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The Future of Wyoming Library Resources

Recently the Trump Administration released its [2018 budget proposal](#), which calls for the elimination of the Institute of Museum and Library Services—the federal agency responsible for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). The Wyoming State Library receives just under \$900,000 in LSTA grant funds each year.

The loss of these funds will affect every library in Wyoming.

See this [fact sheet](#) to learn how the WSL uses LSTA funds. A list of resources funded through our 2013-17 LSTA grants is included. More information about LSTA in Wyoming can be found at <http://library.wyo.gov/about/lsta>.

The WSL is committed to providing quality library services and resources to the Wyoming Library Community. Should federal funding levels change, I will rework our State Funds Budget to support critical items, particularly,

the shared library infrastructure including the statewide Integrated Library System and interlibrary loan software.

Remember that this is just a proposal. A lot will happen before the FY18 budget is passed. The American Library Association, Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA), our library vendor-partners, and other organizations have already begun advocacy efforts. WLA president Sid Stanfill and Legislative Committee Chair Cameron Duff are preparing the official stance and response of the WLA and I have meetings scheduled with members of the ALA, COSLA, and IMLS, to discuss tactics and strategy.

Stay tuned for more information and let me know if you have questions.

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WSL News

THE IMPACT OF FEDERAL FUNDS ON WYOMING LIBRARY RESOURCES

The Wyoming State Library is granted federal funds every year from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Over the past five years, Wyoming library patrons and staff have benefited from LSTA funds that total almost \$900,000 annually. [Our fact sheet](#) has the full descriptions and a list of specific technologies and services purchased, but here are the highlights of what federal funds support:

- Connecting patrons with library materials through WYLD CAT and interlibrary loan.
- Providing K-16 students scholarly resources in the GoWYLD.net databases.
- Downloadable content—eBooks, eAudiobooks, and digital magazines.
- Providing career development resources such as Learning Express.
- Providing researchers with history and genealogy databases for family research.
- Supporting collections at the 13 state institution libraries that serve elderly, disabled, and incarcerated patrons.
- Training library staff around the state through face-to-face and online training on technology, library software, and policies.
- Bringing library directors together annually for

continuing education, strategic planning, and building collaboration in the Wyoming Library Community.

[Learn more about LSTA in Wyoming](#) and download the [fact sheet](#) to see full descriptions and list.

Around the State

WYOMING'S FIRST "LIVING LIBRARY" AT CASPER COLLEGE



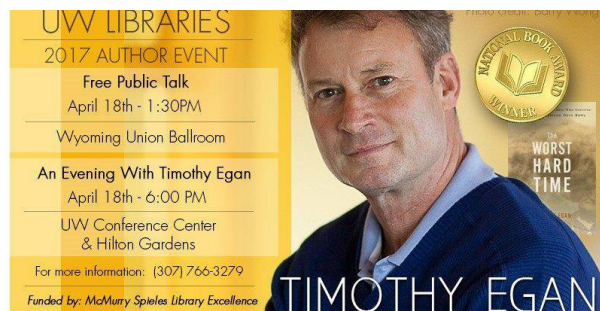
Nearly 100 people attended when Casper College Goodstein Foundation Library launched Wyoming's first "[Living Library](#)" in collaboration with the 2017 Casper College Humanities Festival and Demorest Lecture.

At a Living Library event, you borrow a person instead of a book. Each of us has a unique narrative of struggles we've faced, and the Living Library presents those stories as an opportunity for conversation. Casper College Library offered four "books" to converse with: "Trans-

gender in Casper,” “Loving Life with PTSD: A Young Veteran Story,” “A Community College President: (a.k.a. An Average Joe),” and two stories from a woman with a service dog, “From Rags to Happiness” and “Dogtails.”

Library staff were overwhelmed by the positive reaction and hope to make it a recurring event in the future with a longer event length, additional Books, and more opportunities for in-depth conversations.

UW LIBRARIES' 2017 GUEST AUTHOR TIMOTHY EGAN TO SPEAK APRIL 18



Writer Timothy Egan is the University of Wyoming Libraries' 2017 guest author. Egan is an acclaimed writer and veteran chronicler of the West whose interests range wide across the American landscape and American history.

Egan will deliver a free public talk on April 18 at 1:30 PM in the Wyoming Union Ballroom. He will also speak later that evening at an event at the UW Conference Center & Hilton Garden Inn. For more information call 307-766-3279 or [visit](#)

[the website](#). Reservations are required for the evening event; respond by April 11 to attend.

NWC HINCKLEY LIBRARY CELEBRATES 50 YEARS AS FEDERAL DEPOSITORY

Northwest College's John Taggart Hinckley Library marked its 50th anniversary as a Federal Depository Library on March 15. They'll celebrate the occasion with cake and beverages on Tuesday, March 21, from 2-4 p.m. in the Hinckley Library Amphitheater. All are invited.

The Hinckley Library is a selective depository, receiving about 30% of the documents available for distribution. It's one of eight Wyoming libraries participating in the Federal Depository Library Program that provides free, ready and permanent public access to Federal Government information.

SHERIDAN LIBRARY HOSTS "HISTORY SPEAKS—ARE WE LISTENING?"



Oral historian Val Burgess will present the program, “History Speaks—Are We Listening?” on Wednesday, March 22 at 6 p.m. at the Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library.

With the loss of thousands of World War II veterans daily in the U.S., the personal stories from this worldwide conflict are quickly disappearing. In this presentation, Burgess sheds light on the reasons for war and the human side of the largest war in world history. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund, a program of the Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources.

Reference Desk

LEGAL RESOURCES: EQUAL JUSTICE WYOMING

[Equal Justice Wyoming](#) is a state funded civil legal services program working with Wyoming legal aid providers and community organizations to help people with limited income find help for their legal problems.

By Sharon Mikesell
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Recently, we listened to a guest speaker from [Equal Justice Wyoming](#) who taught us about

legal resources in Cheyenne and online. Here are a few of their services:

Self-help resources and information

Self-help resources and information are available at www.legalhelp.wy.gov. Click on the icon Legal Info by Topic. You’ll find a menu with a variety of legal issues. Click on Representing Yourself and you’ll find information on Courts and which one you might need to use. You’ll even find information on what to wear and courtroom etiquette. Each link gives you the options of Common Questions, Resources, Forms (if necessary) and Courts.

Find a lawyer

Equal Justice Wyoming’s website has a section that helps people find a lawyer. There are income eligibility requirements for some of the services provided, including eligibility to get a free lawyer. They also have information on a program called Limited Scope Representation. This program might be right for you if you’re above the low income guidelines but can’t afford to pay a lawyer for everything. The Lawyer Referral Service of the Wyoming State Bar can assist you in finding a lawyer who offers limited scope representation. The Wyoming State Bar also has a Modest Means Program for people who are over the income limits for legal aid services, but are below 300% of the federal poverty level. For information about the Lawyer Referral Service or the Modest Means Program, contact the Wyoming State Bar at (307) 632-9061.

Legal Forms

Wyoming is often referred to as a “no-form” state, which means Wyoming does not provide standardized forms. It doesn’t mean Wyoming courts don’t use forms! Legal Help has spent time working with lawyers, judges and other people within the legal system to provide some standardized forms. These can be accessed from their website under the icon of Get Legal Help>Forms Library. Check out the interactive form for divorce without children! Your answers will auto fill the form in a ready print format.

FDLP ACADEMY WEBINAR MARCH 27: CONFRONTING MISINFORMATION

Newspapers, social media, 24/7 cable news, Google... information is everywhere, and it can feel overwhelming. On March 27, beginning at noon MDT, the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) is offering a free webinar, “[Confronting Misinformation: How librarians can assist patrons in the digital information age](#).” Registration is required. Barbara Alvarez, FDLP Communications and Information Specialist, will share ideas about how librarians can help patrons navigate the sometimes rocky information waters. This webinar will also examine how information access and creation has changed, where it is going, and how librarians can take steps to ensure that their patrons access credible resources.

Databases & Electronic Resources

GALE PRIMARY SOURCES: NEW NAME, SAME GREAT RESOURCES

[Gale Artemis: Primary Sources](#) has re-branded as Gale Primary Sources. Links will redirect automatically, so there’s no need for libraries to update them. Through Gale Primary Sources, researchers from all walks of life can cross reference a wealth of primary source content. Let students and patrons know about the great resources available in Gale Primary Sources by downloading this [printable two-page PDF](#).

Gale Primary Sources is licensed for state residents through funding from the University of Wyoming. It’s one of the many online resources the Wyoming State Library makes available through [GoWYLD.net](#).

Trustee Corner

FREE WEBINAR: “BUILD YOUR POLITICAL LITERACY SKILLS FOR ADVOCACY”

[WebJunction](#), in collaboration with the [Association for Rural and Small Libraries](#) (ARSL) will host a free webinar at

1 p.m. MST on April 25, “[Build Your Political Literacy Skills for Advocacy](#).”

Advocacy efforts to sustain funding for your library are crucial in the best of times. Challenging times call for new ways to engage and activate advocates for your library. Level up your political savvy by taking lessons from successful campaigns.

Whether or not you have a library ballot measure on the horizon, learn how to put these proven techniques to work for your library funding requests. Explore innovative options to energize, focus and build your skills and confidence. You’ll come away with actionable tips and tools to market your library to garner a wide base of support from your community constituents.

[Register to attend](#) this free, online event.

School Libraries

ARCHIVED WEBINAR: COLLABORATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY SCHOOL LIBRARY

Opportunities to collaborate abound for school librarians. Yet obstacles to forging partnerships are just as plentiful. Join Paige Bredenkamp, School Library Consultant at the Wyoming State Library, for a look at collaboration opportunities and obstacles in the 21st century school library in this [26-minute archived webinar](#).

APRIL IS SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH



Every April, the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) celebrates School Library Month, and 2017 is no different. This year’s theme is “Because School Libraries Empower Students.” [Andy Weir](#), author of the **New York Times** best-seller **The Martian**, will serve as the national spokesperson for this year’s celebration.

School librarians are encouraged to host activities to help their school and local community celebrate the essential role that strong school library programs play in transforming learning.

Join in with the official hashtag: #slm17. The AASL has promotional materials, including printable posters, social media graphics, and sample proclamations on their [School Library Month](#) page.

Questions about school library issues? Feel free to contact Paige at paige.bredenkamp@wyo.gov or (307) 777-6331.

[Read about the history of School Library Month.](#)

ROAD MAP TO STEM LAMP GRANT

The University of Wyoming Science Initiative's Learning Actively Mentoring Program (LAMP) will fund travel, lodging, and conference fees for 20 K-16 educators to attend the Road map to STEM Conference in Gillette Aug. 2-4.



Educators will be selected through a competitive process. [Applications are due on April 1.](#) Recipients will be notified by May 1.

Academic Libraries

"FIRST LOOK" REPORT FROM NCES RELEASED

In February, the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) released a new "First Look" report, [Enrollment and Employees in Postsecondary Institutions, Fall 2015; and](#)

[Financial Statistics and Academic Libraries, Fiscal Year 2015.](#) Among the key findings, eligible Title IV degree-granting institutions reported approximately 1.3 billion items in physical library collections (books and media) and about 839 million items in electronic library collections (digital/electronic books, databases, and digital electronic media).

People News

Toni Boughton, Manager of the Library Annex at the University, recently published her novel, *Black Hare*, the first in an urban fantasy trilogy, set in Wyoming.

Corinna (Cori) Hundley, joined the Central Wyoming College Library as Assistant Librarian in September, 2016. Originally from Dublin, Ohio, she holds a B.A. in history from The Ohio State University and an MLIS from Kent State University.



Cori Hundley

Grant Opportunities

[APA Librarian Conference Travel Awards](#)

DEADLINE: March 31, 2017

Supports early- and mid-career librarians who are seeking to attend library conferences in order to grow as professionals. Applicants must be currently employed as a librarian at an academic or health sciences library, and have less than 15 years of experience in a library after receiving their MLS. Three cash awards of \$750 each available annually.

[Wyoming Governor's Bison License Drawing](#)

DEADLINE: April 3, 2017

In 2013, Governor Mead began gifting bison licenses to the Wyoming Big Game License Coalition and coordinating sales through the Wyoming Wildlife Foundation. License proceeds fund wildlife projects across the state and support Wyoming nonprofits. Qualifying applicants will be entered into a drawing in early May.

[Frontier Communications Cyber Security Grant](#)

DEADLINE: April 30, 2017

Open to school teachers and college professors. Submit either a 300-500 word essay or 1-2 minute video on the following prompt: "What have you as a teacher and your classes learned when it comes to cyber safety?" Award of

\$1,000 Visa Reward Card must be applied to the purchase of technological equipment or supplies for your classroom.

[The Pilcrow Foundation Children's Book Project](#)

DEADLINE: May 1, 2017

The Pilcrow Foundation provides new, quality, hardcover children's books to rural public libraries across the United States. A library's local sponsors can contribute from \$200 to \$400, which the Foundation matches on a 2-to-1 ratio. The Foundation provides a list of over 500 quality hardcover children's books to select from.

[Sara Jaffarian Award Program Award for Exemplary Humanities Programming](#)

DEADLINE: May 5, 2017

School libraries are invited to apply for a \$5,000 award recognizing outstanding humanities programming in kindergarten through eighth grade. This award is presented annually by the ALA Public Programs Office in cooperation with the American Association of School Librarians

[Vernon Libraries English Literacy for New Immigrants Grants](#)

DEADLINE: Oct. 31, 2017

Vernon Library Supplies is giving away 100% of its 2017 operating profits to libraries and other non-profit organizations with programs designed to help new immigrants achieve English literacy and proficiency. Awards of up to \$5,000.

Library Foundations

SIX FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL NONPROFITS

Sometimes fundraising for a small library's foundation or friends group can seem overwhelming. Wild Apricot has put together a [list of ideas](#) specifically for smaller nonprofit organizations.

1. Raffles: Simple and inexpensive. If you do a 50/50 raffle, you don't even risk the cost of purchasing a prize.
2. T-shirts: Not only do they raise money, they promote your cause when people wear them out in the community.
3. Crowd-funding: An online option. [Pick a platform](#) and spread the word through social media.
4. Matching gifts: Who can resist a two for one deal? Double your fundraising with minimal effort. If you're still raising funds for the Wyoming Library Endowment Challenge, be sure to promote it.
5. Walkathons: Easy to plan and a high rate of return.
6. Peer-to-Peer Fundraising: Engage your existing donors to solicit funds on your behalf.

[The full article](#) is worth the read for the details.

Events

CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK, APRIL 9-15

Communities nationwide will celebrate the contributions of libraries and library workers during National Library Week, April 9-15, 2017. The American Library Association's Public Awareness Office is offering resources to assist in promoting the theme of "Libraries Transform" during National Library Week. Free materials, found on the National Library Week website, include PSA scripts, a proclamation and a sample press release in both English and Spanish. Also available from the website are downloadable, high-resolution print PSAs in both English and Spanish. The week's events include:

- April 10: release of the State of America's Libraries Report;
- April 11: National Library Workers Day;
- April 12: National Bookmobile Day.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and all types of libraries—school, public, academic and special—across the country each April.

APPLY FOR ECLIPSE GLASSES AND RECEIVE AN ECLIPSE EDUCATION KIT

On August 21, 2017, a total eclipse of the sun will be visible across the width of the continental U.S. for the first time since 1918. Every state will see at least 60% of the sun covered by the moon, and several people (including many locations in Wyoming) will see the total eclipse. STAR_Net's NASA @ My Library initiative with support from NASA, the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, and Google, is giving out over 2 million solar viewing glasses and an Eclipse Education Kit to public libraries. [Apply for eclipse glasses & education kit here!](#)



Calendar

April 1-30	School Library Month
April 9-15	National Library Week
April 11	National Library Workers Day
April 12	National Bookmobile Day
April 22-29	Money Smart Week
April 23-29	Preservation Week
April 30	Children's Day/Book Day - El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Día)

Book Reviews



The Small-Town Midwest: resilience and hope in the twenty-first century

By Julianne Couch

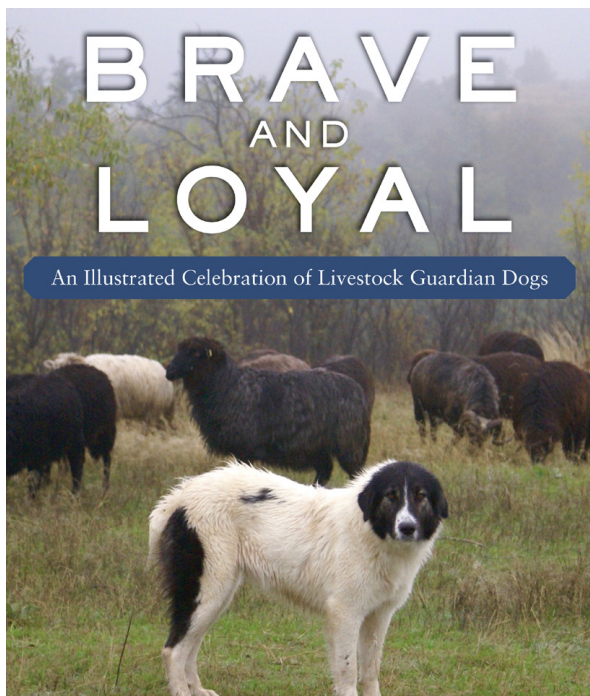
Iowa City, IA: University of Iowa Press, 2016

Resilience and hope is the key to survival in Julianne Couch's *The Small-Town Midwest*. A joy to read and ponder, this heartfelt narrative of nine FAR 3 and 4 ("Very far-from....") small towns stretching from Wyoming through Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa to Missouri, is an engaging mix of local anecdotes, discussions of economic, demographic and geographical pressures, researched statistics, and history. Couch makes the reader care and even want to visit, move to, or return to these unique, yet similar spots of Americana where town survival depends on those who actively support and are involved in their 'family' communities. Hope

prevails as Couch gives us “a hint of a trend that to young people, rural is becoming cool.”

Julianne Couch, author of *Traveling the Power Line*, taught English at the University of Wyoming until moving to Bellevue, Iowa in 2011. She continues to teach for UW as well as now teaching for Upper Iowa University, both via distance education. Couch begins her driving journey with the question: “Why are the Iowa caucuses still politically important?” Is rural Midwest America in decline? This is a story of resilience in the face of depopulation pressures and distance.

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Brave and Loyal: An illustrated celebration of livestock guardian dogs

By Cat Urbigit

New York, NY : Skyhorse Publishing, [2016]

Anatolian, Africanis, Kangal, Karakachan, Turkish Lion, Spanish Mastiffs, Asian Ovcharkas—this isn’t your normal AKC lineup. These are the working dogs protecting sheep and cattle around the world. Shepherd’s have learned the value of keeping tough, protective dogs with their herds to combat the losses brought on by wolves, bears, coyotes, and the occasional human miscreant. Cat Urbigit, a writer, photographer, and rancher has made a study of guardian dogs.

This fascinating book caught my attention from page one. The enthralling stories and bountiful pictures kept the pages turning. Urbigit mixes amusing personal anecdotes, scientific studies, and interviews with dog owners from around the world to create a thoughtful picture of the role of guardian dogs. Descriptions of breeds, training programs, and the pros and cons of each breed are presented in a straightforward approach that encourages the reader to want to learn more.

Ranchers and dog lovers are a natural audience for this book, but others will pick it up for the photos alone and be drawn into learning about these incredible dogs.

*Joan Brinkley, Director
Goshen County Library, Torrington*