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Upcoming events

Did you know there are hundreds of hours of programming for food, health, travel, self-help and literature on **MyLibraryDV**? Look beyond the movies and discover valuable content **11-11:45 a.m. or 3:30-4:15 p.m., Nov. 14.**

Join Meg Martin to learn about the **free legal resources** available to Wyoming libraries and residents **11-11:45 a.m., Nov. 19.**

Reminders

All submissions to the *Outrider* are due the last day of the preceding month for each issue. The **Outrider deadline** for the December issue is **5 p.m. Oct. 28.** Send all submissions to llipsk@state.wy.us.

(Right) Gov. Dave Freudenthal presents Mabel Brown with the proclamation declaring Sept. 19, 2007 to be "Mabel Brown Recognition Day" in the Capitol Rotunda.



(Above) Brown, pictured here in 2006, said one her proudest moments was interviewing Barbara Walters for her magazine.



Mabel Brown will be missed

Author, historian, journalist and librarian Mabel Brown passed away in Cheyenne on Oct. 23, 2008.

Brown, 94, had been called the "First Lady of Northeastern Wyoming History."

She wrote a large part of *First Ladies of Wyoming* and helped contribute to the

state's history by publishing her *BITS AND PIECES* magazine.

She also worked as a journalist and was the only lifetime member of the Wyoming Press Association. She worked as a librarian in Weston County and Gertrude Burns School Library in Newcastle. She do-

nated a large number of history books to the Weston County Library; the Mabel Brown Collection in the Newcastle library has more than 180 books of history.

Brown married Charles Wesley Brown in 1931—one credit short of graduating from high school. She returned some 40

years later earning her GED and later her bachelor's degree in history.

She is survived by two daughters, Martha Allender of Newcastle and Jeannie Martin of Billings, Mont.; nine grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Picturing America deadline extended

The National Endowment for the Humanities, in cooperation with the ALA Public Programs Office, is accepting online applications for Picturing America through November 14) at <http://picturingamerica.neh.gov>.

Picturing America is a free educational resource that helps teach American history and culture by bringing some of our nation's greatest works of art directly to classrooms and libraries. At no cost, recipients will receive a set of high-quality reproductions of 40 pieces of American art (each approximately 24 inches by 36 inches) and an illustrated teachers resource book with information about the artists and artwork and lesson ideas for all grade levels to facilitate the



Photo courtesy Picturing America

use of the reproductions in core subject areas. Additional educational resources are also available through the Picturing America Web site, <http://picturingamerica.neh.gov>. Resources to support public library

programming will be added in the spring.

All public libraries, schools (K-12, public, private, parochial, charter and home school consortia) in the United States and its territories who have not previously received Picturing

America may apply for the program through Nov. 14 at <http://picturingamerica.neh.gov>. Additionally, other libraries (academic, special, research) with programs and collections for the general public are eligible to

apply. Please note that previous recipients of the Picturing America collection are not eligible for a second award.

With questions, contact the ALA Public Programs office at publicprograms@ala.org.

Applications being accepted for Sara Jaffarian School Library program

The ALA Public Programs Office is now accepting nominations for the 2009 Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award for Exemplary Humanities Programming. School libraries, public or private, that serve children in any combination of grades K-8 and have conducted humanities programs during the 2007-08 school year are eligible.

Applications and award guidelines are available at www.ala.org/jaffarianaward. To be considered, nominations must be

received by ALA by Dec. 1.

The award consists of a \$4,000 honorarium; a plaque, to be presented at the 2009 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago; and promotion of the program as a model for other school libraries.

To be considered, applicant libraries must have conducted a humanities program or program series during the prior school year (2007-08). The humanities program can be focused in many subject areas, including but not limited to social studies, poetry,

drama, art, music, language arts, foreign language and culture. Programs should focus on broadening perspectives and helping students understand the wider world and their place in it.

For more information on the Sara Jaffarian award, visit www.ala.org/jaffarianaward.

With questions, please contact the ALA Public Programs Office, publicprograms@ala.org ALA Public Programs Office www.ala.org/publicprograms or publicprograms@ala.org

College announces new specialization

The University of Denver Library and Information Science Program recently announced a new specialization in law librarianship.

Beginning Fall Quarter 2009, LIS will be adding a rotation of courses specifically created to educate law librarians. Students completing the program will receive a Master's of Library and Information Science (MLIS) degree with a law specialization.

In conjunction with the new curriculum, LIS is launching the University of Denver Law Librarian Fellowship Program. Thanks in part to a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, LIS is offering up to 10 full-tuition fellowships for study beginning Sept. 7, 2009. Fellows must be full-time students and are expected to complete the program within the two-year fellowship window.

In addition to coursework, Fellows will gain valuable practical experience through a partnership with the Westminster Law Library. During their first year (Fall Quarter 2009, Winter Quarter 2009, & Spring Quarter 2010) Fellows will spend 6 hours per week at Westminster working with the library's librarians and staff. During their second year (Summer Quarter 2010, Fall Quarter 2010, Winter

Quarter 2010, and Spring Quarter 2011) Fellows will spend 12 hours per week at the library.

Located near the heart of Denver, the LIS program is designed for the working professional. Classes are offered once a week, with sessions generally from 4 to 6:25 p.m. and 7 to 9:25 p.m. Students in the LIS program come from a variety of backgrounds and bring with them a host of professional and

personal experiences.

To apply, students must complete an online application to the Morgridge College of Education, Supplemental LIS Admissions Materials, and the Law Librarian Fellowship Application. Application information is available on the College of Education Web site, www.du.edu/education/calls/admission.html.

The application deadline is Dec. 1, 2008.

Check out or subscribe to WSL's new RSS feed on Wyoming-related government documents at <http://will.state.wy.us/ldo/govdocs.html>

Old, new directory meet

The former large-sized directory will no longer be distributed in print format. The Wyoming State Library is drawing its focus away from the traditional format to an online format.

A print directory will still be distributed, but it will only include information from the county, branch and academic libraries in addition to the Wyoming State Library and the Wyoming Law Library. These new directories will also feature information that includes the main library contact, address and hours of operation, but not all staff members.

However, a full directory is still available online. Any changes in staff will be applied to the online directory. Libraries are encouraged to let the Wyoming State Library know as soon as possible of any staffing changes. By focusing more attention on the online directory, the directory will be more up-to-date than the previous print version.

Anyone with changes to make to their online directory should contact Lesley Lipska at the Wyoming State Library, llipsk@state.wy.us, or visit online at <http://will.state.wy.us/directory>.

Reading area refurbished

After months of anticipation the Lincoln County Library in Kemmerer revealed its newly refurbished reading area Oct. 27. The makeover was accomplished with funds provided by a grant from the Kemmerer Foundation Fund of the Wyoming Community Foundation.

The Kemmerer library was built in 1982, and in the ensuing years, furnishings in the area where patrons browse magazines and newspapers had become worn and somewhat dated. Library staff wanted to revitalize the space with seating that was functional but less institutional and more warm and inviting.

The \$5,000 Kemmerer Foundation grant was used to purchase a sofa and upholstered chairs as well as corner desks for laptop users. The centerpiece of the area is the electric fireplace. Library operating funds

were used for additional electric outlets to accommodate computers and for a fresh coat of paint.



Patrons enjoy the newly refurbished reading area at the Lincoln County Library.

Applicants sought for library health award

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine MidContinental Region (NN/LM MCR) is accepting proposals for the Continuity of Health Information Award. The purpose is to fund innovative projects in three areas:

- Health Information Literacy
- Advocacy
- Emergency Preparedness

This solicitation asks Network members to choose one focus area and develop a project that will be funded



up to \$15,000. Full and affiliate members (with the exception of Resource

Libraries) are eligible to apply. Projects funded will be announced as awarded, with project completion by Nov. 1, 2010. Further information has been posted on the NN/LM MCR Web site at: <http://nnlm.gov/mcr/funding/> <<http://nnlm.gov/mcr/funding/>>

If you have questions, or require assistance call 1-800-338-7657 or contact:

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Library briefs

Surveys find salaries on the rise

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) just published its Annual Salary Survey, 2007 (<http://www.arl.org/bm~doc/ss07.pdf>). The median salary for professional academic librarians in the United States and Canada was \$61,833 – up from \$59,648 in the 2006-07 survey. The median salary for beginning librarians at ARL universities also increased to \$41,125. Read more in the Library Journal online at <http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6608185.html?nid=4638>.

Library Journal's annual Placements and Salary Survey shows that both jobs and salaries rose for 2007 graduates of library and information science programs. Annual salaries increased approximately 3.1 percent, from \$41,014 in 2006 to \$42,361. Growth was particularly strong in school library media centers, and average starting salary was \$44,935. In public libraries, placements decreased and salaries were flat for children's services. Read more in LJ online at <http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6602855.html?nid=3311>.

A survey of Wyoming public libraries conducted in 2008 also showed salary increases, although not always enough to keep pace with rising inflation in the state. For more information on Wyoming public library salaries, contact Susan Vittitow, WSL statistics librarian, at svitti@state.wy.us, (307)777-5915 or toll-free at 1-800-264-1281 (press 3, then 3).

Serving Latinos in local libraries

WebJunction has just issued a new report, *Latinos and Public Library Perceptions*. The report found that as English fluency increases, the likelihood of library visits increases, and satisfaction with English-language materials is more essential in increasing library visits than satisfaction with Spanish-language materials. Many Latinos see the public library as a place to learn English, and they rate libraries positively. The report makes these recommendations for libraries:

Get to know your local Latino community – demographics, foreign-born vs. born in the U.S.

Advertise the library as a place to learn English – acquire English-learning resources, tailor children's programs toward English fluency.

Advertise public access to computers and availability of general information – Latino library-goers who use public computers visit the library more often, and only 47 percent who use the library for Internet access have such access elsewhere.

Inform the community that the library does not share library user information – many foreign-born Latinos may fear signing up for a library card.

Read the entire report at <http://www.webjunction.org/latino-perceptions>.

According to a recent study by the Pew Hispanic Center, Hispanics have accounted for half of U.S. population growth since 2000. The report, *Latino Settlement in the New Century*, may be found at <http://pewhispanic.org/reports/report.php?ReportID=96>. It includes interactive maps showing the growth in the Hispanic/Latino population since 1980. Although this population has not increased as fast in Wyoming as in other areas, the maps show that the state's Hispanic/Latino population is growing.

Index now digitized

On thin, see-through paper dating back to 1937, is a typed index of Wyoming congressional documents—but in an effort to preserve that history, the index is now available online.

The original index was created by Marie Erwin, who also compiled the Wyoming Historical Blue Book. This index was a first attempt to arrange the material in a workable format by

the Wyoming State Library. This past summer, the Wyoming State Library completely digitized the index. According to Erin Kinney, Digital Initiatives Librarian, there were only three copies of the index because it was all typed on a typewriter.

The original index was created to reach all types of references and citations in three separate

indices; an alphabetic index, a serial index, and a congressional index. It also included reference maps that show the development of the state of Wyoming since the seventeenth century.

To see the digitized version of this index, search WYLDCAIT for: Erwin, Marie H., Index for the historical material concerning the state of Wyoming.

Job openings

Librarian (medical)

US Veterans Administration,
Sheridan, WY

Librarian

CollegeAmerica,
Cheyenne, WY

State Publications Depository Coordinator

Wyoming State
Library,
Cheyenne, WY

Manager, Youth and Outreach Services

Laramie County
Library System,
Cheyenne, WY

Librarian

Warren National
University,
Cheyenne, WY

Library Services Manager

Wyoming State
Library,
Cheyenne, WY

November

Please contact Jamie Markus at jmarku@state.wy.us if you have any questions about the events listed on this calendar.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7 Noon-1 p.m., Branding Libraries and Their Services, <i>webinar</i>	8
9	10	11 Veterans Day Noon-12:30 p.m., Go Team! Quick Tips to Help You Build a Technology Team in Your Library, <i>webinar</i>	12 11-11:45 a.m. or 3:30-4:15 p.m., Library Databases of the Month: MyLibraryDV, <i>webinar</i> Noon-1 p.m., 24/7 Librarianship: Reaching Patrons with Digital Tutorials, <i>webinar</i>	13 Noon-1 p.m., Your Library's Role in Your Community, <i>rural webinar</i> 1-2 p.m., Why Public Libraries Close, <i>webinar</i>	14 9-10 a.m., Tinkering in the Techie Toybox: Staying on top of Consumer Technology, <i>webinar</i>	15
16	17	18 11 a.m.-Noon, Latinos and Public Libraries Perceptions, <i>webinar</i>	19 9-10:15 a.m., Challenging the Assumptions of Legacy Librarianship, <i>webinar</i> 11-11:45 a.m., Wyoming Legal Resources, <i>webinar</i>	20	21 10-11 a.m. or 2-3 p.m., Big E-Reference on a Little Budget, <i>webinar</i> Noon-1 p.m., ALA Connections Salon: Political Connections, <i>webinar</i>	22
23/30	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day	28	29

Check out the Planning Calendar online at <http://will.state.wy.us/ldo/planningcalendar.html>.