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## WYOMING LIBRARIANS MEET WITH WYOMING SENATORS

Three of our Wyoming librarians recently had the opportunity to meet with Senator John Barrasso and Senator Cynthia Lummis in Washington, D.C. During the week of March 5-7, the group took part in “Voices for Libraries,” an event held annually by Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) including training and updates on federal funding for libraries, networking opportunities with librarians from all 50 states, and a visit to Capitol Hill to meet with Wyoming Senators to discuss the importance of Wyoming libraries.

“Voices for Libraries was a wonderful opportunity for Cass, Cristine, and I to share the impressive work our Wyoming libraries are performing in their communities with our senators,” Abby Beaver said. “I had such a great time meeting with other state librarians and learning about their diverse institutions.” The Wyoming librarians also visited the Library



*L to R: Senator John Barrasso; Cass Kvenild, Interim Dean of Libraries at the University of Wyoming; Cristine Braddy, Goshen County Library Director; Abby Beaver, Wyoming State Librarian; and Senator Cynthia Lummis*

of Congress and attended sessions at Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library.

## WSL News



### TWO POSITIONS OPEN AT THE WYOMING STATE LIBRARY

Come work with the fantastic team at the Wyoming State Library!

The WSL has **TWO** openings; one for a [Legislative Librarian](#) and one for a [Resource Sharing Librarian](#). For both positions, preference will be given to applicants with a Master of Library Science or Master of Library and Information Science.

The **Legislative Librarian** will be responsible for the WSL's legislative collection, performing metadata manipulation and organization, and adding links to all legislative bills and bill actions. In addition, the person in this position will be responsible for ensuring descriptive

metadata conforms to library standards and best practices, providing for the selection, organization, and promotion of the Wyoming Legislative Project, developing strategies and work plans for the Legislation Database, serving as research and subject specialist for state legislative documents and questions, sharing responsibility in system development, upgrades, and data conversion, and liaising with PTFS, Veridian, and ETS in solving system software and hardware problems. Learn more or apply for this position [here](#).

The **Resource Sharing Librarian** position is perfect for the candidate who has experience using Integrated Library Systems and Library Services Platforms with an emphasis on resource sharing, demonstrates excellent interpersonal skills, and a positive attitude when working with library staff and coworkers, can creatively solve problems and negotiate and handle stressful situations in a positive manner, can multitask, prioritize, and demonstrate innovation and flexibility, and is comfortable providing training using a variety of methods for users with varying levels of technical expertise. Learn more or apply for this position [here](#).

## 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.

## PLANNING IN THE WORKS FOR THE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL IN 2026



*Christi Weinzierl in front of the U.S. Capitol Building*

On March 7 and 8, the Federation for State Humanities Councils hosted “Sharing our Stories and Listening to One Another: The Declaration of Independence at 250.” Humanities and library professionals from states and territories across the U.S. gathered in Washington, D.C., to discuss possibilities, ask questions, and share different perspectives on how the milestone most commonly called the United States Semiquincentennial will look, sound, and feel in various parts of our nation. Christi Weinzierl, the Wyoming State Library’s Communication and Grants Specialist, attended this event, along with Shawn Reese, Executive Director of the Wyoming Humanities Council. Much of the conversation at the event centered around how libraries could be a place for people to tell

their stories and, just as importantly, listen to others’ stories regarding their experience living in the United States. Planning is in the works for Wyoming libraries to help all of our patrons celebrate the U.S. Semiquincentennial in a meaningful way that fosters connection, growth, and learning from each other, including “all stories, all people, and all places.” Stay tuned for more information.

## WYOMING LIBRARY PROFESSIONALS ATTEND COSUGI CONFERENCE IN UTAH



*L to R: Mindy Casto, Sweetwater County; Bailey Murray, Albany County Library; Shantry Miller, WSL; Cori Hundley, WSL; Rachel Crocker, Albany County Library; Nick Marlin, WSL; Conrrado Saldivar, Natrona County Library; Kate Mutch, Natrona County Library; and Desiree Saunders, WSL*

In early March, several of our Wyoming library professionals attended Reconnect: COSUGI 2024, an information technology conference hosted by COSUGI (Customers of SirsiDynix Users Group), a not-for-profit corporation

located in Provo, Utah. The theme of this years conference was Reconnect, and the goal was to help library technology professionals connect to, contribute to, and learn from each other. Attendees heard from SirsiDynix staff and fellow SirsiDynix customers about implementing products, system integration, and workflow changes, as well as connect and network with library professionals from across the country.

### THE WSL'S WYLD SUPPORT TEAM ATTENDS ASPENCON 2024



*Shantry Miller, Cori Hundley, and Nick Marlin at AspenCON in Golden, CO*

Three members of the Wyoming State Library’s WYLD Support team attended AspenCon in Golden, Colorado. The event was hosted by ByWater Solutions, a company that offers Aspen Discovery, which is a full-featured Open Source Discovery System that combines libraries’

catalogs with e-content, digital archives, and enrichment from third-party providers. The team was able to gain valuable knowledge to apply to their work at the WSL. "Attending the inaugural AspenCon in beautiful Golden, Colorado, was truly enriching. We engaged with fellow libraries utilizing Aspen, alongside the Aspen support team, gaining valuable insights," said Cori Hundley, the WSL's Systems Librarian. "We acquired innovative ideas to enhance our library services and better serve both our libraries and their patrons. Witnessing the evolving trajectory of the Aspen catalog was exciting, and we look forward to its future developments."



## Calendar

- Apr 1-30 [National Poetry Month](#)
- Apr 1-30 [School Library Month](#)
- Apr 1-30 [Citizen Science Month](#)
- Apr 3-5 [2024 PLA Conference](#)
- Apr 7-13 [National Library Week](#)
- Apr 12 [D.E.A.R. - Drop Everything and Read](#)
- Apr 15-21 [Money Smart Week](#)
- Apr 26 [World Intellectual Property Day](#)

## Around the State

### JOB OPPORTUNITY: BIG HORN COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM SEEKS NEW DIRECTOR



The Big Horn County Library System (BHCLS) is seeking applicants for the position of **Library Director** to administer the budget, staff, and physical facilities of the BHCLS and provide highly responsible guidance, direction, and support to the BHCLS Board. Qualifications include: 3-5 years experience in mid- to upper-level management with a team of both staff and volunteers of up to 15 members, a library science degree, certification, or equivalent experience, excellent technology skills, and excellent workplace, organizational, and customer service skills. Annual salary for this position will range from \$36,000 to \$42,000 and will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Benefits and health insurance are to be determined. This position is open until filled and is a part-time position entailing 30 to 34 hours per week. Job announcement and application materials are available [here](#).

### JOB OPPORTUNITY: WESTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM SEEKS NEW DIRECTOR



The Weston County Library System (WCLS) is seeking applicants for the position of **Library Director** to provide strategic leadership, operations management, community engagement, collection development, technology integration, and staff development for the WCLS. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree in library science or business administration is preferred; strong leadership skills with the ability to inspire and motivate staff, volunteers, and community members; excellent communications skills with the ability to effectively engage with diverse audiences; demonstrated knowledge of library operations, including budgeting, collection development, and technology integration; and a commitment to promoting literacy, lifelong learning, and equitable access to information in rural communities. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Benefits will include health insurance, retirement plan options, paid time off, and professional development opportunities. Announcement and application available [here](#).

## PARK COUNTY HOSTS COMMUNITY SCAM AND FRAUD AWARENESS EVENT



Just in time for National Consumer Protection Week, the Park County Library hosted training from numerous community partners that addressed current community crime trends and provided information about financial scams and how community members can prevent themselves from becoming victims of these crimes. Training was provided by many community organizations, including the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Park County Sheriff's Office, the Powell Police Department, the Cody Police Department, the Wyoming Department of Family Services, Northwest College Center for Training and Development, the Cody Cupboard, and the Park County Library System. Find more information about National Consumer Protection Week and scam and fraud prevention [here](#).

## CONVERSE COUNTY HOSTS UKRAINIAN EASTER EGG DECORATING EVENTS



The Converse County Libraries hosted their annual Ukrainian Easter egg decorating events at their Douglas and Glenrock locations on the evenings of March 5 and 6. Lisa McDonald, a third-generation Ukrainian, guided participants through this crafting workshop, and has been teaching pysanky classes for the Converse County Library System since moving to the area in 2017.

Aside from creating beautiful pysanky eggs, the event had another unexpected benefit—connection. During one of the classes, a patron came in to observe, and later revealed that he was from Ukraine. He was able to have a conversation with Lisa McDonald, the instructor, who speaks Ukrainian fluently, and was able to make connections with other people from Ukraine in the area as a result.

“I was so happy that just by offering this class, we were able to help someone connect with others of his heritage, and maybe not to feel so much like a stranger in a strange land!” said Tamara Lehner, Adult Program Manager for the Converse County Library System.

The Converse County Library regularly hosts a variety of events for patrons of all ages. For more information, visit the Converse County Library website [here](#).

## SWEETWATER COUNTY LIBRARY PATRONS “HUNT A KILLER”



The staff and patrons of the Sweetwater County Library System spent the cold Wyoming winter months solving a fictional mystery together. It all started when a patron donated a 6-part “Hunt a Killer” mystery game boxed set. “Hunt a Killer,” coined as “America’s Hardest Murder Mystery Game,” is an immersive mystery

game played in six sessions; for each session, players use a box filled with clues and physical items that can be used to crack the case and find the fictional killer.

Sweetwater County Library staff, Becky Iwen and Bianca Alderson, led community members through a multi-week “Hunt a Killer” program. The group was successful in solving the mystery and catching the killer.

“It was a perfect event for the cold winter months,” said Sweetwater Library Director, Lindsey Travis.

## WESTON COUNTY PATRONS LEARN



## ABOUT SCAT AND TRACKS

What better way to spend an hour than with the experts from Jewel Cave National Monument learning about animal scat and tracks? Weston County Library patrons spent part of February 27 doing just that. The library has partnered with Jewel Cave for other programs, including a “Bats” program in January.

“It was well received,” said Brenda Mahoney-Ayres, Director of the Weston County Library. A “Geology and Fossils” program is planned for later this month.

So many museums, monuments, historical sites, and other organizations offer educational programming for learners of all ages and abilities. Check out the great resources in your area to find out what they have to offer!

## Youth Services

### THE WYOMING STATE BOOK AWARD- VOTES ARE IN



Congratulations to all of the books and authors selected by Wyoming youth and a huge thanks

to all of the young Wyoming readers and adult sponsors who participated! The winners of the 2023-2024 Wyoming State Book Awards are:

#### **Buckaroo Award Winners (Grades K-3):**

Winner: *Knight Owl* by Christopher Denise; Runner-Up: *Rumple Buttercup* by Matthew Gruber; 3rd Place: *Rescue & Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship* by Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes

#### **Indian Paintbrush Award Winners**

**(Grades 4-6):** Winner: *Odder* by Katherine Applegate; Runner-Up: *Stay* by Bobbie Pyron; 3rd Place: *Ali Cross* by James Patterson

#### **Soaring Eagle Award Winners (Grades**

**7-12):** Winner: *The Inheritance Games* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes; Runner-Up: *You'd be Home Now* by Kathleen Glasgow; 3rd Place: *The Light Between Us* by Andrew Fukuda

Sponsored by the Wyoming Library Association and the Wyoming State Literacy Association, Wyoming State Book Awards provides the opportunity for Wyoming youth in grades K-12 to select a favorite book and honor its author. Find more information [here](#).

## Databases & Electronic Resources

### GET STARTED IN GOWYLD WITH NICHE ACADEMY TUTORIALS



GoWYLD offers numerous online resources available to every resident in

Wyoming — everything from encyclopedias to auto repair manuals. For those just exploring GoWYLD who'd like a little direction before plowing in, the Wyoming State Library subscribes to [Niche Academy](#) video tutorials. Click the Tutorials tab on the far right of [GoWYLD's homepage](#) to access Niche Academy

or find them at [my.nicheacademy.com/gowylld](https://my.nicheacademy.com/gowylld). They're also linked within GoWYLD subject pages. Access GoWYLD licensed resources at local libraries or log in from any computer or device with a Wyoming library card and PIN.

For more information on each of our GoWYLD resources, contact Paige Bredenkamp, Wyoming State Library eResources and School Library Consultant, [paige.bredenkamp@wyo.gov](mailto:paige.bredenkamp@wyo.gov).

## MOMETRIX CAN HELP KIDS AND ADULTS MAKE THE GRADE



Tests and exams are part of life for so many of us at various ages and stages, whether they are part of a

child's education or a requirement for an adult's career certification. [The Wyoming State Library's GoWYLD Resources](#) include a tool to help anyone prepare for and feel confident going into a test or exam-[Mometrix](#)!

For students in grades K-12, Mometrix offers flashcards, study guides, and practice tests for various subject areas at every grade level. For adults seeking career certifications for their profession or trade, Mometrix offers test preparation flashcards, study guides, and practice tests for everything from business, nutrition, and counseling to construction, teaching, nursing, medicine, and medical

technology. Mometrix also has an extensive [eLibrary](#) of short videos for specific concepts, such as absolute value in mathematics, organizational change management theories in business, and the diffraction of light waves in science, to provide further explanation.

Whether you're a fifth grader studying for a science test, a high school student preparing for the ACT, or an adult trying to further your education or career, Mometrix can help you make the grade on your next test or exam, or ace that college application or job interview.

## PURSUE YOUR PROFESSIONAL GOALS WITH LINKEDIN LEARNING



Did you know Wyoming library cardholders have access to more than 16,000 free online courses from LinkedIn Learning? With LinkedIn

Learning, you can pursue your career goals, as well as your personal interests with courses that are self-paced and available to you 24 hours a day, seven days a week. LinkedIn Learning works on desktop and mobile devices, so you can take your learning anywhere and everywhere! Topics range from AI and social media to business and financial literacy. There are numerous courses to

help you brush up on your soft skills, or pursue a hobby with courses on social media, music theory, and more. Where will your LinkedIn Learning journey take you?

LinkedIn Learning is just one of the valuable resources available from the Wyoming State Library’s Go WYLD resource collection. To access this resource, go to [GoWYLD.net](http://GoWYLD.net), choose LinkedIn Learning from the eResources menu, and enter your library card number and pin.

## LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE WITH PRONUNCIATOR



Have you ever wanted learn a new language to help you succeed or advance in your career, increase your memory, prepare for international travel,

or gain an increased appreciation for another culture? If so, Pronunciator is the resource for you! With Pronunciator, you can create a personalized learning course tailored to your needs in one or more of 163 different languages. Each course has an average of 9,500 instructional phrases, so you will learn a variety of useful vocabulary for conversation with other speakers. There are short, daily lessons for those with busy schedules and dynamic chat resources so you can practice your new language skills in real time. If you are learning English as a second

language, Pronunciator has support for speakers of over 50 non-English languages. You can even use Pronunciator's video lessons to help you learn American Sign Language!

To unlock the door to new language skills, go to [GoWYLD.net](http://GoWYLD.net), click on eLearning, and select Pronunciator from the list of resources. Open up a world of possibilities by learning a new language with Pronunciator on the Wyoming State Library’s collection of resources on [GoWYLD.net](http://GoWYLD.net).

## USE CHILTONLIBRARY ON GOWYLD TO KEEP YOUR VEHICLE CRUISING



Is your vehicle due for maintenance or repairs? Do you have questions about how you can

repair it yourself, or how much it will cost to have someone else take care of it? Or, maybe you need some guidance to help you figure out what’s wrong with it in the first place. Whatever your automotive needs are, GoWYLD has a resource to help you keep your vehicle as safe and reliable as possible! A trusted source for over 100 years, Chilton Library provides your patrons with reliable and up-to-date coverage for almost every year, make, and model. Consult the [ChiltonLibrary](http://ChiltonLibrary) resource on [GoWyld.net](http://GoWyld.net) for authoritative automotive repair information.

Demonstration versions of Chilton's Online ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) Technician Test Preparation products are also included in the ChiltonLibrary resource on GoWYLD. These quizzes can help automotive professionals prepare for the ASE certification exam. Technicians seeking certification can gain valuable information to help them determine what topics they need to review further prior to the exam.

## PROCITIZEN HELPS PREPARE FUTURE U.S. CITIZENS



According to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' statistics, 878,500 people became naturalized U.S.

citizens last year. This year, many more will go through the naturalization process to enjoy the rights and privileges U.S. citizenship offers. This process requires applicants to take two exams: an English reading and writing test and a U.S. civics test. [ProCitizen](#) on [GoWYLD](#) offers a free online course for prospective U.S. citizens to use as they prepare for their naturalization tests. A series of 100 informative videos and a collection of practice exercises and quizzes help candidates for naturalization make sure they are prepared to successfully pass the required exams and achieve U.S. citizenship. ProCitizen is listed among the [eLearning Resources](#) in the Wyoming

State Library's GoWYLD resources; click on [Test & Skills Prep](#) on the menu at the far left of the screen. Assist yourself, your family member, your neighbor, or your patron in the process to reach the goal of becoming a naturalized U.S. citizen with ProCitizen!

## Wyoming Library Association

### CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL WLA CONFERENCE



The Wyoming Library Association's annual conference, Stand and Deliver will take place October 9-11,

2024, at the Best Western at Platte River in Casper. Wyoming librarians have stayed strong over the past year and have continued to deliver excellent services to our communities, campuses, and schools. During the annual conference, participants will have the opportunity to share how library professionals continue to Stand & Deliver, despite any challenges in their profession. Proposals will be accepted [here](#) through April 30, 2024. If you have questions, please reach out to Lindsey Travis at [librarylindsey1376@gmail.com](mailto:librarylindsey1376@gmail.com).

## People News



**Jordan Hemingway** joined the University of Wyoming Libraries as the Graduate Research & Engagement Librarian earlier this month. She holds a Master of Library & Information Science with an Information Technology concentration from the

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology with a Literary Studies minor from the University of Wyoming. Previously, she served as a Library Specialist in UW Libraries’ Digital Scholarship Center. Outside work, she enjoys trail running, playing fetch with her cat, Hazel, tinkering with code, DIY, narrative video games, and throwing ideas at any given wall to see what sticks.



**Conrado Saldivar**, Tech Services Manager at the Natrona County Library, will begin as Guest Faculty at the University of

Washington iSchool this spring quarter. His first course will be Collection Development, a fully asynchronous online course and one of the iSchool’s most popular electives. Conrado is also

on the iSchool’s [Alumni Advisory Board](#) and co-mentor of the iSpectrum Mentorship Program, which is a program dedicated to fostering connections and growth among [ALA Spectrum Scholars](#) at the iSchool.

## Government Information

### WYOMING READS DAY NOW A STATE HOLIDAY



On March 5, 2024, Governor Gordon signed legislation to make every third Tuesday in May

“Wyoming Reads Day,” an official state holiday. The legislation was sponsored by Representative Art Washut during the 2024 Wyoming Legislative budget session earlier this month. Wyoming Reads is a literacy program of the Sue Jorgenson Foundation, established in 1996 to honor the memory of Sue Jorgenson.

This year’s Wyoming Reads event will take place on May 21, 2024. Ten books have been selected and are on display at the Wyoming State Library. Each Wyoming first grader has had the opportunity to choose their book from the list of ten and will receive their book at the May celebration.

## Events

### SHARE YOUR READ ACROSS AMERICA EVENTS AND PHOTOS



Many libraries celebrated with events during Read Across America Week, which was March 2-6 this year. If your

school or library celebrated in a fun, educational, or unique way, please share your photos and information with the Wyoming State Library so we can spread your good news and share your great ideas with the rest of the Wyoming library community!

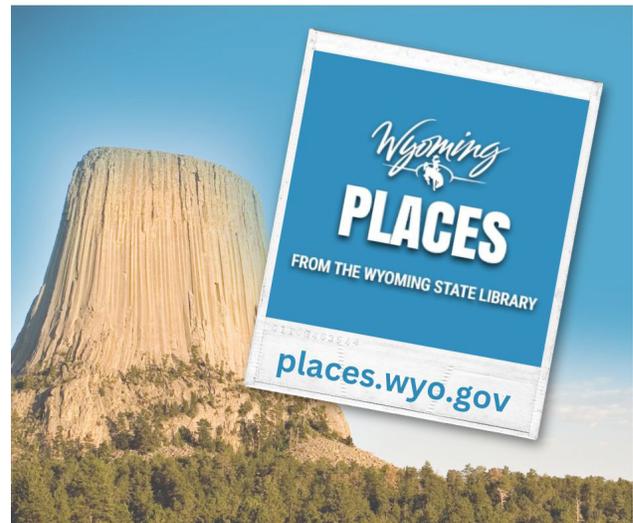
If you have recently hosted a special event at your library, or if a professional working at your library has achieved an important milestone, please contact Christi Weinzierl, the WSL's Communication and Grants Specialist, at [christi.weinzierl1@wyo.gov](mailto:christi.weinzierl1@wyo.gov). Please include attendance information, photo(s), and a quote regarding your event in your e-mail.

## Want More News?

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## Training

### THE WSL WILL HOST PLACES DATABASE WEBINAR ON APRIL 5



Join the Wyoming State Library for a webinar, **“Near and Far: How to Utilize the Wyoming Places Digital Collection Wherever You Are”**, Friday, April 5, at 10am MDT, for a detailed look at the Wyoming Places Digital Collection! We'll travel through time with the Places Calendar, track cartographical development with Wyoming on the Map, and complete specific searches in the Places Database to start your adventures. Learn how Places provides information about locations, histories, and name origins throughout the state of Wyoming, and how you and your students, patrons, or colleagues can utilize this database. Jessica Otto from the WSL Library Development Office will present with Paige Bredenkamp, also from the WSL LDO, facilitating. Register [here](#).

## DIGITAL COLLECTIONS STEWARDSHIP-A COLLABORATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY



Colorado State Library (CSL) and the Wyoming State Library (WSL) are seeking staff members from Colorado and

Wyoming libraries, museums, archives, and historical societies who would like to enhance their knowledge of digital collections by participating in a 15-month facilitated peer group learning experience.

CSL and WSL are two of five state libraries partnering with OCLC/WebJunction to lead participants through [Digital Collections Stewardship](#), a free online course designed specifically with the needs of small cultural institutions in mind. Read more [here](#).

## Library Jobs

### [Assistant Librarian-Digital Collections Librarian, Education & Research Services](#)

University of Wyoming  
Laramie, WY  
Open until filled  
Posted March 19, 2024

[Vacancy Announcement](#)

### [Library Director](#)

Big Horn Library System  
Basin, WY  
Open until filled  
Posted March 19, 2024

### [Vacancy Announcement](#)

### [Social Media and Marketing Specialist](#)

Laramie County Library System  
Cheyenne, WY  
Closes April 4, 2024  
Posted March 13, 2024

### [Vacancy Announcement](#)

## Grant and Award Opportunities

### [Walmart Spark Good Local Grants](#)

**Deadline: April 15, 2024**

Walmart believes that strengthening local communities creates value for business as well as society. Each year, Walmart U.S. stores, Sam’s Clubs and Distribution Centers award local cash grants ranging from \$250 to \$5,000. These local grants are designed to address the unique needs of communities. There are four grant cycles per year for this grant program. The first cycle for 2024 begins on March 1 and ends in mid-April.

### [2024 EBSCO Solar Grants](#)

**Deadline: April 17, 2024**

For the ninth consecutive year, EBSCO

Information Services (EBSCO) is accepting applications for grants that will fund solar installations at libraries around the world. \$300,000 in grants are available to help awarded libraries offset their library expenses by incorporating solar power. All academic, school, and public libraries that are current EBSCO customers are eligible to apply. EBSCO will pay for the initial installation through the grant. The library, town, or college will own the system and be responsible for all post-installation/ongoing maintenance of the solar array. There are several criteria that will be used to assess the viability of each submission, for instance, a site with a large roof surface and a newer roof with a lifespan consistent with a new solar system or space for a ground installation.

### [Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award](#)

**Deadline: May 1, 2024**

The Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award is an annual award to a school library that has conducted an exemplary program or program series in the humanities during the current school year. It consists of (1) a \$5,000 cash award; (2) a crystal award; and (3) the promotion of the winner as a model program for other school libraries.

### [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 this 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, 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, including award-winning and star-reviewed titles.

### [Wyoming Arts Council Arts Access Project Grant](#)

**DEADLINE: Rolling**

The Fiscal Year 2024 Arts Access Project Grant application is open for projects taking place until June 30, 2024, and provides arts project funding for organizations that meet any of the following four criteria: projects increasing arts access for, or primarily serving, people with disabilities; arts projects led by and/or primarily serving BIPOC communities (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color); projects involving folk & traditional arts and artists; and organizations in communities with populations of less than 3,000. An organization may receive up to \$1,000 with no match requirement.

### [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 \$25 million in 500 rural towns over five 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.

### [Wyoming Humanities Grant Opportunities](#)

#### **Deadline: Ongoing**

The goal of Wyoming Humanities' grants is to support public programs that use the humanities to explore the state's histories, stories,

issues, and connections between groups and communities. Here are Wyoming Humanities' current grant opportunities:

#### **OPPORTUNITY #1: SPARK GRANTS**

Spark Grants are for projects up to \$2,000 and are due on the first working day of the month.

**The next deadline is April 1, 2024.**

#### **OPPORTUNITY #2:**

#### **WYOMING CROSSROADS GRANTS**

Wyoming Crossroads Grants serve to support the larger multi-year thematic initiative of Wyoming Humanities. Through Wyoming Crossroads Grants, nonprofit organizations will be encouraged to explore the idea of growth through change and create programming and project opportunities that dig deep into themes related to Wyoming's identity, our sense of community, our connection to the land, unwavering persistence, and of course our ability to manage change. **The next deadline is Monday, April 15, for Digital Media or Preservation Projects.**

## News in Brief

### [Five Wyoming Authors Honored With Spur Awards](#)

Five Wyoming authors were honored by the Western Writers of America for their 2024 contributions to the Western genre. Three of the authors were awarded 2024 Spur Awards by the organization and another was a finalist for the award.

### [Why Outside Activities Can Be Essential for Employees](#)

Employers are in a unique position to promote physical activity and potentially affect the health and well-being of millions of working adults.

### [National Library Workers Day is April 9](#)

NLWD is a day for library staff, users, administrators and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers. Now is the perfect time to highlight the critical role library workers play in keeping our libraries running.

### [Wyoming Public Libraries Encourage Patrons to Check Out Blood Pressure Cuffs and Complete Survey](#)

Wyoming library patrons who check out a blood pressure monitoring kit from their local library and complete the included survey will be entered in a drawing to win a \$100 Amazon gift card!

### [How a Librarian Became an Advocate for Mental Health](#)

Mychal Threets has spent most of his 34 years in libraries – first as a homeschooled kid finding community and refuge in the world of books and then as an adult working as a librarian.

### [Solar Eclipse Resources and Activities for Libraries](#)

Libraries all over are gearing up to offer activities and resources for community members. If you're looking for ideas, this article offers resources

and ideas to help libraries inspire curiosity and foster learning about the solar system.

### [Indigenous Board Books for Every Baby](#)

One of the ways we can engage with a wide audience of patrons is by centering Indigenous childhood, joy, and languages in our collections, and featuring them in our programs and our reference services.

### [Librarian Starts Program to Combine Literacy and Art](#)

Process, rather than product, art has always been Kary Henry's goal. This blog explains her successful Creative Clubhouse Program.

### [Creating and Implementing STEAM Learning Experiences for Homeschoolers](#)

See how libraries can leverage resources and staff to bring the less accessible parts of STEAM – technology and engineering – to homeschoolers in your communities

### [Sustainability and Children's Services](#)

Erika Hogan shares some reflections and resources that have been helpful on her continuing journey toward greater sustainability in children's services.

### [Celebrate National Library Week](#)

National Library Week is April 7-13, 2024! Click on the link for information and resources to help your library celebrate!