with disabilities. To be eligible, a library must have a legal area population of 25,000 or less and be located at least five miles from an urbanized area, in keeping with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) definitions of small and rural libraries. ALA will award four rounds of grants to be distributed over the next four years ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000. Participating libraries will first conduct community input-gathering sessions to assure that their work aligns with local needs. Libraries will be required to identify the primary audience

they are hoping to reach (e.g., homebound seniors, children with autism, Deaf community members) and facilitate a community conversation with the impacted populations in order to guide the improvement of the library's services. Grantees would then use the funds to create services or improve their facilities based on the needs identified by their audience.

### **Wyoming Humanities' Indian Education for All Program**

**Deadline: Ongoing**

One of the best ways to fulfill the Indian Education for All Act is to have Tribal Knowledge Keepers visit Wyoming classrooms. This is not always feasible because costs for travel and honorarium to those wanting to share their valuable wisdom. To address these challenges, Wyoming Humanities is offering funds for K-12 educators in Wyoming to bring an Indigenous Knowledge Keeper into their school, classroom, or field trip. All requests for support should help fulfill Indian Education for All standards and requirements. Wyoming Humanities will offer one-time compensation to support the inclusion of Indigenous Knowledge Keeper in the classroom, including: a \$350 Honoraria (a "thank you" for the Indigenous Knowledge Keeper's time and energy) and \$200 in travel funds (if 100+ miles roundtrip) Payment will be made directly to the Indigenous Knowledge Keeper. Funding is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. If payment is required prior to the classroom visit, **apply at least six weeks before the visit.** If payment is NOT required prior to the classroom visit, **apply at least four weeks before the visit.**

### [Wish You Well Foundation](#)

#### **Deadline: Ongoing**

The Wish You Well Foundation supports adult and family literacy in the United States by fostering the development and expansion of new and existing adult literacy and educational programs. The focus is on supporting nonprofit organizations that teach adults the literacy skills they need to communicate, grow, and thrive within their communities. Grants amounts range from \$200 to \$10,000.

### [Scholastic Possible Fund](#)

#### **Deadline: Ongoing**

The Scholastic Possible Fund was established to provide a single repository of quality children's books to be donated to charity partners that share the Company's mission to improve global literacy and put books into the hands of children who might otherwise have none. The Fund seeks to improve access to books in underserved communities and to provide relief in communities recovering from crises or natural disasters. The non-profit partners receiving donations from the Fund have demonstrated the ability to effectively educate children and families in diverse communities about the importance of books and reading from birth through adulthood.

### [Jan Stauber-Sherlock Holmes Literacy Grant](#)

#### **Deadline: Ongoing**

The mission of the Jan Stauber Grants is to provide needed financial assistance to persons and organizations developing literacy programs and other educational experiences that will introduce young people to Sherlock Holmes. Educators or librarians can be awarded up to

\$1,000 for a project that encourages young people to read and introduces them to Sherlock Holmes.

### [Books Save Lives Grant](#)

#### **Deadline: Ongoing**

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: we will continue adding books to the lists.* Winning schools must provide a signed written agreement that the books they receive via the grant will remain on shelves three years minimum.

### [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 sponsors 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.

### **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.

### **BNSF Railway Foundation Grants**

#### **DEADLINE: Ongoing**

Supports organizations and programs that support and improve the general welfare and quality of life in the communities in which BNSF Railway Company operates. Generally, they will consider requests for funding that clearly fall within one or more of the following categories: civic services, cultural organizations, educational institutions, health and human service organizations, youth organizations, and a federally recognized tribal government.

### **T-Mobile Hometown Grant Program**

#### **DEADLINE: Ongoing**

T-Mobile is investing \$25M in 500 rural towns over 5 years to jumpstart projects and build stronger communities. These grants can be used to help upgrade tech at your local library, build new hiking trails, revitalize historic buildings, and more.

## Library Jobs

### **Youth Services Specialist**

Laramie County Library System  
Cheyenne, WY  
Open until filled  
Posted September 30, 2024

### **Youth Services Librarian**

Laramie County Library System  
Cheyenne, WY  
Open until filled  
Posted September 30, 2024

### **Youth Services Librarian**

Park County Library System  
Powell, WY  
Closes October 25, 2024  
Posted September 13, 2024

### **Library Director**

Converse County Library System  
Douglas, WY  
Open until filled  
Posted July 29, 2024

### **Associate Librarian-Assistant Dean, User Services**

University of Wyoming Libraries  
Laramie, WY  
Open until filled  
Posted July 29, 2024

### **Assistant Librarian-Special Collections**

University of Wyoming Libraries  
Laramie, WY  
Open until filled  
Posted July 29, 2024