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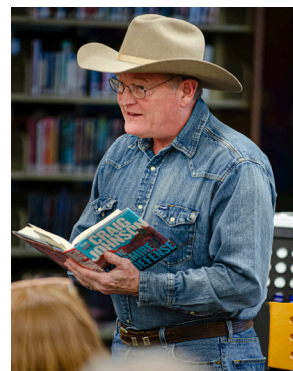
Award-winning Authors Visit Several Wyoming Libraries



Several Wyoming libraries have recently given their patrons the inspiring experience of meeting one of their favorite authors by hosting author visit events in their communities.

The Teton County Library System hosted three authors in March, including Kate Messner (above), Tea Obreht, and Ed Yong. On March 13 and 14, Kate Messner paid classroom visits and library presentations to students and the community. Tea Obreht, launched her latest book on March 17 where she wrote much of it--at the Teton County Library. On March 21, Ed Yong used wit and humor as he opened the eyes of his audience to the hidden realms of animal senses.

The Washakie County Library System, the Ten Sleep Friends of the Library, and the Big Horn County Library hosted two authors in mid-April. Andrew Child (right) presented in Ten Sleep on April 12. Craig Johnson (below) spoke in Basin, Wyoming, on April 12 and Worland, Wyoming, on April 13.



“We Wyoming writers have a responsibility to literacy,” said Craig. “Our libraries are on the frontlines in that cause.”

Read more [here](#).

WSL News

NEW LEGISLATIVE SPECIALIST AT THE WSL



Vincent Crolla has joined the Wyoming State Library as the new Legislative Specialist. Vincent (pictured above) brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position having graduated from the University of Wyoming with a B.A. in history in 2006, as well as a J.D. in 2010. After graduating from law school, he worked as an archivist at the Casper College Western History Center from 2011 until 2021, then spent a year as a city clerk specialist in Goodyear, Arizona.

“I love history and working with research,” said Vincent. I’m really excited to get started here and to be back in Wyoming.” In his new position, Vincent hopes to dig into the WSL’s legislative collection, update the metadata, and help

patrons access the documents and information they need.

“We’re thrilled to have Vincent join our team!” said Travis Pollok, the WSL Information Services Manager. “He brings extensive archival and legislative experience to the State Library. I’m looking forward to the new opportunities and skills he brings to this position.”

Vincent’s first day at the WSL was April 16.



Calendar

- Apr 26 [World Intellectual Property Day](#)
- Apr 30 [Children's Day/Book Day](#)
- Apr 28-May 4 [Preservation Week](#)
- May 1-31 [Mental Health Month](#)
- May 6-12 [Children's Book Week](#)
- May 21 [Wyoming Reads](#)
- Jun 1-30 [Rainbow Book Month](#)
- Jun 27-Jul 2 [ALA Conference](#)
- Jul 10-14 [National Summer Learning Week](#)
- Sep 1-30 [Library Card Sign-Up Month](#)

Around the State

WESTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM DIRECTOR RETIRES



After serving as the Weston County Library System Director for nearly a decade and a half, Brenda Mahoney-Ayres will be retiring at the end of April.

Brenda (pictured at left) began her library career in the early 2000s as a library page at the Crook County Library branch in Moorcroft, Wyoming. She credits Jamie Markus, Wyoming's former state librarian, who was then the continuing education coordinator, with helping her embark on her journey towards a degree in library science. After receiving her Associate's Degree in Library and Information Science, she became the Circulation Services Librarian at the Weston County Library in 2007. Three years later, in June of 2010, Brenda assumed the role of interim director at the Weston County Library and accepted the position of director later that year. Since then, she has earned her Bachelor's Degree of Library and Information Science from the University of Maine at Augusta, and has led the Weston County Library System as director for the past fourteen years.

"We have a treasure in the Carnegie library we occupy. It was very important to me to have that recognized and to promote the library as the community center it is," said Brenda, regarding her time as director. "Our staff recognizes that people are the reason we do what we do and will make every effort to assist our patrons."

Brenda hopes the libraries of Weston County Library System, which include the main library in Newcastle, Wyoming, as well as a branch library in Upton, Wyoming, will continue to be an important part of their communities and hopes the new director will come to love both the libraries and the communities they serve as much as she has. "I feel that the library system is in a great place to continue growing and transforming to meet the needs of its Weston County communities," Brenda said.

After her retirement, Brenda looks forward to spending more time with her three grandchildren; reacquainting herself with "hobbies that have gotten dusty" including gardening, photography, painting, and crocheting; as well as travel. "Isn't it requisite to travel?" Brenda joked when asked about her plans. "If you know me, you know I love poetry, and Mary Oliver is one of my favorite poets," explained Brenda. "She has a line in one of her poems, 'Tell me, what is it you plan to do with you one wild and precious life,'--this is truly going to be a grand adventure because I have no concrete plans." Brenda's last day at the WCLS will be April 30.

ALBANY COUNTY WELCOMES NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR



The Albany County Public Library has welcomed Darcy Lipp-Acord as its new deputy director. Darcy (pictured at left) started her new position as at the ACPL in mid-January.

Darcy brings a wealth of experience with her, having served at Campbell County Public Library in Gillette, Wyoming, for eighteen years. At the CCPL, she worked mostly in Teen Services, but became the Youth Services Librarian in 2016. She is also currently the president of the Wyoming Library Association and was active in that organization with the Youth Services Interest Group and the Wyoming Library Leadership Institute prior to serving on the executive board. She has presented at multiple WLA conferences and at the Young Adult Library Services Symposium (YALSA). Additionally, she has hosted an ALA webinar and presented to a few smaller library systems outside of Wyoming. Alongside Paige Bredenkamp, she was a trainer for the YALSA Train the Trainer program, focusing on public library services to teens.

The new deputy director sees many strengths in the ACPL. “We have a young and well-educated

staff who are eager to learn; a very supportive Board of Directors; and a vibrant collection,” said Darcy. “In the community, I see so much support for the public library. A good share of our funding comes from two nonprofits that partner with the Library: our incredible Library Foundation, which works with some very generous community donors; and our Friends of the Library, which does an amazing job of raising money through an entirely-volunteer force. None of these efforts would be as successful as they are without the solid support of the community. People really love the library here.”

Moving forward as the ACPL’s deputy director, Darcy would like to mitigate the staff turnover the library experiences due to being in a university town and having a young staff. “I’m hoping to help staff find professional development opportunities, build a solid library work culture, and work with my Director and the Board to enhance compensation as much as possible.” She would also like to develop the services the ACPL offers to the community’s youth and build stronger partnerships with the school district and other youth service agencies in the community. “As I learn more about Albany County I want to dive more into community assessment,” said Darcy, “to ensure that our collections, programs and services continue to change to meet community needs.”

Darcy applied for the position to take on a new challenge as deputy director, to learn about how other libraries in the state provide services to their communities, and to live in Laramie. “It’s a place I enjoy,” said Darcy, “and a place where I am closer to several of my kids and grandkids.”

STORIES AND SONGS IN SPANISH AT SWEETWATER COUNTY LIBRARIES

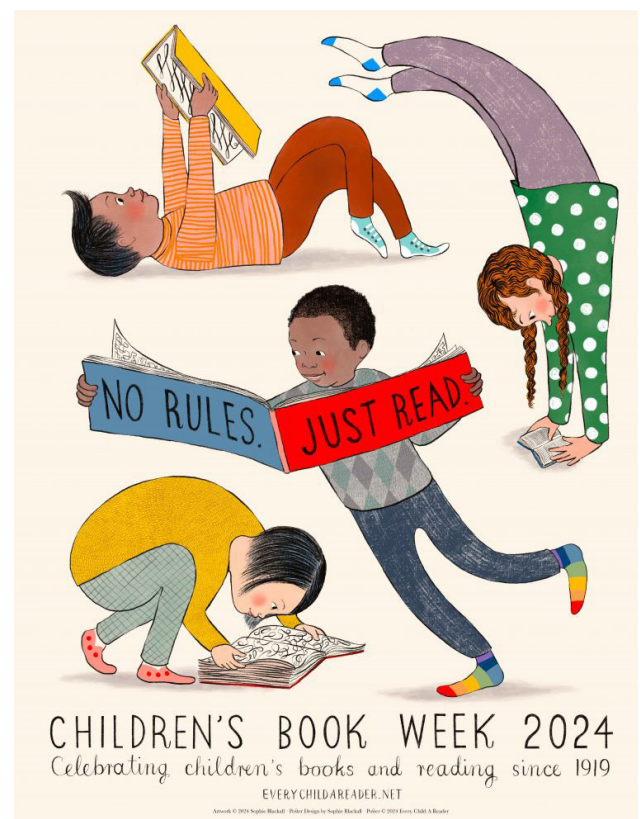


Mariza Salguero, a Sweetwater County Library Youth Librarian, reads a Spanish book to young library patrons.

The young library patrons of Sweetwater County now have the option of attending library story time in either English or Spanish. The White Mountain Library in Rock Springs started their new Cuentos y Cantos (Stories and Songs) program in March. The program, which is organized like a story time program and done completely in Spanish, is coordinated by youth librarian Mariza Salguero. Mariza started at the library in January.

“I am so grateful for the opportunity to bring Spanish story time to our library,” Mariza said.

“Having a Spanish story time helps us foster a relationship with our Spanish speaking patrons and lets others learn from them as well. We are so excited to see what we can do with this program and how we can better serve our community!” Find more about upcoming SCLS events [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.

LARAMIE COUNTY LIBRARY HOSTS ROCKY MOUNTAIN RAPTORS



The Laramie County Library System (LCLS) hosted some very special guests from Colorado on March 28. The Rocky Mountain Raptor Program (RMRP) presented an educational demonstration to the staff and patrons at the main

LCLS library in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

“It was really amazing to not only learn about the raptors, but to also get to see them up close,” said Janey Vanlandingham, a staff member of the LCLS. “It was also great to see the kids’ reactions, curiosity and interest in the program.”

The RMRP is an organization that specializes in the rehabilitation of birds of prey. Many of these hypercarnivorous birds are returned to the wild after receiving care and recovering from their injuries, but others become educational ambassadors and teach people about raptors, conservation, and the environment. Read more about their work [here](#).

Three RMRP Educational Ambassadors accompanied the four RMFP volunteers, Anna Wellborn, Susan Baker, Maya Dite-Shepard, and Christine Chapman at the event. Educational



Ambassadors included Watson, a golden eagle; Persephone, a turkey vulture; and Eowyn, a Swainson’s hawk.

“They told us why these birds were not able to be released into the wild and didn’t shy away from talking about the impacts that humans are having on these expert hunters,” said Abby Rowsell, the LCLS staff member who coordinated the raptor event, which took place during Laramie County School District Number One’s Spring Break. “They also didn’t shy away from telling us what each raptor was snacking on that day (mostly rat, but also some rabbit for Watson!)”



One RMRP Educational Ambassador offered an unique photo opportunity to the 160 LCLS patrons in the audience. “While the presenter was telling the audience it was ok to take pictures, the vulture chose that moment to open up her wings like she was posing...that vulture was ready for some glamour shots!” said Lauren Johnson, another LCLS staff member.

“We always love coming up to Wyoming and sharing about the work we do and the community of humans and raptors we are all part of,” said Jessica Miller, RMRP’s Education and Outreach Coordinator.

Find more information about upcoming events at LCLS [here](#).

HUMPTY DUMPTY HAD A GREAT FALL AT THE LINCOLN COUNTY LIBRARY



Chris Johnson, LCLS Youth Librarian, and several young patrons display their egg vehicles.

What happens when you take a dozen eggs, wrap them up and drop them 15 feet from the upper floor of the library onto the brick flooring below? Staff and patrons at the Lincoln County Library decided to investigate this question further with an Egg Drop event on the evening of March 21. Chris Johnson, Lincoln County Library Youth Services Librarian, facilitated this fun and educational event for young Lincoln County patrons.

“There are two things that improve the egg’s chance of survival: 1. Decreasing the descent (drag) and 2. Minimizing the impact (cushioning the egg so the impact is not focused on the egg itself). Thursday night, seven of our youth had fun figuring out how to solve this problem. The

first was addressed with sack parachutes and balloons,” said Chris. “The most successful solution for the second deterrent involved popcorn and bubble wrap. Not all eggs survived their first fall...Okay, let’s be honest, a few eggs didn’t survive initial handling. But two contestants lived through the night, despite being dropped again and again. Were Humpty still with us, he should hire one of these young engineers to his security detail.”

The Lincoln County Library System’s main library is located in Kemmerer, Wyoming, and also includes branch libraries in Alpine, Cokeville, La Barge, Star Valley, and Thayne. Each library hosts a variety of activities for patrons of all ages. Check out their event calendar [here](#) for more information!

PARK COUNTY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Exciting things are happening in Park County! The Powell Library will be temporarily relocating to Homesteader Hall

on May 6 at the Park County Fairgrounds in preparation for the demolition and reconstruction of the current library. The library will be closed for relocation starting April 23- May 5. Stay tuned for more updates!

Read more [here](#).

TETON COUNTY LIBRARY ACQUIRES A LOBBY COFFEE CART AND A TRAVELING BOOK VAN



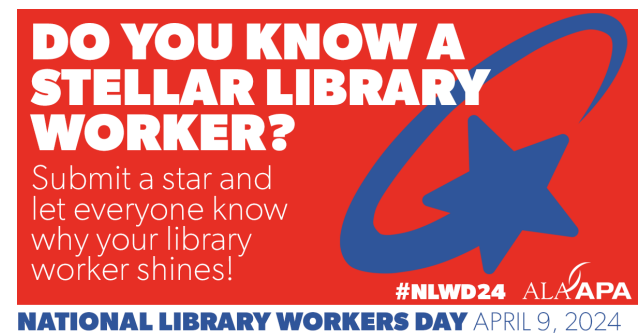
The TCL's new traveling book van

The Teton County Library (TCL) in Jackson, Wyoming, had a lot to celebrate this year during National Library Week, which was April 6-13. Along with celebrating libraries and library workers, two new amenities were recently added—a coffee cart in the lobby and a new traveling book van.

The Teton County Library Foundation (TCLF) has partnered with two local businesses to offer refreshments available for purchase at a cart located in the Teton County Library lobby. The cart was purchased by the TCLF, with the equipment, staff, and coffee supplies provided by Snake River roasting and the pastries made by chefs at Provisions Jackson Hole. The cart was unveiled during the first week of April. The TCL has also added a “Library on the Go” vehicle this month. The van, which features a wrap design by graphic artist Drayton Holcomb

with Notyard Creative, will be used to bring books and other library resources to and from different parts of the community, allowing more patrons access. Both new additions are part of the TCL’s strategic plan implementation. Read more [here](#).

WYOMING LIBRARY PROFESSIONALS HONORED ON NLWD 2024



The Wyoming State Library appreciates the hard work and dedication of all of our Wyoming library workers! Earlier this month National Library Workers Day was celebrated throughout the United States.

Several of our Wyoming library professionals’ names and accomplishments were recognized by patrons and posted on the National Library Workers Day Galaxy of Stars page for Wyoming. View the Galaxy of Stars page [here](#) to see what great things patrons had to say about their favorite library workers.

A big “thank you” to everyone who nominated our Wyoming library professionals!

Databases & Electronic Resources

NEW SUMMER READING SUBJECT GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE ON GOWYLD



As summer gets closer, so does summer reading. The new [Summer Reading Subject Guide](#) on [GoWYLD](#) has valuable information and resources to help you make your summer reading program a great adventure for your library patrons and staff! The subject guide has three tabs: the Wyoming Summer Reading Program homepage, Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) News & Resources for Librarians and Library Staff, and CSLP 2024 Adventure Partners: USDA Smokey Bear Reading Challenge.

The Wyoming Summer Reading Program homepage tab has an overview of the Wyoming Summer Reading Program and includes a

link to CSLP's homepage, links to the online storefronts that offer official CSLP merchandise available for purchase, and contact information for the Wyoming State Library's Youth Services Consultant, [Letitia Bulic](#).

The CSLP News and Resources for Librarians and Library Staff tab has a link to the 2024 CSLP Toolkit, the most recent CSLP newsletters, information and resources related to the 2024 CSLP artists, Juana Martinez-Neal and Rob Donnelly, announcements and links to CSLP events, including the 2024 CSLP Conference and discussion sessions regarding future CSLP themes and slogans, and opportunities to become a CSLP committee member.

The CSLP Adventure Partner tab features information and resources related to CSLP's 2024 Adventure Partner, the USDA Smokey Bear Reading Challenge. Smokey Bear, the U.S. Forest Service's mascot turns 80 this summer. The Smokey Bear Reading Challenge gives libraries and their patrons the opportunity to join in the celebration! You'll find information on the challenge and a link to sign up, as well as links to free online printables, digital incentive items, and resource videos in both English and Spanish.

Find everything you need to make your library's summer reading program a success on the Summer Reading Subject Guide on GoWYLD!

CELEBRATE CITIZEN SCIENCE MONTH



Everyone can be a scientist, including you and your patrons! April is Citizen Science Month and there are so many ways to participate!

According to the Oxford Dictionary, citizen science is “the collection and analysis of data relating to the natural world by members of the general public.”

Here are some links to resources to help you learn more about citizen science, become a citizen scientist, and plan citizen science programming for your Wyoming library!

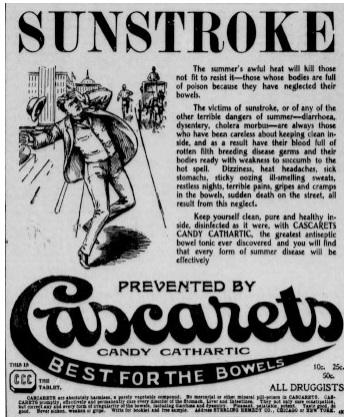
- [Citizen Science Month](#) An introduction to citizen and Citizen Science Month
- [National Geographic Education](#) A list of resources for younger citizen scientists
- [Getting Started with Citizen Science](#) An interactive calendar with information and activities for every day in April.

- [How to Report Your Act of Science](#)
Report your Acts of Science to be part of the One Million Acts of Science
- [SciStarter](#) Free promotional materials for Citizen Science Month to help you plan and promote events at your library, as well as instructions on DIY citizen science kits
- [U.S. Forest Services Internships](#) -Scroll to the bottom of the webpage to find paid and unpaid opportunities for teens and young adults to work with the U.S. Forest Service.



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HISTORIC PATENT MEDICINES



Today, when you go to the store to buy aspirin you know you are getting what is advertised. Modern over-the-counter cures have labels listing their ingredients. Even if you can't figure out what's in the

medicine, the government makes sure it's safe and works well.

Before the 1930s, there weren't laws like the Federal Drug, Food, and Cosmetics (FDC) Act to check if medicine was safe. Instead, a person could bottle up anything and sell it, leading to the rise of what we now call "snake oil salesmen." While some cures contained medicinal ingredients, they were often ineffective. Ingredients ranged from colored water to cures containing opiates or laxatives. Even though these cures were often called "patent medicines" by their sellers, a lot of them didn't actually get a government patent or approval as real medicine. Instead, the name comes from the English term "letters of patent," which were like today's trademarks. Read more [here](#).

To see more patent medicines, check out the advertisements in the [Wyoming Newspaper Digital Collection](#). Additionally, many of the early trademarks for pharmaceuticals in the [Wyoming Trademark Collection](#) are for patent medicines.

APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH



What better way could there be to celebrate than by listening to poets reading poems? Using [ProQuest Poets on Screen](#) on [GoWYLD.net](#) you can watch or listen to over 850 video clips of poetry read by poets!

Prize-winning authors such as John Ashbery, Margaret Atwood, Blake Morrison, Nicci Giovanni, and others read aloud poetry in various forms on a variety of topics in this extensive collection.

To access this resource, go to [GoWYLD.net](#), select the Subject Guides tab, choose the Literature Guide from the list, and click on the Literature Resources link. Select Poetry from the menu on the left and Poets on Screen from the options to the right. Whether you are a poet yourself, an appreciator of poetry, or new to this artistic and lyrical form of writing, National Poetry Month is a great time to read and listen to some amazing poetry!

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INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOK DAY



International Children's Picture Book Day is celebrated annually on April 2, and celebrates how important children's

literature is to the world as a whole. Many picture books are available in either print or electronic formats at your local Wyoming library, or online on [GoWYLD Kids](#), [Tumblebook Library](#) and [Bookflix](#) allow readers to view animated versions of children's books on any device, while [Libby](#) gives readers access to a vast collection of eBooks available to borrow with a library card. Share a children's book in any form with a child in your life!

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY WITH GALE IN CONTEXT RESOURCES



Did you know the [WSL's Science and Technology Subject Guide](#) contains a suite of resources on environmental and global

issues? Our [Gale in Context collection](#) includes eleven separate databases containing articles and information along with photos and a list of additional resources for further research. Celebrate Earth Day on April 22 by learning more about our planet on [GoWYLD.net!](#)

Wyoming Library Association

LEAD 2024-2025 MENTORING PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Calling all in the Wyoming library community interested in professional growth!

The LEAD Interest Group is accepting applications for the 2024-25 Mentoring Program, a **FREE** opportunity open to anyone in the Wyoming library community. (WLA membership is not required.)

The application window will be open until April 30, 2024. The application and additional details can be found [here](#).

Mentors and proteges will be paired after the application deadline and will be announced May 15. Mentor training will follow, participants will receive their LEAD notebook, and the program will launch June 15. Program activities will end November 15. Contact lscroggins@natronacountylibrary.org or brian.greene@wyo.gov with questions.

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People News



Lisa Brown joined the Hot Springs County Library as the Adult Services Librarian. Lisa is a New Hampshire native who relocated to Wyoming in March 2023. She has worked in public and school libraries, starting in 1999. Along the way, she obtained her Bachelors in Library and Information Services, and then her Master of Education with a K-12 Library Media Certification. Her children are now 25 (Kate) and Sam (30), and she has Henry, a dog whose heart is bigger than his small 13-pound body. Favorite activities include hiking, ultra-running, volunteering, reading, and repurposing thrift shop and estate sale finds.



Amanda Bugbee joined the University of Wyoming Libraries as the Discovery Librarian. She holds a dual Master of Library Science with a specialization in Art Librarianship, and Master of Arts in Art History from Indiana University-Bloomington. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Art History, with Museum Studies and History minors from the University of Wyoming. Previously, she served as a Library

Specialist, Acquisitions, in UW Libraries Resource, Discovery & Management department. Outside of work, Amanda enjoys trying new recipes, walking her four dogs, and watching old films. She also considers herself a dissectologist.



Karen Funk was featured in the Northern Wyoming News as part of a series for Women's History Month in March, honoring her achievements in the library world and beyond. Karen has been the Washakie County LibrarySystem Director since 2011. Read more [here](#).



Bonnie Hefenieder, died April 7, 2024 in Worland, Wyoming. She served Washakie County as a library board member for two terms in the 1990s, and in 1998 she was giving the Trustee Citations Award from the Wyoming Library Association for outstanding volunteer service and other accomplishments for the library. She was appointed to the Wyoming State Library Board 2001-2003 by Governor Jim Geringer representing Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park, and Washakie Counties. In 2008, Bonnie joined the Washakie County Library Foundations Board and helped with efforts in the 3 to 1 match for the endowment. She was

active in the WCLFB for 16 years. Bonnie's understanding of finance and investments guided the library and the foundation in ways that helped build a solid financial base. Her investment skills and historic knowledge of the library benefitted many decisions made by the Board.

"Bonnie was a friend of the library in more ways than just being a "friend" of that organization," said Karen Funk, director of the Washakie County Library System. "The library was truly in her heart,"



Cass Kvenild was appointed Dean of Libraries at the University of Wyoming in late March. Prior to this appointment, she had served as the Associate Dean of Libraries since August 2023. Cass graduated from UW in

1996 with a B.A. in English, then received her Master of Library Sciences from the University of Washington. She has held several other administrative positions at UW, including serving as Interim Associate Dean from 2015 to 2018 and was the Assistant Dean of Scholarship and Research from 2018 to 2019.

"I'm delighted to step into this new role at UW Libraries," said Cass, "and to work closely with colleagues at libraries throughout the state to continue building partnerships and shared resources."



Sammy Peter, chair of Research and Instruction at the University of Wyoming Libraries received the Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT) Librarian Recognition Award for 2024. This award honors librarians who contribute to the development, advancement, and support of information literacy and instruction. Peter has been a member of the UW Libraries staff since 2018 and was appointed to her current position in 2022.



Tandi Valdez, a senior library assistant, is the recipient of the University of Wyoming Libraries Outstanding Staff Award for her contributions in 2023. Valdez has worked for UW Libraries since September 1986 and works with interlibrary loans to support the UW library and other libraries around the globe. She is a dedicated and knowledgeable employee and has provided unwavering support to ILL during multiple recent personnel changes. Read more [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.

Training

FREE WEBINAR: LIBRARIANS LEADING THE WAY TO AI INTEGRATION

The Wyoming State Library will host a free webinar, “**Librarians Leading the Way to AI Integration**”, on **April 23, 3:30-4:30 p.m. (MDT)**. This session will focus on how librarians can transform their instruction to include AI evaluation, prompt generation, instruction strategies and more. Julie Erickson, Chief Learning Officer for LanCrew Colorado, will be presenting. Read more [here](#) or register [here](#).

SCHOOL LIBRARY SUMMIT 2024 DATES ANNOUNCED

The **2024 School Library Summit** will be held **July 29-July 31** in **Lander, Wyoming**, so save the dates! This is a great opportunity for school librarians to participate in professional development, build leadership skills, and network with other librarians across the state. More information will be available soon!



Library Jobs

[Resource Sharing Librarian](#)

Wyoming State Library
Cheyenne, WY
Open until filled
Posted March 15, 2024

[Outreach Librarian](#)

Albany County Library System
Laramie, WY
Open until filled
Posted March 29, 2024

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

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

[Library Director](#)

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

[Social Media and Marketing Specialist](#)

Fremont County Library Foundation
Fremont County, WY
Open until filled
Posted March 4, 2024

[At-Will Employee Contract](#)

Wyoming State Archives

Cheyenne, WY

Open until filled

Posted February 8, 2024

[Library Branch Manager](#)

Riverton Branch Library

Fremont County Libraries

Riverton, WY

Open until filled

Posted October 18, 2023

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

University of Wyoming

Laramie, WY

Open until filled

Posted November 30, 2023

Knowledge Sharing Opportunities

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR 2024 ARSL CONFERENCE SESSIONS

The Association for Rural and Small Libraries is requesting session proposals for the 2024 ARSL Conference. The conference will take place September 11-14 in Springfield, Massachusetts. The conference theme for this year is «Libraries are (r)Evolutionary». Submissions will be accepted through Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 4:00 pm (MDT) Submit a program proposal [here](#). Ready to get started? Download the [sample RFP form](#) to preview the questions. Check out our [Tips for a Great Program Proposal](#) to help polish your submission! Please email the [ARSL Office](#) with any questions: or (206) 453-3579.

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE JOURNAL OF ELECTRONIC RESOURCES LIBRARIANSHIP

The Journal of Electronic Resources Librarianship is requesting contributions for their “E-Resource Round Up” column that will appear in an upcoming issue. They are looking for submissions related to any aspect of electronic resources and how they are used in libraries, including in-person or virtual conference reports, professional discussion



groups, meetings, artificial intelligence, and practices in using electronic resources in-house. If you are interested in sharing your insights and experiences using electronic resources with others in the library profession, please contact the column editors, Bob Wolverton at bwolverton@library.msstate.edu or Karen Davidson at kdavidson@library.msstate.edu by **Friday, May 17**. The final deadline for submissions is **Friday, May 24**, and your contribution should not be published elsewhere.

PROPOSALS FOR WLA 2024 CONVENTION DUE APRIL 30

STAND & DELIVER

Proposals are now being accepted for the annual Wyoming Library Association conference!

Share your professional expertise in programming and outreach, technology, collection development and more with our state's library community.

Proposals are due Tuesday, April 30th.

Questions?
Lindsey Travis
librarylindsey1376@gmail.com

October 9-11, 2024
Casper, WY

WLA

Find the form:
wyla.org

Grant and Award Opportunities

Freedom to Read Foundation Consable Scholarship

Deadline: April 26, 2024

The Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) offers an annual scholarship for library school students and new professionals to attend ALA's Annual Conference. The Consable Scholarship provides for conference registration, transportation, housing (six nights), and a \$300 stipend for meals and other expenses.

2024 Judith F. Krug Memorial Fund Programming Grants

Deadline-April 30, 2024

Each year the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) distributes grants for \$1,000 to organizations to support activities that raise awareness of intellectual freedom and censorship issues during the annual Banned Books Week (September 22-28, 2024).

Staff of all types of libraries, schools, universities, and nonprofit community organizations are encouraged to apply. Grants are evaluated based on the following criteria: imagination, schedule/ action plan, public relations plan, budget, and evaluation plan.



[Wyoming State Historical Records Advisory Board Re-Grant Program](#)

Deadline-May 31, 2024

The Wyoming State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) provides grants to support projects that both enable and promote the identification, preservation, and dissemination of Wyoming's historical records. These grants are made possible by funds received from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission that SHRAB is then able to re-grant to governments, repositories, and organizations around the state. Grants are available for up to \$2,500.00. Applications for amounts less than \$2,500.00 may be submitted as well. Applicants will be asked to estimate the amount of matching funds, either cash or in-kind, they expect to contribute to the project. Awardees will be required to match 33% of the grant amount. Eligible expenses that may be covered by the grant include training expenses, consultant fees, supplies, contracted services, and travel expenses.

[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.

[OJJDP Arts Programs for Justice-Involved Youth](#)

Deadline: May 21, 2024

With this solicitation, OJJDP seeks to support and strengthen collaborations between arts-based organizations and juvenile justice systems to develop, expand, or enhance promising and effective interventions that provide access to high-quality arts programs with and for current or previous justice-involved youth to reduce juvenile delinquency, recidivism, and/or other problem and high-risk behaviors. OJJDP defines justice-involved youth as those participating in court-ordered diversion programs in detention, correctional, or other residential facilities, and/or are on probation due to a delinquency finding by juvenile court.

[Kentucky Fried Wishes](#)

Deadline: May 31, 2024

Non-profit organizations can apply for a \$10,000 grant to fund an actional project on their wish list related to improving health and wellbeing.

[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.

Rural Tech Fund Grants

Deadline: Ongoing

Rural Tech Fund provides grants for two types of grants--Rural Technology Education projects and Assistive Technology projects. Average grants range from \$500-\$2,500.

Rural Technology Education grants are designed to help spark student interest in technology-based careers like computer science, computer engineering, information technology, programming, cyber security, rovotics, or similar areas.

Assistive Technology grants provide funding for Assistive Technology equipment to increase accessibility for students with disabilities in public schools and libraries. These donations include equipment and software that promote student inclusion and participation.

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 the world of 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 United States to receive a Books Save Lives Grant. Applications may be completed anonymously. The grant must be used to purchase diverse books for school libraries. Winning libraries may select titles and quantities based on book lists provided by WNDB. We will ship the books directly to the school. *Note: we will continue adding books to the lists.* Winning schools must provide a signed written agreement that the books they receive via the grant will remain on shelves for a minimum of three years.

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. The book list 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.

[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, revitalize historic buildings, and more.



News in Brief

[Encourage Readers With Many Paths to Reading](#)

Graphic novels, audiobooks, and books all foster a love of reading. This blog explains how to communicate this often misunderstood concept to parents, teachers, and caregivers.

[Exploring the Role of Public Library in the ‘Science of Reading’](#)

The science of reading asserts that pairing language comprehension—decoding words by sounding them out (phonics)—with word recognition—sometimes called whole language—can be helpful for students learning to read.” This blog includes links to several sources about this topic.

[5 Ways Artificial Intelligence Is \(Quietly\) Changing Libraries](#)

Libraries are increasingly using AI technology in various ways and librarians have found it can improve people’s experience and make their jobs a bit easier. What changes has AI made so far?

[Boost Your Career: Professional Development Tips for Library Staff](#)

Professional development is crucial to our growth as professionals. This blog has helpful suggestions about how to develop yourself as a library professional in a way that speaks to you.

[Data: Students Who Frequent BOTH School and Public Libraries](#)

Many libraries have “frequent flyers” or teens for whom the library is like a second home. This blog discusses the results of a survey given to such teens and the insights gained from the collection of this data.



April 26, 2024 is World Intellectual Property Day

