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Wyoming Libraries Offer Seed Libraries as a Resource for Gardening Season

The cherry trees are blossoming, the weather is warmer, and it finally feels like springtime in Wyoming. Depending on your location's elevation, and weather from year to year, gardening season in Wyoming usually begins sometime in May. What does this have to do with libraries? Everything!

The Wyoming State Library recently conducted a survey regarding seed libraries in Wyoming. Sixteen of our Wyoming libraries responded to the survey, which was sent to all of Wyoming's public county libraries. Of Wyoming libraries who responded, 50% are



Washakie County Library System's Seed Swap display

currently operating seed libraries. Another 25% are in the process of creating a seed library for community use. Of the libraries surveyed, all offer seeds free of charge to library patrons and do not require patrons to bring seeds back after harvesting, although many accept donations of seeds.

Seed libraries vary in size and style. They can be as simple as a basket of seeds for patrons to leave and take seeds, or be more sophisticated with collections kept in repurposed card catalogs, or other various containers.

Whether your library supports the green-thumbed members of your community with a seed library, gardening classes, kits in a library of things, or a collection of horticultural books and magazines, savor the beauty of the season and look forward to a bountiful harvest of fruits and vegetables later this year!

Read the full blog post more [here](#).

WSL News

STATE OF WYOMING HOLDS JOBS EXPO



Paige Bredenkamp and Jessica Otto and were two representatives from the Wyoming State Library at the Cheyenne Job Expo event.

On April 16, representatives from over 20 agencies of the State of Wyoming, including the Wyoming State Library, gathered along with hundreds of community members in the Capitol Extension Hallway of the Wyoming State Capital Building in Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the 2024 State of Wyoming Jobs Expo. The event ran from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and gave participants the opportunity to explore the many rewarding career opportunities in public service.

“The event was very well-organized and stayed very busy throughout the day,” said Paige Bredenkamp, eResources and School Library Consultant for the Wyoming State Library. “I was able to share job and career prep resources with so many people.”

Representatives from the Natrona County Library were also available at the Casper event to share resources and answer questions regarding job and career preparation.

“We had lots of interest in both LinkedIn Learning and Mometrix,” said Betsy O’Neil, Adult Services Manager for the Natrona County Library. “We had lots of other questions about how to get a library card, and using Kanopy, Libby, and other library resources.”

In all, six State of Wyoming Job Expo events were held across Wyoming on April 16 in Rawlins, Torrington, Gillette, and Douglas.

Those who attended the Job Expo were able to speak and network with representatives from the various State of Wyoming agencies regarding their agency’s guiding principles and meaningful work, the benefits of working in public service, and the latest insights and tips to enhance their resumes and prepare for interviews.



Tables and representatives from many State of Wyoming agencies lined the Capitol Extension Hallway at the Wyoming State Capital in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Around the State

WESTON COUNTY WELCOMES NEW LIBRARY DIRECTOR



Kathleen Kirk is the new director of the Weston County Library System. Born and raised on a ranch in Nebraska, she later moved to Montana where she met

her husband. They have one son at Fort Gordon, Georgia, where he has about a year and a half left in the Army. They also have a daughter who is a junior in high school. Kathleen and her family most recently moved to Newcastle, Wyoming, from Ogden, Utah. The family is enjoying the small-town atmosphere and appreciate the friendliness and helpfulness of the people in their new community.

Kathleen has spent most of her professional life in the medical field—43 years, as a matter of fact! She has worked and managed business offices for hospitals, doctor's offices, ambulance services, dental offices, and nursing homes, just to name a few.

A while back, when Kathleen's son was seventeen, he enlisted in the Army. Shortly after graduating from high school, he was sent to Baghdad.

This difficult situation served as an impetus for Kathleen's career.

"We watched the news all the time and I had decided that I couldn't do that anymore, so I went back to school." Kathleen received her master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. Her education has prepared her well for her new position as a library director.

Kathleen recognizes how important the library is to so many of the citizens of Weston County. Patrons of all ages depend on the library for resources, as well as fun.

"There are a lot of people in the community that rely on the library for research, entertainment, and meeting with friends to get together. It is so rewarding to see the little kids get excited about coming to the library." Kathleen says many older kids in the community have been checking out how-to do books like repurposing furniture, where to go hiking, and what to look for on the trails around the area.

"This is why I applied for this job," said Kathleen.



100 BOOKS IN A YEAR? IMPOSSIBLE! OR, IS IT?



Have you ever tracked and counted how many books you've read during a span of twelve months? Setting a goal for reading a specific

number of books is a popular New Year's Resolution among readers of all ages.

Last year, in January 2023, the Carbon County Library System started offering a program for readers of all ages in addition to what they offered to their beginning readers.

"We already had our '1,000 Books Before Kindergarten' program for preschool children," said Maria Wenzel, director of the CCLS. "We decided to offer something for adults, too."

All eight libraries in the CCLS participate in the 100 Books in a Year program, which is now in its second year. The proposed process was simple. Patrons would sign up at their local Carbon County library, take a reading log, and record all of the books they read until they reach 100. After they turned in their log, they would receive a completion prize. As the year progressed, however, something surprising happened.

"Our patrons kept on going!" Maria said.

"We had no idea people would read these astronomical numbers of books! We thought 100 would be it." Several patrons read over a hundred books and turned in more than one log.

The plan was slightly adjusted and now allows readers to turn in multiple logs. The 2023 Carbon County Reader of the Year Award was given to the patron who read the most books--a gentleman who read 239 books for the challenge! Whoever reads the highest number of books by December 31, 2024, will be awarded the 2024 Carbon County Reader of the Year Award.

"All reading counts, including listening to audiobooks," said Maria. "The reading material doesn't have to be from our library, either."

Healthy competition seems to be an effective tool for engagement in Carbon County, as the CCLS hosted a competition for reciting the digits of pi in honor of Pi Day on March 14 that had a surprising number of participants.

"An eight-year-old student won by memorizing 163 digits correctly," said Maria. "People across the county took part in our Pi Day Celebration. We love the opportunity to foster science and math and to connect our patrons with our 510-nonfiction section."

The Carbon County Library System consists of eight Wyoming libraries located in the communities of Baggs, Elk Mountain, Encampment, Hanna, Medicine Bow, Rawlins, Saratoga, and Sinclair. Find out more about their services and programs [here](#).

WASHAKIE COUNTY LIBRARY OFFERS NEW RESOURCE FOR KIDS



The Washakie County Library System is excited to offer a new resource to provide engaging and educational screen-free entertainment for kids ages three to eight—Tonie boxes!

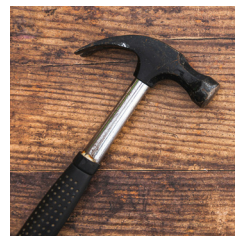
A Tonie box is a sturdy, well-padded, musical, storytelling speaker box, similar to a blue tooth speaker. A Tonie is a small, plastic figure loaded with stories and songs. When paired with a Tonie box, each Tonie provides a program of content related to the figure. Kids can listen to stories and songs while singing and playing along.

A variety of Tonies have been created for many classic and popular fictional characters. Kids can choose to hear information, stories, songs, and other related content by placing their choice of Tonie on the box. The Tonie characters are preloaded with music, stories, and educational content. The controls are designed with our kids' small hands in mind. Thanks to the friends of the

Ten Sleep and Worland libraries we were able to purchase Tonie boxes and a plethora of Tonie characters to go with them.

Washakie County library director Karen Funk, is extremely excited to share this new screen-free way to reach the children in our community. "We want to instill the love of the library at a young age. Thanks to the friends of the ten sleep and Worland libraries we were able to purchase Tonie boxes and a plethora of Tonie characters to go with them.

"We are proud to be the first library in the state of Wyoming to circulate this new, entertaining learning tool for children," said Karen.



POWELL LIBRARY UPDATE

Exciting things are happening in Park County! The Powell Library has temporarily relocated to Homesteader Hall at the

Park County Fairgrounds in preparation for the demolition and reconstruction of the current library. The library closed for relocation Tuesday, April 23 and reopened at its temporary location on Monday, May 6. Services will be provided and programs will be held on a smaller scale until the new facility is completed. The library is suspending fines during this time of transition and encourages patrons to continue their engagement during this exciting time. Read more [here](#).

JOB OPPORTUNITY: CONVERSE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM SEEKS NEW DIRECTOR



The Converse County Library System is seeking applicants for the position of **Library Director**. This is a full-time, benefitted position entailing 40 hours per week. Job announcement and application materials are available [here](#).

The CCLS is headquartered in Douglas, Wyoming, with a branch library in Glenrock, Wyoming. Douglas and Glenrock are both charming small towns with mom and pop businesses and friendly people. Find more information [here](#).

The Library Director is an exempt position, requiring advanced knowledge in the field of library science and the consistent use of discretion and judgment. The director must exhibit approachability, be a good listener, and be able to represent the library to the public. This position is responsible for the administration and management of the library; planning directing and supervising all library programs and services. This job also involves taking responsibility for fiscal management, information technology, collection development, personnel supervision, public relations, and facilities maintenance and planning.

Desired Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in Library Science, Business Administration, Human Resources, or a similar field of study.
- Five years of professional library experience, including experience in organizational management and progressively responsible work experience in libraries or other professional organizations.
- Three years of experience in supervising a staff with proven people management skills focused towards professional development.
- Any equivalent combination of experience and/or education from which comparable knowledge, skills, and abilities have been achieved will be considered.

Annual salary for this position will range from \$65,000 to \$72,000 and will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Check out this great opportunity!

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Youth Services

THE BENEFITS OF MANGA FOR YOUNG READERS (AND ADULTS!)



by [Lisa Arthursen](#)

A common misconception is that graphic novels are “too easy” because

they’re picture-formatted stories, but that’s far from the case! Instead of just reading words on a page, graphic novels allow the reader to visually recognize how panels work together as the images further the narrative. They are especially appealing to those who don’t like reading text-heavy books because many of them tell compelling stories with fewer words and more visuals. Add manga into the equation and even more doors of possibility open. In fact, there are many benefits of manga for young readers and adults.

What is Manga and Who is it For?

Basically, they are Japanese illustrated stories that cover a wide variety of topics. They rely heavily on visual language, dialogue, and sound effects much like movies, which is why many end up adapted into anime (Japanese animated shows and movies). That said, with a wide variety of topics comes a wide variety of intended

audiences for manga. There are many great series out there specifically for kids to enjoy, such as [Chi's Sweet Home](#). However, it’s essential to recognize that not everything illustrated is meant for kids. Just as there are stylized comics here in the West meant for mature audiences, the same applies to manga. As the New York Public Library [explains](#), just because a manga features cute or childish characters does not mean it’s appropriate for children.

Navigating Controversy Surrounding Manga

To address the elephant in the room: Yes, there is some controversy surrounding manga in the West. Unfortunately, manga tends to fall under scrutiny on both sides of the political aisle. Lack of understanding about what manga is and lack of basic research into a story’s context/intended audience contribute to such criticism. Granted, this and admittedly biased take on a larger conversation, but that’s a different discussion for another time. The takeaway for parents especially is this: it’s important to consider each series independently and it is up to you to decide what is acceptable for your child to read. The Canton Public Library has an [excellent guide](#) to help make that decision easier.

The Unique Benefits of Manga Reading

Back to the good stuff, a Japan-wide [survey](#) found that an overwhelming majority of citizens believe reading manga is good for children in multiple ways, such as enriching sensitivity and expressiveness—and they’re

not wrong! Manga engages your brain in ways regular books don't. What surprises first-time manga readers is that you read the books "backwards." In Japan they read from right-to-left rather than left-to-right like we do here, so manga offers a unique challenge right off the bat by presenting you with a new way to read! Furthermore, learning to read pictures, words, and sound effects (onomatopoeia) together helps you more accurately process the story and images through [multimodal learning](#). This can be especially [useful](#) for those with Autism Spectrum Disorder due to its restrictive, repetitive patterns and emphasis on visual language. Manga can also introduce new cultures, topics, and ideas in a way that's easier to digest than through text alone. What's more, it can help young readers—especially teens—connect and relate to personal journeys they may be experiencing but have difficulty talking about. The biggest benefit of all, in my humble opinion, is that manga is exciting and fun for all ages!

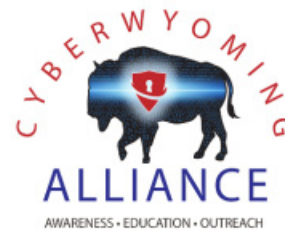
How to Get Started

There are so many interesting series to choose from that it can be hard to determine where to start. The linked articles above offer some great recommendations, but you can always ask your local friendly librarian right here! Or maybe we can pick your brain and discover something new ourselves. Do you have a manga series you love but can't find it here at the library? Send us a purchase request! Alternatively, you can always request an Interlibrary Loan! It's never too late

to start reading manga, no matter how old you are. There's something for everyone to enjoy, so why not give it a try yourself? Your brain will thank you!

This post was shared with permission from the [Natrona County Library System blog](#).

WYOMING STUDENTS DEMYSTIFY MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY



Students from across the state successfully completed the 2023-2024 Cyber-in-a-Box School Video Challenge

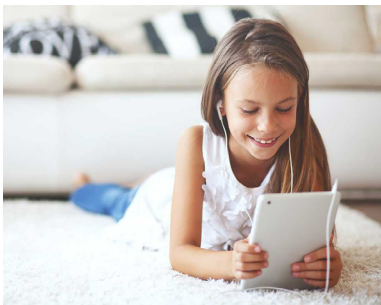
organized by the CyberWyoming Alliance! This challenge promotes cybersecurity education among students in grades six through twelve. The challenge, which ran from October 2023 to March 2024, brought together teams from various schools across Wyoming to tackle the topic "Demystify Medical Technology."

The Cyber-in-a-Box School Video Challenge is an annual event where teams of up to five students are provided with funding ranging from \$50 to \$100, along with Cyber-in-a-Box t-shirts, to create informative and engaging videos. This year's challenge tasked participants with exploring internet-connected medical devices, learning about their functionality, researching

methods to protect them, and presenting their findings in video format. Teams from Meeteetse Schools, Laramie High School, Johnson Junior High, Twin Spruce Middle School, Buffalo High School, and Cokeville High School participated in the challenge, showcasing their creativity and dedication to cybersecurity education. Read the full blog post [here](#).

Databases & Electronic Resources

TUMBLEBOOK LIBRARY BRINGS BOOKS TO LIFE FOR YOUNG READERS



TumbleBook Library is a collection of online picture books, nonfiction books, graphic novels, and chapter books for kids to watch, listen to,

and read along with. Created by adding animation, sound, music, and narration to existing picture books, TumbleBooks provide endless, engaging educational experiences for kids K-6. A library of books spanning many topics, ages, grades, and interest levels are available on TumbleBook Library.

Readers can browse the list of available titles; search by title, author, or subject; or select a

playlist of books grouped according to topic, grade-level, running time genre, or theme.

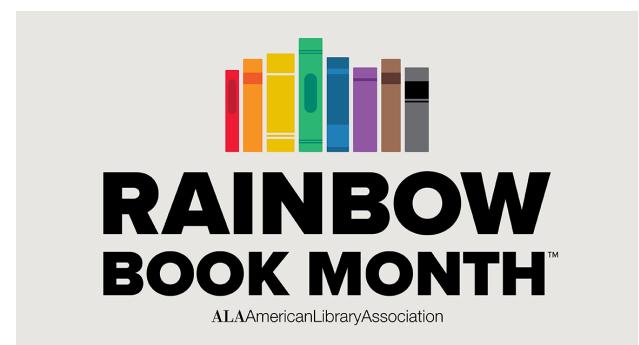
Most of the books are written and read in English, but some books are available in other languages such as Spanish, French, Italian, Korean, German, Portuguese, Italian, Hebrew, and Arabic, to support multilingual learning.

Games and puzzles accompany many titles to help reinforce the concepts and vocabulary introduced in the book.

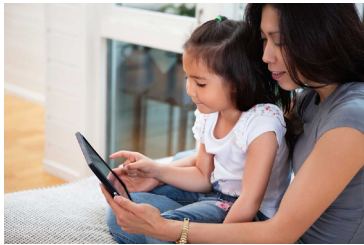
For readers ready to tackle chapter books, Read-Alongs provide narration and sentence-highlighting without animation or music to help readers read along.

Tumblebooks can be accessed on computers, tablets, smartphones, or Chromebooks for individual reading at school, at the library, or at home, or on a larger screen for an entire class to enjoy and explore a book together.

Help a young reader in your life access hundreds of books with just a few clicks at school, at home, or anywhere with internet access. TumbleBooks help bring books to life; check TumbleBooks out on the [Wyoming State Library's GoWYLD portal](#).



BOOKFLIX OFFERS STORYBOOK AND NONFICTION PAIRED TEXTS FOR KIDS



BookFlix is one of several collections for kids on the Wyoming State Library’s [GoWYLD portal](#) and offers

a wide array of both fiction and non-fiction resources for young readers grades PreK-3.

BookFlix’s collection of paired texts is organized into nine categories including Animals and Nature, Earth and Sky, People and Places, ABCs and 123s, Adventure, Family and Community, Celebrations, Music and Rhyme, and Imagination. Each category is full of paired titles, offering kids a wealth of literature and informational text. If kids are having a hard time selecting from the choices, a featured pair is suggested in each topic to get them started. Along with each video storybook and non-fiction e-book in each module, there are also games and puzzles to help reinforce vocabulary, as well as skills such as sequencing and determining between fact and fiction. Links to kid-friendly websites with additional information on the module’s topic and information about the author of each book also accompany each pair. Additionally, many titles are available in both English and Spanish to support ELL and multilingual learning.



Calendar

- May 1-31 [National Mental Health Month](#)
- May 21 [Wyoming Reads](#)
- Jun 1-30 [Rainbow Book Month](#)
- Jun 27-Jul 2 [ALA Conference](#)

BookFlix offers kids a great opportunity to dig deeper into a topic they love or learn the basics of a new topic. It’s also a wonderful way to balance kids’ reading diets with both fiction and non-fiction. All titles are searchable by theme, topic, running time, Lexile, and grade level.

BookFlix is the perfect resource in home, library, and classroom settings for kids learning independently, reading one-on-one with a parent or teacher, or reading in a small group. Check out this engaging and educational resource today!



Wyoming Library Association



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR WLA'S SCHOOL LIBRARY SUMMIT

Registration is now open for this summer's School Library Summit, hosted by the WLA's School Library Interest Group. The WLA is excited to learn together from **July 29-31 in Lander, WY**. There is a \$50 registration fee, which will help to cover accommodations and meals for attendees. Reach out with questions by emailing wyoSLIG@gmail.com or register [here](#).

WLA'S AWARDS AND GRANTS COMMITTEE REQUESTS NOMINATIONS

The Wyoming Library Association's Awards/Grants Committee is accepting nominations for several awards: Outstanding Hero/Heroine, Outstanding Librarian, Outstanding Library, and the Lifetime Achievement Award. The Nora Van Burgh Grant is also available for continuing education. Conference. Learn more and submit your nominations or grant applications online at <https://wyla.org/Awards/Grants-Committee> by July 31st. Questions? Contact the [WLA Awards Committee](#) or [Travis Pollok](#).

People News



Jamie Markus was recently appointed to the EveryLibrary Institute Board of Directors. He also recently participated in and graduated from Leadership Wyoming. He is the current

Assistant Dean for Resource Discovery & Management at the University of Wyoming and former Wyoming State Librarian.

"I enjoyed leadership Wyoming very much and the opportunity to talk about libraries across the state and I'm incredibly excited for the EveryLibrary board," said Jamie. Read more about the EveryLibrary Institute's Board [here](#).



OPEN CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Join the 2024 Wyoming Library Leadership Institute (WLLI) Cohort!

September 16-18 in Pinedale, WY

If you work in a Wyoming library, have a spark to lead, and an interest in the future of libraries, this opportunity is for you!

Applications and professional recommendations due June 15.

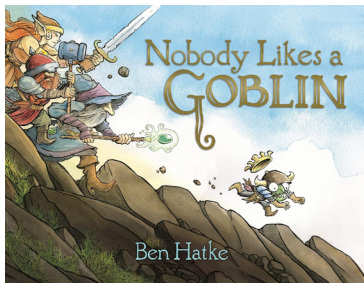
Visit wyla.org/Wyoming-Library-Leadership-Institute for more information.



Celebrations

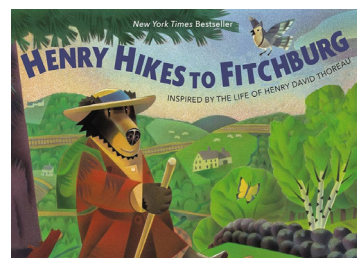
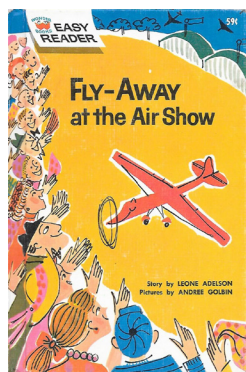
CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK 2024

What book did you love as a kid or have you enjoyed reading to a child? May 6-12 was [Children’s Book Week!](#) Here are a few of the WSL’s staff’s favorite children’s books:



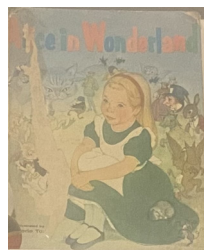
*Abby Beaver,
Wyoming State
Librarians favorite
children's book (left)*

*Brian Greene, the WSL's Library
Development Manager's favorite
children's book (right)*



*Christi Weinzierl,
the WSL's
Communications and
Grants Specialist's
favorite children's
book (left)*

*Savannah Parris, the WSL's
Collections Specialist's favorite
children's book (right)*



CELEBRATE ASIAN AND PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



May is Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month. Why not celebrate by reading a book written by an author with Asian, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific heritage? Many resources have been compiled to help you find one!

PBS has published a list of influential AAPI authors [here](#), and you can find Brightly’s list of YA and Children’s books by AAPI authors [here](#). Another list of books by Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander authors can be found [here](#). Many of the authors and titles listed, as well as countless others are available through Libby on the Wyoming State Library’s [GoWYLD](#) portal or in your Wyoming library’s collection. Or, if your library doesn’t own the book, you can request it from another Wyoming library with an interlibrary loan.

Find a new favorite author or book and celebrate Asian and Pacific American Heritage this month with a great new read from your Wyoming library or the WSL’s [GoWYLD](#) portal!

A BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS



The Library of Congress' main lobby is full of breathtaking art and architecture.

The Library of Congress celebrated its 224th birthday on April 24. Founded in 1800, the LOC is the United States' oldest federal cultural institution and serves as the library and research service of the U.S. Congress. It is the largest library in the United States, as well as the second largest library in the world. Find out more about the Library of Congress, the de facto national library of the U.S., [here](#).

WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DAY



[World Intellectual Property Day](#) is celebrated annually to explore how [intellectual property](#) encourages innovation.

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.

HISTORIC NEWSPAPERS HOLD TRIED AND TRUE RECIPES



April 30 was National Oatmeal Cookie Day! For a time-tested oatmeal cookie recipe, or directions on preparing another favorite dessert, check out the [Wyoming State Library's Newspaper Collection](#).

With 326,929 issues (and growing!) dating from 1849, the WSL's Newspaper Collection provides readers with a wealth of primary source resources, including recipes, advertisements, articles, and more. The collection is searchable by title, date, tag, and county and allows readers to digitally "clip" sections they find useful as they explore the daily lives of Wyomingites from over a century ago.

WEBINAR

Make Your Mark: Trademarks

Thursday
June 6, 2024

10:00 AM MDT



Professional Training Events and Opportunities

FREE WEBINAR-"MAKE YOUR MARK: TRADEMARKS"



Learn all about trademarks at the Wyoming State Library's free webinar, "**Make Your Mark: Trademarks**" on **June 6 at 10:00 a.m.**

(MDT). This informative session will be presented by Anne Kuipers, the WSL's State Publications Librarian.

The webinar will address the fundamentals of trademarks and explore the Trademark Digital Collection offered by the WSL, with both historical and modern trademark applications, as well as explore the answers to burning questions such as:

- What is a trademark?
- How do trademarks function?
- How can I search for Wyoming-specific trademarks?
- How do I apply for a trademark?

[Register](#) for this exciting opportunity today!

THE 2024 WYLD ANNUAL MEETING IS COMING SOON



The **2024 WYLD Annual Meeting** will be Thursday, June 13 with check in at 8:30 a.m., lunch at noon, and training and presentations

until 5:00 p.m. and Friday, June 14th with a business meeting at 8:30 a.m. A schedule, more information, and registration are available on the [WSL website](#). If you are the voting delegate for your library and you will not be at the business meeting, please send your proxy information to [Rachel Crocker](#).



FREE ONLINE WORKSHOP-"INFO LITERACY INCUBATOR"

Co-Designing for Trust is hosting the **Info Literacy Incubator**, an online workshop where you'll learn about available resources to help your community find trustworthy information on **Wednesday, June 5, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. (MDT)**. Learn more or register [here](#) or email [Co-Designing for Trust](#). with questions.

OCLS HOSTS FREE WEBINAR-"WHO'S YOUR AUDIENCE?"



Sometimes it's not obvious when to record your audience. If this is a puzzle with which you struggle, consider attending OCLS's VAOH session, "Who's Your Audience?: Ways to Record Audience in Bibliographic Records"

on **Thursday, May 23 at 2:00 p.m. (MDT)**. Register [here](#).

NISO CALLS FOR PROPOSALS



The National Information Standards Organization

(NISO) is currently accepting proposals for the 2024 NISO Plus Global/Online Conference, which will be held virtually September 17-18. Sessions will include a live screening of 45-minute presentations followed by a 30- to 45-minute audience discussion. Presentations will be recorded in August. Find more information [here](#), or submit a proposal [here](#).

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.

FREE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE-GAIL

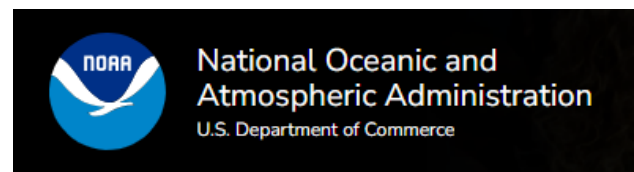


Registration is open for **Prompt or Perish: Navigating Generative AI in Libraries**, which will be the inaugural Generative AI in Libraries (GAIL) Conference,

June 11-13, 11:00-2:00 p.m. MDT.

This conference is aimed specifically at librarians who seek to explore the use of generative artificial intelligence (AI) in libraries, have opportunity to share their experiences with AI technologies and their applications in the library setting, and gain a deeper understanding of how generative AI can revolutionize library services and address the challenges and ethical considerations of this technology. Find more information or register for this event [here](#). Questions can be directed to GenAIinLibraries@gmail.com.

FREE WEBINAR-NOAA IR IMPLEMENTING PUBLIC ACCESS



The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Institutional Repository (IR) will host a free webinar **"NOAA IR Implementing Public Access"** on **Thursday, June 13, 12:00-1:00 p.m.**

(MDT). Recording and closed captioning are available. Participants will learn how to search our collections, how persistent identifiers are being incorporated into NOAA's plans, and how NOAA is increasing public access above and beyond new Office of Science Technology Policy (OSTP) guidance. Speakers will be Katie Poser, Outreach Librarian, NOAA and Jennifer Fagan Fry, NOAA IR Manager. Find more information [here](#) or register [here](#).

Library Jobs

Young Adult & Technology Specialist

Sublette County Library System
Pinedale, WY
Closes June 3, 2024
Posted May 20, 2024



Director of Business Operations

University of Wyoming Libraries
Laramie, WY
Open until filled
Posted May 13, 2024

Events and Exhibitions Manager

Laramie County Library System
Cheyenne, WY
Closes May 31, 2024
Posted May 9, 2024

Foundation Director

Laramie County Library System
Cheyenne, WY
Closes June 4, 2024
Posted May 9, 2024

Library Specialist

University of Wyoming-Resource Discovery & Management Division
Laramie, WY
Open until filled
Posted May 3, 2024

Library Director

Converse County Library System
Douglas, WY
Open until filled
Posted May 3, 2024

FCLS Summer Internship Program

Fremont County Library System
Dubois, Lander, and Riverton, WY
3 positions available, one at each location
Posted May 1, 2024

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

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

[Makerspace Coordinator-UW Libraries, Physical Sciences Dean's Office](#)

University of Wyoming
Laramie, WY
Open until filled
Posted November 30, 2023

Grant and Award Opportunities

[First Nations Development Institute: Native Youth and Culture Fund](#)

Deadline: June 5, 2024

First Nations Development Institute's Native Youth and Culture Fund supports Native youth programs and projects in the U.S. that focus on increasing youth leadership and providing opportunities for intergenerational transfer of knowledge. Tribes, Native-controlled nonprofits, and Native-controlled community organizations using a fiscal sponsor are eligible to apply.

[NEH Public Impact Projects at Smaller Organizations Grants](#)

Deadline: June 12, 2024

These grants support activities such as enriching

interpretive strategies, strengthening interpretive skill sets, and enhancing community engagement with public-facing programs. Projects may involve evaluating current programming, identifying new story opportunities, implementing new programs, or providing professional development opportunities for staff and volunteers. The maximum award amount is \$25,000.

[Rocky Mountain Power Foundation](#)

Deadline: June 15, 2024

The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has four grant opportunities throughout the year. The next opportunity is for community enhancement including: affordable housing, community resilience, community and recreation centers, economic development, libraries, monuments, memorials and science centers. Grants generally are less than \$10,000 with most between \$2,000 and \$5,000.

[Morgan Stanley Alliance for Children's Mental Health Innovation Awards](#)

Deadline: June 18, 2024

The Morgan Stanley Alliance for Children's Mental Health Innovation Awards provide seed funding for transformative mental healthcare solutions for children and youth across the U.S. The Awards seek new or piloted projects from direct-service organizations that will help address the far-reaching challenges of stress, anxiety, depression, or other mental health issues in children and young adults in the U.S. Five winners will receive grants to scale their

innovative work as well as leadership training and other opportunities, while a broader group of applicants will be invited to join a leadership learning series.

Nature's Path Gardens for Good Grants

Deadline: June 24, 2024

The Nature's Path Gardens for Good grant program supports nonprofit organizations with community garden projects in the U.S. and Canada. For 2024, grants will be provided to nonprofit organizations that have an urban organic agriculture feeding project or program providing food to serve low-income communities, soup kitchens, food banks, emergency pantries, school feeding programs, shelters, or similar types of organizations.

Pearl Milling Company: P.E.A.R.L Pledge

Deadline: June 24, 2024

P.E.A.R.L. Pledge is Pearl Milling Company's community funding initiative focused on championing the empowerment and success of Black women and girls across the U.S. A total of \$1 million will be provided to nonprofit organizations doing work or offering programming that serves Black women and girls in alignment with the P.E.A.R.L. Pledge pillars: prosperity, empowerment, access, representation, and leadership. Applicants must be 501(c)(3) public charities based in the United States and align with one or more P.E.A.R.L. Pledge pillars.

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

Each Books Save Lives Grant will provide up to \$5,000 per school library. The grant money must be used toward purchasing diverse books and the books must remain on the shelves for a minimum of three years. Applicants must nominate a school library within the U.S.

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. It includes award-winning and star-reviewed titles from educational and literary organizations.

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

DEADLINE: Rolling

The Fiscal Year 2024 Arts Access Project Grant application is now open for projects taking place July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024. This grant is designed to provide 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 rural communities with a population of less than 3000. An organization is eligible to receive up to \$1000 with no match requirement.

[The 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.

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