



OUTRIDER



WYOMING STATE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the New Outrider!

Welcome to the new *Outrider*, the official newsletter of the Wyoming State Library. Since its inception in 1969, *The Outrider* has striven to bring the Wyoming library community news about programs, events, and resources.

Most recently, we've delivered *The Outrider* at wyominglibraries.org, our official blog. We're happy to announce that the new iteration is a PDF compilation that will be emailed to you monthly. The blog remains active and will soon be part of our new WSL website. Follow it for more news, updated every weekday.

We want to hear from you! Do you have news to share about your library? An idea or a story you'd like to contribute? We're looking for news items about people, resources, and programs, as well as advice from the field.

[Send your contributions to Susan Mark](#) at the Wyoming State Library, or call (307) 777-5915.

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Out and about in Wyoming Libraries

CELEBRATING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Libraries around Wyoming celebrated National Library Week April 10-16 with sweet treats, displays, and special events. Since 1958, NLW has celebrated the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and promoted library use and support.

On April 11, the American Library Association released its *2016 State of America's Libraries* report. The report shows that libraries of all types add value in five key areas—education, employment, entrepreneurship, empowerment and engagement. The [report is available at this link](#).

Tuesday (April 12) of National Library Week was National Library Workers Day. The Wyoming State Library estimates that more than 1,200 people work in the state's libraries. Wyoming public libraries reported they employed 670 people in FY15. In addition, the Wyoming Libraries Directory lists 553 people as employees of academic, school and special libraries. See some of Wyoming's library worker stars at the [ALA website story](#). (April 12 also happened to be beloved children's author Beverly Cleary's 100th birthday!)

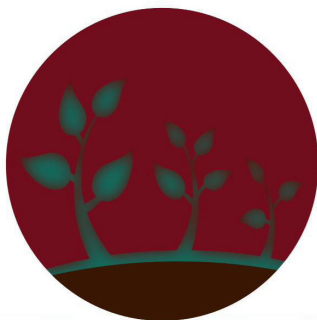


Welcome to Frances Heller's story time every Tuesday morning at Platte County Library

On April 13, we celebrated National Bookmobile Day. Wyoming has two bookmobiles, one in Laramie County and one in Natrona County. These rolling libraries travel throughout the libraries' service areas, providing library service to schools, senior living facilities, neighborhood gathering places, and outlying towns. Laramie County Library System's bookmobile has 915 registered patrons and had circulation of 12,062 last year. Natrona County Public Library's bookmobile makes 1,100 stops annually, delivering 5400 books, magazines, movies, and CDs to the 7,500 patrons who visit the bookmobile every year. You can [read more about both of them here](#).

National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

HIGH PLAINS SEED LIBRARY HELD GRAND OPENING APRIL 2



High Plains Seed Library

The High Plains Seed Library, housed at Albany County Public Library, held its grand opening on April 2, with a large and enthusiastic crowd gathered for the celebration. The seed library is a partnership between the ACPL and the Laramie Garden Club.

High Plains Seed Library provides the community with seed resources, promotes sustainability, and cultivates a culture of sharing. Patrons can check out a packet of seeds in the spring. They commit to saving some of their seeds and giving them back to the seed library for next year's gardening season. Seeds harvested here are typically better suited for Wyoming's climate. Seeds need to be open-pollinated or heirloom varieties for the seed to be saved—essential for creating a viable seed library that can become self-sustaining.

For other libraries interested in starting a high-quality seed library, Cassandra Hunter, ACPL public services specialist, said it took a year of planning to bring it all together: networking with other seed libraries, reaching out to the community, developing programming, obtaining donations, and signing up volunteers. [Read more about the project](#) and find [High Plains Seed Library on Facebook](#).

WYOMING CARNEGIE LIBRARIES EXHIBIT MAKING THE ROUNDS

A traveling exhibit on the history and architecture of Wyoming's 16 Carnegie libraries made stops at Albany County Public Library in Laramie and at the Rock Springs Library in March and April. It will be at the Niobrara County Library June 13 to July 15 and at the Weston County Library July 18 to August 26. The exhibit is a project of the Alliance for Historic Wyoming (AHW).

Carnegie libraries were so named because of the philanthropy of Andrew Carnegie who funded the construction of 1,689 libraries across the country between 1889 and 1919. Wyoming had 16 Carnegie libraries built between 1899 and 1917. Today, only 10 Carnegie libraries remain standing in Wyoming; five are still used as libraries. Learn more about the state's Carnegie libraries on the [AHW site](#) and in the [Winter 2007 Wyoming Library Roundup](#).

Interested in hosting the exhibit? Contact Carly-Ann Anderson at the Alliance for Historic Wyoming at (307) 333-3508 or execdirector@historicyyoming.org.

WYOMING NEWSPAPERS AMONG 25 FINALISTS FOR TOP ARTIFACTS

[Wyoming Newspapers](#) is one of 25 finalists for the Wyoming State Historical Society's "2016 Top Ten Artifacts," and [voting is open here!](#)

Wyoming Newspapers is a free online resource that catalogs the Cowboy State's newspapers of the past. With more than 800,000 pages in the archive, this website is a treasure trove of historical information that genealogists, students, and scholars find invaluable. Users can search by keyword or browse by towns, counties, dates, or title. Wyoming Newspapers is part of the WSL's [Digital Collection Suite](#).



LIBRARY PATRONS EXPERIENCE, CREATE POETRY FOR NATIONAL POETRY MONTH



Wyoming's libraries are celebrating National Poetry Month in April with activities that encourage people to experience, create, and share poetry.

The Riverton Branch Library has created a Poetry Creation Station for teens to cut and paste their way to poetic genius, and The Ten Sleep Library has eleven magnetic poetry locations with themes ranging from zombies to nature. Sinclair Library held a Book Spine Poetry event and has Newspaper Blackout Poetry planned.

The LaBarge Branch had post-it poetry and Teton County had a community wall for patron poetry, along with a follow-the-footsteps Library Poetry Walk.

Glenrock Branch Library paired “Poetry and Pie” —patrons brought a favorite poem and dessert. Laramie County Library partnered with the University of Wyoming’s Masters of Fine Arts Program for “Radical Readings from Here and There,” an evening of poetry, fiction, and non-fiction. Several libraries put out “poem in your pocket” containers.

The Academy of American Poets founded National Poetry Month in April 1996 to encourage support for poets and poetry.

Children & Teens

JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS GROW GREAT KIDS AT CODY LIBRARY

Park County Library is encouraging youngsters in grades 3-5 to “Learn, Grow, Eat & Go” through a Junior Master Gardeners program that began April 8. Through hands-on activities, participants will learn what plants need to thrive. Healthy recipes and preparation will be practiced in the Biblio Bistro at the library. Junior Master Gardeners is a national program that engages children in novel, “hands-on” group and individual learning experiences that provide

a love of gardening, develop an appreciation for the environment, and cultivate the mind. [Learn more here.](#)



Junior Master Gardeners (from left): Hayden and Sage Bosshardt, Master Gardener Kathy Clarkson, Reese and Sean Lowe

STEAM AND OTHER PROGRAMS FOR TEEN TECH WEEK

Many Wyoming libraries celebrated Teen Tech Week March 6-12 with STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) activities in Lander, a media workshop in Riverton, a “Create it” corner in Gillette, and a “Throwback Tech Week” in Pinedale with an Etch a Sketch and Rubik’s Cubes. [See a wrap-up of the events here.](#)

Welcome New Directors

GAETZ SELECTED AS DEAN OF UW LIBRARIES



Ivan Gaetz, currently the library director at Colorado College, has been named dean of University of Wyoming Libraries, July 1.

Before becoming library director at Colorado College in 2012, he served as dean of the library at Regis University in Denver from 2001-2012 and library director at Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia, from 1993-2001. Before that, he held a number of library positions at Columbia University and libraries in Alberta. Gaetz received a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Alberta in 1975, a Master of Divinity degree from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at the University of Saskatchewan in 1978, a Master of Theology degree from Regis College at the University of Toronto in 1985, a master's degree in library science from the University of Alberta in 1988, a master's degree in education from the University of Alberta in 1990, and a Ph.D. in educational studies from the University of British Columbia in 2004.

SCROGGINS TO HEAD NATRONA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY



Natrona County Public Library has selected **Lisa Scroggins** to be its new director, effective May 2. Scroggins has served as the library director at the Claud H. Gilmer Memorial Library

in Rocksprings, Texas since 2008. She is also a former classroom educator, school district business manager, and Sul Ross State University graduate. She earned her master's degree in library science from the University of North Texas.

"It's obvious to me that the staff is doing an incredible job," Scroggins said. "I'm impressed by everything I've seen. I am not coming in expecting to make any immediate changes. Instead, I'm interested in exploring new opportunities, building on what they've already achieved."

DON'T FORGET!

2016 WLA Conference
Jackson Hole, at Snow King Resort
September 21-23, 2016

[click for more information](#)

BURKE TO BE NEW AHC DIRECTOR

Bridget Burke has been named director of the University of Wyoming American Heritage Center (AHC), one of the nation's premier repositories of manuscript collections. She begins the position July 1.

Burke comes to UW from North Dakota State University, where she has been dean of libraries



since 2014. She began her career in the New York Public Library and the National Museum of American History of the Smithsonian Institution. Burke was an assistant

curator at Yale University with the Western Americana Collection of the prestigious Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Collection, a premier collection internationally recognized for its significance regarding study of the American West.

Burke received her B.A. in English from the University of Wisconsin in 1984, an M.L.S. in library and information studies from the University of Wisconsin in 1986, and an M.A. in liberal studies (American history) from Wesleyan University in 2001. You can [read more about Burke here](#).



People News



University of Wyoming librarian **Cassandra Messersmith Kvenild**, head of the UW Learning Resource Center

(LRC), is the 2016 recipient of University of Wyoming's Agnes Milstead Distinguished Librarianship Award. The late Agnes Milstead, a former professor of education and library science at UW, established the prestigious award in 1993 to recognize significant contributions to University Libraries in scholarships, program development, teaching, fundraising, and professional achievements.



Wendi Chatman, senior library assistant in access services, is the recipient of the University of Wyoming

Libraries Outstanding Staff Award for her contributions during 2015. The Outstanding Staff Award, funded by the McMurry-Spieles Library Excellence Fund, honors a University Libraries staff member who has "demonstrated exceptional service to UW Libraries and made

significant contributions to the university and/or the community.” Recipients of this award are chosen by a committee of their peers.



Karen Kitchens recently concluded her one-year term as President 2015/2016 of the Patent and Trademark Resource Center

Association (PTRCA). Kitchens is the state publications librarian at the Wyoming State Library. PTRCA is an affiliate member of the American Library Association. A Patent and Trademark Resource Center (PTRC) is part of a nationwide network of public, state, and academic libraries designated by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) to support the public with trademark and patent assistance.



Paul Goodson, legislative and research librarian for the Wyoming State Library, is the featured speaker May 12 at the

Wyoming State Museum, as part of its Spring 2016 Lecture Series. His presentation on “A History of the 1941 Cheyenne Indians Minor League Baseball Team” will begin at 7 p.m. at

the museum, 2301 Central Avenue in Cheyenne. Goodson, a member of the Society of American Baseball Research, will recall the history of Cheyenne’s last professional baseball team—how (and why) the team came into being—as well as biographies of the players, manager, and front office personnel.

School News



APRIL IS SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH

The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) is celebrating School Library Month in April, with the theme, School Libraries Transform Learning. Library impact studies in multiple states have shown that strong school libraries support student achievement (see <http://www.lrs.org/> for the research).

The Wyoming State Library gathers statistics from school libraries annually. Among the findings for the 2014-15 school year:

- K-12 students visit their school library an average of 1.2 times per week.
- School libraries offer numerous programs including Accelerated Reading, authors and artists in the schools, book clubs, English language learner resources and support, and family literacy events.
- Print collection spending in reporting libraries averaged \$14.56 per student—less than the cost of a single hardback book.
- Statewide, schools employ 99.43 full time equivalent (FTE) library media specialists, certified teachers with a library media endorsement. They are assisted by 180.04 library media aide FTEs.

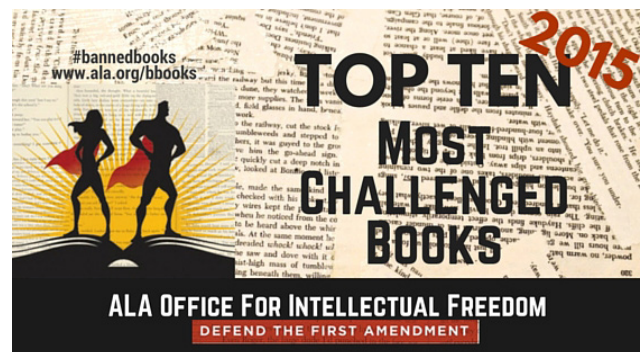
[Click here to learn more.](#)

REGISTER FOR INFORMATION POWER AUG. 1-3

Information Power is an annual institute for Wyoming school librarians to focus on issues of importance. Online registration is now open for Information Power 2016, “Libraries Make it Happen... Be a Maker!” Find the [link to register on the Wyoming Library Association website](#) (look under upcoming events in the lower left corner of the homepage). You can [get more information here](#) or by contacting Kathy Bjornestad at bjornestadk@crook1.com.

Trustees Corner

DEFENDING INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM IN YOUR LIBRARY



In *State of America's Libraries 2016*, the American Library Association's (ALA) Office for Intellectual Freedom released its “Top Ten Most Challenged Books in 2015.” First on the list was *Looking for Alaska*, challenged for “offensive language, sexually explicit, and unsuited for age group.” *Fifty Shades of Gray* came in second. Making its debut appearance on the list was the Bible for its religious viewpoint. [See the list here.](#)

A library is dedicated to the free and open exchange of ideas and you will probably have books on your shelves to offend nearly everyone. As trustees, part of your job is to write policy that defends intellectual freedom. The Wyoming State Library has put together resources on intellectual freedom in its *Wyoming Public Library Board Members' Handbook* and *Wyoming Public Library Directors' Handbook*. [Trustees can find print versions of both items at this link.](#)

Foundation Corner

UINTA COUNTY LIBRARY REACHES ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE GOAL

Uinta County Library is the latest library to access all its available state match funds for the Wyoming Libraries Endowment Challenge. Twelve of the 23 county libraries have now hit the 100% goal.

The challenge matches locally raised public library endowment funds with state dollars at a 3:1, 2:1, or 1:1 ratio, depending on the county. So far, Wyoming's public libraries have raised \$7.7 million and received \$16.1 million in state matching and incentive funds out of \$18.35 million available. [Learn more about the Endowment Challenge.](#)

MCMURRY ENDOWMENT HAS FOUNDATION GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Carol McMurry Library Endowment has grants available to Wyoming library foundations that may be used to retain outside technical assistance for foundation boards and library staff in their planning of an endowment or for a publication about the endowment. Grants for consulting in the area of bylaws, foundation roles and responsibilities, relationship to the library board can be made. The next application deadline is June 15. [Learn more at this link.](#)

Grants & Resources

Find WSL's latest archived database of the month webinar, [Biography Resources](#) at GoWYLD.net.

WyomingPBS will provide one DVD of any local production at no charge to Wyoming-based educational, government, or non-profit organizations. [More information here.](#)

Need images you can use freely, image editing software, or other design resources? [WebJunction put together a great list here.](#)

School Library Journal's 2016 School Librarian of the Year Award is open for entries until May 20. [Find guidelines here.](#)

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) offers a [Library Service to Special Population Children and their Caregivers toolkit.](#)

Art Resources Transfer's Distribution to Underserved Communities Library Program provides public schools and libraries that self-define as underserved with free books on contemporary art and culture. [Place orders here.](#)

WebJunction's Social Library series highlights the ways libraries use Facebook and other social media. If you'd like to see your library featured, let them know. [Learn more at this link.](#)

Upcoming Events

- May 1-7: [Choose Privacy Week](#)
- May 2-3: [National Library Legislative Day](#)
- May 21: [National Readathon Day](#)
- June 1-30: [GLBT Book Month](#)
- Sept. 11-17: [Outside the Lines 2016](#)
(registration now open)

Research

The Pew Research Center has just released a new study, “Libraries and Learning.” Among its findings: while most Americans think local libraries serve their communities’ educational needs, many are not aware about all the education services libraries provide. [Read the full report.](#)

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) released Public Libraries in the United States Survey: Fiscal Year 2013. This report reveals key indicators of investments and library usage at public libraries in the United States. [Learn more about it.](#)

Want to know how your public library stacks up? IMLS has tools that let you easily look at your own library data and compare it with other libraries across the country. [More information is available here.](#)

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